

PART III

THE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

*Minutes of Proceedings*  
OF THE  
**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

No. 1

Wednesday, 21 September 1977

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THE SECOND LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY assembled in the Legislative Assembly Chamber at 1000 hours on Wednesday 21 September 1977, being the first day of the meeting of the Second Assembly for the dispatch of business pursuant to the Notice set out hereunder:

THE NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

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 amongst other things that the Administrator may 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 power conferred by the said Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910, do, by this notice, appoint Wednesday, the twenty-first day of September, 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 twenty-first day of September, 1977.

Made under my hand and the Public Seal of the Northern Territory of Australia this fifteenth day of September in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven.

(L.S.)

J.A. ENGLAND  
Administrator.

1. SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS: His Honour William Edward Stanley Forster, the Chief Judge of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory, took the Chair and presented his Authorization to administer oaths and affirmations which was read by the Clerk:

His Honour the Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia.

To His Honour William Edward Stanley Forster the Chief Judge of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory of Australia.

Greeting:

WHEREAS by section four of the Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910-1976 it is amongst other things enacted that every Member of the Legislative Assembly shall, before taking his seat, make and subscribe before the Administrator or some person authorized by him, an Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance in the form set forth in the Schedule to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia and an Oath or Affirmation of Office in the form set forth in the aforesaid Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910-1976:

NOW, THEREFORE I, JOHN ARMSTRONG ENGLAND, the Administrator aforesaid, do by these Presents command and authorize you to attend at the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly at Darwin on Wednesday, the twenty-first day of September, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven on the opening of the Assembly at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, and there and then to administer the said Oaths or Affirmations to such Members of the Legislative Assembly as are present.

Made under my hand and the Public Seal of the Northern Territory of Australia aforesaid this fifteenth day of September, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven.

(L.S.)

J.A. ENGLAND  
Administrator.

2. RETURNS TO WRITS FOR ELECTION: The returns to the writs for the election of members of the Legislative Assembly held on 13 August 1977 were laid on the Table and the following members named in the returns made and subscribed the oaths or affirmations required by law:

James Murray Robertson - Gillen  
John Leslie Stuart MacFarlane - Elsey  
Paul Anthony Edward Everingham - Jingili  
Nicholas Dondas - Casuarina  
Marshall Bruce Perron - Stuart Park  
Roger William Stanley Vale - Stuart  
Ian Lindsay Tuxworth - Barkly  
Milton James Ballantyne - Nhulunbuy  
Roger Michael Steele - Ludmilla  
Tom Harris - Port Darwin  
Roderick Carson Oliver - Alice Springs  
Cecilia Noel Padgham-Purich - Tiwi  
Alline Dawn Lawrie - Nightcliff  
Pamela Frances O'Neil - Fannie Bay  
June D'Rozario - Sanderson  
Neville George Perkins - Macdonnell  
Jonathan Martin Isaacs - Millner  
Bob Collins - Arnhem  
John Kevin Raphael Doolan - Victoria River.

His Honour Mr Justice Forster then retired from the Chamber.

3. ELECTION OF SPEAKER: The Acting Clerk presiding, Mr Everingham proposed to the Assembly for its Speaker, Mr MacFarlane and moved -

That the Honourable Member for Elsey do take the Chair as Speaker.

Mr Perron seconded the motion and Mr MacFarlane informed the Assembly that he accepted nomination.

Mr Isaacs proposed to the Assembly for its Speaker Miss D'Rozario and moved -

That the Honourable Member for Sanderson do take the Chair as Speaker.

Mr Perkins seconded the motion and Miss D'Rozario informed the Assembly that she accepted nomination.

The time for proposals having expired -

Mr Everingham and Mr Isaacs spoke in support of their proposals.

Bells rung and ballot conducted.

The Acting Clerk announced the result of the ballot: Mr MacFarlane 12 votes, Miss D'Rozario 7 votes, and declared Mr MacFarlane elected to the office of Speaker in accordance with standing order No. 5.

