

Votes

New South Wales.

No. 1.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 25 AUGUST, 1954.

1. **OPENING OF THE SESSION:**—The House met at Twelve o'clock at Noon, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the fourteenth day of July, 1954.

Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

The Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, read a copy of the said Proclamation, as follows:—

"New South Wales, "to wit. "(L.S.) "J. NORTHCOTT, "Governor.	}	By His Excellency Sir JOHN NORTHCOTT, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-General on the Retired List of the Australian Military Forces, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia.
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"Whereas the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of the State of New South Wales now stand prorogued to Thursday, the twenty-second day of July, 1954: Now, I, Sir JOHN NORTHCOTT, in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested as Governor of the said State, do hereby further prorogue the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly to Wednesday, the twenty-fifth day of August, 1954: And I do further announce and proclaim that the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly shall assemble for the despatch of business on the aforesaid twenty-fifth day of August, 1954, at 12 o'clock at noon, in the buildings known as the Legislative Council Chambers situate in Macquarie-street, in the City of Sydney: And the Members of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly respectively are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

"Given under my Hand and Seal, at Sydney, this fourteenth day of July,
"in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four,
"and in the third year of Her Majesty's Reign.

"By His Excellency's Command,

"J. J. CAHILL.

"GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!"

2. **VACANT SEAT—ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF PHILLIP:**—

(1.) Mr. Speaker informed the House that, during the recess, he had received from the Registrar-General a certified copy of the certificate of death, which took place on 9th June, 1954, of Thomas John Shannon, Esquire, lately serving in the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales as Member for the Electoral District of Phillip.

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(2.) *Issue and Return of Writ*:—Mr. Speaker also informed the House that, during the recess, in accordance with the direction of the 70th section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912, as amended, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Phillip, in the room of Thomas John Shannon, Esquire, deceased; and that such Writ had been duly returned with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Patrick Darcy Hills, Esquire, to serve as such Member.

(3.) *Member Sworn*:—Patrick Darcy Hills, Esquire, was introduced, and having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Phillip.

3. **LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION**:—Lieut.-Col. Robson informed the House that on the seventeenth day of August, 1954, he had been appointed Leader of the Opposition and that the Honourable Member for Collaroy, Mr. Askin, had been appointed Deputy-Leader of the Opposition on the twelfth day of July, 1954.

Whereupon Mr. Cahill offered his congratulations.

4. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR**:—The Usher of the Black Rod, being admitted, delivered the following Message:—

“Mr. Speaker,—

“I have it in command to inform you that it is the pleasure of the Governor that this Honourable House do attend His Excellency immediately “in the Legislative Council Chamber.”

The House went, and being returned,—

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, at Fourteen Minutes before One o'clock, p.m., until Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at the hour named.

5. **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Cahill and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) **Auctioneers, Stock and Station and Real Estate Agents (Amendment) Bill**:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 1.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend section thirty-six of the Auctioneers, Stock and Station and Real Estate Agents Act, 1941-1946, in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.*”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 14th April, 1954.

(2.) **Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave) Amendment Bill**:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 2.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the Coal Mining Industry Long Service Leave Act, 1950-1952, by adding to the Schedule thereto certain awards, variations, orders, decisions and interpretations of the Coal Industry Tribunal; to validate certain matters; and for purposes connected therewith.*”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 14th April, 1954.

(3.) **Crimes (Amendment) Bill**:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 3.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to declare the law with respect to the inadmissibility of confessions, admissions, and statements induced by untrue representations; for this purpose to amend section four hundred and ten of*

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the Crimes Act, 1900, as amended by subsequent Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(4.) Crown Lands (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,

Governor.

Message No. 4.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make certain provisions relating to Crown land agents and the appointment of days as land-office days for land offices; for these purposes to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913; to validate certain matters; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 14th April, 1954.

(5.) Irrigation (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,

Governor.

Message No. 5.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend section 5E of the Irrigation Act, 1912-1949, in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 14th April, 1954.

(6.) Navigation (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,

Governor.

Message No. 6.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision in relation to preventing collisions at sea; for this purpose to amend the Navigation Act, 1901-1949, in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 14th April, 1954.

(7.) Main Roads (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,

Governor.

Message No. 7.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend section 7A of the Main Roads Act, 1924-1951, in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment in the manner required by law.

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(8.) Motor Traffic (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 8.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to provide for schemes designed to assist children to cross public streets with safety; for this purpose to amend the Motor Traffic Act, 1909-1952, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(9.) Richmond to Kurrajong Railway (Cessation of Operation) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 9.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to discontinue the operation of the Richmond to Kurrajong Railway Line; to make certain provisions consequential upon such discontinuance; to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912-1953; to validate certain matters; and for purposes connected therewith,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(10.) Taree-Wingham Water Supply Administration (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 10.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Taree-Wingham Water Supply Administration Act, 1929; and for purposes connected therewith,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(11.) War Service Land Settlement (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor,

Message No. 11.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to make provision for and in relation to the settlement on the land of persons who are discharged members of the Korea and Malaya Operations Forces; for this and other purposes to amend the War Service Land Settlement Act, 1941, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(12.) Broken Hill Water and Sewerage (Radium Hill) Amendment Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 12.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to ratify and provide for the carrying out of an Agreement entered into between the Premier of the State of New South Wales, the Premier of the State of South Australia and the Broken Hill Water Board respecting the supply of water by the Broken Hill Water Board to the Government of the State of South Australia; to amend the Broken Hill Water and Sewerage Act, 1938-1951, in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency

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has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 20th April, 1954.*

(13.) Local Government (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 13.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to confer a right of appeal on questions of law arising in the determination of claims for compensation under section 342Ac of the Local Government Act, 1919, as amended by subsequent Acts; for this purpose to amend that Act, as so amended; and for purposes connected therewith,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney 20th April, 1954.*

(14.) Macleay River Improvements Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 14.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to sanction and to provide for the carrying out of certain works in and adjacent to the Macleay River; and for purposes connected therewith,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney, 20th April, 1954.*

(15.) Mosman Anzac Memorial Hall (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 15.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Mosman Anzac Memorial Hall Act, 1938, in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney, 20th April, 1954.*

(16.) New South Wales Government Engineering and Shipbuilding Undertaking and Electricity Commission Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 16.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to make provision whereby the present Director of New South Wales Government Engineering and Shipbuilding Undertaking may be continued in office for a certain period as such Director and also as a Commissioner of the Electricity Commission of New South Wales; for this purpose to amend the New South Wales Government Engineering and Shipbuilding Undertaking Act, 1943, and the Electricity Commission Act, 1950-1954; and for purposes connected therewith,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(17.) Stamp Duties (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 17.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Deputy Commissioners of Stamp Duties to be appointed; for this purpose to amend the Stamp Duties Act, 1920-1952; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(18.) Supreme Court, Industrial Arbitration and Workers' Compensation (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 18.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make certain provisions in relation to the constitution of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, the Industrial Commission of New South Wales and the Workers' Compensation Commission of New South Wales; for this purpose to amend the Supreme Court and Circuit Courts Act, 1900-1953, the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1940-1953, and the Workers' Compensation Act, 1926-1953; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(19.) Electricity Commission (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 19.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend the powers of the Electricity Commission of New South Wales in relation to loans raised in other countries; for this and other purposes to amend the Electricity Commission Act, 1950, as amended by subsequent Acts; to validate certain matters; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 23rd April, 1954.

(20.) Legal Practitioners (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 20.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide that the annual practising fee payable by solicitors may be prescribed by regulation; to make further provision with respect to the admission of persons as students-at-law and as barristers; for these purposes to amend the Legal Practitioners Act, 1898, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 23rd April, 1954.

(21.) Pharmacy (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 21.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision in relation to the registration of pharmacists; for this purpose to amend the Pharmacy Act, 1897-1952, in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as

finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 23rd April, 1954.

(22.) Private Hospitals (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 22.

A Bill, intituled, "*An Act to make further provision with respect to the licensing, management and control of private hospitals and rest homes; to amend the Private Hospitals Act, 1908, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 23rd April, 1954.

(23.) Coal and Oil Shale Mine Workers (Superannuation) Amendment Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 23.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to increase the rates of pensions payable under the Coal and Oil Shale Mine Workers (Superannuation) Act, 1941-1952; for this and other purposes to amend the said Act in certain respects; to validate certain matters; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 29th April, 1954.

(24.) Co-operation (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 24.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision in relation to the indemnification of building societies against loss; for this and other purposes to amend the Co-operation Act, 1923-1950, and the Friendly Societies Act, 1912-1951; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 29th April, 1954.

(25.) Fines and Forfeited Recognizances Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 25.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for and with respect to the forfeiture of certain recognizances and the recovery of certain fines and forfeited recognizances; to repeal the Fines and Forfeited Recognizances Recovery Act, 1902; to amend the Justices Act, 1902, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(26.) Textile Products Labelling Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 26.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to make provisions relating to the application of trade descriptions to textile products; to repeal the Textile Products Labelling Act, 1945; and for purposes connected therewith,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 29th April, 1954.

6. FORESTRY ACT, 1916-1951—REVOCATION OF DEDICATION OF CERTAIN STATE FORESTS:—Mr. Speaker reported the following communication from His Excellency the Governor:—

Government House, Sydney,
14th April, 1954.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of the Resolutions adopted by the Legislative Assembly regarding the revocation of the dedication of certain State Forests.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

The Honourable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly,
Parliament House, Sydney.

7. ELECTION OF A MEMBER TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF NEW SOUTH WALES:—

(1.) Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from His Excellency the Governor:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 27.

In pursuance of section seven of the Constitution (Legislative Council Elections) Act, 1932-1937, the Governor desires to inform the Legislative Assembly that he has this day, with the advice of the Executive Council, issued under that Act a Writ for the election of a Member of the Legislative Council to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the Honourable Hugh Latimer, F.C.C.A.

The Writ is directed to Brigadier John Rowstone Stevenson, C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D., Clerk of the Parliaments of the State of New South Wales, Returning Officer for the Election of Members of the Legislative Council of New South Wales.

This Message is accompanied by a copy of the Writ.

In order that both Houses of Parliament may be duly informed of the issue of the Writ, a like Message is this day being addressed by the Governor to the President of the Legislative Council.

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Mr. Speaker announced that the Message was accompanied by a copy of the Writ.

Mr. Speaker then directed the Clerk to read the Writ, which was as follows:—

WRIT FOR THE ELECTION OF A MEMBER TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

"Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, Australia
"and Her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Common-
"wealth, Defender of the Faith.

"To BRIGADIER JOHN ROWSTONE STEVENSON, C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D., Clerk
"of the Parliaments of the State of New South Wales, Returning Officer
"for the elections of Members of the Legislative Council of Our State
"of New South Wales—

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"Greeting:

"WHEREAS the Honourable HUGH LATIMER was, on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and forty-nine, duly elected a Member of the Legislative Council of Our State of New South Wales for a term of twelve years commencing on the twenty-third day of April, one thousand nine hundred and forty-nine: And whereas the Honourable HUGH LATIMER died on the tenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four: And whereas the President of the Legislative Council of Our State of New South Wales has notified Our Governor of Our said State that the seat of the said Honourable HUGH LATIMER has become vacant by his death: And whereas by the Constitution (Legislative Council Elections) Act, 1932-1937, it is provided that upon receipt of such notification Our Governor of Our said State shall issue a Writ for the election of a Member to fill the vacancy: Now therefore Our Governor of Our said State with the advice of the Executive Council thereof issues to you JOHN ROWLSTONE STEVENSON this Our Writ for the election as provided by law of a Member to the Legislative Council of Our said State to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the said Honourable HUGH LATIMER: And in this Our Writ the fourteenth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four, is appointed by Our Governor of Our said State, with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, as the day on or before which all nominations of candidates at the said election shall be made: And Our Governor of Our said State, with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, in and by this Our Writ appoints the twenty-second day of September, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four, as the day upon which a sitting of the Members of the Legislative Council of Our said State and a sitting of the Members of the Legislative Assembly of our said State shall be held for the purpose of taking the votes of those Members in the respective Houses of the Parliament of Our said State: And Our Governor of Our said State, with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, in and by this Our Writ appoints the hour of two-thirty o'clock in the afternoon as the hour at which the taking of votes at a sitting of the Members of the Legislative Council of Our said State and at a sitting of the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Our said State shall respectively commence on the day so appointed: And Our Governor of Our said State with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, in and by this Our Writ, appoints the hour of four o'clock in the afternoon as the hour at which the taking of votes at such sittings shall respectively terminate on the day so appointed: And in this Our Writ the twenty-seventh day of September, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four, is appointed by Our Governor of Our said State, with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, as the day upon which this Our Writ shall be returnable to Our Governor of Our said State: And whereas Our Governor of Our said State by witnessing this Our Writ testifies the issue of this Our Writ and that the said days and hours are so appointed: Now we do in and by this Our Writ direct the election of a Member of Our Legislative Council of Our State of New South Wales to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the said the Honourable HUGH LATIMER as aforesaid and direct and appoint that the said fourteenth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four, shall be the day on or before which all nominations of candidates at the said election shall be made (such nominations being made in manner and form and at the time and otherwise as provided by law), that the said election shall be held according to law and that a sitting of the Members of the Legislative Council of Our said State and a sitting of the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Our said State shall be held according to law for the purpose of taking the votes of those Members in the respective Houses of the Parliament of the said State on the day so appointed, that the hour at which the taking of votes at such sittings shall respectively commence on such day shall be the hour so appointed for the commencement thereof as provided by law and that the hour at which the taking of votes at such sittings shall respectively terminate on such day shall be the hour so appointed for the termination thereof as provided by law: And we do further in and by this Our Writ direct and appoint that this Our Writ shall be returnable to Our Governor of Our said State upon the twenty-seventh day of September, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four.

"In testimony whereof, We have caused this Our Writ to be sealed with the Public Seal of Our said State.

"Witness Our Trusty and Well-beloved Sir JOHN NORTHCOFF, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-General on the Retired List of the Australian Military Forces, Governor of Our State

25th August, 1954.

"of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of
"Australia, at Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this twenty-
"fifth day of August, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred
"and fifty-four, and in the third year of Our Reign.

"J. NORTHCOTT,
"Governor.

"By His Excellency's Command,
"J. J. CAHILL."

(2.) Mr. Speaker directed that the taking of the votes of Members in the Legislative Assembly for the Election of a Member of the Legislative Council be set down as an Order of the Day for the day of the Ballot appointed in His Excellency's Writ of 25th August, 1954, viz., 22nd September, 1954.

Mr. Speaker intimated that on such day the taking of the votes would take precedence of all other business.

8. APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. Speaker pursuant to Standing Order No. 28 (c), nominated,—

Howard Thomas Fowles, Esquire,
John Stanley Freeman, Esquire,
Kenneth Malcolm McCaw, Esquire,
D'Arcy Rose, Esquire, and
Laurence John Tully, Esquire,

to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees during the present Session.

9. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—CHANGES IN THE MINISTRY:—Mr. Cahill informed the House of the following changes in the Ministry:—

- (1) On 10th May, 1954, the Honourable Roger Bede Nott, M.L.A., was appointed by His Excellency the Governor as Minister without Portfolio and as a Member of the Executive Council.
- (2) On 30th June, 1954, His Excellency accepted the resignation of the Honourable Francis Patrick Buckley, M.L.C., as a Member of the Executive Council and as Secretary for Mines.
- (3) On 1st July, 1954, His Excellency appointed the Honourable William McCulloch Gollan, M.L.A., as Secretary for Mines and accepted his resignation as Minister without Portfolio.
- (4) On 1st July, 1954, the Honourable James Joseph Maloney, M.L.C., was appointed by His Excellency as Minister without Portfolio and as a Member of the Executive Council.

Mr. Cahill also informed the House that on 19th May, 1954, the Honourable John Francis McGrath, M.L.A., was authorised by His Excellency the Governor to exercise the powers and perform the official duties of the Minister for Education during the absence from the State of the Honourable Robert James Heffron, M.L.A.

10. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:—

(1.) Mr. Green (*by consent*) moved, That leave of absence for the present Session be granted to the Honourable Robert James Heffron, Member for Maroubra, on account of absence from the State.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Green (*by consent*) moved, That leave of absence for the present Session be granted to Leo Mervyn Nott, Esquire, Member for Mudgee, on account of illness.

Question put and passed.

(3.) Mr. Green (*by consent*) moved, That leave of absence for the present Session be granted to Clarence Gordon Robertson, Esquire, Member for Dubbo, on account of urgent private business.

Question put and passed.

(4.) Mr. Stephens (*by consent*) moved, That leave of absence for the present Session be granted to Leslie Charles Jordan, Esquire, LL.B., Member for Oxley, on account of absence from the State.

Question put and passed.

