

PART III

THE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Proceedings

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SECOND SESSION

No. 1

Tuesday, 1 March 1977

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1. Members of the Assembly met at 1000 hours pursuant to the notice of His Honour the Administrator of the Northern Territory dated 11 February 1977, which notice was read at the Table by the Acting Clerk, as follows -

THE NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

NOTICE

Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WHEREAS, by Section 4M(1) of the Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910, it is provided that the Administrator may prorogue the Legislative Assembly for the Northern Territory and may also appoint such times for holding the sessions of the Legislative Assembly as he thinks fit:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN ARMSTRONG ENGLAND, the Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, in exercise of the powers conferred by the said Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910, do, by this notice, prorogue the Legislative Assembly for the Northern Territory as on Friday, the twenty-fifth day of February, 1977 and appoint Tuesday, the first day of March, 1977 as the day for the Legislative Assembly for the Northern Territory to assemble and be holden for the dispatch of divers urgent and important affairs and all members of the said Legislative Assembly are hereby required to give their attendance accordingly in the building known as the Legislative Assembly Chamber at Darwin at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon on the first day of March, 1977.

Made under my Hand and the Seal of the Northern Territory of Australia this eleventh day of February in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven.

(L.S.)

J.A. ENGLAND
Administrator

2. Mr Speaker MacFarlane took the Chair.
3. ATTENDANCE OF HIS HONOUR THE ADMINISTRATOR: Mr Speaker and Members of the Assembly were received by His Honour the Administrator at the entrance to the Legislative Assembly Chambers. Mr Speaker and Members returned to the Chamber after witnessing certain ceremonies connected with the arrival of His Honour the Administrator.
4. ADMINISTRATOR'S SPEECH: Dr Letts stated that it would be His Honour the

Administrator's pleasure to attend in the Assembly Chamber to declare the causes of His Honour calling the Assembly together.

Accordingly, Mr Speaker left the Chair. His Honour the Administrator was announced and having entered the Chamber delivered a speech from the Chair.

His Honour then left the Chamber.

5. BRANDS BILL 1977 (Serial 168): Mr Pollock, by leave, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

On the motion of Mr Pollock the second reading was made an order of the day for a later day.

6. ADMINISTRATOR'S SPEECH - PROPOSED ADDRESS IN REPLY: Dr Letts presented an Address in Reply to the Administrator's speech in the following terms -

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR -

We, the Legislative Assembly for the Northern Territory, in Assembly assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Honour for the speech which you have been pleased to address to the Assembly.

Dr Letts moved - That the Address be presented.

Mr Withnall seconded the motion.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

7. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR - THE HONOURABLE ALBERT EVAN ADERMANN, M.P.: Mr Speaker informed the Assembly that the Honourable Albert Evan Adermann, M.P., Minister of State for the Northern Territory was within the precincts. The distinguished visitor thereupon, with the concurrence of Members, was provided with a seat on the floor of the Assembly.
8. DELEGATION FROM THE COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENT: The presence of a delegation from the Commonwealth Parliament being reported, the Speaker, with the concurrence of Members, directed that the Delegation be invited to enter the Chamber and be received at the Table.

The Delegation comprising -

Senator the Honourable C.L. Laucke,
President of the Senate
The Right Honourable B.M. Snedden, Q.C., M.P.,
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Senator J.B. Keaffe
Senator B.F. Kilgariff
Senator E.A. Robertson
Mr S.E. Calder, D.F.C., M.P.
Mr S.A. Lusher, M.P.
Mr D.M. Blake, V.R.D.,
Deputy Clerk, House of Representatives
Mr K.O. Bradshaw,
First Clerk-Assistant, The Senate

entered the Chamber and Members were provided with seats on the floor of the Assembly at the foot of the Table.

Mr Speaker extended a welcome to the distinguished visitors and invited one of the Joint Leaders of the Delegation to address the Assembly.

The Right Honourable B.M. Snedden, Q.C., Speaker of the House of Representatives, addressing himself to the Speaker, extended warmest greetings from the Commonwealth Parliament to Mr Speaker and all Members on the opening of the Second Session of the First Assembly.

Mr Robertson moved - That the following resolution be agreed to:

We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly for the Northern Territory, in Assembly assembled, express our thanks to the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia for sending us a distinguished delegation to attend the opening of the Second Session of the First Assembly.

