

PART III

THE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THE NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Minutes of Proceedings

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 30

Tuesday, 17 February 1976

1. The Assembly met at 1000 hours pursuant to the Resolution of 4 December 1975—Mr Speaker MacFarlane took the Chair.

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

The Acting 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* 1910-1974 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, ERIC FRANCIS DWYER, the Acting 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 twelfth day of February, One thousand nine hundred and seventy six.

(Sgd.) E. F. DWYER

Acting Administrator

3. **RETURN TO WRIT—ALICE SPRINGS ELECTORATE:** The Clerk laid on the Table the return to the writ for the election of a member to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr Kilgariff from the seat of Alice Springs. The return certified the election of Mr George Eric Manuell for the electorate of Alice Springs.

4. **MEMBER SWORN:** George Eric Manuell was introduced, and made and subscribed the oaths required by law.

5. **DISTINGUISHED VISITOR—Mr ROGER DEAN:** Mr Speaker informed the Assembly that Mr Roger Dean, a former President of the Legislative Council and Administrator of the Northern Territory was within the precincts.

Mr Speaker formally welcomed the distinguished visitor.

6. **PETITION:** Mr Robertson on behalf of the Member for Elsey presented a Petition from certain residents of the Katherine area relating to the completion of the Katherine south school project.

Petition received and read.

7. **NOTICES:** The following notices were given:

Dr Letts: To present the Encouragement of Primary Production Bill 1976 (Serial 85).

Mrs Lawrie: To present the Gold Buyers Bill 1976 (Serial 91).

Mr Withnall: To present the Traffic Bill 1976 (Serial 92).

Miss Andrew: To present the Companies Bill 1976 (Serial 84).

Mr Ballantyne: To present the Salvation Army (Northern Territory) Property Trust Bill 1976 (Serial 90).

Miss Andrew: To present the Police and Police Offences Bill 1976 (Serial 96).

Dr Letts: To present the Legislative Assembly Executive Authority Bill 1976 (Serial 95).

Mr Tambling: To present the Audit Bill 1976 (Serial 86).

8. **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.

9. **CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR THE NORTHERN TERRITORY—STATEMENT:** Dr Letts, by leave, made a statement relating to constitutional development for the Territory.

10. **DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE:** Mr Speaker informed the Assembly that Mrs Lawrie had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the Assembly for discussion, namely: "The urgent need for the clarification of the Government's policy on the continuation of the 6% home finance loan, in order to alleviate the considerable distress and uncertainty now evident in the Darwin community and the building industry."

The proposal having received the necessary support—Mrs Lawrie addressed the Assembly.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

11. **TERRITORY PARKS AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BILL 1976 (Serial 83):** 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 1150 and 1400 hours.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed—Bill read a second time.

Dr Letts moved That the committee stages be later taken.

Question put and passed.

12. **BUILDERS REGISTRATION BILL 1975 (Serial 82):** 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.

Bill, by leave, withdrawn.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:** Dr Letts moved—That the Assembly do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 1528 hours adjourned until tomorrow at 1000 hours.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 17 February 1976, pursuant to statute:—

Annual Reports:

Northern Territory Port Authority 1973/74.

Determinations and Agreements:

Agreement between Administrator and Northern Territory Police Commissioned Officer Association dated 27/10/75.

Agreement between Administrator and Northern Territory Police Association dated 13/10/75.

Minutes of Meetings of Town Management Boards:

Katherine—2 December 1975;

6 January 1976.

Regulations—1975:

No. 24—Weights and Measures Regulations.

No. 25—Amendments of the Public Service Regulations.

Regulations—1976:

No. 1—Amendments of the Motor Vehicle (Hire Car) Regulations.

Recommendations under Section 103 of the Crown Lands Ordinance:

Proposed revocation of Reserve No. 1407 and reservation of Reserve No. 1534.

ATTENDANCE: All members attended the sitting.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 31

Wednesday, 18 February 1976

1. The Assembly met at 1000 hours pursuant to adjournment—Mr Speaker MacFarlane took the Chair.
2. **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
3. **LEGISLATION PROGRAMME PROPOSAL—STATEMENT:** Dr Letts, by leave, made a statement relating to the Legislation Program Proposal.
4. **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 proposal by the D.R.C. to establish a modular residential village and caravan park on the old golf course adjoining East Point Reserve.”
The proposal having received the necessary support, Mr Withnall addressed the Assembly.
Discussion ensued.
Discussion concluded.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING: The sitting was suspended between 1150 and 1400 hours.