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11. DEATH OF THE HONOURABLE JOHN ARTHUR PERKINS, A FORMER MINISTER OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, AND PREVIOUSLY A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES:—Mr. Cahill (*by consent*) moved,—
- (1.) That this House desires to place on record its sense of the loss this State and Australia have sustained by the death of the Honourable John Arthur Perkins, a former Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia, and previously a Member of this House.
 - (2.) That Mr. Speaker be requested to communicate to Mrs. Perkins the above resolution together with an expression of the sympathy and sorrow of the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in the loss she has sustained.
- The Motion having been seconded by Lieut.-Col. Robson and supported by Mr. Dickson,—
- Question put and carried unanimously,—Members and Officers of the House standing.
12. DEATH OF MAJOR-GENERAL SIR CHARLES ROSENTHAL, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., FORMERLY A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES:—Mr. Cahill (*by consent*) moved,—
- (1.) That this House desires to place on record its sense of the loss this State has sustained by the death of Major-General Sir Charles Rosenthal, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., formerly a Member of this House.
 - (2.) That Mr. Speaker be requested to communicate to Lady Rosenthal and the family of the deceased the above resolution together with an expression of the sympathy and sorrow of the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in the loss they have sustained.
- The Motion having been seconded by Lieut.-Col. Robson and supported by Mr. Dickson and Mr. Clyne,—
- Question put and carried unanimously,—Members and Officers of the House standing.
13. DEATH OF MRS. LILIAN FOWLER, FORMERLY A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES:—Mr. Cahill (*by consent*) moved,—
- (1.) That this House desires to place on record its sense of the loss this State has sustained by the death of Mrs. Lilian Fowler, formerly a Member of this House.
 - (2.) That Mr. Speaker be requested to communicate to the family of the deceased the above resolution together with an expression of the sympathy and sorrow of the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in the loss they have sustained.
- The Motion having been seconded by Lieut.-Col. Robson and supported by Mr. Dickson and Mr. Hunter,—
- Question put and carried unanimously,—Members and Officers of the House standing.
14. DEATH OF THOMAS JOHN SHANNON, ESQUIRE, MEMBER FOR PHILLIP:—Mr. Cahill (*by consent*) moved,—
- (1.) That this House desires to place on record its sense of the loss this State has sustained by the death of Thomas John Shannon, Esquire, Member for Phillip.
 - (2.) That Mr. Speaker be requested to communicate to Mrs. Shannon the above resolution together with an expression of the sympathy and sorrow of the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in the loss she has sustained.
 - (3.) That as a tribute of respect, this House do now adjourn until Tuesday next at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.
- The Motion having been seconded by Lieut.-Col. Robson and supported by Mr. Dickson, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Clyne, Mr. Tonge and Mr. Hills,—
- Question put and carried unanimously,—Members and Officers of the House standing.
- The House adjourned accordingly at Nineteen minutes before Four o'clock, p.m., until Tuesday next, at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 31 AUGUST, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. ROYAL PORTRAITS:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that to mark the historic occasion on the 4th February, 1954, when Her Majesty The Queen, opened the New South Wales Parliament—the first time that The Sovereign had opened an Australian Parliament—The Queen had been graciously pleased to present through the Honourable the Premier, to the Parliament of New South Wales, signed portraits of Her Majesty and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh. The Portraits had been placed on the wall of the lobby behind the Assembly Chamber and at a later date a plaque recording their significance would be placed beneath them.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Cahill laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Copy Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into certain matters relating to David Edward Studley-Ruxton.

(2.) Copy Report of the Police Department, together with Appendices, for 1953.

(3.) Report of the Commissioner of Taxation on the working of the several Taxation Acts covering (a) State Income Tax; (b) Unemployment Relief Tax and Social Services Tax; and (c) Special Income Tax and Wages Tax, for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

(4.) Police Rules under the Police Regulation Act, 1899, as amended.

(5.) Regulations under the Public Service Act, 1902, as amended.

(6.) Regulations under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900-1953.

(7.) By-laws under the Metropolitan Water, Sewerage and Drainage Act, 1924-1949.

(8.) Regulation under the Stamp Duties Act, 1920-1954.

(9.) By-law under the Hunter District Water, Sewerage and Drainage Act, 1938-1952.

(10.) Notification under Section 173 of the Navigation Act, 1901-1949.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Kelly laid upon the Table—Balance-sheets of Art Unions under the Lotteries and Art Unions Act, 1901, as amended, in aid of,—

Albury City Band.

Albury City Concert Hall.

Albury Floral Festival.

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Australian Red Cross Society.
 Burlington District Brass Band.
 Gosford War Memorial Pool Association.
 Handicapped Children's Centre, Sutherland Shire.
 N.S.W. Ambulance Transport Service, Western Suburbs District.
 N.S.W. Society for Crippled Children.
 North Bondi Surf Life Saving Club.
 North Coast and Tablelands Districts Ex-Servicemen's Rest and Convalescent Home.
 Temora Memorial Soldiers' Band.
 Tweed District Ambulance.
 Wauchope Hospital and Ambulance and North Coast Travellers' Cot Fund.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Graham laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Regulations under the Veterinary Surgeons Act, 1923-1952.
- (2.) Regulations under the Marketing of Primary Products Act, 1927-1940.
- (3.) Regulations under the Stock Diseases Act, 1923-1934.
- (4.) Regulations under the Dried Fruits Act, 1939-1951.
- (5.) Regulations under the Pastures Protection Act, 1934-1951.
- (6.) Copies of Minutes of the Public Service Board respecting the appointments, on probation, of certain persons, Department of Agriculture.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hawkins laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated for public purposes in accordance with the provisions of section 24 of the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (2.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with certain lands under section 25 of the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (3.) Notifications of the acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the establishment of Public Recreation Grounds at Picnic Point, Katoomba, Bodalla, Drake, and for an addition to Lane Cove National Park.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Renshaw laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Report of the Electricity Commission of New South Wales for the year ended 30th June, 1953, together with Appendices.
- (2.) Report of the Valuer-General for the year ended 30th June, 1954.
- (3.) Report of the Broken Hill Water Board for 1953.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Enticknap laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Notifications of acquisition of land and/or easements under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for works in connection with,—
 - (a) Water conservation in Lake Ballyrogan.
 - (b) Berriquin Provisional Domestic and Stock Water Supply and Irrigation District.
 - (c) Construction of Cunningham Weir on the Dumaresq River.
 - (d) Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area.
- (2.) Regulation under the Irrigation Act, 1912, as amended.
- (3.) Regulation under the Farm Water Supplies Act, 1946.
- (4.) Copies of Minutes of the Public Service Board respecting the appointments, on probation, of certain persons as Foresters and Soil Conservationists, Department of Conservation.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Landa laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Statistics supplementary to the Report of the Workers' Compensation Commission for the year ended 30th June, 1953.
- (2.) Regulations under the Factories and Shops Act, 1912-1950.
- (3.) Proclamation under the Factories and Shops Act, 1912-1950.
- (4.) Regulations under the Broad Manufacture and Delivery Act, 1950-1953.
- (5.) Regulations under the Textile Products Labelling Act, 1954.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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Mr. Gollan laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Regulations under the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912-1953.
- (2.) Proclamations under the Coal Mines Regulation (Amendment) Act, 1912-1953.
- (3.) Proclamation under the Inflammable Liquid Act, 1915-1953.
- (4.) Regulations under the Mining Act, 1906-1952.
- (5.) Proclamations under the Mining Act, 1906-1952.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. McGrath laid upon the Table—Report of the Minister of Public Instruction for 1953.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

4. ELECTION OF A MEMBER TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF NEW SOUTH WALES:—

(1.) Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from His Excellency the Governor:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 28.

In pursuance of section seven of the Constitution (Legislative Council Elections) Act, 1932-1937, the Governor desires to inform the Legislative Assembly that he has this day, with the advice of the Executive Council, issued under that Act a Writ for the election of a Member of the Legislative Council to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Honourable Francis Patrick Buckley.

The Writ is directed to Brigadier John Rowstone Stevenson, C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D., Clerk of the Parliaments of the State of New South Wales, Returning Officer for the Election of Members of the Legislative Council of New South Wales.

This Message is accompanied by a copy of the Writ.

In order that both Houses of Parliament may be duly informed of the issue of the Writ, a like Message is this day being addressed by the Governor to the President of the Legislative Council.

Government House,
Sydney, 31st August, 1954.

Mr. Speaker announced that the Message was accompanied by a copy of the Writ.

Mr. Speaker then directed the Clerk to read the Writ, which was as follows:—

WRIT FOR THE ELECTION OF A MEMBER TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF
NEW SOUTH WALES.

*“Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, Australia
“and Her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Common-
“wealth, Defender of the Faith.*

*“To BRIGADIER JOHN ROWLSTONE STEVENSON, C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D., Clerk of
“the Parliaments of the State of New South Wales, Returning Officer
“for the elections of Members of the Legislative Council of Our State
“of New South Wales—*

“Greeting:

*“Whereas the Honourable FRANCIS PATRICK BUCKLEY was, on the fourteenth
“day of March, one thousand nine hundred and forty-six duly elected a
“Member of the Legislative Council of Our State of New South Wales for a
“term of twelve years, commencing on the twenty-third day of April, one
“thousand nine hundred and forty-six; And whereas the Honourable
“FRANCIS PATRICK BUCKLEY resigned his seat in the Legislative Council on the
“thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four: And whereas
“the President of the Legislative Council of Our State of New South Wales
“has notified Our Governor of Our said State that the seat of the said
“Honourable FRANCIS PATRICK BUCKLEY has become vacant by his resignation:
“And whereas by the Constitution (Legislative Council Elections) Act,
“1932-1937, it is provided that upon receipt of such notification Our Governor
“of Our said State shall issue a Writ for the election of a Member to fill
“the vacancy: Now therefore Our Governor of Our said State, with the advice
“of the Executive Council thereof, issues to you JOHN ROWLSTONE STEVENSON
“this Our Writ for the election as provided by law of a Member to the*

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“Legislative Council of Our said State to fill the vacancy caused by the
 “resignation of the said the Honourable FRANCIS PATRICK BUCKLEY: And in
 “this Our Writ the fourteenth day of September, one thousand nine hundred
 “and fifty-four, is appointed by Our Governor of Our said State, with the
 “advice of the Executive Council thereof, as the day on or before which all
 “nominations of candidates at the said election shall be made: And Our
 “Governor of Our said State, with the advice of the Executive Council thereof,
 “in and by this Our Writ appoints the twenty-third day of September, one
 “thousand nine hundred and fifty-four, as the day upon which a sitting of the
 “Members of the Legislative Council of Our said State and a sitting of the
 “Members of the Legislative Assembly of Our said State shall be held for the
 “purpose of taking the votes of those Members in the respective Houses of the
 “Parliament of Our said State: And Our Governor of Our said State, with the
 “advice of the Executive Council thereof, in and by this Our Writ appoints
 “the hour of eleven o’clock in the morning as the hour at which the taking of
 “votes at a sitting of the Members of the Legislative Council of Our said State
 “and at a sitting of the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Our said State
 “shall respectively commence on the day so appointed: And Our Governor of
 “Our said State, with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, in and by
 “this Our Writ, appoints the hour of one o’clock in the afternoon as the hour
 “at which the taking of votes at such sittings shall respectively terminate on
 “the day so appointed: And in this Our Writ the twenty-seventh day of
 “September, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four, is appointed by Our
 “Governor of Our said State, with the advice of the Executive Council thereof,
 “as the day upon which this Our Writ shall be returnable to Our Governor of
 “Our said State: And whereas Our Governor of Our said State by witnessing
 “this Our Writ testifies the issue of this Our Writ and that the said days and
 “hours are so appointed: Now we do in and by this Our Writ direct the
 “election of a Member of Our Legislative Council of Our State of New South
 “Wales to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the said the Honourable
 “FRANCIS PATRICK BUCKLEY as aforesaid and direct and appoint that the said
 “fourteenth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four,
 “shall be the day on or before which all nominations of candidates at the
 “said election shall be made (such nominations being made in manner and
 “form and at the time and otherwise as provided by law), that the said election
 “shall be held according to law and that a sitting of the Members of the
 “Legislative Council of Our said State and a sitting of the Members of the
 “Legislative Assembly of Our said State shall be held according to law for the
 “purpose of taking the votes of those Members in the respective Houses of
 “the Parliament of the said State on the day so appointed, that the hour at
 “which the taking of votes at such sittings shall respectively commence on
 “such day shall be the hour so appointed for the commencement thereof as
 “provided by law and that the hour at which the taking of votes at such
 “sittings shall respectively terminate on such day shall be the hour so
 “appointed for the termination thereof as provided by law: And we do further
 “in and by this Our Writ direct and appoint that this Our Writ shall be
 “returnable to Our Governor of Our said State upon the twenty-seventh day
 “of September, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four.

“In testimony whereof, We have caused this Our Writ to be sealed with
 “the Public Seal of Our said State.

“Witness Our Trusty and Well-beloved Sir JOHN NORTHCOTT, Knight
 “Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and
 “Saint George, Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order,
 “Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-
 “General on the Retired List of the Australian Military Forces,
 “Governor of Our State of New South Wales and its Dependencies,
 “in the Commonwealth of Australia, at Sydney, in New South Wales
 “aforesaid, this thirty-first day of August, in the year of Our Lord
 “one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four, and in the third year of
 “Our Reign.

“J. NORTHCOTT,
 “Governor.

“By His Excellency’s Command,

“J. J. CAHILL.”

(2.) Mr. Speaker directed that the taking of the votes of Members in the
 Legislative Assembly for the Election of a Member of the Legislative Council
 be set down as an Order of the Day for the day of the Ballot appointed in
 His Excellency’s Writ of 31st August, 1954, viz., 23rd September, 1954.

Mr. Speaker intimated that on such day the taking of the votes would take
 precedence of all other business.

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5. *Pro Formâ* BILL—LAW OF EVIDENCE BILL:—Mr. Cahill presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the Law of Evidence,"—and moved *pro formâ*, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

6. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—Mr. Speaker reported that the House on Wednesday last attended the Governor in the Legislative Council Chamber when His Excellency was pleased to deliver an Opening Speech to both Houses of Parliament. For greater accuracy, he had obtained a copy, which he laid upon the Table of the House, and ordered that it be recorded in the *Votes and Proceedings*, as follows:—

HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND
MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

To-day marks the opening of the Fourth Session of the Thirty-seventh Parliament of the State of New South Wales, called for the purpose of considering the Government's programme of legislation and other matters of importance to the welfare of the State.

At the outset it is fitting that I should make reference to a recent event of historical importance which stirred us all deeply, namely, the visit to our country of Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

The outstanding impression left by this visit was of a Sovereign deeply devoted to the service of the British Commonwealth of Nations and intensely interested in the welfare of her subjects.

I therefore welcome this opportunity to record the sense of pleasure which the visit evoked in our people, the pride with which we watched a young Queen carry out her great task with purpose and dignity, and the gratification we experienced when, on the fulfilment of that task, she was safely united with her family.

No event in modern times has done more to strengthen our respect for the Crown as an integral part of our democratic constitution.

Since Parliament last met Honourable Members have suffered the loss of two esteemed colleagues, the Honourable Hugh Latimer, a Member of the Legislative Council, and Mr. Thomas John Shannon, a Member of the Legislative Assembly. Both gave long and devoted service in the public interest and I share with Honourable Members deep regret in their passing.

My Ministers advise me that, despite increasing competition in the sale overseas of certain of our primary products, notably wheat, export income from primary products is being maintained and production in most manufacturing industries is running at near record levels.

My Ministers feel that one of the outstanding problems in the immediate future is to endeavour to ensure the continuance of this high level of economic activity within a stable cost and price structure and to protect the economy from checks caused by shortages of basic materials.

My Ministers advise that, to the fullest extent possible, the Government's own developmental and financial programme is designed to assist in achieving these objectives, as for instance, in the provision of increased supplies of electric power from new and existing power stations, which during the next twelve months will add approximately 136,000 kilowatts to our generating capacity.

My Ministers also feel that the State's productivity and industrial efficiency is being improved by the modern rolling stock which is now being added to the railway system, the financial position of which is now healthier than for some years past.

The Government's programme of development is regarded by my advisers as a corollary to the greater investment of capital from overseas in order that our industries might be diversified and our living standards raised. They inform me that this objective has already met with success and that this State enjoys a reputation as an attractive field of investment. I am advised that negotiations for further substantial overseas investment, which will be of considerable benefit to the State, are now in train.

My Ministers have given close attention to the highly important and increasing needs of education. Expenditure on education represents the largest part of State expenditure and the amount now being devoted to these purposes is the highest on record. Many modern primary and secondary schools are being constructed in metropolitan and country areas, and my Ministers advise me that this process of modernisation will be continued as rapidly as resources permit.

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A system by which parents may insure school children under a special scheme covering accidents at school has been introduced.

With the object of determining what improvements can be made in secondary education, a public inquiry is being conducted by a representative committee under the chairmanship of the Director-General of Education.

As from the 1st July last the New South Wales University of Technology became an autonomous body, and in the current financial year substantial funds will be allocated towards the completion of the first main building, estimated to cost one million pounds.

During the present financial year a further £250,000, making £500,000 in all, will be paid to the University of Sydney as a special grant towards the University's building programme. This sum will be additional to the amount of over £600,000 being made available towards the running expenses of the University.

As from 1st February, 1954, the University of New England was established as an autonomous University and a further £100,000 will be granted to this University for its building programme. This sum is additional to an amount of £230,000 made available for this purpose in 1953-54 and both amounts are additional to the statutory endowment payable.

My Ministers advise that substantial progress is being made in the provision of additional hospital beds and staff accommodation in both city and country areas. The programme in the present financial year is estimated to cost approximately four and a quarter million pounds.

