

PART III

THE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# Minutes of Proceedings

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FOURTH ASSEMBLY

SECOND SESSION

No. 1

Tuesday 26 February 1985

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1. Members of the Assembly met at 11.00 a.m., pursuant to the Notice of His Honour the Administrator of the Northern Territory dated 15 February 1985, which Notice set out hereunder was read at the Table by the Clerk:

*Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978*  
of the Commonwealth

NOTICE PROROGUING THE LEGISLATIVE  
ASSEMBLY AND FIXING THE TIME  
FOR THE NEXT SESSION OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

I, ERIC EUGENE JOHNSTON, the Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, in pursuance of section 22(1) of the *Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978* of the Commonwealth, by this notice -

- (a) prorogue the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory of Australia; and
- (b) appoint the hour of 11 o'clock in the morning of Tuesday, 26 February 1985 as the time for the next session of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory of Australia to be held in the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Darwin.

Dated this fifteenth day of February, 1985.

(Sgd) E.E. JOHNSTON  
Administrator.

2. Mr Speaker (the Honourable R.M. Steele) took the Chair, and read prayers.
3. ATTENDANCE OF ADMINISTRATOR:  
Mr Speaker informed the Assembly that, after a new member present had been sworn, it would be His Honour the Administrator's pleasure to attend in the Chamber and declare the causes of his calling the Assembly together.
4. RESIGNATION OF MEMBER - HON. P.A.E. EVERINGHAM:  
Mr Speaker laid on the Table a letter from Hon. P.A.E. Everingham resigning his seat as Member for Jingili which had been received by His Honour the Administrator on 22 October 1984.
5. RETURN TO WRIT - JINGILI DIVISION:  
The Clerk laid on the Table the return to the writ issued by His Honour the Administrator on 13 November 1984 for the election of a member of the Legislative Assembly for the electoral Division of Jingili, certifying the election of Richard Alfred Setter on 15 December 1984.

6. NEW MEMBER - MR R.A. SETTER:

The new member for Jingili, Richard Alfred Setter, was admitted to the Assembly, made and subscribed oaths of allegiance and of service, and was conducted to his place.

7. ADDRESS IN REPLY - MESSAGE FROM THE QUEEN:

Mr Speaker laid on the Table a letter from the Acting Official Secretary to His Honour the Administrator advising of receipt of the following message from the Assistant Private Secretary to Her Majesty The Queen:

I have been commanded by The Queen to ask you to convey an expression of sincere thanks to all members of the Legislative Assembly for their kind message of loyalty sent on the occasion of the Opening of the First Session of the Fourth Assembly.

Her Majesty greatly appreciated this message and sends them all her best wishes.

8. ADMINISTRATOR'S SPEECH:

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

His Honour the Administrator then withdrew from the Chamber.

9. MINISTRY AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS - STATEMENT - PAPER TABLED:

Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister), by leave, made a statement relating to the Ministry and administrative arrangements of the government.

*Paper tabled:* Mr Tuxworth laid on the Table a copy of His Honour the Administrator's Administrative Arrangements Order dated 21 December 1984.

MINISTERS, MINISTRIES AND MAJOR FUNCTIONS

HON. I.L. TUXWORTH

- *Chief Minister:* Department of the Chief Minister; Parliamentary Counsel; Legislative Assembly; federal affairs and police.
- *Treasurer:* Department of the Treasury; information systems; local government financing; and Territory Insurance Office.

HON. N.M. DONDAS

- *Minister for Industry and Small Business and Tourism:* Department of Industry and Small Business; apprenticeship; manpower; industrial relations; workers compensation; Office of the Public Service Commissioner; N.T. Tourist Commission; N.T. Development Corporation; and N.T. Liquor Commission.

HON. M.B. PERRON

- *Attorney-General:* Department of Law.
- *Minister for Mines and Energy:* Department of Mines and Energy; control of waters and water supply; and N.T. Electricity Commission.

HON. J.M. ROBERTSON

- *Minister for Health:* Department of Health
- *Minister for Youth, Sport, Recreation and Ethnic Affairs:* Department of Youth, Health, Sport, Recreation and Ethnic Affairs.

HON. T. HARRIS

- *Minister for Education:* Department of Education; T.A.F.E. Advisory Council; N.T. Council of Higher Education; Darwin Institute of Technology; University Planning Authority Advisory Committee; and N.T. Teaching Service.

HON. D.W. MANZIE

- *Minister for Transport and Works and Housing:* Department of Transport and Works; and Housing Commission.

HON. S.P. HATTON

- *Minister for Lands*: Department of Lands; Palmerston Development Authority; and Aboriginal Sacred Sites Authority.
- *Minister for Primary Production*: Department of Primary Production; and Agricultural Development and Marketing Authority.
- *Minister for Ports and Fisheries*: Department of Ports and Fisheries.
- *Minister for Conservation*: Conservation Commission.

HON. B.F. COULTER

- *Minister for Community Development*: Department of Community Development; museums and art galleries; Office of Women's Affairs; Aboriginal Liaison Unit; and Jabiru Town Development Authority.
- *Minister for Correctional Services*: Department of Correctional Services; Auditor-General's Office; and Ombudsman.

OFFICE HOLDERS

HON. N.M. DONDAS: Deputy Chief Minister.

MR R.A. HANRAHAN: Secretary to Cabinet; and Leader of Government Business in the Legislative Assembly.

MR D.W. COLLINS: Government Whip.

10. SHADOW MINISTRY AND OPPOSITION OFFICE HOLDERS - STATEMENT:

Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made a statement relating to the shadow ministry and opposition office holders.

SHADOW MINISTRY AND OPPOSITION OFFICE HOLDERS

MR B. COLLINS - Leader of the Opposition.  
Education; Legislative Assembly; Attorney-General; and Women's Affairs.

MR T. SMITH - Deputy Leader of the Opposition.  
Treasury; industry and small business; tourism; and youth, sport and recreation.

MR D.M. LEO - Opposition Whip.  
Police and fire services; ports and fisheries; racing and gaming; primary production; and community development.

MR N.R. BELL  
Special responsibility for central Australia; lands and housing; and transport and works.

MR W.W. LANHUPUY  
Health and conservation.

Mr B.R. EDE  
Mines and energy; and Aboriginal affairs.

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

Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Hospital Management Boards Act*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Tuxworth moved - That the second reading of the Bill be made an order of the day for a later hour.

Question - put and passed.

12. ADMINISTRATOR'S SPEECH - COPY RECEIVED:

Mr Speaker informed the Assembly that he had received a copy of His Honour the Administrator's speech.

13. ADDRESS IN REPLY:

Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister) moved - That the following Address be agreed to:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

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

Mr Tuxworth was granted leave to continue his remarks at a later hour.

