

PART III

THE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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

No. 7

Tuesday 16 April 1985

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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. **PARLIAMENTARY RECORD - STATEMENT:**  
Mr Speaker informed the Assembly that printed copies of the Parliamentary Record for 26 February - 7 March 1985 sittings were not yet available and, for reference purposes, 2 photocopies of the Parliamentary Record had been placed on the Table.
3. **PETITION:**  
Mr Harris presented a petition from 154 students of the Darwin Institute of Technology relating to an inquiry into certain matters affecting the Institute.  
*Petition read.*
4. **NOTICES:**  
The following notices were given:  
Mr Tuxworth: To present the Police Administration Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 106).  
Mr Perron: To present the Statute Law Revision Bill 1985 (Serial 109).  
Mr B. Collins: To move - That this Assembly is of the opinion -
  - (1) that the Territory government should take whatever action necessary to re-establish the national status of the Territory's input into the important consultative and decision-making process affecting women; and
  - (2) that the Territory government should make a firm policy statement regarding its future plans for ensuring that both women and men have equal choice and opportunity in all aspects of Territory life.
5. **QUESTIONS:**  
Questions without notice were asked.
6. **REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL DETERMINATION No.3 of 1984 - DISAPPROVE PARTS:**  
Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister), by leave, moved - That this Assembly disapprove so much of Remuneration Tribunal Determination No.3 of 1984 (which was tabled in the Assembly on 16 October 1984) as would permit the basic salaries of Members to exceed a 6.8% increase per annum over and above the basic salaries payable to Members at the rates specified in Remuneration Tribunal Determination No.2 of 1984.  
Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, moved as an amendment -  
Omit "6.8%" and insert "6.7%".  
Debate ensued.  
Question - put and passed.  
Motion, as amended, agreed to.

7. DARWIN AIRPORT REDEVELOPMENT - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - PAPERS TABLED - STATEMENT NOTED:

Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister), by leave, made a statement relating to the redevelopment of Darwin Airport.

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

*Papers tabled:* Mr Tuxworth laid on the Table the following papers -

- Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, Minutes of Evidence relating to Redevelopment of Facilities at Darwin International Airport, 1984;
- Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, Report relating to the Redevelopment of Facilities at Darwin International Airport, 7th Report 1984;
- Redevelopment of Facilities at Darwin International Airport, Bulletin No.2 Construction Progress;
- Darwin Airport (Civil Areas : R.A.A.F. Base Darwin) Provisional Master Plan incorporating an environmental impact assessment;
- Darwin Airport Traffic Study, 1 Civil Aviation, Department of Transport, Australia - November 1981;
- Darwin Airport Traffic Study, 2 R.A.A.F. Base, Department of Transport, Australia - November 1981;
- Darwin Airport Traffic Study, 3 Appendices, Department of Transport, Australia - November 1981; and
- Commonwealth of Australia, Department of Housing and Construction, S.A./ N.T. region, specified bills of quantities Volumes 1, 2 and 3 for regular passenger transport terminal building at Darwin International Airport for Department of Aviation.

Debate ensued.

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*Suspension of sitting:* The sitting was suspended between 11.55 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.

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Debate resumed.

Question - put and passed.

8. FURTHER NOTICE:

Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, gave notice that, on the next sitting day, he would move -

That, pursuant to Standing Order 216, there be laid on the Table of the Assembly the papers referred to by the Chief Minister during Question Time on Tuesday 16 April 1985 relating to the Darwin casino, copies of which were given to the Honourable P.A.E. Everingham, M.P., Federal Member for the Northern Territory, but which have not been previously tabled in the Assembly.

9. TOTALIZATOR BILLS - TOTALIZATOR ADMINISTRATION AND BETTING BILL 1985 (Serial 102), and RACING AND BETTING AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 103):

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.

Mr Hanrahan (Leader of Government Business) moved - That the committee stages be later taken.

Question - put and passed.

10. REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 113):

Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister), by leave, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Remuneration Tribunal Act*.

Bill read a first time.

*Suspension of standing orders:* Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister) moved - That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Remuneration Tribunal Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 113) passing through all stages at this sitting.

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

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

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.

11. GENERAL BUSINESS DAY - NOMINATION:

Mr Hanrahan (Leader of Government Business) informed the Assembly that the Chief Minister had nominated Wednesday 17 April 1985 as the next day on which general business would take precedence of government business.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Debate ensued.

Question - put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 6.11 p.m. adjourned until tomorrow at 10.00 a.m.

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PAPERS:

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 16 April 1985:

*Annual Report:*

Royal Darwin Hospital Management Board, 1983-4

*Regulations 1985:*

No.5 Fire Service (Flammable Liquids) Repeal Regulations

No.6 Amendments of the Fire Service Regulations

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ATTENDANCE:

All members attended the sitting.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 8

Wednesday 17 April 1985

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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. PETITIONS:  
Mr Coulter presented a petition from 100 residents of Palmerston relating to land zoning in Palmerston.  
*Petition read.*  
Mr Hatton presented a petition from 53 citizens of the Northern Territory relating to taxi services.  
*Petition read.*  
Mr Hatton presented a petition from 6233 citizens of the Northern Territory relating to classification of films.  
*Petition read.*
3. NOTICES:  
The following notices were given:  
Mr Dondas: To present the Fire Services Arbitral Tribunal Act Repeal Bill 1985 (Serial 108).  
Mr Perron: To present the Interpretation Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 111), the Commercial Arbitration Bill 1985 (Serial 107), and the Co-operative Societies Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 112).
4. QUESTIONS:  
Questions without notice were asked.
5. MOTOR ACCIDENTS (COMPENSATION)(COSTS IN PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE APPEAL TRIBUNAL) BILL 1985 (Serial 94):  
Mr Smith (Millner), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Motor Accidents (Compensation) 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.
6. LIQUOR AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 85):  
Mr Smith (Millner), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Liquor Act*.  
*Bill read a first time.*  
Mr Smith moved - That the Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Dondas) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.
7. EXPENDITURE COMMITTEE - MOTION TO APPOINT:  
Mr Leo (Nhulunbuy), pursuant to notice, moved - That -
  - (1) A standing committee to be known as the Standing Committee on Expenditure be appointed to -
    - (a) consider any papers on public expenditure presented to the Legislative Assembly and such of the estimates as it sees fit to examine;
    - (b) consider estimates and figures of expenditure and make recommendations concerning ways in which programmes may be carried out more efficiently;

- (c) examine the relationship between the costs and benefits of implementing government programmes; and
  - (d) inquire into and report on any question in connection with public expenditure which is referred to it by the Legislative Assembly.
- (2) The committee consist of five members, three nominated by the Chief Minister and two nominated by the Leader of the Opposition.
  - (3) Every nomination of a member of the committee be forthwith notified in writing to the Speaker.
  - (4) The members of the committee hold office for the remainder of the term of the Legislative Assembly.
  - (5) Three members of the committee constitute a quorum.
  - (6) The committee elect one of its members as Chairman and one as Deputy Chairman, who shall perform the Chairman's duties when the Chairman is absent. In the absence of both the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman the members of the committee present shall elect another member to perform the duties at that meeting.
  - (7) The committee be empowered to appoint sub-committees consisting of three or more of its members, and to refer to any such sub-committee any matter which the committee is empowered to examine.
  - (8) The committee appoint the Chairman of each sub-committee who shall have a casting vote only and at any time when the Chairman of a sub-committee is not present at a meeting of the sub-committee, the members of the sub-committee shall appoint one of the members present to perform the duties of the Chairman at that meeting.
  - (9) A majority of the members of a sub-committee constitute a quorum of that sub-committee.
  - (10) Members of the committee who are not members of a sub-committee may take part in the public proceedings of that sub-committee but shall not vote, move any motion, or constitute a quorum.
  - (11) The committee and sub-committees be empowered to move from place to place, to meet and transact business in public or in private session, to adjourn from time to time, to sit during any adjournment of the Assembly, and to send for persons, papers and records.
  - (12) The committee be empowered to publish from day to day such papers and evidence from the committee or any sub-committee as may be ordered by it, and a daily *Hansard* be published of such proceedings as take place in public.
  - (13) The committee be provided with all necessary staff, facilities and resources.
  - (14) The committee, in selecting particular matters for investigation, take account of the investigations of other committees of the Assembly and avoid duplication.
  - (15) The committee have leave to report from time to time and any member of the committee be empowered to add a protest or dissent to any report.
  - (16) The foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