The Government has only recently received the report of the New South Wales Cancer Council, which, with its two Advisory Committees, was constituted to consider the cancer problem and advise the Government as to the proper manner of conducting a State-wide campaign against cancer. Consideration is at present being given to the recommendations made but in order that work on this problem may be continued, the Government has made an immediate payment of £30,000 to enable the organisation to make a start on research projects.

The housing needs of the people continue to occupy an important place in the Government's activities which are aimed not only to provide more homes but also to raise housing standards generally. The home building rate shows slight variations from quarter to quarter because of factors not always within the Government's control but the overall position is one of high activity and the maximum use of resources available. This is particularly evident in the work of the Housing Commission itself which, for the twelve months ended 30th June, 1954, completed 5,177 dwellings, approximately 600 more than the previous record for one year.

As part of the drive to increase home building my Ministers advise that special action has been taken to make Crown land available for permanent residential settlement. In the past few months over 700 individual lots have been offered on a perpetual lease basis at a low rental.

My Ministers propose to continue this policy, and areas of Crown land will continue to be developed by the provision of the necessary roads. To assist in the construction of homes on these areas additional finance to the extent of one million pounds has been made available to the Rural Bank.

Discussions have taken place concerning the wheat industry and my Ministers pressed for the adoption of a stabilisation scheme designed to remove the uncertainty facing the grower and to encourage him to maintain production.

It is gratifying that it has at last been possible to reconcile the divergent views and that as a result of the agreement reached in conference with the Commonwealth and the other States upon the elements of a stabilisation scheme, action is now in train to seek the approval of the growers so that the scheme may be brought into operation at an early date and apply to the wheat grown in the current season.

There has been a steady growth in the services made available through Government activities for the purpose of increasing the interest on the part of farmers in developments offering better farming practices. Scientific attacks on the rabbit pest have substantially reduced that menace to agricultural and pastoral production and demonstrations are being carried out at country centres to acquaint landholders with the latest information regarding modern insecticides and equipment.

Since the war years there has been extensive farm development under irrigation methods in the Irrigation Districts in the Murray Valley supplied from the Hume Reservoir. To provide for this and the development schemes which the State has in contemplation and in progress in this part of the

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State, it has been found desirable to provide for increased storage capacity of the Dam. Agreement has been reached with the Commonwealth and those States which are parties to the River Murray Agreement under which the capacity of the Dam, which is at present being increased from one and a quarter million acre feet to two million acre feet will be further increased to two and a half million acre feet. The Government's total expenditure on conservation works during this financial year will be approximately five and three-quarter million pounds.

There has been steady progress in the establishment of new settlers under the War Service Land Settlement Scheme—2,280 farms having been provided to date. During the current year the Government will make available three and a quarter million pounds to further this scheme.

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

The budget for the financial year now current will shortly be placed before you and you will be asked to provide for the public services of the State. A carefully planned programme of public works and services has been drawn up and the estimates of expenditure and amounts proposed to be voted from the General Loan Account for those works and services will also be submitted for your consideration.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND
MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

During the Session you will be asked to consider a comprehensive legislative programme which my advisers propose to place before you.

Since I last addressed you the Royal Commissioner appointed to inquire into certain matters relating to the Liquor Industry has submitted his report. My Ministers have given close attention to this Report and during the Session will ask you to consider legislation which is being prepared to deal with this problem.

The industrial laws of the State have continued to receive the earnest consideration of the Government and a Bill to amend the Factories and Shops Act in a number of directions, including provisions in relation to the hours for the sale of petrol and other motor accessories, will be submitted to you. Other measures in the field of industrial relations which my Ministers propose to introduce are designed to provide more liberal long service leave and superannuation conditions for certain Crown employees and to increase the benefits under the Local Government and Other Authorities (Superannuation) Act.

The present legislation relating to the control of obscene and indecent publications is considered by my advisers to be inadequate and a measure to enable publications of this nature to be dealt with more effectively will be submitted to you.

My Government is of opinion that amendments to the law in regard to the relationship between landlord and tenant are desirable and has prepared a Bill on this subject for your consideration.

In pursuance of the Government's policy of law reform, a number of measures will be submitted for your consideration, including Bills to amend the Crimes Act, the Fines and Penalties Act, the Justices Act and the Police Offences Act.

Further legislation to provide for extended local government powers and reforms was promised by my advisers prior to the last elections and a Bill to give effect to this undertaking will be placed before you later in the Session.

To further restrict the possibility of horse meat being sold for human consumption, it is proposed to submit to you a Bill to amend the Noxious Trades Act which will, amongst other things, provide for the control of horse meat retail shops by local councils.

Reference has already been made to a Stabilisation Scheme which is being placed before the wheat farmers. If the result of the ballot by growers is favourable the necessary legislation will be introduced to implement the Scheme.

The Government is also concerned to ensure that there is adequate provision for the storage and handling of wheat and proposes to submit legislation providing for the establishment of a Board with appropriate powers to undertake these functions.

Other measures in the field of primary industry which my advisers propose to place before you are Bills to amend the Noxious Insects Act to ensure more effective action in the destruction of grasshoppers and to amend the Water, Irrigation and Rivers and Foreshores Improvement Acts.

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When I last addressed you I referred to a proposal for the establishment of an oil refinery at Kurnell. An agreement which was then in course of negotiation with Australian Oil Refining Ltd. has now been completed and will be submitted to you for approval.

It is considered by my advisers that action should be taken to ensure the exercise of proper supervision over the activities of certain clubs where billiard tables are installed which do not now come within the provisions of the Billiards and Bagatelle Act and your sanction to a measure to give effect to their proposals in this regard will be sought.

Certain weaknesses have been revealed in the operation of the minimum deposit provisions of the Hire-Purchase Agreements Act and a measure designed to strengthen these provisions will be introduced.

Apart from the legislation outlined a number of other measures will be submitted to you, including Bills to amend the Banks and Bank Holidays Act, the Legislative Assembly Members' Superannuation Act, the Government Railways Act, the Police Regulation Act and the Metropolitan Water, Sewerage and Drainage Act.

I now leave you to the discharge of your important duties with the earnest prayer that under Divine Guidance your labours may conduce to the welfare and happiness of all sections of the community.

Mr. Coady moved, and Mr. James Cahill seconded the motion, That the following Address-in-Reply to the Speech which His Excellency the Governor has addressed to both Houses of Parliament on opening this Session of the Parliament of New South Wales be now adopted by this House:—

To His Excellency Sir JOHN NORTHCOTT, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-General on the Retired List of the Australian Military Forces, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our thanks for Your Excellency's Speech, and to assure you of our unfeigned attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's Throne and Person.

2. We beg to assure Your Excellency that our earnest consideration will be given to the measures to be submitted to us, and that the necessary provision for the Public Services will be made in due course.

3. We join Your Excellency in the hope that, under the guidance of Divine Providence, our labours may be so directed as to advance the best interests of all sections of the community.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Murphy moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. W. McC. Gollan moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at Eight minutes after Ten o'clock, p.m., until To-morrow at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. DEATH OF THE HONOURABLE JOHN ARTHUR PERKINS, A FORMER MINISTER OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, AND PREVIOUSLY A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES:—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of a communication from Mrs. Evelyn Perkins thanking the House for its resolution of sympathy on the death of the Honourable John Arthur Perkins.

2. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Kelly laid upon the Table:—

Balance-sheets of Art Unions under the Lotteries and Art Unions Act, 1901, as amended, in aid of,—

Anti-Tuberculosis Association of N.S.W.

Boorowa District Hospital Building Fund.

Christian Brothers' High School, Lewisham, War Memorial Building Fund, (2).

Far West Children's Health Scheme and Legacy.

Goulburn District Ambulance Service.

Griffith District Ambulance Service.

Gunning P.A. and I. Society.

Newcastle Western Suburbs Maternity Hospital.

N.S.W. Society for Crippled Children and Motion Picture Industry Benevolent Fund.

Parramatta District Rugby League Football Club Injured Players' Fund.

Penrith-St. Mary's District Band.

St. Margaret's Hospital Building Fund, (2).

St. Stanislaus' College War Memorial Appeal.

War Veterans' Home (No. 13).

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Report of the Hospitals Commission of N.S.W., together with statistics for the year ended 30th June, 1953.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Copy Report of the Pharmacy Board of N.S.W. for 1953.

(3.) Results of an Investigation into health hazards in Gas distribution in the Metropolitan area of Sydney.

(4.) Copies of Minutes of the Public Service Board respecting the appointments, on probation, of certain persons, Department of Public Health.

1st September, 1954.

- (5.) Regulations under the Pure Food Act, 1908-1953.
- (6.) Regulations under the Public Health Act, 1902-1952.
- (7.) Regulation under the Opticians Act, 1930-1945.
- (8.) Regulation under the Nurses Registration Act, 1953.
- (9.) Regulations and Schedule under the Medical Practitioners Act, 1938-1953.
- (10.) Proclamation under the Milk Act, 1931-1942 establishing an "Upper Hunter Milk Distributing District."

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Renshaw laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Ordinances under the Local Government Act, 1919.
- (2.) By-laws under the Sydney Corporation Act, 1932-1947, deemed to be Ordinances under the Local Government Act, 1919.
- (3.) Copy of Statements of Accounts and Balance-sheet of the Sydney County Council Electricity Undertaking for 1953.
- (4.) Notifications of acquisition of land and/or easements under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the following purposes,—
 - (a) Erection of Court-house at Penrith.
 - (b) Extension of Emu Plains Prison Farm.
 - (c) Campbell River Dam.
 - (d) Springwood Police Station and Residence.
 - (e) Coff's Harbour Aborigines Reserve.
 - (f) Kiama Water Supply.
 - (g) Erection of Premises for Public Servants at Leeton, Gosford, Railway-town and Tamworth.
- (5.) Notifications of acquisition of land and/or easements under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Metropolitan Water, Sewerage and Drainage Act, 1924-1949, for,—
 - (a) Marrickville Valley Stormwater Channel.
 - (b) Port Kembla Sewerage Pumping Station.
 - (c) Water Storage Reservoir at Warragamba Dam.
 - (d) Water Supply purposes at Pymble.
- (6.) Notifications of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Forestry Act, 1916-1949, for,—
 - (a) Canobolas State Forest No. 901.
 - (b) Pine Creek State Forest No. 537.
 - (c) Vulcan State Forest No. 621.
- (7.) Notifications of acquisition of land and/or easements under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Broken Hill Water, Sewerage and Drainage Act, 1938-1952, for,—
 - (a) Water Supply purposes at Alma.
 - (b) Water pipe lines at Broken Hill.
- (8.) Notification of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Hunter District Water, Sewerage and Drainage Act, 1938-1952, for water supply purposes at Blackalls.
- (9.) Notifications of acquisition of land and easement under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Grain Elevator Act, 1916, for the Werris Creek Bulk Wheat Sub-Terminal.
- (10.) Notification of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the South-West Tablelands Water Supply Act, 1924, for a Booster Pumping Station at Temora.
- (11.) Notifications of acquisition of land and/or easements under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Electricity Commission Act, 1950, for,—
 - (a) Electricity Transmission Lines between—
 - (i) Homebush and Tallawarra.
 - (ii) Carlingford and Lithgow.
 - (iii) Casula and Liverpool.
 - (iv) Lugarno and Peakhurst.
 - (v) Lithgow and Orange.
 - (vi) Carlingford and Strathfield.
 - (b) Communication Cable between Tallawarra and Springhill.
 - (c) Sub-stations at Mortdale, Maldon and Liverpool.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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1st September, 1954.

Mr. Wetherell laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Minutes respecting Variations of Statute (Motor Vehicles (Taxation) Act, 1951), for,—
 - (a) Tax concessions in respect of vehicles owned by Pastures Protection Boards.
 - (b) Exemption from tax of certain bush fire fighting vehicles.
 - (c) Tax concessions in respect of primary producers' motor lorries temporarily altered to handle wheat in bulk.
- (2.) Regulations under the Transport Act, 1930, as amended, and Transport (Division of Functions) Act, 1932, as amended.
- (3.) Regulations under the Transport Act, 1930, as amended.
- (4.) Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act, 1909, as amended.
- (5.) Regulations under the Metropolitan Traffic Act, 1900, as amended.
- (6.) Statements of traffic secured to Railway Transport by the exercise of the powers conferred on the Railway Commissioner under section 24 (3) and (4) of the Government Railways Act, 1912-1953, for the months of March, April, May and June, 1954.
- (7.) Copy Report of the Commissioner for Railways for the quarter ended 31st March, 1954.
- (8.) By-laws under the Government Railways Act, 1912-1953.
- (9.) Notifications of acquisition of land and/or easements under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the following Railway purposes,—
 - (a) Construction of Electric High Tension Transmission Lines between—
 - (i) Strathfield and Lawson.
 - (ii) Blacktown and Emu Plains.
 - (b) Maintaining traffic on the existing lines of Railway between—
 - (i) Sydney and Bourke—at Doonside, Blacktown and Granville.
 - (ii) Campsie and Flemington—at Enfield.
 - (iii) Branxton and Muswellbrook—at Muswellbrook.
 - (iv) Sydney and Newcastle—at Cockle Creek.
 - (v) Temora and Lake Cargelligo—at Wyalong Central.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Coady, That the following Address-in-Reply to the Speech which His Excellency the Governor has addressed to both Houses of Parliament on opening this Session of the Parliament of New South Wales be now adopted by this House:—

"To His Excellency Sir JOHN NORTHCOTT, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-General on the Retired List of the Australian Military Forces, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

"We, Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our thanks for Your Excellency's Speech, and to assure you of our unfeigned attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's Throne and Person.

"2. We beg to assure Your Excellency that our earnest consideration will be given to the measures to be submitted to us, and that the necessary provision for the Public Services will be made in due course.

"3. We join Your Excellency in the hope that, under the guidance of Divine Providence, our labours may be so directed as to advance the best interests of all sections of the community."

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

1st September, 1954.

Mr. Dring moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Cahill moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow at Eleven o'clock, a.m.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at Ten minutes after Ten o'clock, p.m., until To-morrow at Eleven o'clock, a.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. **NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:**—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

2. **PAPERS:**—

Mr. Heffron laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Report of the Trustees of the Public Library of New South Wales for the year ended 30th June, 1953.

(2.) Notification of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Technical Education and New South Wales University of Technology Act, 1949, at Kensington.

(3.) Copies of Minutes of the Public Service Board respecting the appointments, on probation, of certain persons as Lecturers and Teachers to (a) Department of Public Instruction and (b) Department of Technical Education.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Kelly laid upon the Table—Balance-sheets of Art Unions under the Lotteries and Art Unions Act, 1901, as amended, in aid of,—

Associated Catholic Charities.

Christian Brothers' High School, Lewisham, War Memorial Building Fund.

Citizens' T.B. League of N.S.W.

Earlwood Progress Association Children's Xmas Tree.

Gilgandra District Ambulance.

Goulburn Eisteddfod Society.

The Grail and Catholic Central Library.

Inverell District Ambulance.

Maitland and District Police-Citizens Boys' Club.

Port Macquarie Surf Life Saving Club.

Royal Life-Saving Society—Riverina Sub-branch.

Spastic Centre—Mosman.

Tamworth Police-Citizens Boys' Club Building Appeal

Tweed Heads and Coolangatta District Hospital.

War Veterans' Home (No. 5).

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Nott (on behalf of Mr. Sheahan) laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Regulation under the War Service Land Settlement Act, 1941.

(2.) Forms under the Closer Settlement Acts.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Nott on behalf of Mr. Sheahan laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Balance-sheet and Statement of Accounts of the Public Accountants' Registration Board for 1953.

2nd September, 1954.

- (2.) Rule of Court made by the Judge of the Land and Valuation Court.
 (3.) Regulations under the Legal Practitioners Act, 1898-1954.
 (4.) Rules of Court made by the Judges of the Supreme Court.
 (5.) Regulations under the Prisons Act, 1952.
 (6.) Regulations under the Auctioneers, Stock and Station and Real Estate Agents Act, 1935-1941, and the Business Agents Act, 1935-1941.
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Coady, That the following Address-in-Reply to the Speech which His Excellency the Governor has addressed to both Houses of Parliament on opening this Session of the Parliament of New South Wales be now adopted by this House:—

"To His Excellency Sir JOHN NORTHCOTT, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-General on the Retired List of the Australian Military Forces, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

"We, Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our thanks for Your Excellency's Speech, and to assure you of our unfeigned attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's Throne and Person.

"2. We beg to assure Your Excellency that our earnest consideration will be given to the measures to be submitted to us, and that the necessary provision for the Public Services will be made in due course.

"3. We join Your Excellency in the hope that, under the guidance of Divine Providence, our labours may be so directed as to advance the best interests of all sections of the community."

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Wattison, That the Honourable Member for Auburn, Mr. Dring, be allowed to continue his speech for a further period of Twenty minutes.

Debate continued.

Mr. Pelly moved, That the Honourable Member for Auburn, Mr. Dring, be allowed to continue his speech for a further period of Twenty minutes.
 Question put.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Askin	Mr. Hearnshaw	Mr. Robinson
Mr. Jack Beale	Mr. Howarth	Lieut.-Col. Robson
Mr. Black	Mr. Hunter	Mr. Stephens
Mr. Brain	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Storey
Mr. Cutler	Mr. H.E. Jackson	Mr. Treatt
Mr. Deane	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Willis
Mr. Dickson	Mr. McCaw	Mr. Wingfield
Mr. Easter	Mr. Morton	
Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Murden	Tellers,
Mr. Stewart Fraser	Mr. Padman	Mr. Chaffey
Mr. Gamack	Dr. Parr	Mr. Pelly

Noes, 47.