Mr MacFarlane thanked the Assembly for the honour it had conferred upon him and thereupon sat in the Chair.

4. ATTENDANCE OF HIS HONOUR THE ADMINISTRATOR: Mr Speaker and Members of the Assembly were received by His Honour the Administrator within the precincts of the Assembly.

Mr Speaker presented himself as the choice of the Legislative Assembly to His Honour the Administrator who congratulated him upon his election and handed to Mr Speaker his Commission to administer oaths and affirmations.

Mr Speaker and Members returned to the Chamber.

5. COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATHS: Mr Speaker announced that he had received from His Honour the Administrator the following Commission which was laid on the Table:

His Honour the Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia.

To John Leslie Stuart MacFarlane Esquire, M.L.A.

Greeting:

WHEREAS by section four of the Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910-1976 it is amongst other things enacted that every Member of the Legislative Assembly shall, before taking his seat, make and subscribe before the Administrator, or some person authorized by him, an Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance in the form set out in the Schedule to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia and an Oath or Affirmation of Office in the form set out in the Second Schedule to the aforesaid Act:

NOW, THEREFORE I, JOHN ARMSTRONG ENGLAND, the Administrator aforesaid, do by these Presents command and authorize you from time to time, in the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Darwin to administer the said Oaths or Affirmations of Allegiance and of Office to such Members of the Legislative Assembly as have not already taken and subscribed the same since their election to the Assembly,

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the Northern Territory of Australia, this twenty-first day of September, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven.

(L.S.)

J.A. ENGLAND  
Administrator.

6. SPEECH FROM THE CHAIR: Mr Everingham informed the Assembly that His Honour the Administrator intended to attend the Assembly immediately to declare the causes of his calling the Assembly together.

His Honour the Administrator entering the Chamber, Mr Speaker left the Chair and His Honour delivered, from the Chair, a speech declaring the causes of his calling the Assembly together.

His Honour then left the Chamber.

7. EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND THEIR FUNCTIONS - STATEMENT: Mr Everingham, by leave, made a statement relating to the designations of Executive Members and the functions for which they would be responsible.
8. OPPOSITION OFFICE HOLDERS - STATEMENT: Mr Isaacs, by leave, made a statement relating to the office holders in the Opposition.
9. ALICE SPRINGS ADMINISTRATION REPEAL BILL 1977 (Serial 12): Mr Robertson, by leave, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.
- On the motion of Mr Robertson the second reading was made an order of the day for a later day.
10. ADDRESS IN REPLY: Mr Everingham 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 Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Honour for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to the Assembly,

Mr Everingham moved -

That the Address be agreed to.

Mr Isaacs seconded the motion.

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

11. 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.
12. 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.
13. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES: Mr Everingham proposed to the Assembly for its Chairman of Committees the Member for Casuarina, Mr Dondas, and moved -

That he be so appointed.

Mr Perron seconded the motion and Mr Dondas informed the Assembly that he accepted nomination.

Mr Isaacs proposed to the Assembly for its Chairman of Committees the Member for Victoria River, Mr Doolan, and moved -

That he be so appointed.

Mr Perkins seconded the motion and Mr Doolan informed the Assembly that he accepted nomination.

There being two nominations, Mr Speaker ordered that a ballot be conducted.

Bells rung and ballot conducted.

Mr Speaker announced the result of the ballot as Mr Dondas 12 votes, Mr Doolan 7 votes, and declared Mr Dondas elected to the position of Chairman of Committees.

Members congratulated Mr Dondas, who made his acknowledgements to the Assembly.

14. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE: Mr Robertson, by leave moved -

That pursuant to standing order 15, Mr Speaker, Mr Dondas, Miss D'Rozario, Mr Everingham and Mr Perkins be appointed as the Standing Orders Committee.

Question put and passed.

