
PART III

THE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Proceedings
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 15

Tuesday 20 August 1985

1. The Assembly met at 10.00 a.m., pursuant to resolution. Mr Speaker (the Honourable R.M. Steele) took the Chair, and read prayers.
2. MINISTRY AND STATEHOOD - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:
Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister), by leave, made a statement relating to changes to the ministry and progress towards statehood.
Mr Tuxworth moved - That the Assembly take note of the statement.
Debate ensued.
Extension of time: On the motion of Mr Leo (Nhulunbuy), an extension of time was granted to Mr B. Collins.

Suspension of sitting: The sitting was suspended between 11.49 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.

Debate resumed.

Personal explanation: Mr Bell (Macdonnell), by leave, made a personal explanation relating to comments made during this debate.

Question - put and passed.

3. PERSONAL EXPLANATION:
Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made a personal explanation relating to remarks made by Mr Dale during debate earlier this day.
4. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS - STATEMENT:
Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister), by leave, informed the Assembly that the Acting Administrator, at a special meeting of the Executive Council, had appointed Hon. R.A. Hanrahan as Minister for Health and Minister for Youth, Sport, Recreation and Ethnic Affairs, and Hon. J.M. Robertson as Special Minister for Constitutional Development. Mr Robertson was nominated to the Assembly by the Chief Minister to be the Leader of Government Business.
5. PETITIONS:
Mr McCarthy presented a petition from 11 citizens of the Northern Territory relating to pornographic material.
Mr Tuxworth presented a petition from 8 residents of Darwin relating to Winnellie Fire Station.
Petition read.

6. NOTICES:
The following notices were given:
Mr Vale: To move - That -
 1. This Assembly recognizes that -

- (a) there is a significant number of citizens of this country living in areas out of the range of normal city-based commercial television services whose continued presence in the areas in which they reside is of importance to the economic well-being of Australia;
 - (b) a significant percentage of those citizens, in common with most other Australians, are vitally interested in sporting events of national importance;
 - (c) the ABC television service is available to a significant number of those citizens and, in many cases, is the only television service so available;
 - (d) in recent years commercial television interests have acquired the exclusive rights to many sporting events of the kind referred to, some of which were previously broadcast to country areas by the ABC television service; and
 - (e) it is incumbent on the Commonwealth government in such matters clearly within its power to ensure that people in areas outside the range of eastern seaboard city-based commercial television services are provided with television coverage of sporting events of national significance at least equivalent to that available to their fellow Australians.
2. This Assembly is of the opinion that the Commonwealth government should -
- (a) require its responsible Minister -
 - (i) to direct the ABC to make all reasonable effort to obtain directly or through commercial television interests for viewing at least in country areas, a reasonable coverage of such sporting events; and
 - (ii) to direct the ABC to accept for that purpose any reasonable offer by any commercial television interest to make such services available through the ABC; and
 - (b) provide the ABC with sufficient funds to enable it realistically to carry out its obligations in this area as the provider of a national television service.
3. The terms of this resolution be transmitted to the Prime Minister forthwith.

Mr Tuxworth: To present the Electricity Commission Amendment Bill (No.2) 1985 (Serial 136), and the Public Service Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 135).

Mr Perron: To present the Energy Pipelines Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 140).

Mr Hatton: To present the Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Amendment Bill (No.2) 1985 (Serial 131), the Soil Conservation and Land Utilization Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 132), the Planning Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 118), the Conservation Commission Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 129), the Lands Acquisition Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 119), and the Bush-fires Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 130).

7. QUESTIONS:

Questions without notice were asked.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr Robertson (Leader of Government Business) moved - That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question - put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 6.18 p.m. adjourned until tomorrow at 10.00 a.m.

PAPERS:

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 20 August 1985:

Annual Reports:

Conservation Commission of the Northern Territory, 1983-4
Darwin Community College, 1983-4

Declaration of Shortage:

Fuel supplies, 14 August 1985

Financial Statements:

Conservation Commission of the Northern Territory, 1983-4
Lajamanu Community Government Council Inc., 1983-4

Recommendations under S.103(3) Crown Lands Act:

Revocation of Reserve No. 994, Town of Tennant Creek
Revocation of Reserve No.1076, Town of Katherine
Revocation of Reserve No.1325, Browns Mart, Town of Darwin

Regulations 1985:

No.12 Amendment of the Harbour Craft By-laws
No.15 Amendments of the Port By-laws
No.16 Darwin (Rates and Charges) By-laws
No.17 Soccer Football Pools Regulations
No.18 Amendments of the Liquor Regulations
No.19 Juvenile Justice (Appeal) Rules
No.20 Amendments of the Water and Sewerage Regulations

ATTENDANCE:

All members attended the sitting.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 16

Wednesday 21 August 1985

1. The Assembly met at 10.00 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable R.M. Steele) took the Chair, and read prayers.
2. APPRECIATION OF SERVICE - MR N.J. GLEESON:
Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister), by leave, moved - That, on the retirement of Norman James Gleeson from the position of Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory, this Assembly places on record its appreciation of the long and valuable service rendered by him to the Northern Territory and conveys to him and his wife good wishes for many happy years of retirement.
Debate ensued.
Question - put and passed.
3. QUESTIONS:
Questions without notice were asked.
4. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE - SAFE WORKING CONDITIONS, PEKO MINE:
Mr Speaker informed the Assembly that Mr Ede (Stuart) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the Assembly for discussion, namely: "The failure of the government to ensure that employers provide safe working conditions for workers in the Peko Mine at Tennant Creek and for Territorians in general".
The proposed discussion having received the necessary support -
Mr Ede addressed the Assembly.
Discussion ensued.
Paper tabled: Mr Perron laid on the Table a copy of a telex message forwarded to Mr Rushbury of the Federated Miscellaneous Workers Union.
Extension of time: On the motion of Mr Robertson (Leader of Government Business) an extension of time was granted to Mr Perron.