Debate ensued.

*Suspension of sitting:* The sitting was suspended between 11.54 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.

Debate resumed.

Question - put.

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

AYES, 6

Mr Bell  
Mr B. Collins  
Mr Ede  
Mr Lanhupuy  
Mr Leo  
Mr Smith

NOES, 17

Mr D.W. Collins  
Mr Coulter  
Mr Dale  
Mr Dondas  
Mr Finch  
Mr Hanrahan  
Mr Harris  
Mr Hatton  
Mr Manzie  
Mr McCarthy  
Mrs Padgham-Purich  
Mr Palmer  
Mr Perron  
Mr Robertson  
Mr Setter  
Mr Tuxworth  
Mr Vale

And so it was negatived.

8. NOTICE WITHDRAWN - REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 86):  
Notice withdrawn by Mr B. Collins.

9. STATUS OF WOMEN:

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

That this Assembly is of the opinion -

- (1) that the Territory government should take whatever action necessary to re-establish the national status of the Territory's input into the important consultative and decision-making process affecting women; and
- (2) that the Territory government should make a firm policy statement regarding its future plans for ensuring that both women and men have equal choice and opportunity in all aspects of Territory life.

Debate ensued.

*Extension of time:* On the motion of Mr Vale (Braitling), an extension of time was granted to Mr Tuxworth.

Question - put and passed.

10. CASINO PAPERS - MOTION TO TABLE:

Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to notice, moved - That, pursuant to Standing Order 216, there be laid on the Table of the Assembly the papers referred to by the Chief Minister during Question Time on Tuesday 16 April 1985 relating to the Darwin casino, copies of which were given to the Honourable P.A.E. Everingham, M.P., Federal Member for the Northern Territory, but which have not been previously tabled in the Assembly.

Debate ensued.

Question - put.

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



AYES, 6

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Mr Hanrahan  
Mr Hatton  
Mr Manzie  
Mr McCarthy  
Mrs Padgham-Purich  
Mr Palmer  
Mr Perron  
Mr Robertson  
Mr Setter  
Mr Steele  
Mr Tuxworth  
Mr Vale

And so it was negatived.

11. ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 1984 (Serial 51):

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 negatived.

12. PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE - PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS SERIES - REPORT ADOPTED:

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Dale (26 February 1985) - That the report be adopted -

Debate resumed.

Question - put and passed.

13. POLICE ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 106):

Mr Dondas (Minister for Industry and Small Business and Tourism), on behalf of the Chief Minister, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Police Administration Act*.

Mr Dondas 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.

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

Mr Perron (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to revise and correct the law of the Territory in minor respects.

Bill read a first time.

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

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

15. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY:

On the motion of Mr Hanrahan (Leader of Government Business), order of the day No.1, Government Business, was postponed until a later hour.

16. HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT BOARDS AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 97):

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 Finch)

Clauses 1 to 4, by leave, taken together and agreed to.  
Clause 5 agreed to, after debate.  
Title agreed to.  
Bill to be reported without amendment.

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

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

17. PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (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.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Perron (Minister for Mines and Energy) the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Debate ensued.

Question - put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 10.05 p.m. adjourned until tomorrow at 10.00 a.m.