5. **APPRECIATION OF SERVICES—Senator B. F. Kilgariff:** Dr Letts, by leave, moved That this Assembly place on record its appreciation of the services of Bernard Francis Kilgariff to the Legislative Council, to the Assembly and to the Territory and its congratulations on his election to the Australian Senate.
Members having supported the motion and Mr Speaker having associated himself with it.
Question passed unanimously.
6. **ENCOURAGEMENT OF PRIMARY PRODUCTION BILL 1976 (Serial 85):** 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.
7. **COMPANIES BILL 1976 (Serial 84):** 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.
8. **LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY BILL 1976 (Serial 95):** 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.

9. **AUDIT BILL 1976 (Serial 86):** 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.

10. **POLICE AND POLICE OFFENCES BILL 1976 (Serial 96):** 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.

11. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY:** On the motion of Mr Steele, Order of the Day No. 1 (Stabilization of Land Prices Bill 1975) was postponed until a later hour.

12. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY:** On the motion of Mr Steele, Order of the Day No. 2 (Lands Acquisition Bill 1975) was postponed until a later hour.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Ryan moved—That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

14. **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:** Dr Letts moved—That the Assembly, at its rising, adjourn until 1100 hours tomorrow.

Question put and passed.

15. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Pollock moved—That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 1532 hours adjourned until tomorrow at 1100 hours.

ATTENDANCE: All members attended the sitting.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 32

Thursday, 19 February 1976

1. The Assembly met at 1100 hours pursuant to adjournment—Mr Speaker MacFarlane took the Chair.
2. **PRIVILEGE—MATTER PUBLISHED IN “NT NEWS”—REQUEST FOR REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES:** Dr Letts pursuant to standing order 72 raised a matter of privilege based upon articles under the heading of “By-election Allegations” published in the “NT NEWS” in issues dated 17 and 18 February 1976 and requested that Mr Speaker refer the matter to the Committee of Privileges. Dr Letts named the printer and publisher of the newspaper. Mr Withnall and Mrs Lawrie having referred to the matter, Mr Speaker agreed to consider it and to report his decision at a later hour.
3. **NOTICES:** The following notice was given:
Mr Robertson: To move That a select committee comprising Mr Speaker, the Chairman of Committees and Mr R. Steele be appointed to inquire into, report on and make recommendations concerning—
 - (a) the refurnishing of the Chamber; and
 - (b) methods by which the general security of the Legislative Assembly buildings may be reinforced.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 on the first sitting day after 30 March 1976.
4. **QUESTIONS:** Questions without notice were asked.
5. **ORDER OF BUSINESS—STATEMENT:** Dr Letts named Tuesday, 24 February 1976 for General Business.
6. **REQUEST FOR URGENCY—Police and Police Offences Bill 1976:**
Mr Speaker having considered a request by Dr Letts submitted pursuant to standing order 152 declared the Bill to be an urgent Bill.

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

7. **POLICE AND POLICE OFFENCES BILL 1976 (Serial 96):** 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 agreed to.

New Clause—

On the motion of Miss Andrew the following new clause was added to the Bill:—

“4. Section 12S of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting the definition of ‘the senior Judge’ ”.

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.

8. **SELECT COMMITTEE TO INQUIRE INTO LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONTROL OF RENTS) ORDINANCE—PROPOSED APPOINTMENT:** Mr Perron, by leave, moved That a Select Committee comprising Mr Everingham, Mr Robertson, Mr Dondas, Mr Withnall and Mr Perron be appointed to inquire into the Landlord and Tenant (Control of Rents) Ordinance, and without affecting the generality of the foregoing, with particular reference to—

- (a) its administration;
- (b) its effect on the supply of domestic rental accommodation;
- (c) whether any principles included in legislation elsewhere might be adopted in addition to or in substitution therefor;
- (d) the desirability of altering or amending any part thereof.

That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to sit during any adjournment of the Assembly and to adjourn from place to place.

That the Committee report to the Assembly on the first sitting day after 1 May 1976.

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

9. **TRAFFIC BILL 1976 (Serial 94):** Mr Ryan, by leave, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mr Ryan 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. **PRIVILEGE—MATTER PUBLISHED IN “NT NEWS”—REQUEST FOR REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES:** Mr Speaker informed the Assembly that he had considered the matter of privilege raised by Dr Letts earlier in the day and had acceded to the request for the referral of the matter to the Committee of Privileges.