Suspension of sitting: The sitting was suspended between 12.03 and 2.00 p.m.

Discussion resumed.
Discussion concluded.
5. PERSONAL EXPLANATION:
Mr Bell (Macdonnell), by leave, made a personal explanation relating to remarks attributed to him by Mr Coulter during question time earlier this day.
6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS - TAKE TWO BILLS TOGETHER AND PASS ALL STAGES:
Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister) moved - That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Electricity Commission Amendment Bill (No.2) 1985 (Serial 136) and the Public Service Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 135) -
 - (a) being presented and read a first time together and one motion being put in relation to, respectively, the second readings, the committee's report stages, and the third readings of the Bills together;
 - (b) the consideration of the Bills separately in the committee of the whole; and

(c) passing through all stages at these sittings.

The proposal having been supported by the required number of members -
Question - put and passed.

7. ELECTRICITY COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 136), and PUBLIC SERVICE AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 135):

Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister), pursuant to notice and resolution, presented Bills for Acts to amend the *Electricity Commission Act* and the *Public Service Act*.

Bills read a first time.

Mr Tuxworth moved - That the Bills be now read a second time.

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

8. ENERGY PIPELINES AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 140):

Mr Perron (Minister for Mines and Energy), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Energy Pipelines Act*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

9. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS - TAKE TWO BILLS TOGETHER:

Mr Hatton (Minister for Conservation) moved - That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Amendment Bill (No.2) 1985 (Serial 131), and the Bushfires Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 130) -

(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.

The proposal having been supported by the required number of members -
Question - put and passed.

10. TERRITORY PARKS AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AMENDMENT BILL (No.2) 1985 (Serial 131), and BUSHFIRES AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 130):

Mr Hatton (Minister for Conservation), pursuant to notice and resolution, presented Bills for Acts to amend the *Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act* and the *Bushfires Act*.

Bills read a first time.

Mr Hatton moved - That the Bills be now read a second time.

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

11. SOIL CONSERVATION AND LAND UTILIZATION AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 132):

Mr Hatton (Minister for Conservation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Soil Conservation and Land Utilization Act*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

12. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS - TAKE TWO BILLS TOGETHER:

Mr Hatton (Minister for Lands) moved - That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Planning Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 118) and the Lands Acquisition Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 119) -

- (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.

The motion having been supported by the required number of members -
Question - put and passed.

13. PLANNING AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 118), and LANDS ACQUISITION AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 119):

Mr Hatton (Minister for Lands), pursuant to notice and resolution, presented Bills for Acts to amend the *Planning Act* and the *Lands Acquisition Act*.

Bills read a first time.

Mr Hatton moved - That the Bills be now read a second time.

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

14. CONSERVATION COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 129):

Mr Hatton (Minister for Conservation), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Conservation Commission Act*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

15. HEALTH PRACTITIONERS AND ALLIED PROFESSIONALS REGISTRATION BILL 1985 (Serial 114):

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 Hanrahan (Minister for Health) moved - That the committee stages be later taken.

Question - put and passed.

16. STATUS OF CHILDREN AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 84):

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 (Mr Bell) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

17. COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION BILL 1985 (Serial 107):

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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Perron (Attorney-General) the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

18. OFF-SHORE WATERS BILLS - OFF-SHORE WATERS (APPLICATION OF TERRITORY LAWS) BILL 1985 (Serial 110) and INTERPRETATION AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 111):
The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question - That the Bills be now read a second time -
Debate resumed.
Question - put and passed - Bills read a second time.
Leave granted for third readings to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Perron (Attorney-General) the Bills were read a third time and passed to be proposed laws.
19. ADJOURNMENT:
Mr Robertson (Leader of Government Business) moved - That the Assembly do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question - put and passed.
And then the Assembly at 6.41 p.m. adjourned until tomorrow at 10.00 a.m.

PAPERS:

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 21 August 1985:

Annual Report:

Public Trustee for the Northern Territory, 1984-5

Financial Statement:

Museums and Art Galleries of the Northern Territory, 1983-4

ATTENDANCE:

All members attended the sitting.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 17

Thursday 22 August 1985

1. The Assembly met at 10.00 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable R.M. Steele) took the Chair, and read prayers.
2. NOTICE:
The following notice was given:
Mr Hanrahan: To present the Notifiable Diseases Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 144).
3. QUESTIONS:
Questions without notice were asked.
4. POST-DISASTER RELIEF - PAPER TABLED - MOTION TO NOTE PAPER:
Mr Coulter (Minister for Community Development) laid on the Table a paper titled "Post-Disaster Relief Schemes - Guidelines and Procedures".
Mr Coulter moved - That the Assembly take note of the paper.
Debate adjourned (Mr B. Collins) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.
5. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:
On the motion of Mr Robertson (Leader of Government Business), orders of the day, Government Business, Nos. 3 and 4 were postponed until a later hour.
6. POLICE ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 106):
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.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister) the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.
7. STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL 1985 (Serial 109):
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 Perron (Attorney-General) moved - That the committee stages be later taken.
Question - put and passed.
8. FIRE SERVICES ARBITRAL TRIBUNAL ACT REPEAL BILL 1985 (Serial 108):
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 (Mrs Padgham-Purich) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.
9. PETROLEUM PRODUCTS SUBSIDY AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 122):
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.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Manzie (Minister for Transport and Works, and Housing) the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

10. MOTOR VEHICLES AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 123):

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 12.03 and 2.00 p.m.