Mr Hanrahan (Flynn) seconded the motion and reserved his right to speak later in the debate.

Debate adjourned (Mr Tuxworth) 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 11.27 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

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14. LEADER OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS - SESSIONAL ORDER:

Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister), by leave, moved - That, unless otherwise ordered, during the present session of the Assembly -

(i) any motion connected with the conduct of the business of the Assembly may be moved at any time without notice by a Minister or the member nominated to the Assembly by the Chief Minister to be the Leader of Government Business; and

(ii) for the purposes of Standing Orders 38 and 39 "a Minister" shall be taken to include the member nominated as Leader of Government Business.

Question - put and passed.

15. ADJOURNMENT OF ASSEMBLY - SESSIONAL ORDER:

Mr Hanrahan (Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved - That, during the present session of the Assembly, Mr Speaker may, at his discretion and notwithstanding any previous resolution of the Assembly, appoint a time for the holding of a sitting of the Assembly, which time shall be notified to each member in writing.

Question - put and passed.

16. LEAVE OF ABSENCE - SESSIONAL ORDER:

Mr Hanrahan (Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved - That, if on any occasion during this session of the Assembly, the interval between the termination of one sitting day and the commencement of the next sitting day is two months or more, all members shall be deemed to have been granted leave of absence for such interval between the sitting days.

Question - put and passed.

17. BROADCASTING, TELEVISIONING AND FILMING OF PROCEEDINGS:

Mr Hanrahan (Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved - That, unless otherwise ordered, this Assembly, for the purposes of section 24 of the *Legislative Assembly (Powers and Privileges) Act*,

(1) authorizes -

(a) the direct public broadcasting and or televising;

- (b) the recording and rebroadcasting and or repeat televising; and
- (c) the filming and screening,

of the whole or part of the proceedings of the Assembly or its committees on such occasions and under such rules as the Speaker may, from time to time, determine; and

- (2) as soon as possible after each such determination has been made, the Speaker report his action to the Assembly.

Question - put and passed.

18. BROADCASTING TO OFFICES IN DARWIN:

Mr Hanrahan (Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved - That, unless otherwise ordered, notwithstanding any previous resolution of the Assembly -

- (1) this Assembly authorizes the broadcasting of its proceedings directly to Legislative Assembly offices, offices in Darwin occupied by Opposition Leaders, Ministerial staff and, with the approval of the Speaker, employees in government departments and authorities directly involved in activities associated with the business of the Assembly;
- (2) this authority does not extend to the mechanical, electronic or other recording of the proceedings broadcast other than for the purpose of the production of the Assembly Hansard; and
- (3) the control of the service be exercised by the Speaker who may, at his discretion, withdraw any such authorization at any time and who shall as soon as practicable report to the Assembly his reasons for so doing.

Question - put and passed.

19. STANDING COMMITTEES MEMBERSHIP - APPOINTMENTS:

Mr Hanrahan (Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved - That -

- (a) Mrs Padgham-Purich and Mr Setter be appointed to the House Committee in the places of Mr Coulter and Mr Hanrahan;
- (b) notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders, Mr Hanrahan be appointed a member of the Standing Orders Committee;
- (c) Mr Perron and Mr Setter be appointed to the Committee of Privileges in the places of Mr Hatton and Mr Manzie;
- (d) Mr Setter be appointed to the Publications Committee in the place of Mr Palmer; and
- (e) Mr Dale and Mr Palmer be appointed to the Subordinate Legislation and Tabled Papers Committee in the places of Mr Coulter and Mr Hatton.

Question - put and passed.

20. SESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT - APPOINTMENT:

Mr Hanrahan (Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved - That, during the present session of the Assembly -

- (1) a committee to be known as the Sessional Committee on the Environment comprising Mr D.W. Collins, Mr Dale, Mr Ede, Mr Lanhupuy and Mrs Padgham-Purich be appointed;
- (2) the committee be empowered to inquire into and from time to time report upon and make recommendations on all matters relating to uranium mining and processing activities and their effects on the environment within the Alligator Rivers region;

- (3) the committee be empowered to send for persons, papers and records, to sit in public or in private 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 make such interim recommendations it may deem fit, and to publish information pertaining to its activities from time to time;
- (4) 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;
- (5) the committee be empowered to consider the minutes of proceedings, evidence taken and records of similar committees appointed in previous sessions and Assemblies; and
- (6) the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

Question - put and passed.

21. NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE COMMITTEE - SESSIONAL COMMITTEE - APPOINTMENT:

Mr Hanrahan (Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved - That, during the present session of the Assembly -

- (1) a committee to be known as the New Parliament House Committee, comprising Mr Speaker, Mr Finch, Mr Leo, Mr Smith and Mr Tuxworth, be appointed;
- (2) the committee be appointed to act for and represent the Legislative Assembly, as the client for the new Parliament House, in all matters concerned with the planning, design and construction of the new Parliament House and all matters incidental thereto;
- (3) the committee reconsider and, as necessary, amend the Parliament House Competition Brief which, when revised, shall be used as the basis for the design and construction of the new Parliament House, unless otherwise ordered by the Assembly or unless the committee resolves to reconsider any section of the revised brief;
- (4) the committee also consider and report on any matter relating to the planning, design and construction of the new Parliament House and matters incidental thereto as may be referred to it by:
  - (a) the Minister for Transport and Works and Housing; or
  - (b) resolution of the Legislative Assembly;
- (5) the committee be empowered, with the approval of the Speaker, to employ necessary staff and be provided with such facilities and resources as it may from time to time require;
- (6) the committee report and make recommendations to the Assembly on these matters from time to time;
- (7) the committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to sit in public or in private 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;
- (8) the committee be empowered to print 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;

- (9) the committee be empowered to consider the minutes of proceedings, evidence taken and records of similar committees established in previous sessions and Assemblies; and
- (10) 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.

Question - put and passed.

22. SELECT COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY - APPOINTMENT:

Mr Firmin (Ludmilla), by leave, moved - That -

- (1) a select committee to be known as the Select Committee on Communications Technology be appointed to inquire into and report upon new developments in communications technology and the appropriateness of their utilization in the Northern Territory;
- (2) the committee consist of Mr Dale, Mr Ede, Mr Firmin, Mr Hanrahan and Mr Lanhupuy;
- (3) the committee have power to send 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;
- (4) the committee be empowered to consider the minutes of proceedings, evidence taken and records of the Select Committee on Communications Technology appointed by the Assembly on 1 March 1984;
- (5) the committee report to the Assembly as soon as possible;
- (6) 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
- (7) the foregoing provisions of this resolution, so far as they are inconsistent with standing orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the standing orders.

Question - put and passed.

23. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES - REVOCATION OF NOMINATION - MR HANRAHAN:  
Mr Speaker laid on the Table the following warrant:

WARRANT

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 11, I hereby revoke the nomination of Mr Hanrahan as a Deputy Chairman of Committees.