The presence of your Delegation at a time of significant constitutional development in the Territory is welcomed as a mark of the continuing regard of the parent legislature for the welfare of this institution.

We reciprocate your warm greetings and expressions of good will and look to the continuation of the friendly association that has always existed between our respective Houses.

Mrs Lawrie spoke in support of the motion.

Question - carried unanimously.

The Delegation then withdrew from the Chamber.

9. ADDRESS BY MINISTER OF STATE FOR THE NORTHERN TERRITORY: The Honourable A.E. Adermann, M.P., Minister of State for the Northern Territory, at the invitation of Mr Speaker and with the concurrence of Members, addressed the Assembly.

Mr Speaker, on behalf of the Assembly, thanked the Minister for his speech.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING: The sitting was suspended between 1058 and 1400 hours.

10. NOTICES: The following notices were given:

Mr Perron: To present the Workmen's Compensation Bill 1977 (Serial 171).

Mr Tambling: To present the Housing Bill 1977 (Serial 183) and the Cemeteries Bill 1977 (Serial 180).

Dr Letts: To present the Social Welfare Bill 1977 (Serial 175) and the Crown Lands Bill 1977 (Serial 174).

11. QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

12. ADJOURNMENT: Dr Letts moved - That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 1537 hours adjourned until tomorrow at 1000 hours.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 1 March 1977 pursuant to statute:

MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF TOWN MANAGEMENT BOARDS:

Katherine - 13 December 1976
- 10 January 1977

Tennant Creek - 14 December 1976
- 11 January 1977

DETERMINATIONS AND AGREEMENTS:

Agreement between Administrator and N.T. Firefighters Association
Agreement between Administrator and N.T. Police Commissioned Officers Association dated 28/1/77
Agreement between Administrator and N.T. Police Association dated 23/1/77

REPORTS:

Gove District Hospital Advisory Board - February 1977

REGULATIONS 1976:

No. 34 Public Service Regulations

REGULATIONS 1977:

No. 1 Amendments of Public Service Regulations
No. 2 Amendments of the Hospitals and Medical Services (Charges) Regulations
No. 3 Amendments of the Local Government Regulations

BY-LAWS UNDER THE PUBLIC SERVICE ORDINANCE:

Public Service By-Laws 1976, No. 1
Public Service By-laws 1977, No. 1
Public Service By-laws 1977, No. 2

ATTENDANCE: All members attended the sitting.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 2

Wednesday, 2 March 1977

1. The Assembly met at 1000 hours pursuant to adjournment - Mr Speaker MacFarlane took the Chair.

2. NOTICES: The following notices were given:

Mr Withnall: To present the Fisheries Bill 1977 (Serial 170).

Mr Pollock: To present the Mining Bill (No. 3) 1977 (Serial 192).

Dr Letts: To present the Aboriginal Lands and Sacred Sites Bill 1977 (Serial 172)

Mr Tambling: To present the Cemeteries Bill (No. 2) 1977 (Serial 176).

Dr Letts: To move -

That during the present session of the Assembly during any adjournment of the Assembly Mr Speaker may fix a time and date on which the Assembly will resume sitting notwithstanding that the Assembly may have previously resolved otherwise.

Mr Perron: To present the Workmen's Compensation Bill 1977 (Serial 167).

Dr Letts: To present the Interpretation Bill 1977 (Serial 190).

3. QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4. LAW REFORM COMMISSION REPORT - ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND DRIVING: Mr Ryan tabled the report.

Mr Ryan moved - That the report be noted, and was granted leave to continue his remarks at a later hour.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

5. PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: Mr Speaker informed the Assembly that Mr Withnall had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the Assembly for discussion, namely:

"The need for the revision of -

(a) the functions of the Home Finance Trustee; and

(b) the terms and conditions upon which loan moneys should be advanced."

The proposal, not receiving the necessary support, lapsed.

6. NOTICE POSTPONED: On the motion of Dr Letts, Notice No. 1 (Social Welfare Bill 1977) was postponed until the next sitting day.