Debate resumed.

Question - put and passed - Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Manzie (Minister for Transport and Works, and Housing) the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

11. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:

On the motion of Mr Hanrahan (Minister for Health) intervening orders of the day, Government Business, were postponed until after consideration of orders of the day Nos. 16 and 17.

12. STREHLOW COLLECTION - MOTION TO NOTE STATEMENT:

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Coulter - That the Assembly take note of the statement -

Debate resumed.

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

13. WORKERS COMPENSATION - REPORT OF INQUIRY - MOTION TO NOTE PAPER:

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Dondas - That the Assembly take note of the paper -

Debate resumed.

Extension of time: On the motion of Mr Leo (Nhulunbuy) an extension of time was granted to Mr Smith.

Debate adjourned (Mr Hanrahan) 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 Mr Robertson (Leader of Government Business) order of the day No.9, Government Business, was called on.

15. STATUS OF CHILDREN AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 84):

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.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Perron (Attorney-General) the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

16. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr Hanrahan (Minister for Health) moved - That the Assembly do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

Question - put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 7.39 p.m. adjourned until 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday 27 August 1985.

PAPERS:

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 22 August 1985:

Annual Report:

Surveyors Board of the Northern Territory, 1984-5

Notice under Essential Goods and Services Act:

Revocation of Declaration of Shortage - Fuel, 20 August 1985

ATTENDANCE:

All members attended the sitting.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 18

Tuesday 27 August 1985

1. The Assembly met at 10.00 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable R.M. Steele) took the Chair, and read prayers.
2. PETITION:
Mr Ede (Stuart) presented a petition from 513 citizens of the Northern Territory relating to the Alice Springs abattoir.
Petition read.
3. NOTICES:
The following notices were given:
Mr Coulter: To present the Prisons (Correctional Services) Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 147).
Mr Tuxworth: To present the Motor Accidents (Compensation) Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 148).
Mr Hatton: To present the Crown Lands Amendment Bill (No.2) 1985 (Serial 143).
Mr Perron: To present the Criminal Investigation (Extra-territorial Offences) Bill 1985 (Serial 133).
Mr B. Collins: To present the Electoral Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 138).
Mr Ede: To present the Mine-workers Health Protection Bill 1985 (Serial 149).
4. QUESTIONS:
Questions without notice were asked.
Distinguished visitor: Mr Speaker informed the Assembly that Senator B.F. Kilgariff was present in the Speaker's Gallery. Mr Speaker, on behalf of members, welcomed the distinguished visitor.
Further questions without notice were asked.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR:
Mr Speaker read the following message from His Honour the Acting Administrator:
Message No. 3
I, JAMES HENRY MUIRHEAD, the Acting Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, pursuant to section 11 of the *Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978* of the Commonwealth, recommend to the Legislative Assembly a Bill for an Act to appropriate certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund for the service of the year ending 30 June 1986.
Dated this nineteenth day of August, 1985.
(Sgd) J.H. MUIRHEAD
Acting Administrator.
6. APPROPRIATION BILL 1985-86 (Serial 137) - BUDGET SPEECH:
Mr Tuxworth (Treasurer) presented a Bill for an Act to appropriate certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund for the service of the year ending 30 June 1986, the subject of His Honour the Acting Administrator's Message No. 3.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Tuxworth moved - That the Bill be now read a second time - and delivered the budget speech.
Extension of time: On the motion of Mr Robertson (Leader of Government Business) an extension of time was granted to Mr Tuxworth.
Debate adjourned (Mr Smith) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

Suspension of sitting: The sitting was suspended between 12.03 and 2.00 p.m.

7. NOTIFIABLE DISEASES AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 144):
Mr Hanrahan (Minister for Health), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Notifiable Diseases Act*.

Bill read a first time.

Declaration of urgency: Mr Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 153, declared the Bill to be an urgent Bill.

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

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

8. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:

On the motion of Mr Robertson (Leader of Government Business), orders of the day, Government Business, were taken in sequence of Nos. 1, 2, 5, 8 and 10, unless otherwise ordered.

9. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS - PASS A BILL THROUGH ALL STAGES:

Mr Perron (Minister for Mines and Energy) moved - That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Energy Pipelines Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 140) passing through all stages at this sittings.

The proposal having been supported by the required number of members -
Question - put and passed.

10. ENERGY PIPELINES AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 140):

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.

Motion - Leave to move not granted: Mr Perron (Minister for Mines and Energy) asked leave to move a motion relating to the third reading of the Bill.

Objection being raised, leave not granted.

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

In the committee
(Deputy Chairman - Mr D.W. Collins)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole and agreed to, after debate.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

The Assembly resumed - the Deputy Chairman (Mr D.W. Collins) reported accordingly and the report was adopted.

Question - That the Bill be now read a third time -

Debate ensued.

Question - put and passed.

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

11. STATUTE LAW REVISION BILL 1985 (Serial 109):

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.

PAPER:

The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 27 August 1985:

Annual Report:

Department of Transport and Works, 1984-5

ATTENDANCE:

All members attended the sitting.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 19

Wednesday 28 August 1985

1. The Assembly met at 10.00 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable R.M. Steele) took the Chair, and read prayers.

2. NOTICES:

The following notices were given:

Mr Dondas: To present the Industry and Employment Training Bill 1985 (Serial 150).

Mr Hanrahan: To present the Poisons and Dangerous Drugs Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 153).