Mr. Armstrong	Mr. Freeman	Mr. O'Neill
Mr. Fred Cahill	Mr. W. McC. Gollan	Mr. O'Sullivan
Mr. James Cahill	Mr. Graham	Mr. Powell
Mr. Cahill	Mr. Green	Mr. Renshaw
Mr. Campbell	Mr. Hawkins	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Clyne	Mr. Heffron	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Coady	Mr. Hills	Mr. Seiffert
Mr. Crabtree	Mr. R. S. Jackson	Mr. Simpson
Mr. Crook	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Tonge
Mr. Dalton	Mr. Lawrence Kelly	Mr. Walsh
Mr. Downing	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Wetherell
Mr. Dring	Mr. Maher	Mr. Williams
Mr. Earl	Mr. Mannix	Mr. Wyatt
Mr. Enticknap	Mr. Morgan	Tellers,
Mr. Ferguson	Mr. Murphy	Mr. McMahon
Mr. Fowles	Mr. Nott	Mr. Wattison

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And so it passed in the negative.

Debate continued.

Mr. Dickson moved, That the Honourable Member for Tamworth, Mr. Chaffey, be allowed to continue his speech for a further period of Ten minutes.

Question put and negatived.

Debate continued.

Mr. Pelly moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Nott moved, That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday next at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at Twenty-eight minutes after Four o'clock, p.m., until Tuesday next at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. DEATH OF MAJOR-GENERAL SIR CHARLES ROSENTHAL, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., FORMERLY A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES:—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of a communication from Lady Rosenthal thanking the House on behalf of the members of the family and herself for its resolution of sympathy on the death of Major-General Sir Charles Rosenthal, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., formerly a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—CHANGES IN THE MINISTRY:—Mr. Cahill informed the House that on the 2nd September, 1954, His Excellency the Governor accepted the resignation of the Honourable Christopher Augustus Kelly, M.L.A., as Minister for Housing.

Mr. Cahill also informed the House that on the same day His Excellency accepted the resignation of the Honourable John Francis McGrath, M.L.A., as Minister without Portfolio and appointed Mr. McGrath Minister for Housing.

3. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Heffron laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Notification of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Technical Education and New South Wales University of Technology Act, 1949, at Kensington.

(2.) By-laws of the University of Sydney under the University and University Colleges Act, 1900-1948.

(3.) Copies of Minutes of the Public Service Board respecting the appointments, on probation, of certain persons as Lecturers and Teachers, Department of Technical Education.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

7th September, 1954.

Mr. Kelly laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Regulations under the Fisheries and Oyster Farms Act, 1935-1949.
- (2.) Regulations under the Lord Howe Island Act, 1953.
- (3.) Regulations under the Gaming and Betting Act, 1912-1953.
- (4.) Regulations and Form under the Cinematograph Films Act, 1935-1938.
- (5.) Regulations and Forms under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1901-1953.
- (6.) Proclamation under the Police Offences (Amendment) Act, 1908, as amended.
- (7.) Regulation under the Weights and Measures Act, 1915, as amended.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table—Regulations under the Pure Food Act, 1908-1944.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Renshaw laid upon the Table—Balance-sheet and Statements of Accounts of the State Brickworks for the year ended 31st March, 1954.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Enticknap laid upon the Table—Copy Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the appointment, on probation, of Mr. W. R. McManus as Soil Conservationist, Department of Conservation.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Coady, That the following Address-in-Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech be now adopted by this House:—

"To His Excellency Sir JOHN NORTHCOTT, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-General on the Retired List of the Australian Military Forces, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

"We, Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our thanks for Your Excellency's Speech, and to assure you of our unfeigned attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's Throne and Person.

"2. We beg to assure Your Excellency that our earnest consideration will be given to the measures to be submitted to us, and that the necessary provision for the Public Services will be made in due course.

"3. We join Your Excellency in the hope that, under the guidance of Divine Providence, our labours may be so directed as to advance the best interests of all sections of the community."

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Lawson moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Nott moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at Nineteen minutes after Ten o'clock, p.m., until To-morrow at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Heffron laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) By-laws of the University of Sydney under the University and University Colleges Act, 1900-1948.
- (2.) Copy Report of the Council of the New South Wales University of Technology for the year ended 30th June, 1953.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Kelly laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Regulation under the Bush Fires Act, 1949.
- (2.) Regulations under the Fisheries and Oyster Farms Act, 1935-1949.
- (3.) Regulation under the Wool, Hide and Skin Dealers Act, 1935.
- (4.) Balance-sheets of Art Unions under the Lotteries and Art Unions Act, 1901, as amended, in aid of,—

Christian Brothers' High School, Lewisham, War Memorial Building Fund.
Grenfell Town and District Band.
Lakes Community Hospital Appeal.
Leeton District Ambulance Service.
Northern Suburbs Catholic Building Fund.
Parkes District Hospital, Legacy, Spastic Centre, Poliomyelitis Association and Children's Free Library.
St. Clare's College, Waverley.
St. Joseph's Home for the Aged, Sandgate.
Settlers' Social Club, Manly.
West Wyalong Rotary Club Community Aid Fund.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table—Copies of Minutes of the Public Service Board respecting the appointments, on probation, of Miss B. M. Lowe, M.B., B.S., and Mrs. A. Manhcin, M.D. (Prague), as Medical Officers, Department of Public Health.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

8th September, 1954.

Mr. Hawkins laid upon the Table—Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated for public purposes in accordance with the provisions of section 24 of the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Enticknap laid upon the Table—Report of the Conservation Authority of New South Wales for the year ended 30th June, 1954, together with specific answers by the Irrigation Development and Food Production Advisory Committee to the Committee's Terms of Reference.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Coady, That the following Address-in-Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech be now adopted by this House:—

"To His Excellency Sir JOHN NORTHCOTT, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-General on the Retired List of the Australian Military Forces, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

"We, Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our thanks for Your Excellency's Speech, and to assure you of our unfeigned attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's Throne and Person.

"2. We beg to assure Your Excellency that our earnest consideration will be given to the measures to be submitted to us, and that the necessary provision for the Public Services will be made in due course.

"3. We join Your Excellency in the hope that, under the guidance of Divine Providence, our labours may be so directed as to advance the best interests of all sections of the community."

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Wingfield moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Heffron moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow at Eleven o'clock, a.m.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at Twenty-five minutes before Eleven o'clock, p.m., until To-morrow at Eleven o'clock, a.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Kelly laid upon the Table—Balance-sheets of Art Unions under the Lotteries and Art Unions Act, 1901, as amended, in aid of,—

Belmont 16-ft. Skiff Sailing Club.

Camden, Picton, Fairfield and Liverpool District Ambulance Service.

St. Joseph's College War Memorial Appeal.

Tamworth Base Hospital.

Totally and Permanently Incapacitated Soldiers' Association (Newcastle and Northern Districts Sub-Branch).

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Coady, That the following Address-in-Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech be now adopted by this House:—

"To His Excellency Sir JOHN NORTHCOTT, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-General on the Retired List of the Australian Military Forces, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

"We, Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, desire "to express our thanks for Your Excellency's Speech, and to assure you of our "unfeigned attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's Throne and Person.

"2. We beg to assure Your Excellency that our earnest consideration "will be given to the measures to be submitted to us, and that the necessary "provision for the Public Services will be made in due course.

"3. We join Your Excellency in the hope that, under the guidance of "Divine Providence, our labours may be so directed as to advance the best "interests of all sections of the community."

9th September, 1954.

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Mallam moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Nott moved, That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday next at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at Twenty minutes after Four o'clock, p.m., until Tuesday next at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Cahill laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Copy Statement of Receipts and Payments of the Police Superannuation and Reward Fund for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

(2.) Proclamation under the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906, and the Government Savings Bank Amendment Act, 1913, vesting certain Crown Lands at Dee Why in the Rural Bank of N.S.W.

(3.) Regulations under the Maritime Services Act, 1935-1953, and the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900-1953.

(4.) Regulations under the Harbour and Tonnage Rates Act, 1920-1953.

(5.) Copy Statement of estimated Expenditure from the Government Railways Fund, in excess of that appropriated by Parliament, during the year ended 30th June, 1954.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Kelly laid upon the Table—Copy Report of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies for the year ended 30th June, 1953.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Graham laid upon the Table—Regulations under the Marketing of Primary Products Act, 1927-1940.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hawkins laid upon the Table—Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated for public purposes in accordance with the provisions of section 24 of the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

14th September, 1954.

3. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Coady, That the following Address-in-Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech be now adopted by this House:—

To His Excellency Sir JOHN NORTHCOTT, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-General on the Retired List of the Australian Military Forces, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

"We, Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our thanks for Your Excellency's Speech, and to assure you of our unfeigned attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's Throne and Person.

"2. We beg to assure Your Excellency that our earnest consideration will be given to the measures to be submitted to us, and that the necessary provision for the Public Services will be made in due course.

"3. We join Your Excellency in the hope that, under the guidance of Divine Providence, our labours may be so directed as to advance the best interests of all sections of the community."

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Stewart Fraser moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Heffron moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at Eighteen minutes after Ten o'clock, p.m., until To-morrow at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Cahill laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1) Copy of Certificate from Returning Officer under the Constitution (Legislative Council Elections) Act, 1932-1937, respecting the election of Cedric Alan Francis Cahill, Esquire, as a Member of the Legislative Council of New South Wales in the place of the Honourable Hugh Latimer, deceased, together with *Gazette* Notice.

(2) Copy of Certificate from Returning Officer under the Constitution (Legislative Council Elections) Act, 1932-1937, respecting the election of George Henry Neilly, Esquire, as a Member of the Legislative Council of New South Wales in the place of the Honourable Francis Patrick Buckley, resigned, together with *Gazette* Notice.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Kelly laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Balance-sheet of Art Union under the Lotteries and Art Unions Act, 1901, as amended, in aid of the Wagga Wagga Sub-Branch R.S.S. & A.I.L.A.

(2.) Copy Report of the Registrar of Friendly Societies for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

(3.) Copy Report of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Renshaw laid upon the Table—Ordinances under the Local Government Act, 1919.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Coady, That the following Address-in-Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech be now adopted by this House:—

"To His Excellency Sir JOHN NORTHCOTT, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-General on the Retired List of the Australian Military Forces, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

"We, Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our thanks for Your Excellency's Speech, and to assure you of our unfeigned attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's Throne and Person.

15th September, 1954.

"2. We beg to assure Your Excellency that our earnest consideration "will be given to the measures to be submitted to us, and that the necessary "provision for the Public Services will be made in due course.

"3. We join Your Excellency in the hope that, under the guidance of "Divine Providence, our labours may be so directed as to advance the best "interests of all sections of the community."

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Wattison (*by consent*) moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. W. McC. Gollan moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow at Eleven o'clock, a.m.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at Fourteen minutes after Ten o'clock, p.m., until To-morrow at Eleven o'clock, a.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Heffron laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Report of the Trustees of the National Art Gallery of New South Wales for 1953.

(2.) Copies of Minutes of the Public Service Board respecting the appointments, on probation, of certain persons as Teachers, Department of Education.

(3.) Report of the Trustees of the Public Library of New South Wales for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. ADJOURNMENT UNDER STANDING ORDER No. 49:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honourable Member for Vacluse, Lieut.-Col. Robson, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a specific matter of recent occurrence, viz.:—“The recent dislocation of the Metropolitan Transport Services.”

Mr. Speaker said that, while the motion for the adjournment of the House complied with the provisions of Standing Order 49, he felt that consideration of the motion would infringe Standing Order 39, because the motion for the adoption of the Address-in-Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech had not yet been agreed to.

And Mr. Speaker, having allowed Lieut.-Col. Robson to address the Chair on the question of such infringement,—

Mr. Speaker said that he was fortified in his opinion that the motion was out of order by a decision of Mr. Speaker Abbott given on 19th July, 1899, when he ruled that Standing Order 39 was explicit and precluded a motion under Standing Order 49 from being considered. He therefore ruled the motion out of order.

Mr. Speaker intimated that it would have been competent for the Honourable Member to seek the suspension of the Standing Orders, as a matter of urgency under Standing Order 395 to discuss the subject-matter of his motion.

16th September, 1954.

Whereupon Lieut.-Col. Robson moved,—That it is a matter of urgent necessity that this House should forthwith consider the following Motion, viz:— That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the moving of a motion for the adjournment of the House under the provisions of Standing Order 49.

Point of Order:—Mr. Cahill submitted that the motion was out of order because the time for moving such motions had expired.

Mr. Speaker said that while he was of the opinion that the course of action prescribed by Standing Order 395 could have been taken in the first instance, it was true that the time usually availed of for moving such a motion had expired. The procedure governing the matter was contained in Standing Order 74, under which such a motion of urgency should have been taken during Question Time, and he felt that the normal practice of the House should be followed in the present instance, and he accordingly upheld the Point of Order.

4. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Coady, That the following Address-in-Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech be now adopted by this House:—

"To His Excellency Sir JOHN NORTHCOTT, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-General on the Retired List of the Australian Military Forces, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

"We, Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, desire "to express our thanks for Your Excellency's Speech, and to assure you of our "unfeigned attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's Throne and Person.

"2. We beg to assure Your Excellency that our earnest consideration "will be given to the measures to be submitted to us, and that the necessary "provision for the Public Services will be made in due course.

"3. We join Your Excellency in the hope that, under the guidance of "Divine Providence, our labours may be so directed as to advance the best "interests of all sections of the community."

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Wyatt moved, That the Question be now put.

Question put,—“That the Question be now put.”

The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Fred Cahill
Mr. James Cahill
Mr. Cahill
Mr. Chalmers
Mr. Clyne
Mr. Coady
Mr. Connor
Mr. Downing
Mr. Dring
Mr. Earl
Mr. Enticknap
Mr. Ferguson
Mr. Freeman
Mr. McC. Gollan
Mr. Graham

Mr. Hawkins
Mr. Heffron
Mr. Hillis
Mr. R. S. Jackson
Mr. Kelly
Mr. Lawrence Kelly
Mr. Landa
Mr. McGrath
Mr. McMahon
Mr. Maher
Mr. Maillam
Mr. Mannix
Mr. Murphy
Mr. Nott
Mr. O'Neill

Mr. Ryan
Mr. Seiffert
Mr. Sheahan
Mr. Tonge
Mr. L. J. Tully
Mr. Wattison
Mr. Wetherell
Mr. Williams
Mr. Wyatt
Tellers,
Mr. Crabtree
Mr. Dalton

Noes, 27.

Mr. Askin
Mr. Jack Beale
Mr. Brain
Lieut.-Col. Bruxner
Mr. Chaffey
Mr. Cutler
Mr. Dickson
Mr. Easter
Mr. Fitzgerald
Mr. Stewart Fraser

Mr. Gamack
Mr. Hearnshaw
Mr. Hunter
Mr. H. E. Jackson
Mr. Lawson
Mr. McCaw
Mr. Morton
Mr. Murden
Dr. Parr
Mr. Robinson

Lieut.-Col. Robson
Mr. Rose
Mr. Stephens
Mr. Treatt
Mr. Wingfield
Tellers,
Mr. Black
Mr. Deane

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And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists that the number in favour of the motion, being a majority, consisted of "at least thirty Members,"—

Question put and passed.

Mr. Cahill informed the House that he had ascertained it to be the pleasure of the Governor to receive the Address-in-Reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech at Fifteen minutes before Four o'clock, p.m., on Tuesday, 21st September, 1954, at Government House.

5. COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY:—Mr. Cahill moved, That this House will on its next Sitting Day resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

Question put and passed.

6. COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS:—Mr. Cahill moved, That this House will on its next Sitting day resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Question put and passed.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Cahill moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at Twelve minutes after Five o'clock, p.m., until Tuesday next at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

11. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by the Ministers named, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

By Mr. Enticknap,—

- (1.) Irrigation, Water and Rivers and Foreshores Improvement (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 29.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to limit the right of future acquisition of freehold tenures within irrigation areas; to make further provision with respect to the licensing of bores; to regulate the removal of soil from or adjacent to the banks of rivers; to make further provision for the reduction of rentals payable in respect of certain classes of tenures within irrigation areas; for these and other purposes to amend the Irrigation Act, 1912-1954, the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, the Water Act, 1912-1952, the Rivers and Foreshores Improvement Act, 1948, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.

Government House,
Sydney, 13th September, 1954.

By Mr. Cahill,—

- (2.) Metropolitan Water, Sewerage and Drainage (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 30.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Metropolitan Water, Sewerage and Drainage Act, 1924-1949, in certain respects; to validate certain matters; and for purposes connected therewith.

Government House,
Sydney, 17th September, 1954.

21st September, 1954.

By Mr. Renshaw,—

(3.) Wickham Wharf. (Construction) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
*Governor.**Message No. 31.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to sanction and to provide for the construction and equipment of a new wharf at Wickham; and for purposes connected therewith.