7. HOUSING BILL 1977 (Serial 183): Mr Tambling, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Tambling moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

8. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL 1977 (Serial 171): Mr Perron, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Perron moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

9. NOTICE POSTPONED: On the motion of Dr Letts, Notice No. 4 (Crown Lands Bill 1977) was postponed until the next sitting day.
10. CEMETERIES BILL 1977 (Serial 180): Mr Tambling, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Tambling moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

11. REQUEST FOR URGENCY - Workmen's Compensation Bill 1977 (Serial 167).

Mr Speaker, having considered a request by Dr Letts submitted pursuant to standing order 152, declared the Bill to be an urgent Bill.

12. MINING BILL 1977 (Serial 181): Mr Pollock, by leave, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Pollock moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

13. PRISONS BILL 1977 (Serial 169): Miss Andrew, by leave, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Miss Andrew moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

14. DISPOSAL OF UNCOLLECTED GOODS BILL 1977 (Serial 179): Miss Andrew, by leave, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Miss Andrew moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

15. N.T. CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL WELFARE - NOMINATION: Mr Perron, by leave, moved - That Mr Tuxworth, the Member for Barkly, be nominated by the Assembly to the Northern Territory Consultative Committee on Social Welfare.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

16. TECHNICAL AND FURTHER EDUCATION COUNCIL FOR N.T. - NOMINATION: Miss Andrew, by leave, moved - That the Legislative Assembly nominate Mr M.B. Perron, the Member for Stuart Park, to take a place on the Technical and Further Education Council for the Northern Territory.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING: The sitting was suspended between 1205 and 1400 hours.

17. SELECT COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE REGIONAL COUNCILS FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT - APPOINTMENTS: Mr Pollock, by leave, moved -

That a select committee comprising Mr Ballantyne, Mr Withnall and Mr Pollock be appointed to examine, and report to the Assembly on, the role, structure and effectiveness of Regional Councils for Social Development established in the Territory under the Australian Assistance Plan with a view to -

- (a) advising on their value as a means of community development;
- (b) recommending changes in the composition, structure and functions of the Regional Councils;
- (c) evaluating existing projects initiated by the Councils;
- (d) suggesting the basis of financial assistance if the responsibility for funding the Councils is assumed by the Legislative Assembly; and
- (e) examining the role of Local Government as a substitute for Regional Councils in the area of community development.

That the Committee have power to consider and make use of the Minutes of Evidence and records of the Select Committee appointed for this purpose in the First Session of this Assembly.

That the Committee have power to sit during any adjournment of the Assembly and to adjourn from place to place.

That the Committee report to the Assembly during this sittings.

Question put and passed.

18. ADMINISTRATOR'S SPEECH - PROPOSED ADDRESS IN REPLY: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Dr Letts -

That the following Address be presented to His Honour the Administrator -

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR -

We, the Legislative Assembly for the Northern Territory of Australia, in Assembly assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Honour for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to the Assembly.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

19. BRANDS BILL 1977 (Serial 168): The order of the day having been read for the second reading, Mr Pollock moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

20. ADJOURNMENT: Mr Perron moved - That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 1540 hours adjourned until tomorrow at 1000 hours.

ATTENDANCE: All members attended the sitting.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 3

Thursday, 3 March 1977

1. The Assembly met at 1000 hours pursuant to adjournment - Mr Speaker MacFarlane took the Chair.
2. SITE FOR NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE: Mr Speaker read the following letter from the Minister for the Northern Territory relating to the proposed site for a new Parliament House:

Dear Mr MacFarlane,

You wrote to my colleague, the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, on the matter of a new Parliament House to be situated at Larrakeyah on Defence land.

I have made approaches to the Minister for Defence on the matter of the release of this and other land at Larrakeyah. A recent reply from the Acting Minister indicates that there has been a re-assessment of the total Defence land holdings in Darwin and that until he is satisfied that the essential defence requirements can be met he is unable to cede land currently proclaimed for defence purposes at this stage.

The Acting Minister has indicated that he should be in a position to give a firm answer in March. However, if a release is not possible I assume that the Legislative Assembly would have considered alternative site possibilities.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) EVAN ADERMANN

14 February 1977

Minister for the Northern Territory

3. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR: Mr Speaker informed the Assembly that the Honourable Dick Old, Minister for Agriculture in the Western Australian Parliament, was present in the Gallery. Mr Speaker formally welcomed the distinguished visitor.
4. PETITION: Mr Kentish presented a Petition from certain residents of Ngukurr, Roper River objecting to the issue of any form of liquor licence to the Roper Bar store.