Given under my hand this twenty-sixth day of February 1985.

(Sgd) R.M. STEELE  
Speaker

24. BUSINESS RESTORED TO NOTICE PAPER - BILLS:

Mr Hanrahan (Leader of Government Business), by leave, moved - That the following Bills be restored to the Notice Paper and consideration of each resumed at the stage it had reached in the last session -

- Police Administration Amendment Bill 1984 (Serial 36);
- Control of Waters Amendment Bill 1984 (Serial 58);
- Public Health Amendment Bill 1984 (Serial 59);
- Film Classification Amendment Bill 1984 (Serial 62);
- Lotteries and Gaming Amendment Bill (No.2) 1984 (Serial 65);



Justices Amendment Bill (No.3) 1984 (Serial 66);  
Agricultural Development and Marketing Amendment Bill 1984 (Serial 67);  
Sources of the Law Bill 1984 (Serial 69);  
Administration and Probate Amendment Bill 1984 (Serial 71); and  
Classification of Publications Bill 1984 (Serial 72).

Question - put and passed.

25. BUSINESS RESTORED TO NOTICE PAPER - ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL (Serial 51):  
Mr Bell (Macdonnell), by leave, moved - That the Electoral Amendment Bill 1984 (Serial 51) be restored to the Notice Paper and consideration resumed at the stage it had reached in the last session.

Question - put and passed.

26. PETITIONS:

Mr Vale (Stuart) presented a petition from 52 citizens of the Northern Territory relating to pornographic material.

*Petition read.*

Mr D.W. Collins (Sadadeen) presented a petition from 148 citizens of the Northern Territory relating to the classification of certain video material.

*Petition read.*

Mr Smith (Millner) presented a petition from 45 citizens of the Northern Territory relating to Housing Commission houses and rents.

*Petition read.*

27. NOTICES:

The following notices were given:

Mr Tuxworth: To present the Flag and Emblem Bill 1985 (Serial 96).

Mr Perron: To present the Supreme Court (Judges Pensions) Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 89), and the Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 95).

Mr Hatton: To present the Fish and Fisheries Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 87).

Mr Smith: To present the Motor Accidents (Compensation)(Costs in Proceedings Before the Appeal Tribunal) Bill 1985 (Serial 94), and the Liquor Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 85).

Mr Leo: To move, 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.

28. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS - MOTION NOT SUPPORTED:

Mr Smith (Millner) moved - That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent my moving a motion without notice to disapprove those parts of Remuneration Tribunal Determination No.3 of 1984 relating to basic salary, additional salaries and special expenses of office allowances for Members of the Legislative Assembly, which determination was tabled in the Assembly on 16 October.

*The proposal was not supported by the required 10 members rising in their places to indicate support.*

29. ORDER OF BUSINESS IN ASSEMBLY - STATEMENTS:

Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister), by leave, made a statement relating to procedures to be adopted by the government relating to the placing of Opposition business before the Legislative Assembly.

Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition), by leave, made a statement relating to the same subject.

30. PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE - REPORT ON PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS SERIES - PRINTING - MOTION TO ADOPT:

Mr Dale (Wanguri) presented a report from the Publications Committee relating to a proposed Parliamentary Papers Series.

Mr Dale moved - That the report be printed.

Question - put and passed.

Mr Dale moved - That the report be adopted.

Mr Dale was granted leave to continue his remarks at a later hour.

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

31. OMBUDSMAN - APPOINTMENT - PAPER TABLED:

Mr Coulter (Minister for Correctional Services) laid on the Table a copy of an instrument appointing Kenneth Whitwam Rhodes as Ombudsman for the Northern Territory for the period 9 December 1984 to 13 June 1989.

32. NORTHERN TERRITORY OMBUDSMAN - ANNUAL REPORT, 1983-4 - PAPER TABLED:

Mr Coulter (Minister for Correctional Services) laid on the Table a copy of the Sixth Annual Report, 1983-4, of the Northern Territory Ombudsman.

33. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Question - put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 3.02 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 26 February 1985:

*Agreements and Determinations:*

Police Administration Act - Consent Agreement - Chief Minister and Police Association, 18 January 1985

Police Administration Act - Consent Agreement - Chief Minister and Police Association, 18 January 1985

Police Administration Act - Consent Agreement - Chief Minister and Police Association, 24 January 1985

*Annual Reports:*

A.N.Z. Executors and Trustee Co. Ltd, September 1984

Department of -

Community Development, 1983-4

Health, 1983-4

Primary Production, 1983-4

Elder's Trustee and Executors Pty Ltd, 1983-4

Electrical Workers and Contractors Licensing Board, 1983-4

Executor Trustee and Agency Co. of South Australia Ltd, 1984

Northern Territory Electricity Commission, 1983-4  
Northern Territory Housing Commission, 1983-4  
Northern Territory Plumbers and Drainers Licensing Board, 1983-4  
Northern Territory Port Authority, 1983-4  
Public Service Commissioner for the Northern Territory, 1983-4

*Financial Statements:*

Angurugu Community Government Council, 1983-4  
Araluen Arts and Cultural Trust, 1982-3  
Elder's Trustee and Executors Pty Ltd, 1983-4  
Milikapiti Community Government Council, 1983-4

*Hospital Management Board Reports:*

Alice Springs Hospital, 1983-4  
Gove District Hospital, 1983-4  
Tennant Creek Hospital, 1983-4

*Recommendations under S.103 of Crown Lands Act:*

Proposed revocation of part of Reserve No.1464, Town of Alice Springs  
Proposed revocation of Reserve No.1497, Town of Alice Springs

*Regulations 1984:*

No.59 - Amendment of the Rules of Court (Companies Act)  
No.60 - Workmen's Compensation (Rates of Compensation) Regulations  
No.61 - Amendments of the Liquor Regulations  
No.62 - Amendments of the Crown Lands Regulations  
No.63 - Public Holidays Regulations  
No.64 - Amendment of the Vocational Training Commission Regulations  
No.65 - Amendment of the Housing Regulations

*Regulations 1985:*

No.1 - Amendment of the Motor Vehicle (Hire Car) Regulations  
No.2 - Amendment of the Harbour Craft By-laws

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ATTENDANCE:

All members attended the sitting.

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Wednesday 27 February 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. CASINOS PURCHASE - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - PAPERS TABLED - MOTION TO NOTE STATEMENT:

Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister), by leave, made a statement relating to the purchase of the Federal Hotel Casinos in Alice Springs and Darwin.