15. APPOINTMENT OF PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE: Mr Robertson, by leave, moved -

That pursuant to standing order 16, Mr Ballantyne, Mr Doolan, Miss D'Rozario, Mr Harris and Mr Tuxworth be appointed as the Committee of Privileges.

Question put and passed.

16. APPOINTMENT OF HOUSE COMMITTEE: Mr Robertson, by leave, moved -

That pursuant to standing order 17, Mr Speaker, Mr Collins, Mr Dondas, Mrs O'Neil and Mr Vale be appointed as the House Committee.

Question put and passed.

17. APPOINTMENT OF PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE: Mr Robertson, by leave, moved -

That pursuant to standing order 18, Mr Collins, Mr Doolan, Mrs Padgham-Purich, Mr Steele and Mr Vale be appointed as the Publications Committee.

Question put and passed.

18. APPOINTMENT OF SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION AND TABLED PAPERS COMMITTEE: Mr Robertson, by leave, moved -

That pursuant to standing order 19, Mr Ballantyne, Mr Harris, Mrs Lawrie, Mr Oliver and Mr Perkins be appointed as the Standing Committee on Subordinate Legislation and Tabled Papers.

Question put and passed.

19. DELEGATES TO AUSTRALIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION: Mr Everingham, by leave, moved -

That the delegates of this Assembly to the Australian Constitutional Convention be Mr Everingham and Mr Isaacs and that in the event that either delegate is unable to attend the Convention, Mr Robertson act as substitute delegate.

Question put and passed.

20. MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATOR: The following message was read by Mr Speaker:

Message No. 1.

I, JOHN ARMSTRONG ENGLAND, the Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, pursuant to section 4S of the Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910, recommend to the Legislative Assembly Bills entitled the Allocation of Funds (Appropriation) Bill (No. 1) 1977-78 and the Allocation of Funds (Appropriation) Bill (No. 2) 1977-78 to make provision with respect to the expenditure of moneys appropriated by the Parliament for operating and capital expenditure for the year ending 30 June 1978 in respect of matters specified under section 4ZE of the Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910.

J.A. ENGLAND  
Administrator.

21. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS: Mr Perron, by leave, moved -

That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent two Bills being presented together and -

- (a) the two Bills being read a first time together and one motion being put in regard to respectively the second readings, the Committee's report stage and the third readings of the Bills together; and
- (b) the consideration of the Bills separately in the committee of the whole.

The motion having been supported -

Question put and passed.

22. ALLOCATION OF FUNDS (APPROPRIATION) BILL (No. 1) 1977-78 (Serial 4) and ALLOCATION OF FUNDS (APPROPRIATION) BILL (No. 2) 1977-78 (Serial 5): Mr Perron presented the Bills the subject of the Administrator's message and they were thereupon read a first time.

Mr Perron moved -

That the second readings of the Bills be made an order of the day for a later hour.

Question put and passed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING: The sitting was suspended between 1122 and 1400 hours.

23. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson, the order of the day relating to the Allocation of Funds (Appropriation) Bills was called on.

24. ALLOCATION OF FUNDS (APPROPRIATION) BILL (No. 1) 1977-78 (Serial 4) and ALLOCATION OF FUNDS (APPROPRIATION) BILL (No. 2) 1977-78 (Serial 5): The order of the day having been read for the second readings, Mr Perron moved -

That the Bills be now read a second time.

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

25. MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION - STATEMENT: Mr Steele, by leave, made a statement relating to motor vehicle registration in the Territory.

26. ADJOURNMENT: Mr Robertson moved -

That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued,

Question put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 1455 hours adjourned until tomorrow at 1000 hours.

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PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 21 September 1977, pursuant to statute:

Annual Reports:

Darwin Hospital Advisory Board 1976-7  
Tennant Creek Hospital Advisory Board 1976-7

Determinations and Agreements:

Agreement between Administrator and Northern Territory Police Association dated 21 July 1977  
Agreement between Administrator and Northern Territory Police Association dated 21 July 1977  
Agreement between Administrator and Northern Territory Police Association dated 21 July 1977

Permits under Petroleum (Prospecting and Mining) Ordinance:

Permit to Prospect for Petroleum No. 184.