*Government House,
Sydney, 17th September, 1954.*

2. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Cahill laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Regulations under the Public Service Act, 1902.
 - (2.) Rule under the Police Regulation Act, 1899, as amended.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Kelly laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Copy Report of the Fauna Protection Panel for the year ended 30th June, 1954.
- (2.) Balance-sheets of Art Unions under the Lotteries and Art Unions Act, 1901, as amended, in aid of,—
 - Eden R.S.L. Sub-Branch Building Fund.
 - Moriah War Memorial College.
 - T.B. Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Association of N.S.W., N.S.W. Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and the Blind Children and The House that Jack Built (School for Partially Blind Children).

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Copy Report of the State Nutrition Committee for the year ended 30th June, 1954.
- (2.) Copy Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the appointment, on probation, of Mr. D. M. Pemberton, as Analyst, Department of Public Health.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Enticknap laid upon the Table—Regulation under the Irrigation Act, 1912, as amended.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Landa laid upon the Table—Regulations under the Workers' Compensation Act, 1926-1954.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wetherell laid upon the Table—Statement of Traffic secured to Railway Transport by the exercise of the powers conferred on the Railway Commissioner under section 24 (3) and (4) of the Government Railways Act, 1912-1953, for the month of July, 1954.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Gollan laid upon the Table—Copy Report, together with Statement of Accounts, of the Mine Subsidence Board, for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE:—Mr. O'Neill, as Chairman, laid upon the Table Statement incorporating an advising by the Crown Solicitor upon the non-presentation to Parliament of the Committee's Report in respect of the year ended 30th June, 1953.

Ordered to be printed.

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5. ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Assembly proceeded to Government House, there to present to the Governor their Address-in-Reply to the Speech His Excellency had been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament on opening the Session.

And being returned,—

Mr. Speaker reported that the Assembly had presented to the Governor their Address-in-Reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech, and that His Excellency had been pleased to give thereto the following Answer:—

Government House, Sydney,
21st September, 1954.

The Honourable the Speaker
and Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

I thank you most sincerely for the Address which you have just presented and for your expressions of loyalty and attachment to the Throne and Person of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second.

I am glad to receive your assurance that earnest consideration will be given to the measures to be submitted to you and that the necessary provision for the Public Services will be made in due course.

I have every confidence that under the guidance of Divine Providence your patriotic and zealous labours will conduce to the general welfare and happiness of all sections of the community.

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

6. POLICE OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Kelly moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to remove certain restrictions on the use, sale and possession of military rifles and military ammunition; to make further provisions relating to special constables; for these purposes to amend the Police Offences Act, 1901-1951, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Kelly then presented a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to remove certain restrictions on the use, sale and possession of military rifles and military ammunition; to make further provisions relating to special constables; for these purposes to amend the Police Offences Act, 1901-1951, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

7. BANKS AND BANK HOLIDAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Kelly moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make certain further provisions in relation to bank and public holidays; for these and other purposes to amend the Banks and Bank Holidays Act, 1912, as amended by subsequent Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

2.) Mr. Kelly then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make certain further provisions in relation to bank and public holidays; for these and other purposes to amend the Banks and Bank Holidays Act, 1912, as amended by subsequent Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

8. NURSES REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for the appointment of an additional member to the Nurses Registration Board; for this purpose to amend the Nurses Registration Act, 1953; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. O'Sullivan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make provision for the appointment of an additional member to the Nurses Registration Board; for this purpose to amend the Nurses Registration Act, 1953; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

21st September, 1954.

9. OPTICIANS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to reconstitute the Board of Optometrical Registration; to make further provision as to the carrying on of the business of the practice of optometry by firms and companies; for these purposes to amend the Opticians Act, 1930-1946; to validate certain matters; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. O'Sullivan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to reconstitute the Board of Optometrical Registration; to make further provision as to the carrying on of the business of the practice of optometry by firms and companies; for these purposes to amend the Opticians Act, 1930-1946; to validate certain matters; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

10. LUNACY (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confer power on the Master in Lunacy to deal in certain circumstances with property in New South Wales of mentally defective, insane or lunatic patients confined in other British countries; for this purpose to amend the Lunacy Act, 1898-1952; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. O'Sullivan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to confer power on the Master in Lunacy to deal in certain circumstances with property in New South Wales of mentally defective, insane or lunatic patients confined in other British countries; for this purpose to amend the Lunacy Act, 1898-1952; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

11. WINE ADULTERATION (REPEAL) BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Graham moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the Wine Adulteration Act, 1902, and the Wine Adulteration Amendment Act, 1916; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Graham then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to repeal the Wine Adulteration Act, 1902, and the Wine Adulteration Amendment Act, 1916; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

12. NECROPOLIS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Hawkins moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to empower the joint committee constituted under the Necropolis Act 1901, as amended by subsequent Acts, to make regulations for or with respect to certain matters; for this purpose to amend the said Act; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Hawkins then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to empower the joint committee constituted under the Necropolis Act 1901, as amended by subsequent Acts, to make regulations for or with respect to certain matters; for this purpose to amend the said Act; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

13. WICKHAM WHARF (CONSTRUCTION) BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Renshaw moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to sanction and to provide for the construction and equipment of a new wharf at Wickham; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

21st September, 1954.

(2.) Mr. Renshaw then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to sanction and to provide for the construction and equipment of a new wharf at Wickham; and for purposes connected therewith,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

14. IRRIGATION, WATER AND RIVERS AND FORESHORES IMPROVEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Enticknap moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to limit the right of future acquisition of freehold tenures within irrigation areas; to make further provision with respect to the licensing of bores; to regulate the removal of soil from or adjacent to the banks of rivers; to make further provision for the reduction of rentals payable in respect of certain classes of tenures within irrigation areas; for these and other purposes to amend the Irrigation Act, 1912-1954, the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, the Water Act, 1912-1952, the Rivers and Foreshores Improvement Act, 1948, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Enticknap then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to limit the right of future acquisition of freehold tenures within irrigation areas; to make further provision with respect to the licensing of bores; to regulate the removal of soil from or adjacent to the banks of rivers; to make further provision for the reduction of rentals payable in respect of certain classes of tenures within irrigation areas; for these and other purposes to amend the Irrigation Act, 1912-1954, the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, the Water Act, 1912-1952, the Rivers and Foreshores Improvement Act, 1948, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

15. POSTPONEMENT:—On motion of Mr. Cahill the remaining Notices of Motions postponed until after Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2.

16. BUDGET PAPERS, 1954-1955:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Cahill and read by Mr. Speaker:—

J. NORTHCOTT,

Governor.

Message No. 32.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the following:—

- (1) *Consolidated Revenue Fund*.—Estimates of the Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1954-1955.
- (2) *Consolidated Revenue Fund*.—Statement of Payments from the Vote "Advance to Treasurer" 1953-1954—submitted for Parliamentary appropriation in adjustment of the Advance Vote.
- (3) *Consolidated Revenue Fund*.—Statement of Payments "Unauthorised in Suspense" to 30th June, 1954.
- (4) *Government Railways Fund*.—Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1954-1955.
- (5) *Government Railways Fund*.—Statement of Payments "Unauthorised in Suspense" to 30th June, 1954.
- (6) *Road Transport and Traffic Fund*.—Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1954-1955.
- (7) *Road Transport and Traffic Fund*.—Statement of Payments "Unauthorised in Suspense" to 30th June, 1954.
- (8) *Metropolitan Transport Trust General Fund*.—Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1954-1955.
- (9) *Newcastle and District Transport Trust General Fund*.—Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1954-1955.
- (10) *Sydney Harbour Trust Fund*.—Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1954-1955.
- (11) *Sydney Harbour Trust Renewals Fund*.—Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1954-1955.
- (12) *Closer Settlement Fund*.—Estimates of the Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1954-1955.

Government House,

Sydney, 15th September, 1954.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates and Statements, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

21st September, 1954.

17. SUPPLY (*Financial Statement 1954-1955*):—The Order of the Day having been read, on motion of Mr. Cahill, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution which was read as follows:—

- (1.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,222 as Supplement to the Schedules to the Constitution Act for the year 1954-1955.

On motion of Mr. Cahill, the Resolution was agreed to.

18. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement 1954-1955*):—The Order of the Day having been read, on motion of Mr. Cahill, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress.

19. PAPER—FINANCIAL STATEMENT (*Budget Speech for Financial Year 1954-1955*):—Mr. Cahill laid upon the Table—The Financial Statement delivered by the Honourable J. J. Cahill, M.L.A., Premier and Colonial Treasurer, This Day. Ordered to be printed.

20. FINES AND PENALTIES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Sheahan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision relating to certain fines, penalties and forfeitures imposed or authorised to be imposed by any Act; for this purpose to amend the Fines and Penalties Act, 1901-1933, the Police Regulation Act, 1899-1947, and certain other Acts; to validate certain matters; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Sheahan then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to make further provision relating to certain fines, penalties and forfeitures imposed or authorised to be imposed by any Act; for this purpose to amend the Fines and Penalties Act, 1901-1933, the Police Regulation Act, 1899-1947, and certain other Acts; to validate certain matters; and for purposes connected therewith,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

21. JUSTICES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Sheahan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision in relation to the taking and recording of the depositions of witnesses and other persons in proceedings before a justice or justices of the peace or a coroner; to make further provision in relation to the admissibility in evidence of, and the cross-examination of persons as to, depositions so taken and recorded; to enable costs to be awarded where an order is made under section 556A of the Crimes Act, 1900; for these and other purposes to amend the Justices Act, 1902, the Crimes Act, 1900, the Evidence Act, 1898, the Coroners Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Sheahan then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to make further provision in relation to the taking and recording of the depositions of witnesses and other persons in proceedings before a justice or justices of the peace or a coroner; to make further provision in relation to the admissibility in evidence of, and the cross-examination of persons as to, depositions so taken and recorded; to enable costs to be awarded where an order is made under section 556A of the Crimes Act, 1900; for these and other purposes to amend the Justices Act, 1902, the Crimes Act, 1900, the Evidence Act, 1898, the Coroners Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,"—which was read a first time.

Order, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

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22. EVIDENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Sheahan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law of evidence; for this purpose to amend the Evidence Act, 1898, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Sheahan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the law of evidence; for this purpose to amend the Evidence Act, 1898, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

23. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Sheahan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at Twenty-nine minutes before Nine o'clock, p.m., until To-morrow at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

2. PAPER:—

Mr. Hawkins (*on behalf of Mr. Graham*) laid upon the Table—Report of the Department of Agriculture for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

Ordered to be printed.

3. BUSINESS DAYS, HOURS OF SITTING, AND PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Cahill moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, during the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of business at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, and at 11 a.m. on Thursday in each week. General Business shall take precedence of Government Business on Tuesdays until 6 p.m., after that hour and on Wednesdays and Thursdays, Government Business shall take precedence of General Business. Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day of General Business shall take precedence on each alternate Tuesday.

(2.) The House shall not sit later than 10.30 p.m. on each sitting day, except on Thursdays, when the House shall not sit later than 5.30 p.m., and the proceedings on any business under consideration shall be interrupted as hereinafter provided—

(a) If the interruption be in the House the debate shall stand adjourned at 10.20 p.m., and on Thursdays at 5.20 p.m., and the Speaker shall call upon the Member in charge of the business to name the date for the resumption of the debate. The Member speaking shall have precedence on such resumption.

(b) If the interruption be in Committee, the Chairman at 10.15 p.m., and on Thursdays at 5.15 p.m., shall leave the Chair, report progress, and ask leave to sit again on a date fixed by the Member in charge of the business under consideration, no debate or amendment being allowed.

At the moment of interruption, motions for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 49, or of the debate, or in Committee that the Chairman leave the Chair, or report progress, or that a clause be postponed, shall lapse without Question put. Provided that if, at the moment of interruption, a Division be in progress, such Division shall be completed, and the result announced.

(3.) At 10.30 p.m., and on Thursdays at 5.30 p.m., the Speaker shall adjourn the House, without Question put.

(4.) Nothing in this Sessional Order shall operate to prevent the House from adjourning at an earlier hour.

Question put and passed.

22nd September, 1954.

4. SUPPLY BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Cahill, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 33.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, the Government Railways Fund, the Road Transport and Traffic Fund, the Metropolitan Transport Trust General Fund, the Newcastle and District Transport Trust General Fund, the Sydney Harbour Trust Fund and the Sydney Harbour Trust Renewals Fund towards the services of the year 1954-1955.

Government House,
Sydney, 15th September, 1954.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

5. SUPPLY BILL:—

(1.) URGENCY:—Mr. Cahill moved, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that the Supply Bill be brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.

Question put and passed.

(2.) SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. Cahill moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the Supply Bill being brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.

Question put and passed.

6. SUPPLY (*Supply Bill*):—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, which was read, as follows:—

(2) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty:—

- (a) A sum not exceeding £14,721,600, payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the State during the months of October and November, or following month of the financial year ending 30th June, 1955, to be expended at the rates which are shown on the Estimates for the financial year ending 30th June, 1955, as laid upon the Table of the House, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1954-1955.
- (b) A sum not exceeding £11,129,200, payable out of the Government Railways Fund, to defray the salaries, maintenance, and working expenses and other expenses of the Department of Railways during the months of October and November, or following month of the financial year ending 30th June, 1955, to be expended at the rates which are shown on the Estimates for the financial year ending 30th June, 1955, as laid upon the Table of the House, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1954-1955.
- (c) A sum not exceeding £303,800, payable out of the Road Transport and Traffic Fund, to defray the salaries, maintenance, and working expenses and other expenses of the Department of Motor Transport during the months of October and November, or following month of the financial year ending 30th June, 1955, to be expended at the rates which are shown on the Estimates for the financial year ending 30th June, 1955, as laid upon the Table of the House, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1954-1955.
- (d) A sum not exceeding £2,084,700, payable out of the Metropolitan Transport Trust General Fund, to defray the salaries, maintenance, and working expenses and other expenses of the Department of Government Transport during the months of October and November, or following month of the financial year ending 30th June, 1955, to be expended at the rates which are shown on the Estimates for the financial year ending 30th June, 1955, as laid upon the Table of the House, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1954-1955.

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- (e) A sum not exceeding £238,100, payable out of the Newcastle and District Transport Trust General Fund, to defray the salaries, maintenance, and working expenses and other expenses of the Department of Government Transport during the months of October and November or following month of the financial year ending 30th June, 1955, to be expended at the rates which are shown on the Estimates for the financial year ending 30th June, 1955, as laid upon the Table of the House, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1954-1955.
- (f) A sum not exceeding £326,200, payable out of the Sydney Harbour Trust Fund, to defray the salaries, maintenance, and working expenses and other expenses of the Maritime Services Board of New South Wales during the months of October and November, or following month of the financial year ending 30th June, 1955, to be expended at the rates which are shown on the Estimates for the financial year ending 30th June, 1955, as laid upon the Table of the House, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1954-1955.
- (g) A sum not exceeding £89,700, payable out of the Sydney Harbour Trust Renewals Fund, to defray the salaries, maintenance, and working expenses and other expenses of the Maritime Services Board of New South Wales during the months of October and November, or following month of the financial year ending 30th June, 1955, to be expended at the rates which are shown on the Estimates for the financial year ending 30th June, 1955, as laid upon the Table of the House, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1954-1955.

On motion of Mr. Cahill, the Resolution was agreed to.

7. WAYS AND MEANS (*Supply Bill*):—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, which was read, as follows:—

- (1.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the financial year 1954-1955, the sum of £28,893,300 be granted, viz.:—£14,721,600 out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, £11,129,200 out of the Government Railways Fund, £303,800 out of the Road Transport and Traffic Fund, £2,084,700 out of the Metropolitan Transport Trust General Fund, £238,100 out of the Newcastle and District Transport Trust General Fund, £326,200 out of the Sydney Harbour Trust Fund, and £89,700 out of the Sydney Harbour Trust Renewals Fund.

On motion of Mr. Cahill, the Resolution was agreed to.

8. SUPPLY BILL:—

- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Cahill, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 1), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, the Government Railways Fund, the Road Transport and Traffic Fund, the Metropolitan Transport Trust General Fund, the Newcastle and District Transport Trust General Fund, the Sydney Harbour Trust Fund, and the Sydney Harbour Trust Renewals Fund, towards the services of the Year 1954-1955.

- (2.) Mr. Cahill then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, the Government Railways Fund, the Road Transport and Traffic Fund, the Metropolitan Transport Trust General Fund, the Newcastle and District Transport Trust General Fund, the Sydney Harbour Trust Fund, and the Sydney Harbour Trust Renewals Fund, towards the services of the Year 1954-1955*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.