Dr Letts produced copies of two issues of the “NT NEWS” dated 17 and 18 February 1976.

11. **VENEREAL DISEASES BILL 1976 (Serial 89):** 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.

12. **RADIOGRAPHERS BILL 1976 (Serial 97):** 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. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Tambling moved—That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 1602 hours adjourned until 1000 hours on Tuesday, 24 February 1976.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 19 February 1976, pursuant to statute—

DETERMINATIONS AND AGREEMENTS:

Agreement between Administrator and Northern Territory Senior Prison Officers Association (Paper No. 113).

Agreement between Administrator and Northern Territory Prison Officers Association (Paper No. 114).

MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF TOWN MANAGEMENT BOARDS:

Tennant Creek—4 February 1976.

REGULATIONS 1976:

No. 2—Amendment of the National Parks and Gardens (General) By-laws.

No. 3—Nursing Aides Regulations.

ATTENDANCE: All members attended the sitting.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 33

Tuesday, 24 February 1976

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

2. NOTICES: The following notices were given:—

Mr Pollock: To present the Prisons Bill 1976 (Serial 78).

Miss Andrew: To move that whereas section 4V of the Northern Territory (Administration) Act requires that every Ordinance passed by the Legislative Assembly shall be presented to the Administrator for assent and that "Upon the presentation of an Ordinance to the Administrator for assent, the Administrator shall declare, according to his discretion, but subject to this Act, that he assents to the Ordinance, that he withholds assent or that he reserves the Ordinance for the Governor-General's pleasure".

And whereas unreasonable delays have occurred between the time of passage of bills by the Assembly and the declaration by the Administrator of his decision as to assent;

Now therefore this Assembly resolves that the Clerk shall prepare, with the least possible delay, each Ordinance made by the Assembly and shall forthwith present it to the Administrator in accordance with the Act and in the event that the Administrator does not, within a reasonable time declare his assent or otherwise the Clerk shall notify Mr Speaker who shall, if the Assembly is sitting, inform the Assembly or, if the Assembly is adjourned, fix a sitting day in order that the Assembly may consider the matter.

3. QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.

4. GOLD BUYERS BILL 1976 (Serial 91): Mrs Lawrie, pursuant to notice, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.

Mrs Lawrie moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Point of Order: Dr Letts raised a point of order and on Mr Speaker ruling that there was no point of order, debate resumed.

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

5. TRAFFIC BILL 1976 (Serial 92): 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 adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

6. SALVATION ARMY (NORTHERN TERRITORY) PROPERTY TRUST BILL 1976 (Serial 90): 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.

7. SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHAMBER REFURNISHING AND PRECINCTS SECURITY: Mr Robertson, pursuant to notice, moved That a Select Committee comprising Mr Speaker, the Chairman of Committees and Mr R. Steele be appointed to inquire into, report on and make recommendations concerning—

- (a) the refurbishing of the Chamber; and
- (b) methods by which the general security of the Legislative Assembly buildings may be reinforced.

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 on the first sitting day after the 30th March 1976.

Question put and passed.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING: The sitting was suspended between 1210 and 1400 hours.

8. **PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS BILL 1975 (Serial 57):** 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.

9. **ENVIRONMENT BILL 1976 (Serial 81):** 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.

10. **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY:** On the motion of Mr Steele Order of the Day No. 3 (Church of England in Australia Constitution Bill 1975) was postponed until a later hour.

11. **DARWIN CYCLONE TRACY RELIEF FUND MONTHLY REPORTS—AUGUST, SEPTEMBER 1975:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mrs Lawrie, That the Reports be noted.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

12. **ENCOURAGEMENT OF PRIMARY PRODUCTION BILL 1976 (Serial 85):** 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.

13. **ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:** On the motion of Dr Letts order of day No. 5 was called on.

14. **SELECT COMMITTEE ON LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONTROL OF RENTS) ORDINANCE—PROPOSED APPOINTMENT:** The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Perron That a Select Committee comprising Mr Everingham, Mr Robertson, Mr Dondas, Mr Withnall and Mr Perron be appointed to inquire into the Landlord and Tenant (Control of Rents) Ordinance, and without affecting the generality of the foregoing, with particular reference to—

- (a) its administration;
- (b) its effect on the supply of domestic rental accommodation;

- (c) whether any principle included in legislation elsewhere might be adopted in addition to or in substitution therefor; and
- (d) the desirability of altering or amending any part thereof.