Public Service By-laws 1977:

No. 11 Public Service (Conditions of Appointment and Promotion) By-laws  
No. 12 Public Service (Salaries and Designations) By-laws  
No. 13 Amendments of the Public Service (Salaries and Designations) By-laws  
No. 14 Amendments of the Public Service (Salaries and Designations) By-laws

Regulations 1977:

No. 11 Motor Vehicle Regulations  
No. 12 Amendments of the Police Regulations  
No. 13 Amendments to the Harbour Craft By-laws



No. 14 Amendments of the Prison Regulations  
No. 15 Amendments of the Workmen's Compensation Regulations  
No. 16 Amendments of the Motor Vehicles (Hire Car) Regulations

Recommendation under Section 103(5) of the Crown Lands Ordinance:

Revocation of Historic Reserve No. 1421 and reservation of Historic Reserve No. 1607

Reports:

Gove District Hospital Advisory Board - July 1977  
Katherine Hospital Advisory Board - July 1977

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ATTENDANCE: All Members attended the sitting.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 2

Thursday, 22 September 1977

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1. The Assembly met at 1000 hours pursuant to adjournment - Mr Speaker MacFarlane took the Chair.
2. PETITION: Mr Steele presented a Petition from certain residents of the Ludmilla area relating to persons living on the Bagot Aboriginal Reserve.

Petition received and read.

3. NOTICES: The following notices were given:

Mr Everingham: To present the Transfer of Powers (Further Provisions) Bill 1977 (Serial 11).

Mr Everingham: To present the Ombudsman (Northern Territory) Bill 1977 (Serial 8).

Mr Tuxworth: To present the Prohibited Drugs Bill 1977 (Serial 1), the Dangerous Drugs Bill 1977 (Serial 2), and the Poisons Bill 1977 (Serial 3).

Mr Robertson: To move -

That during the present session of the Assembly, notwithstanding any previous resolution of the Assembly, Mr Speaker may, at his discretion, appoint a time for holding a sittings of the Assembly, which time shall be notified to each member by letter or telegram.

Mr Perron: To present the Town Planning Bill 1977 (Serial 10).

Mr Perron: To present the Building Bill 1977 (Serial 9).

4. QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
5. REPORT OF ACTING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER: Mr Everingham laid on the table the report of the Acting Public Service Commissioner, Mr F. Grey, for the period 22 December 1976 to 22 August 1977.
6. CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT - Statement: Mr Everingham laid on the table a statement relating to constitutional development.

Mr Everingham moved -

That the statement be noted.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

7. URANIUM MINING AND KAKADU NATIONAL PARK: Mr Everingham laid on the table documents relating to the mining of uranium and the Kakadu National Park, and was granted leave to make a statement.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING: The sitting was suspended between 1155 and 1400 hours.

Mr Everingham made a statement on uranium mining and the Kakadu National Park,

Mr Robertson, by leave, moved -

That the Assembly notes the statement and commends the Commonwealth Government's decisions on the matters contained therein.

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

8. ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATION ON DARWIN RECONSTRUCTION COMMISSION: Mr Perron laid on the table a statement relating to Assembly representation on the Darwin Reconstruction Commission.

Mr Robertson moved -

That the statement be noted.

Mr Isaacs seeking to move as an amendment: That all words after "That" be omitted and the following be inserted "this Assembly terminates the appointment of Mr G.E. Tambling to the Darwin Reconstruction Commission and appoints Miss J. D'Rozario as its representative on the Darwin Reconstruction Commission.

Mr Speaker ruled the amendment out of order.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

9. NOTICE: Mr Everingham, by leave, gave notice that on the next sitting day he would present the Interpretation Bill (No. 2) 1977 (Serial 6).
10. AUDIT OF NORTHERN TERRITORY ACCOUNTS: Mr Perron laid on the table a paper relating to the audit of Northern Territory accounts.
11. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Robertson moved -

That the Assembly, at its rising, adjourn until 1000 hours on Friday, 23 September 1977.