Mr B. Collins: To move -

That -

- (a) a select committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Northern Territory government's contingent and actual liabilities;
- (b) the committee consist of 5 members, 3 to be nominated by the Chief Minister and 2 to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition;
- (c) the committee have power to call for persons, papers and records, to sit in public or in private session notwithstanding any adjournment of the Assembly, to adjourn from place to place, and have leave to report from time to time its proceedings and the evidence taken and such interim recommendations it may deem fit;
- (d) the committee report to the Assembly by the first sitting day in 1986;
- (e) the committee be empowered to publish from day to day such papers and evidence as may be ordered by it, and a daily *Hansard* be published of such proceedings as take place in public; and
- (f) the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with Standing Orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in Standing Orders.

Mr Tuxworth: To move - That, whereas this Assembly is of the opinion that when the Northern Territory of Australia becomes a new state it should do so as a member of the Federation on terms resulting in equality with the other States with its people having the same constitutional rights, privileges, entitlements and responsibilities as the people of the existing States:

And whereas in so far as it is constitutionally possible the equality should apply as on the date of the grant of statehood to the new State:

- (1) A select committee be established to inquire into, report and make recommendations to the Legislative Assembly on -
 - (a) the constitutional issues arising between the Northern Territory of Australia and the Commonwealth of Australia, and the Northern Territory of Australia and the States of Australia concerning the entry of the Northern Territory of Australia into the Federation as a new State including, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing:
 - (i) the representation of the new State in both Houses of the Commonwealth Parliament;
 - (ii) legislative powers;
 - (iii) executive powers; and
 - (iv) judicial powers;

- (b) the framework of a new state constitution and the principles upon which it should be drawn;
 - (c) the method to be adopted to have a draft new state constitution approved by or on behalf of the people of the Northern Territory of Australia; and
 - (d) the steps required or desirable to be taken by the Northern Territory of Australia, the Commonwealth and the States for the grant of statehood to the Northern Territory of Australia as a new State within the Federation.
- (2) That, unless otherwise ordered, the committee consist of Mr Robertson, Mr Dale, Mr Palmer, Mr B. Collins, Mr Smith and Mr Lanhupuy.
 - (3) That the Chairman of the committee may, from time to time, appoint a member of the committee to be the Deputy Chairman of the committee, and that the member so appointed shall act as Chairman of the committee at any time when there is no Chairman or when the Chairman is not present at a meeting of the committee.
 - (4) That, in the event of an equality of votes, the Chairman, or the Deputy Chairman when acting as Chairman, shall have a casting vote.
 - (5) That the committee have power to appoint sub-committees and to refer to any such sub-committee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
 - (6) That 4 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee and 2 members of a sub-committee constitute a quorum of the sub-committee.
 - (7) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to call for persons, papers and records, to adjourn from place to place, to meet and transact business in public or private session and to sit during any adjournment of the Assembly.
 - (8) That the committee have power to print from day to day such papers and evidence as may be ordered by it. Unless otherwise ordered by the committee, a daily *Hansard* shall be published of such proceedings of the committee as take place in public.
 - (9) That the committee have leave to report from time to time, and that any member of the committee have power to add a protest or dissent to any report.
 - (10) That the committee report to the Assembly 12 months from the date of this resolution.
 - (11) That, unless otherwise ordered by the committee, all documents received by the committee during its inquiry shall remain in the custody of the Assembly: provided that, on the application of a department or person, any document, if not likely to be further required, may, in the Speaker's discretion, be returned to the department or person from whom it was obtained.
 - (12) That members of the public and representatives of the news media may attend and report any public session of the committee unless otherwise ordered by the committee.

- (13) That the committee be authorized to televise public hearings of the committee under such rules as it considers appropriate.
 - (14) That the committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources and have power, with the approval of the Speaker, to appoint persons with specialist knowledge for the purposes of the committee.
 - (15) That nothing in these terms of reference or in the Standing Orders shall be taken to limit or control the duties, powers or functions of any Minister of the Territory who is also a member of the committee.
 - (16) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the Standing Orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders.
3. CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT - PROPOSED SELECT COMMITTEE - STATEMENT:
Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister), by leave, made a statement relating to his notice of motion for the appointment of a select committee.
4. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:
On the motion of Mr Robertson (Leader of Government Business) the notice of motion relating to appointment of a select committee on constitutional development was called on.
5. CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT - APPOINTMENT OF SELECT COMMITTEE:
Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister) moved - That, whereas this Assembly is of the opinion that when the Northern Territory of Australia becomes a new state it should do so as a member of the Federation on terms resulting in equality with the other States with its people having the same constitutional rights, privileges, entitlements and responsibilities as the people of the existing States:
- And whereas in so far as it is constitutionally possible the equality should apply as on the date of the grant of statehood to the new State:
- (1) A select committee be established to inquire into, report and make recommendations to the Legislative Assembly on -
 - (a) the constitutional issues arising between the Northern Territory of Australia and the Commonwealth of Australia, and the Northern Territory of Australia and the States of Australia concerning the entry of the Northern Territory of Australia into the Federation as a new State including, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing:
 - (i) the representation of the new State in both Houses of the Commonwealth Parliament;
 - (ii) legislative powers;
 - (iii) executive powers; and
 - (iv) judicial powers;
 - (b) the framework of a new state constitution and the principles upon which it should be drawn;
 - (c) the method to be adopted to have a draft new state constitution approved by or on behalf of the people of the Northern Territory of Australia; and