Petition received and read.

5. NOTICES: The following notice was given -

Mr Pollock: To present the Seeds Bill 1977 (Serial 184).

6. QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
7. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL 1977 (Serial 167): Mr Perron, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Perron moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

8. ABORIGINAL LANDS AND SACRED SITES BILL 1977 (Serial 172): Dr Letts, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Dr Letts moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

9. SOCIAL WELFARE BILL 1977 (Serial 175): Dr Letts, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Dr Letts moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

10. CROWN LANDS BILL 1977 (Serial 174): Dr Letts, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Dr Letts moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

11. CEMETERIES BILL (No. 2) 1977 (Serial 176): Mr Tambling, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Tambling moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

12. MINING BILL (No. 3) 1977 (Serial 192): Mr Pollock, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Pollock moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

13. INTERPRETATION BILL 1977 (Serial 190): Dr Letts, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Dr Letts moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

14. SESSIONAL ORDER - ADJOURNMENT RESOLUTIONS: Dr Letts, pursuant to notice, moved -

That during the present session of the Assembly during any adjournment of the Assembly Mr Speaker may fix a time and date on which the Assembly will resume sitting notwithstanding that the Assembly may have previously resolved otherwise.

Question put and passed.

15. ADMINISTRATOR'S SPEECH - PROPOSED ADDRESS IN REPLY: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Dr Letts -

That the following Address be presented to His Honour the Administrator -

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR -

We, the Legislative Assembly for the Northern Territory of Australia, in Assembly assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Honour for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to the Assembly.

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

16. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL 1977 (Serial 171): The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

17. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Steele, order of the day No. 5, Government Business, was called on.

18. HOUSING BILL 1977 (Serial 183): The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING: The sitting was suspended between 1158 and 1400 hours.

19. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Dr Letts moved - That the Assembly, at its rising, adjourn until 1000 hours on Tuesday, 15 March 1977.

Question put and passed.

20. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Steele order of the day No. 7, Government Business, was called on.

21. MINING BILL 1977 (Serial 181): The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

22. ADJOURNMENT: Dr Letts moved - That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 1520 hours adjourned until 1000 hours on Tuesday, 15 March 1977.

ATTENDANCE: All members attended the sitting.

F.K.M. THOMPSON
Acting Clerk of the Assembly

Minutes of Proceedings

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SECOND SESSION

No. 4

Tuesday, 15 March 1977

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1. The Assembly met at 1000 hours pursuant to the Resolution of 3 March 1977 - Mr Speaker MacFarlane took the Chair.
 2. NOTICES: The following notices were given:

Mr Pollock: To present the Mining Bill (No. 2) 1977 (Serial 186).

Mr Withnall: To present the Environment Bill 1977 (Serial 182), and the Legislative Assembly (Powers and Privileges) Bill 1977 (Serial 195).

Mr Ryan: To move -

That this Assembly requests that the Federal Government make a special grant to the South Australian Government for the up-grading and sealing of the Stuart Highway from Port Augusta to the Northern Territory border in accordance with national highway standards.

3. QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
4. PERSONAL EXPLANATION: Mr Robertson, by leave, made a personal explanation claiming that remarks made by him in debate had been misrepresented in an article in the "N.T. News".
5. SELECT COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE REGIONAL COUNCILS FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT - REPORT: Mr Withnall presented the Report from the Select Committee and moved - That the Report be noted;

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

6. SEEDS BILL 1977 (Serial 184): Mr Pollock, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Pollock moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

7. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL 1977 (Serial 167): The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

Mr Steele moved - That the committee stages be later taken.

Question put and passed.

8. REQUEST FOR URGENCY - Mining Bill 1977 (Serial 181).

Mr Speaker, having considered a request by Dr Letts submitted pursuant to standing order 152, declared the Bill to be an urgent Bill.

9. MINING BILL 1977 (Serial 181): The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question - That the Bill be now read a second time -

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

Mr Withnall moved - That the committee stages be later taken.

Question put and passed.

10. ADMINISTRATOR'S SPEECH - PROPOSED ADDRESS IN REPLY: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Dr Letts -

That the following Address be presented to His Honour the Administrator -

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR -

We, the Legislative Assembly for the Northern Territory of Australia in Assembly assembled, desire to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Honour for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to the Assembly.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

11. LAW REFORM COMMISSION REPORT - ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND DRIVING: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Ryan - That the Report be noted.