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ATTENDANCE:

All members attended the sitting.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 9

Thursday 18 April 1985

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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. DECLARATION OF URGENCY - CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 112):  
Mr Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 153, declared the Bill to be an urgent Bill.
3. PETITION:  
Mr Hatton presented a petition from 34 citizens of the Northern Territory relating to pornographic material.  
*Petition read.*
4. NOTICES:  
The following notices were given:  
Mr Perron: To present the Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 90), the Off-shore Waters (Application of Territory Laws) Bill 1985 (Serial 110), the Petroleum Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 93), the Coal Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 92), the Mining Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 91), and the Status of Children Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 84).  
Mr Robertson: To present the Health Practitioners and Allied Professionals Registration Bill 1985 (Serial 114).
5. QUESTIONS:  
Questions without notice were asked.
6. CORRECTIONAL SERVICES REVIEW 1984 - PAPER TABLED - MOTION TO NOTE PAPER:  
Mr Coulter (Minister for Correctional Services) laid on the Table a report "Review into Northern Territory Correctional Services, 1984".  
Mr Coulter moved - That the Assembly take note of the paper.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Leo) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.
7. GAS PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - MOTION TO NOTE STATEMENT:  
Mr Perron (Minister for Mines and Energy), by leave, made a statement relating to the construction of a gas pipeline from the Amadeus Basin to Darwin.  
Mr Perron, by leave, moved - That the Assembly take note of the statement.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Leo) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.
8. ABORIGINAL RESIDENTIAL AREAS ON PASTORAL PROPERTIES - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - MOTION TO NOTE STATEMENT:  
Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister), by leave, made a statement relating to Aboriginal residential areas on pastoral properties.  
Mr Tuxworth, by leave, 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 Ede.

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

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*Suspension of sitting:* The sitting was suspended between 11.57 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.

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9. ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS:  
Mr Dondas (Minister for Industry and Small Business and Tourism), by leave, provided answers to two questions relating to casinos asked of him by Mr B. Collins on 17 April 1985.
10. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:  
Mr D.W. Collins (Sadadeen) moved - That leave of absence for this day be granted to Mr Firmin, who is absent interstate on government business.  
Question - put and passed.
11. FIRE SERVICES ARBITRAL TRIBUNAL ACT REPEAL BILL 1985 (Serial 108):  
Mr Dondas (Minister for Industry and Small Business and Tourism), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Fire Services Arbitral Tribunal Act*.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Dondas 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.
12. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE:  
On the motion of Mr Perron (Attorney-General), notice No.2, Government Business, was postponed until a later hour.
13. COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION BILL 1985 (Serial 107):  
Mr Perron (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Arbitration Act 1891* of the State of South Australia, as amended, in its application to the Territory, to make provision for and in relation to the arbitration of certain disputes, 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.
14. CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 112):  
Mr Perron (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Co-operative Societies Act*.  
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.
15. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY:  
On the motion of Mr Hanrahan (Leader of Government Business), order of the day No.1, Government Business, was postponed until a later hour.
16. ELECTRICITY COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 98):  
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.

17. PUBLIC SERVICE SUPERANNUATION - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - PAPERS TABLED -  
MOTION TO NOTE STATEMENT:

Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister), by leave, made a statement relating to superannuation for the Northern Territory Public Service.

*Papers tabled:* Mr Tuxworth laid on the Table the following papers -

- Letter to Chief Minister from Minister for Finance, 4 April 1985;
- Letter to Chief Minister from Minister for Finance, 25 October 1984; and
- Letter to Minister for Finance from the Chief Minister, 21 November 1984.

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

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

18. PERSONAL EXPLANATION:

Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister), by leave, made a personal explanation relating to the lack of notice given to the Leader of the Opposition in making a statement on public service superannuation.

19. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:

On the motion of Mr Hanrahan (Leader of Government Business), the order of the day relating to the Electricity Commission Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 98) was called on.

20. ELECTRICITY COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 98):

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 (Leader of Government Business) moved - That the committee stages be later taken.