- (3.) Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Cahill, the Report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

(4.) Bill read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, the Government Railways Fund, the Road Transport and Traffic Fund, the Metropolitan Transport Trust General Fund, the Newcastle and District Transport Trust General Fund, the Sydney Harbour Trust Fund, and the Sydney Harbour Trust Renewals Fund, towards the services of the Year 1954-1955,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd September, 1954.*

9. PAPERS:—Mr. Hawkins laid upon the Table—Particulars respecting the proposed acquisition by the Government, for Closer Settlement purposes, of the following Estates,—

- (a) Part "Wallah" Estate, in the District of Narrabri.
- (b) Part "Inglewood" Estate, in the District of Gunning.
- (c) Part "Collingwood" Estate, in the District of Gunning.
- (d) Part "Collaroy" Estate, in the Districts of Mudgee and Muswellbrook.
- (e) "Burra Burra" Estate and adjoining lands, in the District of Parkes.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

10. LIQUOR (REFERENDUM) BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Sheahan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the submission to a referendum of the question of the hour at which certain premises subject to the provisions of the Liquor Act, 1912, as amended by subsequent Acts, shall close; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Sheahan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the submission to a referendum of the question of the hour at which certain premises subject to the provisions of the Liquor Act, 1912, as amended by subsequent Acts, shall close; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

The House adjourned at Eleven minutes after Ten o'clock, p.m., until To-morrow at Eleven o'clock, a.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

2. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by the Ministers named, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

By Mr. Graham,—

(1.) Grain Elevators Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 34.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make provision for and in relation to the handling and storage of wheat and the operation and control of the Government Grain Elevators; to provide for the constitution of the Grain Elevators Board of New South Wales and to define its powers, authorities, duties and functions; to dissolve the State Wheat Committee constituted under the Wheat Marketing Act, 1948-1953; to amend the said Act in certain respects; to repeal the Grain Elevator Act, 1916, and the Wheat Act, 1927; and for purposes connected therewith.

Government House,
Sydney, 22nd September, 1954.

By Mr. Sheahan,—

(2.) Liquor (Referendum) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 35.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the submission to a referendum of the question of the hour at which certain premises subject to the provisions of the Liquor Act, 1912, as amended by subsequent Acts, shall close; and for purposes connected therewith.

Government House,
Sydney, 22nd September, 1954.

23rd September, 1954.

3. LIQUOR (REFERENDUM) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Sheahan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

And it being 5.20 o'clock, p.m., the Debate stood adjourned, pursuant to Sessional Order adopted on 22nd September, 1954.

Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

4. SUPPLY BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, the Government Railways Fund, the Road Transport and Traffic Fund, the Metropolitan Transport Trust General Fund, the Newcastle and District Transport Trust General Fund, the Sydney Harbour Trust Fund, and the Sydney Harbour Trust Renewals Fund, towards the services of the Year 1954-1955,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd September, 1954.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. W. McC. Gollan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

And it being 5.30 o'clock, p.m., Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Sessional Order adopted on 22nd September, 1954, adjourned the House until Tuesday next at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Cahill laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Report of the Public Service Board for the year ended 30th June, 1954.
- (2.) Minute recording Variations of Statute (Stamp Duties Act, 1920-1954) in respect of the exemption from stamp duty of receipts issued by the Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales.
- (3.) Copy Statement of actual Expenditure from the Government Railways Fund, in excess of that appropriated by Parliament, during the year ended 30th June, 1954.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Kelly laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Report by the Minister for Co-operative Societies respecting agreements entered into by the Colonial Treasurer with Co-operative Building Societies under section 17A of the Co-operation Act, 1923-1954, for the quarters commencing 1st January and 1st April, 1954.
 - (2.) Balance-sheet of Art Union under the Lotteries and Art Unions Act, 1901, as amended, in aid of the Anti-T.B. Association of New South Wales.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Graham laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) By-law under the Public Parks Act, 1912.
 - (2.) Copies of Minutes of the Public Service Board respecting the appointments, on probation, of certain persons, Department of Agriculture.
 - (3.) Report, together with Statement of Accounts and Balance-sheet, of the New South Wales Dairy Products Board, for the year ended 30th June, 1954.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Renshaw laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Report of the Department of Local Government for the year ended 30th June, 1954.
- (2.) Report of the Town and Country Planning Advisory Committee for the year ended 30th June, 1954, together with map of areas in which Planning Schemes are in operation or are prepared.
- (3.) Proclamation and Regulations under the Gas and Electricity Act, 1935-1952.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

28th September, 1954.

3. CASE OF GREGORY VINCENT QUINN—INTERROGATION BY CERTAIN POLICE OFFICERS—
Lieut.-Col. Robson moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon:—

- (a) the circumstances and manner in which Gregory Vincent Quinn was interrogated at Inverell Police Station on 23rd February, 1948, and the identity of the members of the Police Force who took part in or were present at the interrogation;
- (b) the allegations contained in the Statements and in the Statutory Declaration of Gregory Vincent Quinn in regard to the matters referred to in paragraph (a) copies of which Statements and Statutory Declaration are now in the possession of the Leader of the Opposition;
- (c) the allegations contained in the Statement by Guy Scholes Smith, Solicitor, of Inverell, in regard to the matters referred to in paragraph (a) a copy of which Statement is now in the possession of the Leader of the Opposition; and
- (d) the information laid by Gregory Vincent Quinn at Inverell on 2nd April, 1948, and matters relating to its withdrawal at the Court of Petty Sessions, Inverell, on 25th May, 1948.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cahill, Mr. Mannix, Mr. Sheahan, Mr. Stephens, Mr. Treatt, Mr. Tully, Mr. Wyatt, and the mover.

(3.) That such Committee have leave to sit during the sittings or any adjournment of the House.

Debate ensued.

And Lieut.-Col. Robson having spoken in Reply,—

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Askin	Mr. Gamack	Mr. Rose
Mr. Brain	Mr. Hearnshaw	Mr. Stephens
Lieut.-Col. Bruxner	Mr. Howarth	Mr. Storey
Mr. Chaffey	Mr. Hunter	Mr. Treatt
Mr. Crawford	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Willis
Mr. Cutler	Mr. H. E. Jackson	Mr. Wingfield
Mr. Darby	Mr. Lawson	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Deane	Mr. McCaw	Mr. Black
Mr. Dickson	Mr. Morton	Mr. Murden
Mr. Easter	Dr. Parr	
Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Robinson	
Mr. Stewart Fraser	Lieut.-Col. Robson	

Noes, 50.

Mr. Armstrong	Mr. Freeman	Mr. Powell
Mr. Booth	Mr. W. McC. Gollan	Mr. Renshaw
Mr. Fred Cahill	Mr. Graham	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Cahill	Mr. Hawkins	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Robert Cameron	Mr. Heffron	Mr. Sheahan
Mr. Campbell	Mr. Hillis	Mr. Simpson
Mr. Clyne	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Tonge
Mr. Coady	Mr. Lawrence Kelly	Mr. L. J. Tully
Mr. Connor	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Walsh
Mr. Crabtree	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wetherell
Mr. Crook	Mr. Maher	Mr. Williams
Mr. Dalton	Mr. Mallam	Mr. Wyatt
Mr. Downing	Mr. Morgan	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dring	Mr. Murphy	Mr. R. S. Jackson
Mr. Earl	Mr. Nott	Mr. Mannix
Mr. Enticknap	Mr. Leo Nott	
Mr. Ferguson	Mr. O'Neill	
Mr. Fowles	Mr. O'Sullivan	

And so it passed in the negative.

General Business having been disposed of, Government Business proceeded with.

4. CLOSER SETTLEMENT—RESUMPTION OF ESTATES:—Mr. Hawkins moved, pursuant to Notice, That pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Closer Settlement Acts, this House approves of the Governor resuming from the owners the lands comprised in the following estates:—

- (a) "Burra Burra" Estate and adjoining lands, owned by The New South Wales Pastoral Company Limited and the Australian Estates Company Limited situated from about 9 miles to 21 miles from Tullamore, comprising an area of about 21,565 acres.
- (b) Part "Collaroy" Estate, owned by Moolpa Pastoral Company Pty. Ltd., situated about 12 miles from Merriwa and about 7½ miles from Cassilis, comprising an area of about 9,990 acres.

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- (c) Part "Collingwood" Estate, owned by John Hamilton Emery, situated about 2 miles easterly from Gunning, comprising an area of about 1,950 acres.
- (d) Part "Inglewood" Estate, owned by Trustee Estate late J. H. Hume, situated part about 1 mile north-easterly from Gunning, the remainder, 3 parts, from 5 to 7 miles northerly from Gunning, comprising an area of about 860 acres (in 4 parts).
- (e) Part "Wallah" Estate, owned by Wallah Pastoral Company Proprietary Limited, situated about 16 miles south-easterly from Narrabri, comprising an area of about 1,700 acres.

Debate ensued.

And Mr. Hawkins having spoken in Reply,—

Question put and passed.

5. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement, 1954-1955*):—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress.

6. LIQUOR (REFERENDUM) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Sheahan, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And Mr. Sheahan having spoken in Reply,—

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Sheahan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at Twenty-eight minutes after Ten o'clock, p.m., until To-morrow at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. SUPPLY BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Cahill and read by Mr. Speaker:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 36.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, the Government Railways Fund, the Road Transport and Traffic Fund, the Metropolitan Transport Trust General Fund, the Newcastle and District Transport Trust General Fund, the Sydney Harbour Trust Fund, and the Sydney Harbour Trust Renewals Fund, towards the services of the Year 1954-1955,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 28th September, 1954.

2. INCORRECT REPORT OF DEBATE BY *The Sydney Morning Herald*:—Mr. Speaker drew the attention of the House to an article in to-day's issue of *The Sydney Morning Herald*, in which it was stated that Members had yesterday hooted and jeered when the Premier refused to agree that a Select Committee on the Quinn case should be appointed.

Mr. Speaker said that such a statement was a gross falsification of the proceedings of Parliament and a serious reflection upon the conduct of the House. He took exception to it, and drew the attention of the Editor of *The Sydney Morning Herald* to the matter in the expectation that a corrected version of the incidents would appear on the front page of to-morrow's paper.

3. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

4. PAPERS:—Mr. Kelly laid upon the Table—Balance-sheets of Art Unions under the Lotteries and Art Unions Act, 1901, as amended, in aid of,—

Bathurst Police Citizens Boys' Club Building Fund.
Greater Wollongong Combined Pensioners' Committee's Pioneer Hall Building Fund.
Kiama Surf and Life Saving Club.
Manning District Ambulance.
Newcastle Police and Citizens Boys' Club.
St. Francis War Memorial Chapel and Retreat House, Wahroonga.
St. Joseph's College, Hunter's Hill (Brother Henry Testimonial Pavilion Building Fund).
Wagga Wagga District Chamber of Commerce Community Advancement Fund.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

29th September, 1954.

5. LIQUOR (REFERENDUM) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Tully, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Sheahan the Report was adopted.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the third reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

6. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement, 1954-1955*):—The Order of the Day having been read Mr. Speaker left the Chair and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Freeman, Temporary Chairman, reported progress.

The House adjourned at Sixteen minutes after Ten o'clock, p.m., until To-morrow at Eleven o'clock, a.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table—Copy of the Colonial Treasurer's Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and other accounts for the financial year ended 30th June, 1954, together with the Auditor-General's Report thereon, transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the provisions of the Audit Act, 1902.

Ordered to be printed.

2. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

3. PRINTING COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Cahill moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Printing Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Connor, Mr. Fowles, Mr. Green, Mr. Lawrence Kelly, Mr. McMahon, Mr. Chaffey, Mr. Stephens, Mr. Hearnshaw, Mr. H. E. Jackson and the mover, to whom are hereby referred all Papers (except such as the Standing Orders or the House direct shall be printed—reports from Select Committees on Private Bills, Estimates of Expenditure, and Estimates of Ways and Means) which may be laid upon the Table of the House. It shall be the duty of such Committee to report from time to time which of the Papers referred to them ought, in their opinion, to be printed, and whether in full or in abstract; and it shall be in the power of the Committee to order such Papers, or abstracts thereof, to be prepared for press by the Clerk in attendance upon such Committee, and such Papers or abstracts shall be printed unless the House otherwise orders.

(2.) That the Clerk of the House shall cause to be printed, as a matter of course, all reports from the Printing Committee.

(3.) That the Committee have leave to sit during the sittings of the House.
Question put and passed.

4. LIBRARY COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Cahill moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Library Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Robert Cameron, Mr. Dring, Mr. Earl, Mr. Tonge, Mr. Padman, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Crawford and the mover, with authority and power to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Council in accordance with the Assembly's resolution of 6th August, 1862.

(2.) That the Committee have leave to sit during the sittings of the House.
Question put and passed.

30th September, 1954.

5. **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (Sessional Order):**—Mr. Cahill moved, pursuant to Notice,—That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Booth, Mr. Clyne, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Treatt, Mr. McCaw, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Rose and the mover, with leave to report on any matter or thing referred to or pending before the said Committee, and to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council, and that Mr. Speaker be empowered to convene meetings of the Committee.

Question put and passed.

6. **HOUSE COMMITTEE (Sessional Order):**—Mr. Cahill moved, pursuant to Notice,—That the House Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Fowles, Mr. McMahon, Mr. Powell, Mr. Wyatt, Mr. Morton, Mr. Pelly, Mr. Cutler, Mr. Fitzgerald and the mover, with authority to act in matters of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.

Question put and passed.

7. **LIQUOR (REFERENDUM) BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read, Bill, on motion of Mr. Sheahan, read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the submission to a referendum of the question of the hour at which certain premises subject to the provisions of the Liquor Act, 1912, as amended by subsequent Acts, shall close; and for purposes connected therewith*",—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 30th September, 1954.*

8. **WAYS AND MEANS (Financial Statement, 1954-1955):**—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Tully, Acting-Speaker, resumed the Chair, and Mr. Fowles, Temporary Chairman, reported progress.

The House adjourned at Twenty-six minutes after Four o'clock, p.m., until Tuesday next at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 5 OCTOBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.
2. POSTPONEMENT:—Notice of Motion No. 1, of General Business, postponed until Tuesday, 26th October, 1954.
3. PAPERS:—
 - Mr. Kelly laid upon the Table—Copy Report of the Board of Fire Commissioners of New South Wales, together with Appendices, for 1953.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
 - Mr. Graham laid upon the Table—Regulation under the Stock Diseases Act, 1923-1934.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
 - Mr. Landa laid upon the Table—Copy Report of the Department of Labour and Industry and Social Welfare on the working of the Factories and Shops Act, 1912-1950, together with Appendices, for 1953.
Ordered to be printed.
 - Mr. Wetherell laid upon the Table the following Papers—Notifications of the acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for,—
 - (a) Railway Electric High-tension Transmission Lines at Blacktown.
 - (b) Maintaining the traffic on the existing line of Railway between Sydney and Newcastle—at Cockle Creek.
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
4. POLICE REGULATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—
 - (1.) Mr. Cahill moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend sections fifteen and seventeen of the Police Regulation Act, 1899, as amended by subsequent Acts, in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Cahill then presented a Bill intituled "A Bill to amend section fifteen and seventeen of the Police Regulation Act, 1899, as amended by subsequent Acts, in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

5th October, 1954.

5. METROPOLITAN WATER, SEWERAGE, AND DRAINAGE (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Cahill moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Metropolitan Water, Sewerage, and Drainage Act, 1924-1949, in certain respects; to validate certain matters; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Cahill then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Metropolitan Water, Sewerage and Drainage Act, 1924-1949, in certain respects; to validate certain matters; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

6. AUSTRALIAN OIL REFINING LIMITED AGREEMENT RATIFICATION BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Renshaw moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to ratify a certain Agreement made between Australian Oil Refining Limited of the one part and the Minister for Lands for and on behalf of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of the other part with respect to the sale to such Company of certain lands at Kurnell and the granting to such Company of the right to obtain leases of and licences over certain adjacent lands; to provide for the carrying into effect of the said Agreement; to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, the Public Works Act, 1912, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Renshaw then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to ratify a certain Agreement made between Australian Oil Refining Limited of the one part and the Minister for Lands for and on behalf of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of the other part with respect to the sale to such Company of certain lands at Kurnell and the granting to such Company of the right to obtain leases of and licences over certain adjacent lands; to provide for the carrying into effect of the said Agreement; to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, the Public Works Act, 1912, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

7. NECROPOLIS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Hawkins moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. McCaw, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Hawkins, the Report was adopted.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the third reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

8. FINES AND PENALTIES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Sheahan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Sheahan, the Report was adopted.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the third reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

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5th October, 1954.

9. JUSTICES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Sheahan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
And Mr. Sheahan having spoken in Reply,—
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Tully, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Sheahan, the Report was adopted.
Ordered by Mr. Deputy-Speaker, That the third reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.
10. EVIDENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Sheahan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Freeman, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Sheahan, the Report was adopted.
Ordered by Mr. Deputy-Speaker, That the third reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.
11. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Hearnshaw, as Chairman, brought up the First Report from the Printing Committee.
12. LIQUOR (REFERENDUM) BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide for the submission to a referendum of the question of the hour at which certain premises subject to the provisions of the Liquor Act, 1912, as amended by subsequent Acts, shall close; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 5th October, 1954.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

LIQUOR (REFERENDUM) BILL.

Schedule of the amendments referred to in Message of 5th October, 1954.