Debate resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING: The sitting was suspended between 1205 and 1400 hours.

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

12. POLICE AND POLICE OFFENCES BILL 1977 (Serial 191): Miss Andrew, by leave, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Miss Andrew moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.

REQUEST FOR URGENCY - Police and Police Offences Bill 1977 (Serial 191): Mr Speaker, having considered a request by Dr Letts pursuant to standing order 152, declared the Bill to be an urgent Bill.

Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole and agreed to.

The Assembly resumed - Mr Chairman reported the Bill and the report was adopted.

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

13. ADJOURNMENT: Mr Perron moved - That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 1550 hours adjourned until tomorrow at 1000 hours.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 15 March 1977 pursuant to statute:

DETERMINATIONS AND AGREEMENTS:

Agreement between Administrator and N.T. Firefighters Association dated 10/2/77

MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF TOWN MANAGEMENT BOARDS:

Katherine - 14 February 1977
Tennant Creek - 15 February 1977

REGULATIONS 1977:

No. 4 Amendments of Medical Practitioners Registration Regulations

ATTENDANCE: All members attended the sitting except Mr Tungutalum.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 5

Wednesday, 16 March 1977

1. The Assembly met at 1000 hours pursuant to adjournment - Mr Speaker MacFarlane took the Chair.

2. NOTICES: The following notices were given:

Mr Vale: To Move -

That this Assembly expresses its concern about the continuing depressed condition of the Northern Territory Pastoral Industry and asks the Cabinet Member for Resources to take the following action:

- (a) make representations to the Commonwealth Government and the relevant companies to -
 - (i) see that all possible steps are taken to open the Katherine and Alice Springs Export Abattoirs as soon as possible;
 - (ii) ensure the abattoirs operate throughout the forthcoming season; and
 - (iii) see that prices offered to the producer are maximized and equitable;
- (b) ensure that adequate carry on finance is provided before the start of the season so that optimum turn off will be achieved;
- (c) stimulate the Government, the Australian Meat Board and other interested parties to achieve more effective market promotion in South East Asia and Middle East countries; and
- (d) ensure recommendations which come from the Industry Conference to be held in Alice Springs on 23 April 1977 are transmitted rapidly and supported forcefully to the Commonwealth Government.

Miss Andrew: To present the Legal Practitioners Bill 1977 (Serial 196).

Mr Pollock: To present the Soil Conservation and Land Utilization Bill 1977 (Serial 187).

Dr Letts: To present the Public Service Bill 1977 (Serial 193).

Mr Ballantyne: To present the Uniting Church in Australia Bill 1977 (Serial 194).

3. QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4. SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION AND TABLED PAPERS COMMITTEE - SEVENTH REPORT: Mr Withnall presented the Seventh Report of the Committee.

5. SOCIAL SECURITY ANNUAL REPORT 1975-76: Mr Tuxworth laid on the Table the annual report for 1975-76.

6. NORTHERN TERRITORY LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE - CONSTITUTION: Miss Andrew laid on the Table the Constitution of the Committee.

7. MINING BILL (No. 2) 1977 (Serial 186): Mr Pollock, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Pollock moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

8. STUART HIGHWAY UP-GRADING AND SEALING - REQUEST TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:

Mr Ryan, pursuant to notice, moved -

That this Assembly requests that the Federal Government make a special grant to the South Australian Government for the up-grading and sealing of the Stuart Highway from Port Augusta to the Northern Territory border in accordance with national highway standards.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

9. LAW REFORM COMMISSION REPORT - ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND DRIVING: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Ryan -

That the Report be noted.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

10. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Steele, order of the day Government Business No. 5 was called on.
11. MINING BILL 1977 (Serial 181): The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the Bill in the committee of the whole Assembly.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee)

Clauses 1 to 3, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 4 -

On the motion of Mr Pollock the following amendment was made:

The proposed sub-section (1) is amended by inserting after "Applying for" the words "the grant or registration of".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 5 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

The Assembly resumed - Mr Chairman reported the Bill and the report was adopted.

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

12. SELECT COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL COUNCILS FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT - REPORT: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Withnall - That the Report be noted.

Debate resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING: The sitting was suspended between 1200 and 1400 hours.