12. LOTTERY AND GAMING ORDINANCE - REPORT: Mr Tuxworth laid on the table a copy of the report of an Inquiry into the Lotteries and Gaming Ordinance previously tabled on 12 July 1977 and moved -

That the report be noted.

Debate ensued.

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

13. DAYLIGHT SAVING - STATEMENT: Mr Robertson laid on the table a statement relating to daylight saving and moved -

That the statement be noted.

Debate ensued.

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

14. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: Mr Speaker informed the Assembly that Mr Isaacs had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the Assembly for discussion, namely: "The High Unemployment Rate in the Northern Territory".

The proposal having received the necessary support -

Mr Isaacs addressed the Assembly.

Discussion ensued,

On the motion of Mr Vale the Business of the Day was called on.

15. ALICE SPRINGS ADMINISTRATION REPEAL BILL 1977 (Serial 12): The order of the day having been read for the second reading -

Mr Robertson 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.

16. ADJOURNMENT: Mr Robertson moved -

That the Assembly do now adjourn.

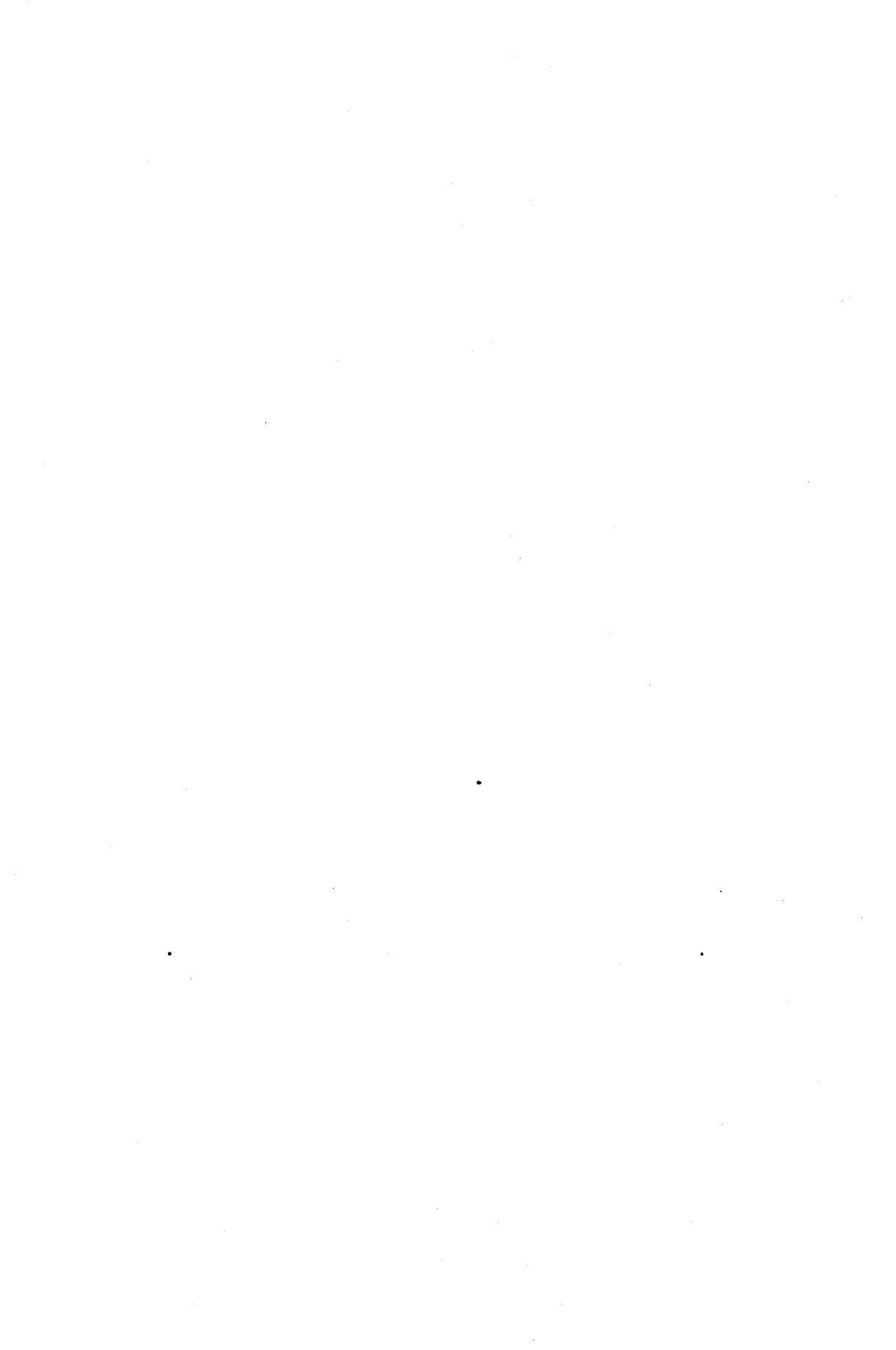
Debate ensued,

Question put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 1640 hours adjourned until 1000 hours on Friday 23 September 1977,

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ATTENDANCE: All members attended the sitting.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 3

Friday, 23 September 1977

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

2. NOTICE: The following notice was given:

Mr Isaacs: To move -

That the Majority Leader be censured for his failure to consult the new Assembly on its representation on the Darwin Reconstruction Commission.

3. QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4. DEPUTY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES: The following warrant nominating Deputy Chairmen of Committees, pursuant to standing order 11, was laid upon the Table by Mr Speaker:

"THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WARRANT

Pursuant to the Provisions of Standing Order No. 11, I hereby nominate -

Mr BALLANTYNE  
Mrs PADGHAM-PURICH  
Miss D'ROZARIO