J. R. STEVENSON,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- No. 1.—Page 6, clause 15, line 13. After "organisations" insert ", registered clubs' organisations,".
- No. 2.—Page 7, clause 15, lines 2 and 3. Omit "either of the organisations above referred to" insert "the licensed publicans' organisations, the registered clubs' organisations, or the temperance organisations".
- No. 3.—Page 7, clause 15, line 15. After "organisation" insert ", a registered clubs' organisation,".
- Examined,—
E. G. WRIGHT,
Chairman of Committees.
- Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.
13. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement 1954-1955*):—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress.
The House adjourned at Thirteen minutes after Ten o'clock, p.m., until To-morrow at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 6 OCTOBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. AUSTRALIAN OIL REFINING LIMITED AGREEMENT RATIFICATION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Renshaw and read by Mr. Speaker:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 37.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to ratify a certain Agreement made between Australian Oil Refining Limited of the one part and the Minister for Lands for and on behalf of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of the other part with respect to the sale to such Company of certain lands at Kurnell and the granting to such Company of the right to obtain leases of and licenses over certain adjacent lands; to provide for the carrying into effect of the said Agreement; to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, the Public Works Act, 1912, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.

Government House,
Sydney, 5th October, 1954.

2. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Heffron laid upon the Table—Report of the Minister of Public Instruction on the work of the Child Welfare Department for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table—Copies of Minutes of the Public Service Board respecting the appointments, on probation, of certain persons, Department of Public Health.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Enticknap laid upon the Table—Report of the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6th October, 1954.

4. NECROPOLIS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Bill, on motion of Mr. Hawkins, read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to empower the joint committee constituted under the Necropolis Act 1901, as amended by subsequent Acts, to make regulations for or with respect to certain matters; for this purpose to amend the said Act; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6th October, 1954.*

5. FINES AND PENALTIES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Bill, on motion of Mr. Sheahan, read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision relating to certain fines, penalties and forfeitures imposed or authorised to be imposed by any Act; for this purpose to amend the Fines and Penalties Act, 1901-1933, the Police Regulation Act, 1899-1947, and certain other Acts; to validate certain matters; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6th October, 1954.*

6. JUSTICES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Bill, on motion of Mr. Sheahan, read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision in relation to the taking and recording of the depositions of witnesses and other persons in proceedings before a justice or justices of the peace or a coroner; to make further provision in relation to the admissibility in evidence of, and the cross-examination of persons as to depositions so taken and recorded; to enable costs to be awarded where an order is made under section 556A of the Crimes Act, 1900; for these and other purposes to amend the Justices Act, 1902, the Crimes Act, 1900, the Evidence Act, 1898, the Coroners Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6th October, 1954.*

7. EVIDENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Bill, on motion of Mr. Sheahan, read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law of evidence; for this purpose to amend the Evidence Act, 1898, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6th October, 1954.*

8. LIQUOR (REFERENDUM) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, on motion of Mr. Sheahan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

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6th October, 1954.

On motion of Mr. Sheahan, the Report was adopted.

The following Message sent to the Legislative Council:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the submission to a referendum of the question of the hour at which certain premises subject to the provisions of the Liquor Act, 1912, as amended by subsequent Acts, shall close; and for purposes connected therewith.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6th October, 1954.

9. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement, 1954-1955*):—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress.

The House adjourned at Sixteen minutes after Ten o'clock, p.m., until Tomorrow at Eleven o'clock, a.m.

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 7 OCTOBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Kelly laid upon the Table—Balance-sheets of Art Unions under the Lotteries and Art Unions Act, 1901, as amended, in aid of,—

Albury-Corowa District Ambulance Service.

White Ensign Club (Nowra) Limited.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. McGrath laid upon the Table—Notifications of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Housing Act, as amended, at,—

Aellalong, Armidale, Ashford, Auburn, Ballina, Baradine, West Ballina.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Gollan laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Copy Summary of Reports of the Department of Mines covering the seven years 1939-1945 inclusive.

(2.) Copy Report of the Department of Mines for 1950.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement, 1954-1955*):—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Tully, Temporary Chairman, reported progress.

The House adjourned at Twenty-six minutes after Four o'clock, p.m., until Tuesday next at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 12 OCTOBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by the Ministers named, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

By Mr. Cahill,—

- (1.) Liquor (Referendum) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 38.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to provide for the submission to a referendum of the question of the hour at which certain premises subject to the provisions of the Liquor Act, 1912, as amended by subsequent Acts, shall close; and for purposes connected therewith,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 8th October, 1954.

By Mr. O'Sullivan,—

- (2.) Nurses Registration (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 39.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make provision for the appointment of an additional member to the Nurses Registration Board; for this purpose to amend the Nurses Registration Act, 1953; and for purposes connected therewith.

Government House,
Sydney, 8th October, 1954.

2. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Cahill laid upon the Table—Regulations under the Public Service Act, 1902.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Kelly laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Balance-sheets of Art Unions under the Lotteries and Art Unions Act, 1902, as amended, in aid of,—

Surf Life Saving Association of Australia.

The Women's Hospital (Crown Street).

(2.) Regulation under the Gaming and Betting Act, 1912-1953.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Renshaw laid upon the Table—Copy of Minute of the Executive Council respecting the acquisition of land under the Land Acquisition (Charitable Institutions) Act, 1946, for the New South Wales Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, in the Shire of Warringah.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hawkins laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated to public purposes in accordance with the provisions of Section 24 of the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

(2.) Gazette Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with certain land under Section 25 of the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

(3.) Notifications of the acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for Public Recreation purposes at,—

(a) Forbes;

(b) Kosciusko; and

(c) Ku-ring-gai Chase.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Sheahan made a Ministerial Statement respecting sales of land under Court execution and the intention of the Government to gazette in the near future new District Court Rules governing such sales. Lieut.-Col. Robson also addressed the House.

5. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement, 1954-1955*):—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress.

The House adjourned at Sixteen minutes after Ten o'clock, p.m., until Tomorrow at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

A. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 21.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 13 OCTOBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Graham laid upon the Table—Regulation under the Marketing of Primary Products Act, 1927-1940.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. McGrath laid upon the Table—Notifications of acquisition of land and/or easements under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1912-1949, at,—

Barraba	Campbelltown
Bass Hills	Cessnock
Bellambi	Chester Hill.
Bowraville	

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement, 1954-1955*):—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Freeman, Temporary Chairman, reported progress.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Cahill moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

And Mr. Cahill having spoken in Reply,—

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at Twenty-three minutes after Ten o'clock, p.m., until To-morrow at Eleven o'clock, a.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

G. BOOTH,
Deputy-Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 22.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 14 OCTOBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

1. ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER:—The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent.

Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker. Mr. Deputy-Speaker offered the Prayer.

2. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Sheahan laid upon the Table—Rules of Court made by the Judges of the Supreme Court.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. McGrath laid upon the Table—Notifications of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1912-1949, at—

Coff's Harbour	Harden
Coolamon	Junee
Dundas	Lismore
Gosford	Tamworth
Granville	Young.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement, 1954-1955*):—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Tully, Temporary Chairman, reported progress.

The Temporary Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution which was read as follows:—

(2.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the financial year 1954-55, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of £3,222 as Supplement to the Schedules to the Constitution Act for the year 1954-55.

On motion of Mr. W. McC. Gollan, the Resolution was agreed to.

5. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Hearnshaw, as Chairman, brought up the Second Report from the Printing Committee.

The House adjourned at Twenty-four minutes before Five o'clock, p.m., until Tuesday next at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

G. BOOTH,
Deputy-Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 19 OCTOBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Cahill laid upon the Table—By-laws under the Metropolitan Water, Sewerage and Drainage Act, 1924-1949.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Kelly laid upon the Table the following Papers:—Balance-sheets of Art Unions under the Lotteries and Art Unions Act, 1901, as amended, in aid of,—

Christian Brothers' High School, Lewisham, War Memorial Building Fund (Nos. 10, 11 and 12).

Citizens' T.B. League of N.S.W.

North Coast and Tablelands Ex-Servicemen's Rest and Convalescent Home.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hawkins laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated for public purposes in accordance with the provisions of Section 24 of the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

(2.) Report of the Trustees of Kuring-gai Chase Trust together with Balance-sheet and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Renshaw laid upon the Table—Ordinances under the Local Government Act, 1919.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Enticknap laid upon the Table—Regulations under the Soil Conservation Act, 1938-1952.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Landa laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Copy Report of the Industrial Registrar under the Trade Union Act, 1881-1936, for 1952.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Regulation under the Factories and Shops Act, 1912-1950

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

19th October, 1954.

Mr. Wetherell laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Notifications of acquisition of land and/or easements under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the following Railway purposes,—

- (a) Maintaining traffic on the existing line, of Railway between Sydney and Wallangarra at Liddell.
- (b) Electrification of line between Sydney and Wallerawang—by an underground communication cable at Werrington.
- (c) Construction of Electric High-tension Transmission Lines between:—
 - (i) Lawson and Blaxland—at Springwood.
 - (ii) Blackheath and Blaxland—at Warrimoo.
 - (iii) Blaxland and Lithgow—City of Blue Mountains.
 - (iv) Lawson and Blaxland—City of Blue Mountains.

- (2.) Statement of traffic secured to Railway Transport by the exercise of the powers conferred on the Railway Commissioner under Section 24 (3) and (4) of the Government Railways Act, 1912-1953, for the month of August, 1954.

(3.) Regulation under the Transport Act, 1930.

(4.) Regulations under the Motor Vehicles (Third Party Insurance) Act, 1942, as amended.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table—Regulation under the Physiotherapists Registration Act, 1945-1947.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. McGrath laid upon the Table the following Papers:—Notifications of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1912-1937, at,—

Ballina.	Gunnedah.
Barraba.	Junee.
Camden.	Murrurundi.
Cooma.	Narrabri.
Cowra.	Villawood.
Ermington.	Windsor.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. SUPPLY (*Estimates*, 1954-1955):—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McGrath moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

And Mr. McGrath having spoken in Reply,—

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at Twenty-eight minutes after Ten o'clock, p.m., until To-morrow at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 20 OCTOBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

2. PAPERS:—Mr. McGrath laid upon the Table the following Papers—Notifications of acquisition of land and/or easement under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1912-1949, at,—

Dundas.	Murwillumbah.
June.	Narrandera.
Marulan.	Oaklands.
Molong.	Padstow.
Mungindi.	Yenda.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. SUPPLY (*Estimates, 1954-1955*):—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress.

4. LOAN ESTIMATES, 1954-1955:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Cahill and read by Mr. Speaker:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 40.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th Section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly an Estimate of the Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales on account of Public Works and other Services for the year 1954-1955, proposed to be made from the General Loan Account.

Government House,
Sydney, 28th September, 1954.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimate, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

20th October, 1954.

5. SUPPLY (*Loan Estimates, 1954-1955*):—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress.

6. SUPPLY (*Estimates, 1954-1955*):—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress.

The House adjourned at Sixteen minutes after Ten o'clock, p.m., until To-morrow at Eleven o'clock, a.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 21 OCTOBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Landa laid upon the Table—Regulations under the Bread Manufacture and Delivery Act, 1950-1953.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wetherell laid upon the Table—By-law under the Government Railways Act, 1912-1953.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. McGrath laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Notifications of acquisition of land and/or easement or right under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1912-1949, at,—

Bega.	Peak Hill.
Coff's Harbour.	Rutherford.
Gosford.	Taree.
Moss Vale.	Tumut.
Mudgee.	Werris Creek.
Panania.	Yass.

(2.) Report of the Housing Commission of N.S.W. for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. W. McC. Gollan laid upon the Table the following Papers—Departmental files relating to,—

(1.) Special Lease No. 82 at Port Macquarie issued to Zircon Rutile Limited and since cancelled, and the issue of a new lease to Mrs. E. L. Begg and party; and

(2.) Special Lease No. 88 at Taree issued to Zircon Rutile Limited and contested by J. F. Wallace.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

21st October, 1954.

3. SUPPLY (*Estimates, 1954-1955*):—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Fowles, Temporary Chairman, reported progress.

4. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Hearnshaw, as Chairman, brought up the Third Report from the Printing Committee.

The House adjourned at Sixteen minutes after Five o'clock, p.m., until Tuesday next at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 26 OCTOBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Kelly laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Regulation under the Charitable Collections Act, 1934-1941.
- (2.) Report of the Aborigines Welfare Board for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table—Copy Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the re-appointment of Mr. J. V. Landor, M.D. (Lond.), B.S., Department of Public Health.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Enticknap laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Return of amount expended under provisions of Section 13 of the Forestry Act, 1916-1946, for the year ended 30th June, 1954.
- (2.) Report of the Dumaresq-Barwon Border Rivers Commission for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Landa laid upon the Table—Regulation under the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1940-1954.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. McGrath laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

Notifications of acquisition of land and/or easement or right under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1912-1949, at—

Coff's Harbour
Gosford
Mudgee
Parry Park

Peak Hill
Tumut
Yass

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wetherell laid upon the Table the following Papers:—
Notifications of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the following Railway purposes—

- (a) Maintaining traffic on the existing line of Railway between Redfern and Tempe—additional railway tracks at Erskineville.
- (b) Construction of an overhead roadway at Circular Quay—in connection with the City Railway.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. W. McC. Gollan laid upon the Table—Copy Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the appointment, on probation, of Mr. Desmond Rose, B.Sc., Department of Mines.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. METROPOLITAN TRAFFIC PROBLEMS:—Mr. Willis moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House—

(1.) The Government has failed to deal effectively with traffic problems in the Metropolitan area in that it has—

- (a) ignored many expert reports and warnings on the subject;
- (b) failed to provide any real parking facilities;
- (c) failed to provide a modern, cheap and efficient public transport system;
- (d) neglected for too long the needs of modern traffic; and

(2.) The Government should immediately embark on a comprehensive programme to solve the ever-worsening traffic problem in the Metropolitan area.

Debate ensued.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Brain, That the Honourable Member for Earlwood, Mr. Willis, be allowed to continue his speech for a further period of Fifteen minutes.

Debate continued.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Pelly, That the Honourable Member for Earlwood, Mr. Willis, be allowed to continue his speech for a further period of Twenty minutes.

Debate continued.

And it being Six o'clock, p.m., Debate interrupted pursuant to Sessional Order adopted on 22nd September, 1954.

Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday, 2nd November, 1954.

4. SUPPLY (*Estimates, 1954-1955*):—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress.

The House adjourned at Sixteen minutes after Ten o'clock, p.m., until To-morrow at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 27.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 27 OCTOBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Heffron laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Notifications of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Public Instruction Act, 1880, at—

Ariah Park.	Mt. Kuring-gai.
Bankstown South.	Mornington.
Barrack Point.	Moss Vale (2).
Bingara.	Padstow South.
Birrong.	Parramatta West.
Blakehurst.	Peakhurst.
Cardiff North.	Pelaw Main.
Chatswood.	Quirindi.
Epping North.	St. Mary's.
Goulburn.	Sawtell.
Iluka.	Shellharbour.
Jannali East.	Toronto West.
Lake Heights.	Unanderra.
Lismore Heights.	Weerona.

(2.) Copies of Minutes of the Public Service Board respecting the appointments, on probation, of certain persons as Teachers, Department of Public Instruction.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Sheahan laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Regulation under the Justices Act, 1902-1954.

(2.) Regulations under the Fines and Forfeited Recognizances Act, 1954.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. McGrath laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

Notifications of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1912-1949, at—

Barham.	Taree.
Gunnedah.	Tumut.
Illabo.	Warren.
Leeton.	Wellington.
Narromine.	Wyong.
Tamworth.	

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

27th October, 1954.