- (d) the steps required or desirable to be taken by the Northern Territory of Australia, the Commonwealth and the States for the grant of statehood to the Northern Territory of Australia as a new State within the Federation.
- (2) That, unless otherwise ordered, the committee consist of Mr Robertson, Mr Dale, Mr Palmer, Mr B. Collins, Mr Smith and Mr Lanhupuy.
- (3) That the Chairman of the committee may, from time to time, appoint a member of the committee to be the Deputy Chairman of the committee, and that the member so appointed shall act as Chairman of the committee at any time when there is no Chairman or when the Chairman is not present at a meeting of the committee.
- (4) That, in the event of an equality of votes, the Chairman, or the Deputy Chairman when acting as Chairman, shall have a casting vote.
- (5) That the committee have power to appoint sub-committees and to refer to any such sub-committee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
- (6) That 4 members of the committee constitute a quorum of the committee and 2 members of a sub-committee constitute a quorum of the sub-committee.
- (7) That the committee or any sub-committee have power to call for persons, papers and records, to adjourn from place to place, to meet and transact business in public or private session and to sit during any adjournment of the Assembly.
- (8) That the committee have power to print from day to day such papers and evidence as may be ordered by it. Unless otherwise ordered by the committee, a daily *Hansard* shall be published of such proceedings of the committee as take place in public.
- (9) That the committee have leave to report from time to time, and that any member of the committee have power to add a protest or dissent to any report.
- (10) That the committee report to the Assembly 12 months from the date of this resolution.
- (11) That, unless otherwise ordered by the committee, all documents received by the committee during its inquiry shall remain in the custody of the Assembly: provided that, on the application of a department or person, any document, if not likely to be further required, may, in the speaker's discretion, be returned to the department or person from whom it was obtained.
- (12) That members of the public and representatives of the news media may attend and report any public session of the committee unless otherwise ordered by the committee.
- (13) That the committee be authorized to televise public hearings of the committee under such rules as it considers appropriate.

- (14) That the committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources and have power, with the approval of the Speaker, to appoint persons with specialist knowledge for the purposes of the committee.
- (15) That nothing in these terms of reference or in the Standing Orders shall be taken to limit or control the duties, powers or functions of any Minister of the Territory who is also a member of the committee.
- (16) That the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with the Standing Orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders.

Debate ensued.

Question - put and passed.

6. FURTHER NOTICES:

The following further notices were given:

Mr Smith: To present the Public Service Amendment Bill (No.2) 1985 (Serial 142).

Mr Tuxworth: To present the Building Societies Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 154), the Taxation (Administration) Amendment Bill (No.2) 1985 (Serial 146), and the Stamp Duty Amendment Bill (No.2) 1985 (Serial 145).

7. QUESTIONS:

Questions without notice were asked.

Paper tabled: Mr Perron laid on the Table information relating to questions asked by Mr Ede on mercury levels and tests carried out at the Warrego gold room.

Further questions without notice were asked.

8. NORTHERN TERRITORY UNIVERSITY - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - MOTION TO NOTE:

Mr Harris (Minister for Education), by leave, made a statement relating to the establishment of a Northern Territory university.

Mr Harris moved - That the Assembly take note of the statement.

Debate ensued.

Suspension of sitting: The sitting was suspended between 12.03 and 2.00 p.m.

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

9. TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - STATEMENT NOTED:

Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister), by leave, made a statement relating to government commitment to tourism development projects.

Papers tabled: Mr Tuxworth laid on the table the following papers:

- Ministerial statement - Government liabilities and contingent liabilities in respect of major projects - Hon. P.A.E. Everingham, 13 June 1984
- Development feasibility study, Yulara Tourist Village, Ayers Rock - Peat, Marwick, Mitchell Services, December 1981
- Financial Analyses, Yulara Tourist Resort Project - CitiNational, 5 December 1982
- Partnership Analysis, Yulara Tourist Resort, 22 June 1984

- Report on the potential market feasibility of an international hotel - Price Waterhouse Associates, June 1983

Mr Tuxworth moved - That the Assembly take note of the statement.
Debate ensued.

Extension of time: On the motion of Mr Leo (Nhulunbuy), an extension of time was granted to Mr B. Collins.

Question - put and passed.

10. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:

On the motion of Mr Hanrahan (Minister for Health) the order of the day, Government Business, relating to the establishment of a Northern Territory university was called on.

11. NORTHERN TERRITORY UNIVERSITY - STATEMENT NOTED:

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Harris - That the Assembly take note of the statement - Debate resumed.

Question - put and passed.

12. TOURISM INDUSTRY, 1984-5 - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - STATEMENT NOTED:

Mr Dondas (Minister for Industry and Small Business and Tourism), by leave, made a statement relating to the tourism industry in the Northern Territory during 1984-5.

Mr Dondas moved - That the Assembly take note of the statement.
Debate ensued.

Question - put and passed.

13. FURTHER NOTICES:

The following further notices were given, by leave:

Mr Tuxworth: To present the Energy Resource Consumption Levy Bill 1985 (Serial 155).

Mr Perron: To present the Supreme Court Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 151).

14. SUPREME COURT, CHANGES TO BENCH - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - STATEMENT NOTED:

Mr Perron (Attorney-General), by leave, made a statement relating to the recommended appointment of Mr Justice O'Leary as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory of Australia, and the impending retirement of the acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice Muirhead.

Mr Perron moved - That the Assembly take note of the statement.
Debate ensued.

Question - put and passed.

15. UNIT TITLES LEGISLATION - DRAFT BILL - PAPER TABLED - STATEMENT - MOTION TO NOTE STATEMENT:

Mr Hatton (Minister for Lands) laid on the Table a draft Unit Titles Amendment Bill.

Mr Hatton, by leave, made a statement relating to the draft Bill.

Mr Hatton moved - That the Assembly take note of the statement.