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

13. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Dr Letts order of the day No. 3, General Business, was called on.

14. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (POWERS AND PRIVILEGES) BILL 1977 (Serial 195): Mr Withnall, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Withnall moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate interrupted.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS: Dr Letts moved -

That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the passing through all stages this day of the Legislative Assembly (Powers and Privileges) Bill 1977 (Serial 195).

Question put and passed.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee)

Clauses 1 to 4, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 5 agreed to, after debate.

Clause 6 -

On the motion of Mr Withnall the following amendments were made:

Insert in sub-clause (3) the following paragraph:

"(c) that it is the duty of that named person to attend at or during that specified time,".

Omit from sub-clause (4) "that person is required" and substitute "it is the duty of that person",

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

The remainder of the Bill, by leave, taken as a whole and agreed to.

The Assembly resumed - Mr Deputy Chairman reported the Bill and the report was adopted.

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

15. HOUSING BILL 1977 (Serial 183): The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING: The sitting was suspended between 1502 and 1523 hours.

Debate resumed.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS: Mr Tambling moved - That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent the passing through all stages this day of the Housing Bill 1977 (Serial 183).

Question put and passed.

Original question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee)

Clauses 1 to 6, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 7,

On the motion of Mr Tambling the following amendment was made:

Insert in proposed new section 13 B (1) "leased" after "capable of being".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

New clause -

On the motion of Mr Tambling the following new clause was added to the Bill:

"8. Section 33A of the Principal Ordinance is amended -

- (a) by omitting from paragraph (b) 'or' last occurring; and
- (b) by inserting after paragraph (c) the following word and paragraph:

'; or

- (d) a body approved by the Executive Member and incorporated in accordance with a law of the Territory.'."

Title agreed to.

The Assembly resumed - Mr Deputy Chairman reported the Bill and the report was adopted.

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

16. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL 1977 (Serial 167): The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the Bill in the committee of the whole Assembly.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee)

Clauses 1 to 5, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 6 -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following amendment was made:

At the beginning of the clause insert the following sub-clause:

"(1) The Second Schedule to the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting paragraph (1B) and substituting the following paragraph:

'(1B) If -

- (a) in respect of a week the prescribed amount applicable to the workman is less than the sum of the amounts calculated under paragraph (1A); or
- (b) in respect of a week, being one of the first 26 weeks of the period of incapacity, or of the aggregate of the periods of incapacity, the prescribed amount applicable to the workman exceeds the sum of the amounts calculated under paragraph (1A),

the amount of compensation payable to the workman in respect of that week shall be the prescribed amount.'."

Clause, as amended, agreed to,

Clauses 7 and 8, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

The Assembly resumed - Mr Deputy Chairman reported the Bill and the report was adopted.

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

17. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Steele order of the day Government Business No. 6 was called on.
18. REQUEST FOR URGENCY - Cemeteries Bill 1977 (Serial 180).

Mr Deputy Speaker, having considered a request by Dr Letts submitted pursuant to standing order 152, declared the Bill to be an urgent Bill.

19. CEMETERIES BILL 1977 (Serial 180): The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee)

Clauses 1 to 3, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 4 -

On the motion of Mr Tambling the following amendment was made:

Insert after "299" in the proposed Schedule "degrees 29 minutes 30 seconds 2425.1 links from the most westerly".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

The Assembly resumed - Mr Deputy Chairman reported the Bill and the report was adopted.

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

20. ADJOURNMENT: Dr Letts moved - That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

MEMBER NAMED AND SUSPENDED: Mr Deputy Speaker having objected to certain words used by Mr Everingham and Mr Everingham having refused to comply with the order of Mr Deputy Speaker to withdraw those words, he was thereupon named by Mr Deputy Speaker.

Dr Letts moved - That the Honourable Member for Jingili be suspended from the service of the Assembly.

Question put and passed.

The Honourable Member was, therefore, suspended at 1605 hours for 24 hours under standing order 197, and accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 1620 hours adjourned until tomorrow at 1000 hours.

ATTENDANCE: All members attended the sitting except Mr Tungutalum.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 6

Thursday, 17 March 1977

1. The Assembly met at 1000 hours pursuant to adjournment - Mr Speaker MacFarlane took the Chair.

2. NOTICES: The following notices were given:

Mr Tuxworth: To present the Prohibited Drugs Bill 1977 (Serial 189), the Dangerous Drugs Bill 1977 (Serial 188), and the Poisons Bill 1977 (Serial 178).