Question - put and passed.

21. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:

On the motion of Mr Hanrahan (Leader of Government Business) order of the day No.1, Government Business, was called on.

22. TOTALIZATOR BILLS - TOTALIZATOR ADMINISTRATION AND BETTING BILL 1985 (Serial 102), and RACING AND BETTING AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 103):

The order of the day having been read for the consideration of the Bills in the committee of the whole Assembly -

The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

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*In the committee*  
(Deputy Chairman - Mr Finch)

*Totalizator Administration and Betting Bill 1985 (Serial 102)*  
Bill, by leave, taken as a whole and agreed to.

*Racing and Betting Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 103)*

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 -

Mr Leo moved as an amendment -

Omit from clause 2 "This Act" and insert in its stead  
"(1) Subject to sub-section (2), this Act".

Debate ensued.

Question - put and negatived.  
Clause, as printed, agreed to.  
Remainder of the Bill, by leave, taken as a whole and agreed to.  
Bills to be reported without amendment.

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The Assembly resumed - the Deputy Chairman (Mr Finch) reported accordingly and the report was adopted.  
The Bills were read a third time and passed to be proposed laws.

23. PAY-ROLL TAX AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 88):  
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.
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*In the committee*  
(Deputy Chairman - Mr D.W. Collins)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.  
On the motion of Mr Perron the following amendment was made to clause 3 -

Insert before paragraph (a) the following:

"(aa) 'or allowance' and substituting ', allowance or other benefit';".

Bill, as amended, agreed to.  
Bill to be reported with an amendment.

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The Assembly resumed - the Deputy Chairman (Mr D.W. Collins) reported accordingly and the report was adopted.  
The Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

24. NATIONAL CRIME AUTHORITY (TERRITORY PROVISIONS) BILL 1985 (Serial 77):  
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.

25. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:  
On the motion of Mr Hanrahan (Leader of Government Business), the order of the day relating to the Electricity Commission Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 98) was called on.

26. ELECTRICITY COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 98):  
The order of the day having been read for consideration of the Bill in the committee of the whole -  
The Assembly resolved itself into a committee of the whole.
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*In the committee*  
(Deputy Chairman - Mr Finch)

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

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

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

27. FLAG AND EMBLEM BILL 1984 (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.

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.

28. SUPREME COURT (JUDGES PENSIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 89):

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.

29. WILLS AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 100):

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.

30. ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL - ANNUAL REPORT, 1983-4 - MOTION TO NOTE PAPER:

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Manzie (7 March 1985) - That the Assembly take note of the paper -

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

31. SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION AND TABLED PAPERS COMMITTEE - SIXTH REPORT - PAPER TABLED:

Mr Finch (Wagaman) laid on the Table the Sixth Report of the Subordinate Legislation and Tabled Papers Committee.

32. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr Hanrahan (Leader of Government Business) moved -

That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question - put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 8.06 p.m. adjourned until 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday 23 April 1985.

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ATTENDANCE:

All members attended the sitting, except Mr Firmin who had been granted leave of absence.





MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 10

Tuesday 23 April 1985

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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 Coulter: To present the Local Government Bill 1985 (Serial 116), and the Local Government Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 115).  
Mr Dondas: To present the Trade Development Zone Bill 1985 (Serial 101).  
Mr Hatton: To present the Palmerston Development Authority Act Repeal Bill 1985 (Serial 117).
3. QUESTIONS:  
Questions without notice were asked.
4. STREHLOW COLLECTION - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - MOTION TO NOTE STATEMENT:  
Mr Coulter (Minister for Community Development), by leave, made a statement relating to the return to the Northern Territory of the Strehlow collection of Aboriginal objects.  
Mr Coulter, by leave, moved - That the Assembly take note of the statement.  
Debate ensued.  
Debate adjourned (Mr D.W. Collins) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.
5. PUBLIC SERVICE SUPERANNUATION - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - STATEMENTS NOTED:  
Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister), by leave, made a statement relating to superannuation for the Northern Territory Public Service.  
Mr Tuxworth, by leave, moved - That the Assembly take note of the statement.  
Debate ensued.  
*Cognate debate:* Mr Robertson (Minister for Health), by leave, moved - That the two ministerial statements made by the Chief Minister relating to superannuation for public servants be taken together in one cognate debate and one question be put in regard to the Assembly taking note of the statements.  
Question - put and passed.  
  