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

- Joint press release - Chief Minister and Chairman of Federal Hotels (Mr G. Farrell), 8 November 1984;
- Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, 19 October 1984 - Interim order of Treasurer pursuant to the *Foreign Takeovers Act 1975*;
- Telex - Chief Minister to Federal Treasurer, 20 October 1984;
- Press release No.172 - Federal Treasurer - Proposed Foreign Investment in Northern Territory Hotel/Casino Complexes: Revocation of Interim Order, 16 November 1984;
- Telex - Chairman, Northern Territory Development Corporation to Chief Minister, 16 August 1984;
- Casino Operators Agreement, 1 October 1984;
- Memorandum of Understanding, 28 September 1984;
- Agreement rectifying Casino Operators Agreement, 10 October 1984;
- Extension Agreement, 31 October 1984;
- Casino Purchase Agreement, 30 September 1984;
- Trust Deed - Territory Property Trust, 28 September 1984;
- Memorandum of Lease - Greate Bay Casino Corporation and Aspinall Holdings p.l.c., 19 December 1984; and
- Details of directors/shareholders - Fernbank Pty Ltd, Abington Pty Ltd, Diamond Leisure Pty Ltd, and A. & P. Management Ltd (Inc. in U.K.).

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.

3. NOTICES:

The following notices were given:

Mr Harris: To present the Education Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 99).

Mr B. Collins: To move - That this Assembly censures the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory for -

- (1) his deliberate deception of all Territorians in that he denied in a public statement on 28 November 1984 that the Northern Territory had diverted funds from its budget to purchase the casinos formerly belonging to Federal Hotels when he had personally directed that those public funds be so diverted at least two weeks prior to issuing that statement;

- (2) his ineptitude during the negotiations of financial arrangements for the new operators of the casinos and the ultimate owners of the casinos which has and will continue to disadvantage the government of the Northern Territory in its collection of revenues in the form of casino charges and taxes; and

this Assembly calls on the Chief Minister to resign as Chief Minister of the Northern Territory immediately.

4. CENSURE OF CHIEF MINISTER:

Mr Hanrahan (Leader of Government Business), having informed the Assembly that the government, in conformity with practice, would not proceed with further business until the notice of motion by Mr B. Collins had been disposed of -

*Suspension of standing orders:* Mr Hanrahan moved - That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr B. Collins moving without notice a motion to censure the Chief Minister.

*The proposal having been supported by the required number of members -* Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition) moved - That this Assembly censures the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory for -

- (1) his deliberate deception of all Territorians in that he denied in a public statement on 28 November 1984 that the Northern Territory had diverted funds from its budget to purchase the casinos formerly belonging to Federal Hotels when he had personally directed that those public funds be so diverted at least two weeks prior to issuing that statement;
- (2) his ineptitude during the negotiations of financial arrangements for the new operators of the casinos and the ultimate owners of the casinos which has and will continue to disadvantage the government of the Northern Territory in its collection of revenues in the form of casino charges and taxes; and

this Assembly calls on the Chief Minister to resign as Chief Minister of the Northern Territory immediately.

Debate ensued.

Question - put.

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

AYES, 6

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

NOES, 19

Mr D.W. Collins  
Mr Coulter  
Mr Dale  
Mr Dondas  
Mr Finch  
Mr Firmin  
Mr Hanrahan  
Mr Harris  
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.

*Suspension of sitting:* The sitting was suspended between 12.17 and 2.00 p.m.

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5. FURTHER NOTICE:

The following further notice was given:

Mr Tuxworth: To present the Pay-roll Tax Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 88).

6. OMBUDSMAN - ANNUAL REPORT, 1983-4 - PRINTING:

Mr Coulter (Minister for Correctional Services), by leave, moved - That the Sixth Annual Report of the Northern Territory Ombudsman for the year ended 30 June 1984, tabled in the Assembly on 26 February 1985, be printed.

Question - put and passed.

7. NOTICE POSTPONED:

On the motion of Mr Hanrahan (Leader of Government Business), Notice No.3., Government Business, relating to presentation of the Supreme Court (Judges Pensions) Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 89), was postponed until a later day.

8. PETROLEUM (SUBMERGED LANDS) AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 95):

Mr Perron (Minister for Mines and Energy), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) 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. FISH AND FISHERIES AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 87):

Mr Hatton (Minister for Ports and Fisheries), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Fish and Fisheries Act*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Hatton 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.

10. FLAG AND EMBLEM BILL 1985 (Serial 96):

Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister) pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to control the use of the Northern Territory Arms, Flag and Emblems.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Tuxworth 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.

11. ADDRESS IN REPLY:

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Tuxworth (26 February 1985) -

That the following Address be agreed to:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

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

Debate resumed.

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● PRIVILEGE - LETTER TO MEMBER FROM CHAIRMAN, NORTHERN TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION - REQUEST FOR REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES:

Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition), pursuant to Standing Order 72, raised a matter of privilege based upon a letter dated 27 February 1985 from the Chairman of the Northern Territory Development Corporation, and requested that Mr Speaker refer the matter to the Committee of Privileges.

Mr Speaker agreed to consider the matter and report his decision within 24 hours.

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Debate on the Address in Reply continued.

Debate adjourned (Mrs Padgham-Purich) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

12. FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHS - STATEMENT:

Mr Speaker informed the Assembly that, prior to the Assembly sitting this day, permission had been given to the A.B.C. and Channel 8 to make videos of the Assembly sitting for library purposes. Permission expressly forbade recording of sound.

A government photographer will take official photographs of the Assembly in session and a group photograph of members immediately after the luncheon adjournment of the Assembly tomorrow.

13. 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 5.35 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 27 February 1985:

*Annual Reports:*

Department of Lands, 1983-4

Department of Mines and Energy, 1983-4

Uranium Mining (Environment Control) Act, 1983-4

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ATTENDANCE:

All members attended the sitting.

Thursday 28 February 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 B. Collins: To move - That this Assembly censures the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory for his arbitrary and illegal actions in appointing a Principal/Director of the former Darwin Community College and changing the name of the college, and the role and functions of the college council, without consultation with either the Minister for Education or the college council, which actions have seriously undermined the credibility, status and integrity of tertiary education in the Northern Territory.

3. CENSURE OF CHIEF MINISTER:

Mr Hanrahan (Leader of Government Business), having informed the Assembly that the government, in conformity with practice, would not proceed with further business until the notice of motion by Mr B. Collins had been disposed of -

*Suspension of standing orders:* Mr Hanrahan moved - That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent Mr B. Collins moving without notice a motion to censure the Chief Minister.

*The proposal having been supported by the required number of members -*

Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition) moved - That this Assembly censures the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory for his arbitrary and illegal actions in appointing a Principal/Director of the former Darwin Community College and changing the name of the college, and the role and functions of the college council, without consultation with either the Minister for Education or the college council, which actions have seriously undermined the credibility, status and integrity of tertiary education in the Northern Territory.

Debate ensued.