to act as Deputy Chairmen of Committees when requested to do so by the Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this twenty-third day of September 1977.

(Sgd.) J.L.S. MacFARLANE  
Speaker"

5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS: Mr Tuxworth moved -

That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent three Bills relating to drugs -

(a) being presented and read a first time together and one motion being put in regard to respectively, the second readings, the committee's report stages and the third readings of the Bills together; and

(b) The consideration of the Bills separately in the committee of the whole.

Question put and passed.

6. DRUGS BILLS - PROHIBITED DRUGS BILL 1977 (Serial 1), DANGEROUS DRUGS BILL 1977 (Serial 2), and POISONS BILL 1977 (Serial 3): Mr Tuxworth, pursuant to notice, presented the Bills which were thereupon read a first time.

Mr Tuxworth moved -

That the Bills be now read a second time.

Mr Tuxworth, by leave, tabled two papers.

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

7. OMBUDSMAN (NORTHERN TERRITORY) BILL 1977 (Serial 8): Mr Everingham, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Everingham 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 day.

8. TOWN PLANNING BILL 1977 (Serial 10): 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 day.

9. TRANSFER OF POWERS (FURTHER PROVISIONS) BILL 1977 (Serial 11): Mr Everingham, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Everingham 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 day.

10. BUILDING BILL 1977 (Serial 9): 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 day.

11. SESSIONAL ORDER: Mr Robertson, pursuant to notice, moved -

That during the present session of the Assembly, notwithstanding any previous resolution of the Assembly, Mr Speaker may, at his discretion, appoint a time for holding a sittings of the Assembly, which time shall be notified to each member by letter or telegram,

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

12. INTERPRETATION BILL (No. 2) 1977 (Serial 6): Mr Everingham, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Everingham moved -

That the Bill be now read a second time,

REQUEST FOR URGENCY; Mr Speaker, having considered a request by Mr Everingham submitted pursuant to standing order 152, declared the Bill to be an urgent Bill.