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*Suspension of sitting:* The sitting was suspended between 11.59 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.  
  

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Debate resumed.  
Question - put and passed.
6. LAND RIGHTS - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - STATEMENT NOTED:  
Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister), by leave, made a statement relating to the Preferred National Land Rights Model of the Commonwealth.  
Mr Tuxworth, by leave, 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 Ede.  
Question - put and passed.
7. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:  
Mr D.W. Collins (Sadadeen) moved - That leave of absence for this day be granted to Mrs Padgham-Purich, who is absent interstate on government business.  
Question - put and passed.

8. PERSONAL EXPLANATION:

Mr Dale (Wagaman), by leave, made a personal explanation correcting an error made in his speech on 17 April 1985 in relation to a debate on the status of women and reported in the daily *Hansard* of that date.

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

Mr Perron (Attorney-General), by leave, moved - That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent two groups of cognate bills -

(a) Serials 110 and 111; and

(b) Serials 90, 91, 92 and 93,

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

(c) the Bills being considered separately in the committee of the whole.

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

10. OFF-SHORE WATERS BILLS - INTERPRETATION AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 111), and OFF-SHORE WATERS (APPLICATION OF TERRITORY LAWS) BILL 1985 (Serial 110):

Mr Perron (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make provision for and in relation to the application of the laws of the Territory to the coastal waters of the Territory, and a Bill for an Act to amend the *Interpretation Act*.

Bills read a first time.

Mr Perron moved - That the Bills 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.

11. MINING BILLS - TERRITORY PARKS AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 90), MINING AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 91), COAL AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 92), and PETROLEUM AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 93):

Mr Perron (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented Bills for Acts to amend the *Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act*, the *Mining Act*, the *Coal Act*, and the *Petroleum Act*.

Bills read a first time.

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

*Paper tabled:* Mr Perron laid on the Table Administrative Arrangements for Exploration and Development Titles.

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

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

Mr Perron (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Status of Children Act*.

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.

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

Mr Robertson (Minister for Health), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the registration of persons engaged in certain categories of health and associated practice, and for related purposes.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Robertson 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.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister) moved - That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question - put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 9.08 p.m. adjourned until tomorrow at 10.00 a.m.

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PAPERS:

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 23 April 1985:

*Annual Reports:*

Aboriginal Sacred Sites Protection Authority, 1983-4

Jabiru Town Development Authority, 1983-4

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ATTENDANCE:

All members attended the sitting, except Mrs Padgham-Purich who had been granted leave of absence.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