*Extension of time:* On the motion of Mr Hanrahan (Leader of Government Business) an extension of time was granted to Mr Tuxworth.

*Extension of time:* On the motion of Mr Hanrahan (Leader of Government Business) an extension of time was granted to Mr Harris.

*Papers tabled:* Mr Coulter laid on the Table the following papers:

- Letter - Dr D.E. Ingram to Mr B.F. Coulter, 18 April 1984;
- Statutory declaration, dated 26 February 1985; and
- Statutory declaration, dated 10 February 1985.

Question - put.

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

AYES, 6  
Mr Bell  
Mr B. Collins  
Mr Ede  
Mr Lanhupuy  
Mr Leo  
Mr Smith

NOES, 19  
Mr D.W. Collins  
Mr Coulter  
Mr Dale  
Mr Dondas  
Mr Finch  
Mr Firmin  
Mr Hanrahan  
Mr Harris  
Mr Hatton  
Mr Manzie  
Mr McCarthy  
Mrs Padgham-Purich  
Mr Palmer

NOES, (Continued)  
Mr Perron  
Mr Robertson  
Mr Setter  
Mr Steele  
Mr Tuxworth  
Mr Vale

And so it was negatived.

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*Suspension of sitting:* The sitting was suspended between 12.30 and 2.00 p.m.

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4. PRIVILEGE - LETTER TO MEMBER FROM CHAIRMAN, NORTHERN TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION - SPEAKER'S DECISION - MOTION TO REFER TO COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES: Mr Speaker informed the Assembly that, after having examined the relevant letter in question in respect of the complaint made by the Leader of the Opposition, there appeared to be no matter that should be referred to the Committee of Privileges and, accordingly, he did not intend referring the matter to the Committee.
- Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition) moved - That the matter be referred to the Committee of Privileges.
- Debate ensued.
- Paper tabled:* Mr Dondas laid on the table a copy of a letter from the Chairman of the Northern Territory Development Corporation to Hon. N.M. Dondas, dated 28 February 1985.
- Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
5. WORKERS COMPENSATION - REPORT OF BOARD OF INQUIRY - PAPER TABLED - MOTION TO NOTE:
- Mr Dondas (Minister for Industry and Small Business and Tourism) laid on the Table the report of the Board of Inquiry into the system of Workers Compensation in the Northern Territory.
- Mr Dondas moved - That the Assembly take note of the paper.
- Debate adjourned (Mr Smith) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.
6. TOURISM COMPLAINTS AND INVESTIGATION MECHANISM - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - STATEMENT NOTED:
- Mr Dondas (Minister for Industry and Small Business and Tourism), by leave, made a statement relating to complaints made by tourists and their investigation.
- Mr Smith (Millner), by leave, moved - That the Assembly take note of the statement.
- Debate ensued.
- Question - put and passed.
7. NOTICE POSTPONED:
- On the motion of Mr Hanrahan (Leader of Government Business), Notice No. 3, Government Business, relating to presentation of the Supreme Court (Judges Pensions) Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 89), was postponed until a later day.

8. EDUCATION AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 99):

Mr Harris (Minister for Education), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Education Act*.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Harris 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.

9. PAY-ROLL TAX AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 88):

Mr Tuxworth (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Pay-roll Tax 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.

10. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:

On the motion of Mr Hanrahan (Leader of Government Business), order of the day No. 15, Government Business, was called on.

11. CASINOS PURCHASE - STATEMENT NOTED:

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Tuxworth (27 February 1985) - That the Assembly take note of the statement -

Debate resumed.

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

Question - put and passed.

12. ADDRESS IN REPLY:

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Tuxworth (26 February 1985) - That the following Address be agreed to:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

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

Debate resumed.

*Notice taken of lack of quorum:* Mr Ede taking notice that a quorum of members was not present, Mr Deputy Speaker Vale ordered the bells to be rung.

*Bells rung.*

A quorum having been obtained within the appointed time -

Debate resumed.

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

13. 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 8.20 p.m. adjourned until 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday 5 March 1985.

PAPER:

The following paper was deemed to have been presented on 28 February 1985:

*Annual Report:*

Legislative Assembly Members' Superannuation Trust - Auditor's  
Report, 1983-4

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ATTENDANCE:

All members attended the sitting.

Tuesday 5 March 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. DECLARATION OF URGENCY - EDUCATION AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 99):  
Mr Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 153, declared the Bill to be an urgent Bill.
3. DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER - MR D.D. SMITH:  
Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister), by leave, moved - That this Assembly expresses its regret at the death on 7 July 1984 of David Douglas Smith, an elected Member of the Legislative Council for the division of Stuart in the Northern Territory between 8 December 1962 and 30 October 1965, places on record its appreciation of his meritorious service to the Legislative Council and the people of the Northern Territory, and tenders its profound sympathy to his widow and family.  
Debate ensued.  
All members having risen in their places in silence - motion agreed to.
4. PETITIONS:  
Mr Harris (Port Darwin) presented a petition from 1476 citizens of the Northern Territory relating to development of the old Darwin Hospital site.  
*Petition read.*  
Mr Setter (Jingili) presented a petition from 62 citizens of the Northern Territory relating to pornographic material.  
*Petition read.*
5. NOTICES:  
The following notices were given:  
Mr Tuxworth: To present the Totalizator Administration and Betting Bill 1985 (Serial 102), and the Racing and Betting Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 103).  
Mr B. Collins: To present the Remuneration Tribunal Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 86).  
Mr Perron: To present the National Crime Authority (Territory Provisions) Bill 1985 (Serial 77), the Wills Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 100), the Land and Business Agents Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 104), and the Electricity Commission Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 98).
6. CROWN LANDS AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 105):  
Mr Hatton (Minister for Lands), by leave, 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.
7. QUESTIONS:  
Questions without notice were asked.
8. TERRITORY INSURANCE OFFICE, ANNUAL REPORT, 1983-4 - PAPER TABLED - MOTION TO NOTE:  
Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister) laid on the Table the Territory Insurance Office Fifth Annual Report for 1983-4.

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

Debate ensued.

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

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

Mr Perron (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Supreme Court (Judges Pensions) Act*.

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.

10. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:

On the motion of Mr Hanrahan (Leader of Government Business), order of the day No.11, Government Business, was called on.

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

The order of the day having been read for the second reading -

Mr Robertson (Minister for Health) 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. AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING AMENDMENT BILL 1984 (Serial 67):

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.

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*Suspension of sitting:* The sitting was suspended between 12.09 and 2.00 p.m.

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Debate resumed.

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

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

Mr Harris (Minister for Education) moved - 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.

13. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS - ALLOW MEMBER FOR MILLNER TO MOVE MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE:

Mr Smith (Millner), by leave, moved - That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent my moving a motion without notice relating to members salaries and allowances.