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

16. TWO AIRLINE POLICY REVIEW - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - MOTION TO NOTE STATEMENT:

Mr Manzie (Minister for Transport and Works and Housing), by leave, made a statement relating to the Northern Territory government submission to the Independent Review of Economic Regulation of Domestic Aviation.

Mr Manzie moved - That the Assembly take note of the statement.

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

17. PRISONS (CORRECTIONAL SERVICES) AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 147):
Mr Coulter (Minister for Correctional Services), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Prisons (Correctional Services) Act*.
Bill read a first time.
Declaration of urgency: Mr Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 153, declared the Bill to be an urgent Bill.
Mr Coulter moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question - put and passed - Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Coulter (Minister for Correctional Services) the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.
18. MOTOR ACCIDENTS (COMPENSATION) AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 148):
Mr Tuxworth (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Motor Accidents (Compensation) Act*.
Bill read a first time.
Declaration of urgency: Mr Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 153, declared the Bill to be an urgent Bill.
Mr Tuxworth moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question - put and passed - Bill read a second time.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Tuxworth (Treasurer) the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.
19. CROWN LANDS AMENDMENT BILL (No.2) 1985 (Serial 143):
Mr Hatton (Minister for Lands), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Crown Lands Act*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Hatton moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Bell) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.
20. CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION (EXTRA-TERRITORIAL OFFENCES) BILL 1985 (Serial 133):
Mr Perron (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the issue of search warrants for the investigation in the Territory of certain offences against the law of a State or the Australian Capital Territory, and for other purposes.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Perron moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Leo) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.
21. APPROPRIATION BILL 1985-86 (Serial 137):
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 (Mr Hanrahan) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.
22. NOTIFIABLE DISEASES AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 144):
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.
Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.
On the motion of Mr Hanrahan (Minister for Health) the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

23. HEALTH PRACTITIONERS AND ALLIED PROFESSIONALS REGISTRATION BILL 1985
(Serial 114):

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
(Chairman - Mr Vale)

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

Clause 4 -

On the motion of Mr Hanrahan the following amendments were made -

Omit from the proposed definition of "category or health practice" in sub-clause (1) "(k) social work" and insert in its stead the following:

"(k) social work,

whether or not the practice is exclusively concerned with the health of persons;".

Omit the definition of "practitioner company".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 25, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 26 -

On the motion of Mr Hanrahan the following amendment was made -

Omit from sub-clause (3)(b) "3 months" and insert in its stead "the expiration of 3 months".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 27 to 36, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 37 -

On the motion of Mr Hanrahan the following amendment was made -

Omit all words after "are" and insert in their stead "qualifications and experience accredited or accepted by the Australian Natural Therapists Accreditation Board established by the Australian Natural Therapists Association as suitable for practising naturopathy".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 38 agreed to.

Clause 39 -

On the motion of Mr Hanrahan the following amendment was made -

Insert after "Australian Osteopathic Association" the words "or The United Osteopathic Physicians Guild or qualifications recognized by the accreditation board referred to in section 37 as suitable for practising osteopathy".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 40 to 63, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 64 -

Mr Lanhupuy moved, as an amendment -

Omit "A person" and insert in its stead "(1) Subject to subsection (2), a person".

Debate ensued.

Question - put and negatived.

Clause, as printed, agreed to.

Clauses 65 to 67, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 68 -

On the motion of Mr Hanrahan the following amendment was made, after debate -

Omit paragraph (g).

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 69 negatived.

Clause 70 agreed to.

Clause 71 -

On the motion of Mr Hanrahan, the following amendment was made -

Omit from sub-clause (2) "that establishment" and insert in its stead "the commencement of this Act".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 72 agreed to.

Title -

On the motion of Mr Hanrahan the following amendment was made -

Omit "associated" and insert in its stead "allied".

Title, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The Assembly resumed - the Chairman (Mr Vale) reported accordingly and the report was adopted.

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

24. ELECTRICITY COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL (No.2) 1985 (Serial 136), and PUBLIC SERVICE AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 135):

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question - That the Bills be now read a second time -

Debate resumed.

Question - put and passed - Bills read a second time.

Leave granted for third readings to be moved forthwith.

Question - That the Bills be now read a third time -

Debate ensued.

Question - put and passed.

The Bills were read a third time and passed to be proposed laws.

25. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr Robertson (Special Minister for Constitutional Development) moved - That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question - put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 10.25 p.m. adjourned until tomorrow at 10.00 a.m.

PAPERS:

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 28 August 1985:

Agreements and Determinations:

Financial Administration and Audit Act -

Administrator, 5 June 1985

Treasurer, 5 June 1985

Treasurer, 26 June 1985

Treasurer, 28 June 1985

ATTENDANCE:

All members attended the sitting.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 20