That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to sit during any adjournment of the Assembly and to adjourn from place to place.

That the Committee report to the Assembly on the first sitting day after 1st May 1976.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

15. ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL BILL 1976 (Serial 93): Mr Ryan, by leave, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.
Motion for the second reading made an order of the day for a later hour.
16. ADOPTION OF CHILDREN BILL 1976 (Serial 88): Miss Andrew, by leave, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.
Motion for the second reading made an order of the day for a later hour.
17. REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES BILL 1976 (Serial 87): Miss Andrew, by leave, presented the Bill which was thereupon read a first time.
Motion for the second reading made an order of the day for a later hour.
18. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS: On the motion of Dr Letts order of the day No. 3 was called on.
19. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY BILL 1976 (Serial 95): 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.
20. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Dr Letts moved—That the Assembly, at its rising, adjourn until 1100 hours tomorrow.
Question put and passed.
21. 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 tomorrow at 1100 hours.

PAPERS: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 24 February 1976, pursuant to statute:—

Minutes of Meetings of Town Management Boards:
Katherine—3 February 1976.

ATTENDANCE: All members attended the sitting.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 34

Wednesday, 25 February 1976

1. The Assembly met at 1100 hours pursuant to adjournment—Mr Speaker MacFarlane took the Chair.
2. QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
3. DARWIN RECONSTRUCTION COMMISSION—FIRST ANNUAL REPORT: Mr Tambling tabled the First Annual Report of the Darwin Reconstruction Commission.
4. ABORIGINAL LAND LEGISLATION—STATEMENT: Dr Letts, by leave, made a statement relating to Aboriginal Land Legislation.
5. PRISONS BILL 1976 (Serial 78): 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.

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

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed.

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.

6. ORDINANCES PRESENTED FOR ASSENT: Miss Andrew, pursuant to notice, moved That whereas section 4V of the Northern Territory (Administration) Act requires that every Ordinance passed by the Legislative Assembly shall be presented to the Administrator for assent and that “Upon the presentation of an Ordinance to the Administrator for assent, the Administrator shall declare, according to his discretion, but subject to this Act, that he assents to the Ordinance, that he withholds assent or that he reserves the Ordinance for the Governor-General’s pleasure”.

And whereas unreasonable delays have occurred between the time of passage of bills by the Assembly and the declaration by the Administrator of his decision as to assent;

Now therefore this Assembly resolves that the Clerk shall prepare, with the least possible delay, each Ordinance made by the Assembly and shall forthwith present it to the Administrator in accordance with the Act and in the event that the Administrator does not, within a reasonable time, declare his assent or otherwise the Clerk shall notify Mr Speaker who shall, if the Assembly is sitting, inform the Assembly or, if the Assembly is adjourned, fix a sitting day in order that the Assembly may consider the matter.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

7. **REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES BILL 1976 (Serial 87):** The order of the day having been read for the second reading—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.
8. **ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL BILL 1976 (Serial 93):** The order of the day having been read for the second reading—Mr Ryan 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. **ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:** On the motion of Dr Letts order of the day No. 11 was called on.
10. **STABILIZATION OF LAND PRICES BILL 1975 (Serial 60):** 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.
Dr Letts, by leave, made a statement on the Bill.
Debate adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.
11. **ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:** On the motion of Dr Letts order of the day No. 12 was called on.
12. **LANDS ACQUISITION BILL 1975 (Serial 59):** 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.
Dr Letts, by leave, made a statement on the Bill.
Question put and passed—Bill read a second time.
The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

(In the committee)

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3—

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The Assembly resumed—Mr Chairman reported accordingly and the report was adopted.

13. **PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE—REPORT:** Mr Withnall presented a Report from the Privileges Committee on articles published in the “NT News” on 17 and 18 February 1976.
Mr Kentish moved That the Report be noted.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

14. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT: Dr Letts moved—That the Assembly, at its rising, adjourn until a date and time to be fixed by Mr Speaker.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

15. ADJOURNMENT: Dr Letts moved—That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 1530 hours adjourned until a date and time to be fixed by Mr Speaker.

ATTENDANCE: All members attended the sitting.

F. WALKER
Clerk of the Assembly

FIRST LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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