*The proposal having been supported by the required number of members, Mr Speaker declared the question resolved in the affirmative.*

14. REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL DETERMINATION No.3 of 1984 - MOTION TO DISAPPROVE IN PART:

Mr Smith (Millner) moved - That this Assembly disapproves those parts of Remuneration Tribunal Determination No. 3 of 1984 relating to basic salaries, additional salaries and special expenses of office allowances for Members of the Legislative Assembly, which determination was tabled in the Assembly on 16 October 1984.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

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

AYES, 6

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

NOES, 18

Mr D.W. Collins  
Mr Coulter  
Mr Dale  
Mr Dondas  
Mr Finch  
Mr Firmin  
Mr Hanrahan  
Mr Harris  
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.

15. ADDRESS IN REPLY:

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Tuxworth (26 February 1985) - That the following Address be agreed to:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR -

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

Debate resumed.

*Notice taken of lack of quorum:* Mr B. Collins taking notice that a quorum of members was not present, Mr Deputy Speaker Vale ordered the bells to be rung.

*Bells rung.*

A quorum having been obtained within the appointed time -

Debate resumed.

Question - put and passed.

16. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS IN REPLY:

Mr Speaker informed the Assembly that the Address in Reply would be presented to His Honour the Administrator at 11.30 a.m. tomorrow, and invited members to accompany him to Government House at that time.

17. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr Dondas (Minister for Industry and Small Business and Tourism) moved - That the Assembly do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question - put and passed.

And then the Assembly at 7.54 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 5 March 1985:

*Annual Reports:*

- National Trust of Australia (N.T.), 1983-4
- Northern Territory Liquor Commission, 1983-4
- Parole Board of the Northern Territory, 1983-4

*Recommendation under S.103 of Crown Lands Act:*

Proposed revocation of part of Reserve No.1602, Town of Alice Springs

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ATTENDANCE:

All members attended the sitting.

Wednesday 6 March 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. MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR:

Mr Speaker read the following message from His Honour the Administrator:

*Message No. 1*

I, ERIC EUGENE JOHNSTON, the Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, in pursuance of section 11 of the *Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978* of the Commonwealth, recommend to the Legislative Assembly a Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of a Northern Territory Totalizator Administration Board, to make provision for betting by means of a totalizator system, and for related purposes.

Dated this fifth day of March 1985.

(Sgd) E.E. JOHNSTON  
Administrator.

3. DECLARATION OF URGENCY - CROWN LANDS AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 105):

Mr Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 153, declared the Bill to be an urgent Bill.

4. PETITIONS:

Mr Vale (Braitling), on behalf of the member for Elsey, presented a petition from 296 residents of Katherine relating to sealing Florina and Cossack roads.

*Petition read.*

Mr Dale (Wanguri) presented a petition from 224 citizens of the Northern Territory relating to pornographic material.

*Petition read.*

Mr Vale (Braitling), on behalf of the member for Elsey, presented a petition from 20 residents of Katherine East relating to shopping facilities.

*Petition read.*

Mr Vale (Braitling), on behalf of the member for Elsey, presented a petition from 79 residents of Katherine relating to creche facilities.

*Petition read.*

5. QUESTIONS:

Questions without notice were asked.

6. GAS PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION - MINISTERIAL STATEMENT - STATEMENT NOTED:

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

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*Suspension of sitting:* The sitting was suspended between 11.30 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.

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Debate ensued.

Question - put and passed.

7. ADDRESS IN REPLY - PRESENTATION:

Mr Speaker informed the Assembly that, accompanied by honourable members, he had this day waited upon His Honour the Administrator and presented to him the Address in Reply to the Speech by His Honour on the occasion of the opening of the session, which was agreed to on 5 March 1985; and that His Honour had been pleased to make the following reply:

Mr Speaker, thank you for your Address in Reply which you have presented to me. It will afford me pleasure to convey to Her Most Gracious Majesty The Queen the message of loyalty of the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory of Australia to which the Address gives expression.

8. DISCUSSION OF MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE - ABORIGINAL EDUCATION:

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 Northern Territory government to honour its commitment to Aboriginal education as demonstrated by the inadequate number of Aboriginal teachers and assistant teachers in Northern Territory schools, administrative decisions and the provision of physical resources".

The proposed discussion having received the necessary support - Mr Ede addressed the Assembly.

Discussion ensued.

Discussion concluded.

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

Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister) moved - That so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent two Bills relating to totalizators and betting - the Totalizator Administration and Betting Bill 1985 (Serial 102), and the Racing and Betting Amendment Bill 1985 (Serial 103) -

(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, Mr Speaker declared the question resolved in the affirmative.*

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

Mr Tuxworth (Chief Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of a Northern Territory Totalizator Administration Board, to make provision for betting by means of a totalizator system, and for related purposes, and a Bill for an Act to amend the *Racing and Betting Act*.

Bills read a first time.

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

Mr Perron (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to make provision for the operation of the National Crime Authority in the Territory.

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.

12. WILLS AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 100):

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

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.

13. LAND AND BUSINESS AGENTS AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 104):

Mr Perron (Attorney-General), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Land and Business Agents Act*.

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.

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

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

15. EDUCATION AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 99):

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.

*Notice taken of lack of quorum:* Mr B. Collins taking notice that a quorum of members was not present, Mr Deputy Speaker Vale ordered the bells to be rung.

*Bells rung.*

A quorum having been obtained within the appointed 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*  
(Chairman - Mr Vale)

Clauses 1 to 19, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 20 negatived.

New clause -

On the motion of Mr Harris the following new clause was inserted in the Bill -

20. PRINCIPAL TO BE DIRECTOR

(1) Where, before the commencement of this Act, an appointment of a person as the Principal was purported to be made by a minister, that appointment shall, on the day on which it was purported to be made, be deemed to have been validly and effectually made in accordance with the Principal Act as in force on that day and all actions taken or things done by that person from the time of his purported appointment as Principal before the commencement of this Act shall be deemed to have been as validly and effectually taken or done as if he had been validly appointed on that day.

(2) Subject to Part VI of the Principal Act as amended by this Act, the person referred to in sub-section (1) shall, on and from the commencement of this Act, be the Director.

Clauses 21 to 26, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 27 negatived.

New clause -

On the motion of Mr Harris the following new clause was inserted in the Bill -

27. SAVINGS OF ACTIONS

An act, matter or thing done or omitted to be done before the commencement of this Act by, to or in respect of the College or the former Council shall, to the extent that but for that commencement that act, matter or thing would have had any force or effect, be deemed to have been done or omitted to be done by, to or in respect of the Institute or the Council, as the case may be.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

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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.

16. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:

On the motion of Mr Hanrahan (Leader of Government Business), orders of the day, Government Business, Nos. 2 to 7 were postponed until after consideration of orders of the day Nos. 8 and 9.