Thursday 29 August 1985

1. The Assembly met at 10.00 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable R.M. Steele) took the Chair, and read prayers.
2. CONDOLENCE - MR J.A. ENGLAND, C.M.G.:
Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister), by leave, moved - That this Assembly express its regret at the death on 18 June 1985 of John Armstrong England, Administrator of the Northern Territory from 1 June 1976 to 31 December 1980, and place on record its appreciation of his distinguished service to the people of the Northern Territory and tender its profound sympathy to his widow and family.
Debate ensued.
All members having risen in their places in silence -
Motion agreed to.
3. QUESTIONS:
Questions without notice were asked.
Mr B. Collins having asked a question and Mr Tuxworth proceeding to answer the question -
Question of order: Mr B. Collins raised as a question of order that Mr Tuxworth's answer was not relevant to the question.
Ruling of Speaker: The Speaker ruled - That Mr Tuxworth's answer was relevant.
Dissent from Speaker's ruling: Mr B. Collins moved dissent from Mr Speaker's ruling.
Mr Smith seconded the motion.
Debate ensued.
Question - put and negatived.
Further questions without notice were asked.
On the motion of Mr Robertson (Leader of Government Business), business of the day was called on.
4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS - PROPOSAL NOT SUPPORTED.
Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition) moved - That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent him putting further questions without notice to the Chief Minister.
The proposal not being supported by the required number of members -
Business of the day was called on.
5. ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY JUSTICE PROJECT - PAPER TABLED - MOTION TO NOTE PAPER:
Mr Perron (Attorney-General) laid on the Table a paper titled "Aboriginal Community Justice Project, Final Report, March 1985".
Mr Perron moved - That the Assembly take note of the paper.
Debate adjourned (Mr Ede) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.
6. ALICE SPRINGS TO DARWIN RAILWAY - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - MOTION TO NOTE STATEMENT:
Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister), by leave, made a statement relating to the Alice Springs to Darwin railway.
Mr Tuxworth moved - That the Assembly take note of the statement.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned (Mr Robertson) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

7. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:

Mr Robertson (Special Minister for Constitutional Development) moved - That the Assembly, at its rising, adjourn until 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 12 November 1985 or such other time and date set by Mr Speaker pursuant to sessional order.

Suspension of sitting: The sitting was suspended between 11.45 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.

8. HOUSING FOR SINGLE PERSONS - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - MOTION TO NOTE STATEMENT:

Mr Manzie (Minister for Transport and Works and Housing), by leave, made a statement relating to government policy on housing for single persons.

Mr Manzie moved - That the Assembly take note of the statement.

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

9. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - MOTION TO NOTE STATEMENT:

Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister), by leave, made a statement relating to government policy on equal opportunity.

Paper tabled: Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister) laid on the Table a paper titled "Office of Equal Opportunity - Policy and Functions".

Mr Tuxworth moved - That the Assembly take note of the statement.

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

10. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR - MR P.D. SHACK, M.P.:

Mr Speaker informed the Assembly that Mr P.D. Shack, M.P., Shadow Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations, was present in the Speaker's Gallery. Mr Speaker, on behalf of members, extended a warm welcome to the distinguished visitor.

11. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE - CT-SCANNER, ROYAL DARWIN HOSPITAL:

Mr Speaker informed the Assembly that Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition) had proposed that a definite matter of public importance be submitted to the Assembly for discussion, namely: "the government's failure to adequately provide for the health and welfare of Territorians and tourists by its failure to provide a high resolution CT-scanner at Royal Darwin Hospital to enable efficient treatment of serious injuries which can, and have, resulted in death".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support -

Mr B. Collins addressed the Assembly.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

12. TELEVISIONING OF SPORTING EVENTS:

Mr Vale (Braitling), pursuant to notice moved - That -

(1) This Assembly recognizes that -

(a) there is a significant number of citizens of this country living in areas out of the range of normal city-based commercial television services whose continued presence in the areas in which they reside is of importance to the economic well-being of Australia;

- (b) a significant percentage of those citizens, in common with most other Australians, are vitally interested in sporting events of national importance;
 - (c) the ABC television service is available to a significant number of those citizens and, in many cases, is the only television service so available;
 - (d) in recent years commercial television interests have acquired the exclusive rights to many sporting events of the kind referred to, some of which were previously broadcast to country areas by the ABC television service; and
 - (e) it is incumbent on the Commonwealth government in such matters clearly within its power to ensure that people in areas outside the range of eastern-seaboard-city-based commercial television services are provided with television coverage of sporting events of national significance at least equivalent to that available to their fellow Australians.
2. This Assembly is of the opinion that the Commonwealth government should -
- (a) require its responsible Minister -
 - (i) to direct the ABC to make all reasonable effort to obtain, directly or through commercial television interests for viewing at least in country areas, a reasonable coverage of such sporting events; and
 - (ii) to direct the ABC to accept for that purpose any reasonable offer by any commercial television interest to make such services available through the ABC; and
 - (b) provide the ABC with sufficient funds to enable it realistically to carry out its obligations in this area as the provider of a national television service.
3. The terms of this resolution be transmitted to the Prime Minister forthwith.

Mr Ede (Stuart) moved, as an amendment -

Omit from paragraph 2(a) "direct" (wherever occurring) and insert "request".

Debate ensued.

Question - That the amendment be agreed to - put.

The Assembly divided (The Speaker, Hon. R.M. Steele, in the Chair) -

AYES, 6	NOES, 14
Mr Bell	Mr D.W. Collins
Mr B. Collins	Mr Coulter
Mr Ede	Mr Dale
Mr Lanhupuy	Mr Dondas
Mr Leo	Mr Finch
Mr Smith	Mr Firmin
	Mr Harris
	Mr Manzie
	Mr McCarthy
	Mrs Padgham-Purich
	Mr Perron
	Mr Setter
	Mr Steele
	Mr Vale

And so it was negatived.

Question - That the motion be agreed to - put and passed.

13. ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 138):

Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Electoral Act*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

14. MINE-WORKERS HEALTH PROTECTION BILL 1985 (Serial 149):

Mr Ede (Stuart), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the health of persons working in mines.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

15. CONTINGENT AND ACTUAL LIABILITIES - MOTION TO APPOINT SELECT COMMITTEE:

Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to notice, moved - That -

- (a) a select committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Northern Territory Government's contingent and actual liability;
- (b) the committee consist of 5 members, 3 to be nominated by the Chief Minister and 2 to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition;
- (c) the committee have power to call for persons, papers and records, to sit in public or in private session notwithstanding any adjournment of the Assembly, to adjourn from place to place, and have leave to report from time to time its proceedings and the evidence taken and such interim recommendations it may deem fit;
- (d) the committee report to the Assembly by the first sitting day in 1986;
- (e) the committee be empowered to publish from day to day such papers and evidence as may be ordered by it, and a daily *Hansard* be published of such proceedings as take place in public; and
- (f) the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with Standing Orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in Standing Orders.