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 Mr Robertson, Order of the Day No. 4 was called on,
14. URANIUM MINING AND KAKADU NATIONAL PARK - STATEMENT: The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question -

That the Assembly notes the statement and commends the Commonwealth Government's decisions on the matters contained therein.

Mr Collins moved -

That all words after "statement" be omitted and the following inserted in their stead:

"but this Assembly condemns the Australian Government's decision on uranium mining for the following reasons -

- (a) the Government's abandonment of the Fox Report's recommendation on the sequential mining of uranium;
- (b) the Government's refusal to allow a full and proper public debate to take place; and
- (c) the Government's deliberately misleading statements regarding the safe disposal of nuclear wastes,"

SUSPENSION OF SITTING: The sitting was suspended between 1110 and 1120 hours.

Debate ensued.

On the motion of Mr Robertson, Mr Collins was granted an extension of time.

Debate ensued.

On the motion of Mr Isaacs, Mr Tuxworth was granted an extension of time.

Debate ensued.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING: The sitting was suspended between 1219 and 1400 hours.

Debate resumed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION: Mr Isaacs, by leave, made a personal explanation relating to statements made by him and recorded by the press.

Question put -

That the amendment be agreed to.



The Assembly divided - The Speaker (MacFarlane) in the Chair.

AYES 7

Mr Collins  
Mr Doolan  
Miss D'Rozario  
Mr Isaacs  
Mrs Lawrie  
Mrs O'Neil  
Mr Perkins

NOES 12

Mr Ballantyne  
Mr Dondas  
Mr Everingham  
Mr Harris  
Mr MacFarlane  
Mr Oliver  
Mrs Padgham-Purich  
Mr Perron  
Mr Robertson  
Mr Steele  
Mr Tuxworth  
Mr Vale

And so it was resolved in the negative.

Question -

That the Assembly notes the statement and commends the Commonwealth Government's decisions on the matters contained therein.

Debate ensued.

Mr Robertson moved -

That the question be now put.

Question - That the question be now put - put and passed.

Original question put and passed.

15. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Mr Robertson the order of the day relating to the Interpretation Bill (No. 2) 1977 was called on.
16. INTERPRETATION BILL (No. 2) 1977 (Serial 6): 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 ensued.

Question put and passed - Bill read a second time.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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(In the committee)

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

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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.

17. ANSWER TO QUESTION: Mr Perron, by leave, answered questions asked on 22 September 1977.

18. ANSWER TO QUESTION: Mr Tuxworth, by leave, answered questions asked on 22 September 1977.

19. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Mr Robertson moved -

That the Assembly, at its rising, adjourn until a date and time to be appointed by Mr Speaker, which time shall be notified to each member by letter or telegram.

Question put and passed.

20. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS: Mr Robertson moved -

That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Leader of the Opposition moving forthwith the notice of censure which he presented today.

The motion having been supported -

Question put and passed.

21. CENSURE MOTION: Mr Isaacs moved -

That the Majority Leader be censured for his failure to consult the new Assembly on its representation on the Darwin Reconstruction Commission.

Debate ensued.

Mr Robertson moved -

That the question be now put.

The Assembly divided - The Speaker (Mr MacFarlane) in the Chair,

AYES 12

NOES 7

Mr Ballantyne  
Mr Dondas  
Mr Everingham  
Mr Harris  
Mr MacFarlane  
Mr Oliver  
Mrs Padgham-Purich  
Mr Perron  
Mr Robertson  
Mr Steele  
Mr Tuxworth  
Mr Vale

Mr Collins  
Mr Doolan  
Miss D'Rozario  
Mr Isaacs  
Mrs Lawrie  
Mrs O'Neil  
Mr Perkins

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question put and negatived.

22. ADJOURNMENT: Mr Robertson moved -

That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 1657 hours adjourned until a date and time to be appointed by Mr Speaker which time shall be notified to each member by letter or telegram.

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ATTENDANCE: All members attended the sitting.

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

SECOND LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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