17. FILM CLASSIFICATION AMENDMENT BILL 1984 (Serial 62):

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 Harris) and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for a later hour.

18. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Mr D.W. Collins (Sadadeen) moved - That leave of absence for this day be granted to Mr Hatton, who is absent interstate on government business.

Question - put and passed.

19. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:

On the motion of Mr Hanrahan (Leader of Government Business), order of the day No. 9, Government Business, was postponed until a later day.

20. JUSTICES AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3) 1984 (Serial 66):

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 Finch)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

New clause -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following new clause was inserted in the Bill -

4A. APPOINTMENT OF JUSTICES

Section 10 of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(3) Without limiting the generality of sub-section (2), an appointment under sub-section (1) may be expressed to remain in force for as long only as the person appointed holds a particular office, is employed in a particular capacity or resides in a particular location and on a person so appointed ceasing to hold that office, to be employed in that capacity or to reside in that location he ceases to be a Justice of the Peace."

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an 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.

21. POLICE ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL 1984 (Serial 36):

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.

22. SOURCES OF THE LAW BILL 1984 (Serial 69):

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.

23. ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE AMENDMENT BILL 1984 (Serial 71):

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.

24. LOTTERIES AND GAMING AMENDMENT BILL (No.2) 1984 (Serial 65):

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 (Treasurer) the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

25. 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 10.12 p.m. adjourned until tomorrow at 10.00 a.m.

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ATTENDANCE:

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

Thursday 7 March 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. COMMONWEALTH DAY - MESSAGE FROM COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION - PAPER TABLED:  
Mr Speaker laid on the Table the following message from the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association relating to Commonwealth Day, 11 March 1985:

On Commonwealth Day, which falls on 11 March, I extend greetings to all my fellow Parliamentarians. On this day we rededicate ourselves to the principles of international peace and order, liberty of the individual, faith in the inherent dignity and worth of human beings, eradication of all forms of racialism and racial prejudice, elimination of colonialism, achievement of a more equitable international society and international cooperation contained in the Declaration of the Commonwealth principles adopted in 1971.

As members of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA), we hold these principles dear, and in our various meetings and conferences it has been our endeavour to re-emphasise them.

The hallmark of the various Commonwealth organizations has been cooperation and consultation. In the same spirit our Association brings Parliamentarians together on one platform, where they exchange information and experience in a free and cordial atmosphere. In our parliamentary institutions and the ideals underlying them, we have much in common because of the Commonwealth connection. Valuing the democratic processes, the CPA through seminars and other means has been engaged in broadening the understanding of, and promoting the respect for, parliamentary institutions. The Commonwealth link has lent a great stability to our Association, and a sense of belonging to its Members.

The Commonwealth has evolved with the times. In the process of transformation the Commonwealth has shown great dynamism and resilience. It has grown in membership as well as in the range of its activities. It has been a common meeting ground of the developed and the developing countries and a forum of excellent opportunities, where Parliamentarians meet freely and gain a better understanding of each other and forge personal ties.

In times of crisis the Commonwealth has provided a healing touch. The common parliamentary culture, the same medium of speech and frequent meetings have fostered among members a sense of kinship and emotional attachment.

During the tenure of my office as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, I look forward to meeting a number of leaders, representatives of the Commonwealth countries and Members of the Association and exchanging ideas as to how best we may further and strengthen the activities, understanding and cooperation among the various Members of the Association.

Dr The Hon. Bal Ram Jakhar  
Chairman of the Executive Committee  
COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION.



3. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:

Mr Hanrahan (Leader of Government Business) moved - That the Assembly, at its rising, adjourn until 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday 16 April 1985 or such other time and date set by Mr Speaker pursuant to Sessional Order.

Question - put and passed.

4. QUESTIONS:

Questions without notice were asked.

Answer to question: Mr Tuxworth, by leave, provided further information in answer to a question asked of him earlier this sittings.

Further questions were asked.

5. ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY, ANNUAL REPORT 1983-4 - PAPER TABLED - MOTION TO NOTE:

Mr Manzie (Minister for Transport and Works and Housing) laid on the Table the Road Safety Council of the Northern Territory Annual Report for 1983-4.

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

Debate ensued.

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

6. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR - SENATOR A.W.R. LEWIS:

Mr Speaker informed the Assembly that Senator A.W.R. Lewis was present in the Speaker's Gallery. Mr Speaker extended a warm welcome to the distinguished visitor.

7. SUBMISSION TO THE NATIONAL INQUIRY INTO LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE - PAPER TABLED:

Mr Tuxworth (Treasurer) ~~laid on the Table the Submission to the National Inquiry into Local Government Finance prepared on behalf of the government of the Northern Territory by Treasury and the Department of Community Development.~~

8. HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL - PAPER TABLED - PAPER PRINTED:

Mr Speaker laid on the Table a short history of the Legislative Council of the Northern Territory by Mr F.H. Walker, a former Clerk of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly.

Mr Hanrahan (Leader of Government Business) moved - That the paper be printed.

Question - put and passed.

9. QUOTING FROM UNCORRECTED HANSARD - STATEMENT - STATEMENT NOTED:

Mr Speaker made a statement relating to members quoting from the uncorrected *Hansard* and its distribution to recipients other than members in the following terms:

Yesterday during the adjournment the point of order was taken that an honourable member was quoting from an uncorrected edition of *Hansard* of an earlier day of this period of sittings in contravention of standing orders.

The Deputy Speaker ruled that there was no point of order in that standing orders were silent on the matter and, despite a ruling of a former Speaker that such a practice was not in order, he would permit the honourable member concerned to quote from the uncorrected edition provided that such quotation was relevant to the discussion in progress.

I support this ruling.

Honourable members are aware that there is an embargo on the distribution of the uncorrected *Hansard* to persons other than members of the Legislative Assembly. It is not available to them until 1 p.m. to afford members the opportunity to have any urgent amendments made before distribution.

The *Hansard* is distributed with the condition of distribution on the front cover - "This is an uncorrected proof of the daily report. It is made available under the condition that it is recognised as such".

I am certain that any of the limited number of recipients of this uncorrected version appreciate that minor, obvious, and sometimes humorous, errors can occur in transcription and take this possibility into account in any use they may make of the publication.

It is my intention to permit members to quote from the uncorrected edition of *Hansard* on the same conditions as stated by the Deputy Speaker yesterday.

In addition, unless honourable members object, I intend to lift the previously mentioned embargo on the release of the daily *Hansard*.

Mr B. Collins (Leader of the Opposition) moved - That the Assembly take note of the statement.

Debate ensued.

Question - put and passed.

10. ALTERATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS:

On the motion of Mr Hanrahan (Leader of Government Business), order of the day No. 3, Government Business, was called on.