3. POISONS AND DRUGS BILLS - STATEMENT: Mr Tuxworth, by leave, made a statement relating to the Prohibited Drugs Bill 1977, the Dangerous Drugs Bill 1977 and the Poisons Bill 1977.

4. QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

5. ABORIGINAL LAND POLICY - STATEMENT: Dr Letts, by leave, made a statement relating to Aboriginal land policy.

Mr Withnall, by leave, moved - That the Statement be noted.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS: Dr Letts, by leave, moved - That in relation to Notices 1 and 5 on the Notice Paper that so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent them being dealt with during the time allotted for Government Business.

Question put and passed.

7. PASTORAL INDUSTRY - NORTHERN TERRITORY: Mr Vale, pursuant to notice, moved -

That this Assembly expresses its concern about the continuing depressed condition of the Northern Territory Pastoral Industry and asks the Cabinet Member for Resources to take the following action:

- (a) make representations to the Commonwealth Government and the relevant companies to -
 - (i) see that all possible steps are taken to open the Katherine and Alice Springs Export Abattoirs as soon as possible;
 - (ii) ensure the abattoirs operate throughout the forthcoming season; and
 - (iii) see that prices offered to the producer are maximized and equitable;
- (b) ensure that adequate carry-on finance is provided before the start of the season so that optimum turn-off will be achieved;
- (c) stimulate the Government, the Australian Meat Board and other interested parties to achieve more effective market promotion in South East Asia and Middle East countries; and
- (d) ensure recommendations which come from the Industry Conference

to be held in Alice Springs on 23 April 1977 are transmitted rapidly and supported forcefully to the Commonwealth Government.

Debate ensued.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING: The sitting was suspended between 1200 and 1400 hours.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

8. PRIVILEGE - COMMENTS BY MR RYAN: Mrs Lawrie, pursuant to standing order 72, raised a matter of privilege based upon comments made by Mr Ryan during debate this day and requested that Mr Speaker refer the matter to the Committee of Privileges.

Mr Speaker declared his intention of so referring the matter.

9. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS BILL, 1977 (Serial 196): Miss Andrew, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Miss Andrew moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

10. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER: Dr Letts moved - That leave of absence for this sitting day be granted to Mr Tungutalum.

Question put and passed.

11. SOIL CONSERVATION AND LAND UTILIZATION BILL 1977 (Serial 187): Mr Pollock, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Pollock moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

12. PUBLIC SERVICE BILL 1977 (Serial 193): Dr Letts, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS: Dr Letts moved -

That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the passing through all stages this day of the Public Service Bill 1977 (Serial 193).

Question put and passed.

Dr Letts moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee)

Clauses 1 to 5, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 6 -

On the motion of Dr Letts the following amendment was made:

Omit from the proposed new section 29(4) "directs" and substitute "determines".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

The remainder of the Bill, by leave, taken as a whole and agreed to.

The Assembly resumed - Mr Chairman reported the Bill and the report was adopted.

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

13. UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA BILL 1977 (Serial 194): Mr Ballantyne, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Ballantyne moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

14. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Dr Letts order of the day No. 1, General Business, was called on.

15. FISHERIES BILL 1977 (Serial 170): Mr Withnall, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS: Dr Letts, by leave, moved -

That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent the passing through all stages this day of the Fisheries Bill 1977 (Serial 170).

Question put and passed.

Mr Withnall moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole and agreed to.

The Assembly resumed - Mr Chairman reported the Bill and the report was adopted.

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be an Ordinance.

16. SELECT COMMITTEE ON REGIONAL COUNCILS FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT - REPORT: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Withnall - That the Report be noted.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

17. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Dr Letts moved - That the Assembly, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday, 3 May 1977.

Question put and passed.

18. ADJOURNMENT: Mr Tambling moved - That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed. .

And then the Assembly at 1712 hours adjourned until 1000 hours on Tuesday, 3 May 1977.

ATTENDANCE: All members attended the sitting except Mr Tungutalum, who was granted leave of absence, and Mr Everingham.

F.K.M. THOMPSON
Acting Clerk of the Assembly

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