Debate ensued.

Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister) moved - That the debate be adjourned and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

Question - put.

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

AYES, 13	NOES, 6
Mr D.W. Collins	Mr Bell
Mr Dale	Mr B. Collins
Mr Dondas	Mr Ede
Mr Finch	Mr Lanhupuy
Mr Firmin	Mr Leo
Mr Harris	Mr Smith
Mr Manzie	
Mr McCarthy	
Mrs Padgham-Purich	
Mr Perron	
Mr Setter	
Mr Tuxworth	
Mr Vale	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

16. MEMBER NAMED AND SUSPENDED:

Mr Deputy Speaker named the honourable member for Arafura (Mr B. Collins) for refusing to withdraw an offensive word.

Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister) moved - That the honourable member for Arafura be suspended from the service of the Assembly.

Question - put.

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

AYES, 13	NOES, 6
Mr D.W. Collins	Mr Bell
Mr Dale	Mr B. Collins
Mr Dondas	Mr Ede
Mr Finch	Mr Lanhupuy
Mr Firmin	Mr Leo
Mr Harris	Mr Smith
Mr Manzie	
Mr McCarthy	
Mrs Padgham-Purich	
Mr Perron	
Mr Setter	
Mr Tuxworth	
Mr Vale	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The honourable member was, therefore, suspended at 5.43 p.m. for 24 hours under Standing Order 205, and he accordingly withdrew from the Chamber.

17. PUBLIC SERVICE AMENDMENT BILL (No.2) 1985 (Serial 142):

Mr Smith (Millner), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Public Service Act*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

18. MOTOR ACCIDENTS (COMPENSATION) (COSTS IN PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL) BILL 1985 (Serial 94):

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
(Deputy Chairman - Mr McCarthy)

Clauses 1 and 2, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 3 negatived.

Clause 4 -

On the motion of Mr Tuxworth the following amendment was made -

Add at the end the following:

"(2) Section 29B of the Principal Act as amended by this Act shall expire on the making of rules under section 29A of the Principal Act as amended by this Act providing for the awarding of costs in matters before the Tribunal."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

The Assembly resumed - the Deputy Chairman (Mr McCarthy) reported accordingly and the report was adopted.

The Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

19. LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (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.

Question - put.

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

AYES, 5	NOES, 15
Mr Bell	Mr D.W. Collins
Mr Ede	Mr Dale
Mr Lanhupuy	Mr Dondas
Mr Leo	Mr Finch
Mr Smith	Mr Firmin
	Mr Harris
	Mr Hatton
	Mr Manzie
	Mr McCarthy
	Mrs Padgham-Purich
	Mr Palmer
	Mr Perron
	Mr Setter
	Mr Tuxworth
	Mr Vale

And so it was negatived.

20. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE REPORT - REPORT ADOPTED:

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Hanrahan - That the report be adopted -
Debate resumed.

Question - put and passed.

21. COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT - MOTION TO NOTE PAPER:

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Firmin - That the Assembly take note of the paper -
Debate resumed.

Extension of time: On the motion of Mr D.W. Collins (Sadadeen) an extension of time was granted to Mr Firmin.

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

22. INDUSTRY AND EMPLOYMENT TRAINING BILL 1985 (Serial 150):

Mr Dondas (Minister for Industry and Small Business and Tourism), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to the training of persons for industry and employment in the Territory.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

23. POISONS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 153):

Mr Manzie (Minister for Transport and Works and Housing), on behalf of and at the request of Mr Hanrahan (Minister for Health), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Poisons and Dangerous Drugs Act*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

24. BUILDING SOCIETIES AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 154):

Mr Tuxworth (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Building Societies Act*.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

25. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS - TAKE TWO BILLS TOGETHER:

Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister) moved - That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Taxation (Administration) Amendment Bill (No.2) 1985 (Serial 146), and the Stamp Duty Amendment Bill (No.2) 1985 (Serial 145) -

(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.

The motion having been supported by an absolute majority of members -
Question - put and passed.

26. TAXATION (ADMINISTRATION) AMENDMENT BILL (No.2) 1985 (Serial 146), and STAMP DUTY AMENDMENT BILL (No.2) 1985 (Serial 145):
Mr Tuxworth (Treasurer), pursuant to notice and resolution, presented Bills for Acts to amend the *Taxation (Administration) Act* and the *Stamp Duty Act*.
Bills read a first time.
Mr Tuxworth moved - That the Bills be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Smith) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.
27. ENERGY RESOURCE CONSUMPTION LEVY BILL 1985 (Serial 155):
Mr Tuxworth (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to impose a levy on the consumption of certain energy resources.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Tuxworth moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Smith) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.
28. SUPREME COURT AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 151):
Mr Harris (Minister for Education), on behalf of and at the request of Mr Perron (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Supreme Court Act*.
Bill read a first time.
Mr Harris moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate adjourned (Mr Smith) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.
29. ADJOURNMENT:
Mr Hatton (Minister for Primary Production) - moved - That the Assembly do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question - put and passed.
And then the Assembly at 11.01 p.m. adjourned until 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday 12 November 1985, or such other time and date set by Mr Speaker pursuant to Sessional Order.

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All members attended the sitting.

H.G. SMITH
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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