11. TERRITORY INSURANCE OFFICE, ANNUAL REPORT, 1983-4 - PAPER NOTED:

The order of the day having been read for the resumption of debate on the motion of Mr Tuxworth (5 March 1985) - That the Assembly take note of the paper -

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

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*Suspension of sitting:* The sitting was suspended between 12.15 and 2.00 p.m.

12. FILM CLASSIFICATION AMENDMENT BILL 1984 (Serial 62):

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*  
(Chairman - Mr Vale)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole.

New clauses -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following new clauses were added to the Bill, after debate -

5A. NEW SECTIONS

The Principal Act is amended by adding at the end the following:

"11. FEES PAYABLE FOR CLASSIFICATION, &c.

"(1) Subject to sub-section (2), a person who submits a film for classification shall pay in respect of that submission the prescribed fee to the prescribed person.

"(2) The Regulations may prescribe a person, or a person belonging to a class of persons, exempted from paying the prescribed fee referred to in sub-section (1).

"(3) A person who makes an application under regulation 39(1) of the Customs (Cinematograph Films) Regulations made under the *Customs Act 1901* of the Commonwealth to the Board of Review within the meaning of those Regulations to review a decision of the Board within the meaning of those Regulations shall pay in respect of that application the prescribed fee to the prescribed person.

"12. REGULATIONS

"(1) The Administrator may make regulations, not inconsistent with this Act, prescribing matters -

- (a) required or permitted by this Act to be prescribed; or
- (b) necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Act.

"(2) Without limiting the generality of sub-section (1), the Regulations may -

- (a) prescribe requirements for and in relation to the publication and contents of advertising matter referred to in section 5(3), including in relation to printed advertising matter -
  - (i) the dimensions of a statement or symbol required by that section to be contained in that advertising matter; and
  - (ii) what constitutes clear visibility for the purposes of that section; and
- (b) prescribe penalties not exceeding \$100 for offences against the Regulations."

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill to be reported with an amendment.

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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.

13. CLASSIFICATION OF PUBLICATIONS BILL 1984 (Serial 72):

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 -

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*  
(Chairman - Mr Vale)

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

Clause 3 -

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

Omit from paragraph (a) of the definition of "appeal censor" the words "this Act between the Administrator and the Governor-General of the Commonwealth" and insert in its stead "section 24".

Insert after the definition of "Films Regulations" the following:

"'infant' means a person who has not attained the age of 18 years;".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 20, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

New clause -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following new clause was inserted in the Bill -

#### 20A. NOTICE OF ACTION OF CLASSIFICATION OFFICER

(1) Where a classification officer classifies or refuses to classify a publication, he shall, by notice in writing to the Minister, inform the Minister of that action.

(2) Where a classification officer classifies or refuses to classify a publication as a result of an application for classification under this Division, he shall, at the same time as he notifies the Minister of that action, send a copy of the notice to the person who applied for the classification of the publication.

(3) The Minister shall, within 30 days after receiving the notice referred to in sub-section (1), publish the notice in the *Gazette*.

(4) The action under section 20 of a classification officer takes effect for the purposes of this Act on the date on which the notice under sub-section (1) is published in the *Gazette*.

Clauses 21 to 23, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 24 -

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

Omit from sub-clause (2) "Administrator" and insert in its stead "Minister".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 25 to 29, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 30 -

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

Omit sub-clauses (3) and (4) and insert in their stead the following:

"(3) The Minister shall, within 30 days after receiving a notice referred to in sub-section (1), publish the notice in the *Gazette*.

"(4) The action under section 28 or 29 of the Censor takes effect for the purposes of this Act on the date on which the notice under sub-section (1) is published in the *Gazette*."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 31 to 34, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 35 -

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

Omit sub-clause (3).

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

Omit from sub-clause (4) "A publication that is classified as a Category 2 restricted publication or as an 'X' film shall not be -" and insert in its stead the following:

"A publication -

(aa) that is classified as a Category 2 restricted publication;  
or

(ab) that is a film classified as an 'R' or 'X' film,  
shall not be -".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 36 to 48, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 49 -

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

Insert in sub-clause (3), after "other than", the words  
"on a screen having dimensions of or less than those prescribed or".

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 50 to 61, by leave, taken together and agreed to.

Clause 62 negatived.

New clauses -

On the motion of Mr Perron the following new clauses were inserted in the Bill -

## 62. LIABILITY FOR OFFENCE BY BODY CORPORATE

(1) Where a body corporate commits an offence against this Act -

(a) the person who, at the time the offence was committed, was the manager or other governing officer by whatever name called, or a member of the governing body by whatever name called, of the body corporate; and

(b) a person who, at the time the offence was committed, managed or acted or took part in the management, administration or governing of the business in the Territory of the body corporate,

shall each be deemed to have committed the offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

(2) This section applies so as not to limit or affect in any way the liability of a body corporate to be proceeded against and punished for an offence against this Act committed by it.

(3) It shall be a defence to a prosecution for an offence against this Act brought against a person specified in sub-section (1) if the person charged with the offence proves that the offence was committed without his consent or connivance and that he exercised due diligence to prevent the commission of the offence.

62A. EVIDENCE

(1) In proceedings for an offence against this Act, a copy of a Gazette in which is published a notice purporting to be a notice under section 20A(1) or 30(1) is prima facie evidence of the matters stated in the notice.

(2) In proceedings for an offence against this Act, a certificate signed or purporting to be signed by the Censor stating that a film specified in that certificate has not been classified or that advertising material in relation to a film has not been approved is prima facie evidence of that fact.

Clause 63 agreed to.

Clause 64 -

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

Omit from sub-clause (2) paragraph (c) and insert in its stead the following:

"(c) fees for any matter under this Act and arrangements for the collection and apportionment, if necessary, between the Commonwealth and the Territory of fees referred to in section 26(3) or 31(3)."

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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

Bill to be reported with amendments.

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The Assembly resumed - the Chairman (Mr Vale) 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.

14. CROWN LANDS AMENDMENT BILL 1985 (Serial 105):

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 Hatton (Minister for Lands) the Bill was read a third time and passed to be a proposed law.

15. PUBLIC HEALTH BILLS - CONTROL OF WATERS AMENDMENT BILL 1984 (Serial 58) and PUBLIC HEALTH AMENDMENT BILL 1984 (Serial 59):

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 reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr Perron (Minister for Mines and Energy) the Bills were read a third time and passed to be proposed laws.

16. 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 6.05 p.m. adjourned until 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday 16 April 1985, or such other time and date set by Mr Speaker pursuant to Sessional Order.

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No.3 Pularumpi Community Government Council (Common Seal) By-laws

No.4 Dangerous Goods Regulations

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ATTENDANCE:

All members attended the sitting.

H.G. SMITH

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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