No. 11

Wednesday 24 April 1985

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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. PETITIONS:  
Mr Perron presented petitions from, respectively, 168 and 5 citizens of the Northern Territory relating to pornographic material.  
Mr Manzie presented a petition from 15 citizens of the Northern Territory relating to pornographic material.  
Mr Ede presented a petition from 27 citizens of the Northern Territory relating to mineral exploration and mining in national parks.  
*Petition read.*  
Mr Hatton presented a petition from 1055 citizens of the Northern Territory relating to classification of films.
3. QUESTIONS:  
Questions without notice were asked.  
*Paper tabled:* Mr Dondas laid on the Table a statistical summary of the number of public servants transferred from the Commonwealth to the Northern Territory Public Service.  
*Answer to question:* Mr Dondas (Minister for Industry and Small Business and Tourism) provided further information in answer to a question asked of him earlier this sittings relating to the appointment of a ministerial electorate office employee to a public service position in Tennant Creek.
4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:  
Mr Leo (Nhulunbuy) moved - That leave of absence for this day be granted to Mr Bell, who is absent on urgent business within his electorate.  
Question - put and passed.
5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:  
Mr D.W. Collins (Sadadeen) moved - That leave of absence for this day be granted to Mr Harris, Mrs Padgham-Purich and Mr Hanrahan, who are absent, respectively, attending a conference, interstate on government business, and ill.
6. PERSONAL EXPLANATION:  
Mr D.W. Collins (Sadadeen), by leave, made a personal explanation relating to his comments on farming in the Pine Hill district in an earlier debate.
7. TOURISM TRAINING - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - PAPER TABLED - MOTION TO NOTE STATEMENT:  
Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister), by leave, made a statement relating to government involvement in tourism training in the Northern Territory.  
Mr Tuxworth, by leave, moved - That the Assembly take note of the statement.  
Debate ensued.  
*Paper tabled:* Mr Tuxworth laid on the Table a paper entitled "General and Prevocational Education Courses leading to careers in the Tourism Industry".  
Debate adjourned (Mr Vale) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

8. TAXATION REFORM - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - MOTION TO NOTE STATEMENT:  
Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister), by leave, made a statement relating to taxation reforms desirable for the Northern Territory to achieve equity with other states.

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

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

9. TERRITORY INSURANCE OFFICE INVESTMENT IN TERRITORY PROPERTY TRUST - STATEMENT - MOTION NEGATIVED:

Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made a statement relating to the acquisition of equity in Territory casinos by the Territory Insurance Office through investment in the Territory Property Trust.

Mr B. Collins, by leave, moved - That the Assembly take note of the statement.

Debate ensued.

Question - put and negatived.

10. VIDEO FILMS - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:

Mr Perron (Attorney-General), by leave, made a statement relating to the sale, hire, distribution and viewing of X and R rated video films.

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

Mr Coulter (Minister for Community Development) moved - That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent two Bills relating to local government -

(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.

12. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILLS - LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 116) and LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (115):

Mr Coulter (Minister for Community Development), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the constitution of municipalities and community government areas, for the election of self-governing authorities to control municipalities and community government areas, and for other purposes; and a Bill for an Act to amend the *Local Government Act*.

Bills read a first time.

Mr Coulter moved - That the Bills 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.

13. TRADE DEVELOPMENT ZONE BILL 1985 (Serial 101):

Mr Dondas (Minister for Industry and Small Business and Tourism), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to establish an Authority to administer, control and encourage the development of a trade development zone in the Territory and to attract industry to that zone, and for related purposes.

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.

14. PALMERSTON DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ACT REPEAL BILL 1985 (Serial 117):  
Mr Hatton (Minister for Lands), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to repeal the *Palmerston Development Authority Act* and to make provision in relation to its assets and liabilities, and for related purposes.  
Bill read a first time.  
Mr Hatton 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.
15. CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 112):  
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. ABORIGINAL RESIDENTIAL AREAS ON PASTORAL PROPERTIES - STATEMENT NOTED:  
The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Tuxworth (18 April 1985) - That the Assembly take note of the statement -  
Debate resumed.  
Question - put and passed.
17. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:  
Mr Perron (Attorney-General) moved - That the Assembly, at its rising, adjourn until 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday 4 June 1985 or such other time and date set by Mr Speaker pursuant to Sessional Order.  
Question - put and passed.
18. ADJOURNMENT:  
Mr Perron (Attorney-General) moved - That the Assembly do now adjourn.  
Question - put and passed.  
And then the Assembly at 2.07 p.m. adjourned until 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday 4 June 1985 or such other time and date set by Mr Speaker pursuant to Sessional Order.

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ATTENDANCE:

All members attended the sitting, except Mrs Padgham-Purich and Messrs Bell, Harris and Hanrahan who had been granted leave of absence.

H.G. SMITH  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly



FOURTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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