3. SUPPLY (*Loan Estimates, 1954-1955*):—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress.

4. SUPPLY (*Estimates, 1954-1955*):—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress.

The House adjourned at Sixteen minutes after Ten o'clock, p.m., until To-morrow at Eleven o'clock, a.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 28 OCTOBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. McGrath laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

Notifications of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1912-1949, at—

Bankstown.	Ganmain.
Boggabri.	Macksville.
Byron Bay.	Narrabri West.
Coff's Harbour.	Temora.
Delungra.	Windsor.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. SUPPLY (*Estimates*, 1954-1955):—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

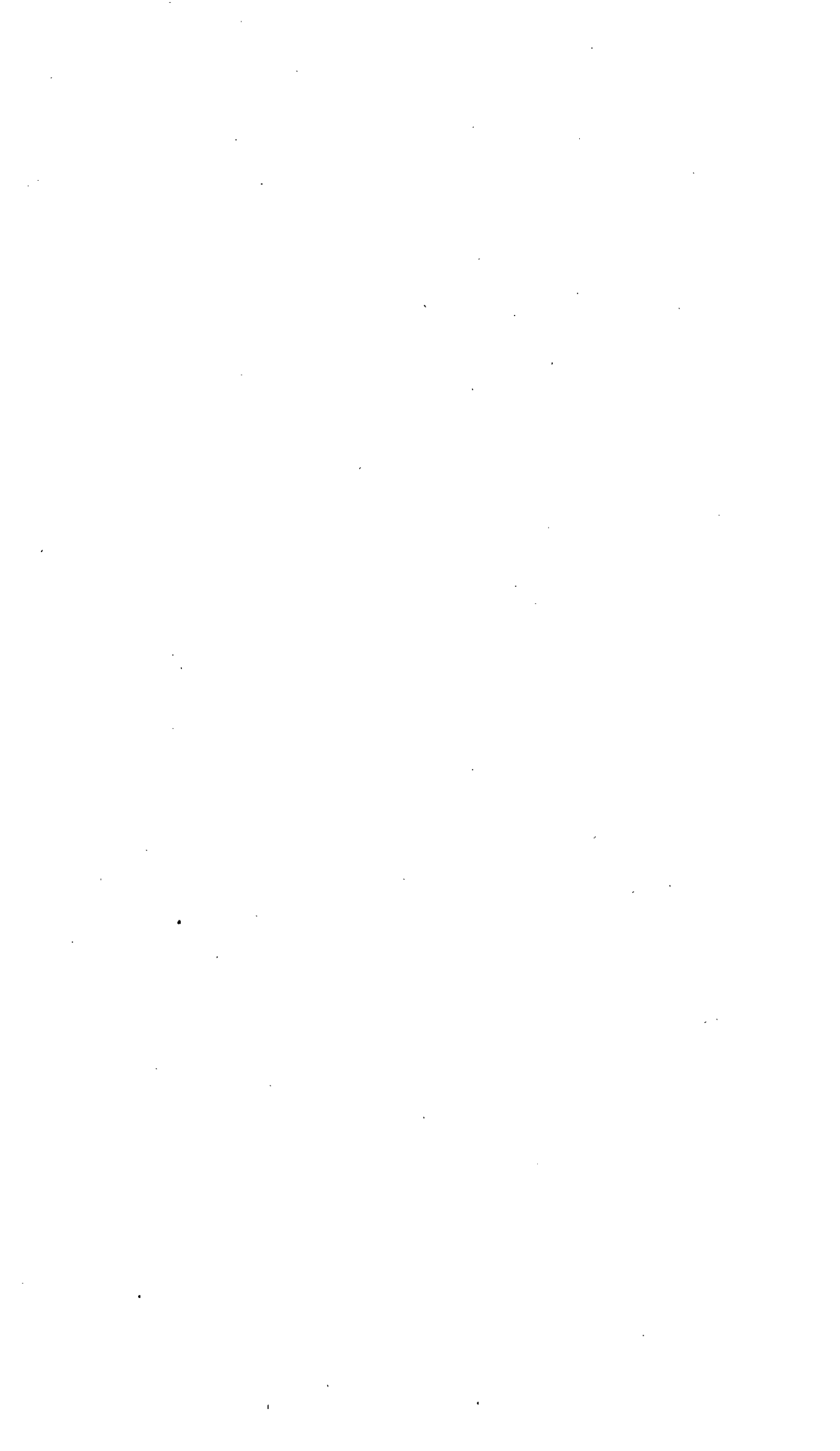
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress.

4. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Hearnshaw, as Chairman, brought up the Fourth Report from the Printing Committee.

The House adjourned at Sixteen minutes after Five o'clock, p.m., until Tuesday next at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 29.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Cahill laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Regulation under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900, as amended.
- (2.) Regulation under the Harbour and Tonnage Rates Act, 1920-1953.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Graham laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Regulations under the Pastures Protection Act, 1934-1951.
- (2.) Regulation under the Stock Diseases Act, 1923-1934.
- (3.) Balance-sheet and Statements of Account of the Metropolitan Meat Industry Board for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Sheahan laid upon the Table—Regulations under the Liquor (Referendum) Act, 1954.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hawkins laid upon the Table—Regulations and Form under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Renshaw laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Regulation under the Electricity Development Act, 1945-1948.
- (2.) Ordinance under the Local Government Act, 1919.
- (3.) Ordinance under the Local Government Act, 1919, relating to the Bowral Planning Scheme.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. McGrath laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

Notifications of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1912-1949, at—

Bathurst.	Lismore.
Binnaway.	Moss Vale.
Caragabal.	Narrabri.
Coff's Harbour.	Yass.
Dorrigo.	

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. METROPOLITAN TRAFFIC PROBLEMS:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Willis,—“That, “in the opinion of this House—

“(1.) The Government has failed to deal effectively with traffic problems in “the Metropolitan area in that it has—

“(a) ignored many expert reports and warnings on the subject;
“(b) failed to provide any real parking facilities;
“(c) failed to provide a modern, cheap and efficient public transport system;
“(d) neglected for too long the needs of modern traffic; and

“(2.) The Government should immediately embark upon a comprehensive “programme to solve the ever-worsening traffic problem in the Metropolitan “area,”—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And it being Six o'clock, p.m., Debate interrupted pursuant to Sessional Order adopted on 22nd September, 1954.

Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday, 16th November, 1954.

4. SUPPLY (*Estimates, 1954-1955*):—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress.

The House adjourned at Sixteen minutes after Ten o'clock, p.m., until To-morrow at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 30.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Kelly laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

Balance-sheets of Art Unions under the Lotteries and Art Unions Act, 1901, as amended, in aid of—

Narrabri-Namoi-Walgett District Ambulance Service.
Spastic Centre, Temora Branch.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Enticknap laid upon the Table—Copy Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the appointment, on probation, of Mr. A. R. Pearce, as Soil Conservationist, Department of Conservation.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. McGrath laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

Notifications of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1912-1949, at—

Berkeley.	Geurie.
Botany.	Mendooran.
Cassilis.	Premer.
East Maitland.	

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Graham laid upon the Table—Agreement between the Australian Wheat Board and the State of New South Wales for the construction of additional storage for the 1954-55 wheat harvest.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wetherell laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) By-law under the Government Railways Act, 1912-1953.

(2.) Copy Report of the Commissioner for Railways for the quarter ended 30th June, 1954.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. W. McC. Gollan laid upon the Table—Regulation under the Inflammable Liquid Act, 1915-1953.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3rd November, 1954.

3. SUPPLY (*Estimates, 1954-1955*):—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress.

4. EXTENSION OF PRESENT SITTING:—Mr. Cahill (*by consent*) moved, That so much of the Sessional Orders be suspended as would preclude the continuation of the present Sitting after 10.30 o'clock, p.m.

Question put and passed.

5. SUPPLY (*Estimates, 1954-1955*):—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions, which were read as follow:—

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.

THE LEGISLATURE.

- (3.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £152,330, for The Legislature, for the year 1954-55.

PREMIER.

- (4.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,925,777, for Premier, for the year 1954-55.

MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT.

- (5.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £282,771, for Minister for Transport, for the year 1954-55.

COLONIAL SECRETARY, MINISTER FOR IMMIGRATION AND MINISTER FOR CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.

- (6.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,095,331, for Colonial Secretary, Minister for Immigration and Minister for Co-operative Societies for the year 1954-55.

MINISTER FOR HEALTH.

- (7.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £20,167,830, for Minister for Health, for the year 1954-55.

COLONIAL TREASURER.

- (8.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,418,221, for Colonial Treasurer, for the year 1954-55.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER OF JUSTICE.

- (9.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,128,085, for Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, for the year 1954-55.

SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (10.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,470,892, for Secretary for Lands, for the year 1954-55.

SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (11.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,334,086, for Secretary for Public Works, for the year 1954-55.

MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

- (12.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,001,095, for Minister for Local Government, for the year 1954-55.

MINISTER FOR HOUSING.

- (13.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £18,594, for Minister for Housing, for the year 1954-55.

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MINISTER FOR EDUCATION.

(14.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £29,994,408, for Minister for Education, for the year 1954-55.

SECRETARY FOR MINES.

(15.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £484,176, for Secretary for Mines, for the year 1954-55.

MINISTER FOR LABOUR AND INDUSTRY AND MINISTER FOR SOCIAL WELFARE.

(16.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,151,611, for Minister for Labour and Industry and Minister for Social Welfare, for the year 1954-55.

MINISTER FOR CONSERVATION.

(17.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,706,466, for Minister for Conservation, for the year 1954-55.

MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER FOR FOOD PRODUCTION.

(18.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,995,252, for Minister for Agriculture and Minister for Food Production, for the year 1954-55.

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS MADE DURING THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1954, FROM THE VOTE "ADVANCE TO TREASURER," 1953-54, ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1953-54.

(19.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,000,000 in adjustment of the Vote "Advance to Treasurer", 1953-54.

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS "UNAUTHORISED IN SUSPENSE" TO 30TH JUNE, 1954, FOR URGENT CLAIMS ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1953-54.

(20.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,885,364 7s. 7d. (Payments "Unauthorised in Suspense") for Services of the year 1953-54.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS FUND.

(21.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £66,775,220, for Department of Railways, for the year 1954-55.

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS "UNAUTHORISED IN SUSPENSE" TO 30TH JUNE, 1954, FOR URGENT CLAIMS ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1953-54.

(22.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,207,877 4s. 10d. (Payments "Unauthorised in Suspense") for Services of the year 1953-54.

ROAD TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC FUND.

(23.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,823,020, for Department of Motor Transport, for the year 1954-55.

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS "UNAUTHORISED IN SUSPENSE" TO 30TH JUNE, 1954, FOR URGENT CLAIMS ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1953-54.

(24.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £53,057 12s. 1d. (Payments "Unauthorised in Suspense") for Services of the year 1953-54.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT TRUST GENERAL FUND.

(25.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,508,305, for Department of Government Transport for the year 1954-55.

NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT TRANSPORT TRUST GENERAL FUND.

(26.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,428,821, for Department of Government Transport, for the year 1954-55.

SYDNEY HARBOUR TRUST FUND.

(27.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,957,536, for Maritime Services Board of New South Wales, for the year 1954-55.

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SYDNEY HARBOUR TRUST RENEWALS FUND.

(28.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £538,600, for Maritime Services Board of New South Wales, for the year 1954-55.

CLOSER SETTLEMENT FUND.

(29.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50,000, on account of Services to be provided for out of Closer Settlement Fund.

On motion of Mr. Cahill, the Resolutions were agreed to.

6. **WAYS AND MEANS** (*Estimates, 1954-1955*):—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions, which were read as follow:—

(3.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty,—

- (a) For the Service of the financial year 1954-55, the sum of £88,326,925 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.
- (b) In adjustment of the Vote "Advance to Treasurer," 1953-54, for Services of the financial year 1953-54, the sum of £2,000,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.
- (c) For Services of the financial year 1953-54, "Unauthorised in Suspense," the sum of £3,885,364 7s. 7d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

(4.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty,—

- (a) For the Service of the financial year 1954-55, the sum of £66,775,220 be granted out of the Government Railways Fund.
- (b) For Services of the financial year 1953-54, "Unauthorised in Suspense," the sum of £1,207,877 4s. 10d. be granted out of the Government Railways Fund.

(5.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty,—

- (a) For the Service of the financial year 1954-55, the sum of £1,823,020 be granted out of the Road Transport and Traffic Fund.
- (b) For Services of the financial year 1953-54, "Unauthorised in Suspense," the sum of £53,057 12s. 1d. be granted out of the Road Transport and Traffic Fund.

(6.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the financial year 1954-55, the sum of £12,508,305 be granted out of the Metropolitan Transport Trust General Fund.

(7.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the financial year 1954-55, the sum of £1,428,821 be granted out of the Newcastle, and District Transport Trust General Fund.

(8.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the financial year 1954-55, the sum of £1,957,536 be granted out of the Sydney Harbour Trust Fund.

(9.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the financial year 1954-55, the sum of £538,600 be granted out of the Sydney Harbour Trust Renewals Fund.

(10.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for Services, the sum of £50,000 be granted out of the Closer Settlement Fund.

On motion of Mr. Cahill, the Resolutions were agreed to.

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7. APPROPRIATION BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Cahill, That a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolutions of Ways and Means (Nos. 3 to 10), to appropriate out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and certain other Funds, sums to make good the supplies granted for the ordinary annual services of the Government for the year commencing on the first day of July, 1954, and ending on the thirtieth day of June, 1955, both dates inclusive, and for charges supplementary or "Unauthorised in Suspense" from certain Funds for the year from the first day of July, 1953, to thirtieth day of June, 1954, both dates inclusive; and for purposes connected therewith.

(2.) Mr. Cahill then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to appropriate out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and certain other Funds, sums to make good the supplies granted for the ordinary annual services of the Government for the year commencing on the first day of July, 1954, and ending on the thirtieth day of June, 1955, both dates inclusive, and for charges supplementary or 'Unauthorised in Suspense' from certain Funds for the year from the first day of July, 1953, to thirtieth day of June, 1954, both dates inclusive; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered (by consent), That the Bill be now read a second time.

(3.) Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Cahill, the Report was adopted.

And Mr. Speaker having consented to the third reading being taken forthwith,—

(4.) Bill, on motion of Mr. Cahill, read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and certain other Funds, sums to make good the supplies granted for the ordinary annual services of the Government for the year commencing on the first day of July, 1954, and ending on the thirtieth day of June, 1955, both dates inclusive, and for charges supplementary or 'Unauthorised in Suspense' from certain Funds for the year from the first day of July, 1953, to thirtieth day of June, 1954, both dates inclusive; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 4th November, 1954, a.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Cahill moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Mr. Green moved, That the Question be now put.

Question put,—“That the Question be now put.”

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Booth	Mr. Fowles	Mr. O'Neill
Mr. Fred Cahill	Mr. W. McC. Gollan	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Cahill	Mr. Graham	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Robert Cameron	Mr. Green	Mr. Sheahan
Mr. Campbell	Mr. Hawkins	Mr. Simpson
Mr. Coady	Mr. Heffron	Mr. Tonge
Mr. Connor	Mr. Hills	Mr. Walsh
Mr. Crabtree	Mr. Lawrence Kelly	Mr. Wattison
Mr. Crook	Mr. Landa	Mr. Wetherell
Mr. Dalton	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Williams
Mr. Downing	Mr. McMahan	Mr. Wyatt
Mr. Dring	Mr. Maher	Tellers,
Mr. Enticknap	Mr. Mallam	Mr. R. S. Jackson
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Murphy	Mr. Morgan
Mr. Ferguson	Mr. Nott	

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Noes, 27.

Mr. Askin	Mr. Gamack	Mr. Pelly
Mr. Jack Beale	Mr. Hearnshaw	Mr. Robinson
Mr. Black	Mr. Howarth	Lieut.-Col. Robson
Mr. Brain	Mr. Hunter	Mr. Stephens
Lieut.-Col. Bruxner	Mr. H. E. Jackson	Mr. Storey
Mr. Crawford	Mr. Lawson	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dickson	Mr. McCaw	Mr. Deane
Mr. Easter	Mr. Morton	Mr. Willis
Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Murden	
Mr. Stewart Fraser	Mr. Padman	

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists that the number in favour of the motion, being a majority, consisted of "at least thirty Members,"—

Original Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at Nine minutes after Twelve o'clock, a.m., until Eleven o'clock, a.m., This Day.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 4 NOVEMBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND OTHER AUTHORITIES (SUPERANNUATION) AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Renshaw and read by Mr. Speaker:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 41.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Local Government and Other Authorities (Superannuation) Act, 1927-1948, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.

Government House,
Sydney, 2nd November, 1954.

2. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.
3. PAPERS:—Mr. McGrath laid upon the Table the following Papers:—
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| Notifications of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1912-1949, at— | |
| Bega. | Paxton. |
| Junee. | Rutherford. |
| Matrville. | Wagga Wagga. |
| Oberon. | |

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. SUPPLY (*Loan Estimates, 1954-1955*):—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress.
5. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Hearnshaw, as Chairman, brought up the Fifth Report from the Printing Committee.

The House adjourned at Two minutes after Five o'clock, p.m., until Tuesday next at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. NOXIOUS INSECTS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Graham and read by Mr. Speaker:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 42.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make further provision for the suppression and destruction of noxious insects; for this purpose to amend the Noxious Insects Act, 1934, the Pastures Protection Act, 1934, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.

*Government House,
Sydney, 5th November, 1954.*

2. SEVENTH TRIENNIAL ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF NEW SOUTH WALES:—

(1.) Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from His Excellency the Governor:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 43.

In pursuance of section seven of the Constitution (Legislative Council Elections) Act, 1932-1937, the Governor desires to inform the Legislative Assembly that he has this day, with the advice of the Executive Council, issued under that Act a Writ for the election of fifteen Members of the Legislative Council to fill the seats of Members, whose terms of service are about to expire.

The Writ is directed to Brigadier John Rowstone Stevenson, C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D., Clerk of the Parliaments of the State of New South Wales, Returning Officer for the Elections of Members of the Legislative Council of New South Wales.

9th November, 1954.

This Message is accompanied by a copy of the Writ.

In order that both Houses of Parliament may be duly informed of the issue of the Writ, a like Message is this day addressed by the Governor to the President of the Legislative Council.

*Government House,
Sydney, 9th November, 1954.*

Mr. Speaker announced that the Message was accompanied by a copy of the Writ.

Mr. Speaker then directed the Clerk to read the Writ, which was as follows:—

WRIT FOR THE ELECTION OF FIFTEEN MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

*"Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, Australia
and Her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Common-
wealth, Defender of the Faith.*

*"To BRIGADIER JOHN ROWLSTONE STEVENSON, C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D., Clerk of
the Parliaments of the State of New South Wales, Returning Officer
for the elections of Members of the Legislative Council of Our State
of New South Wales—*

"Greeting:

*"WHEREAS the terms of service of those Members of the Legislative Council
of New South Wales who were elected with a term of service expiring at
the end of twelve years from the twenty-third day of April, one thousand
nine hundred and forty-three are about to expire Now therefore, We with
the advice of the Executive Council and by virtue of the powers vested in
Us, do in and by this Our Writ direct you JOHN ROWLSTONE STEVENSON,
to conduct in the manner by law provided an election of fifteen members
to Our Legislative Council to fill the seats of the Members whose terms
of service are about to expire: And We do hereby appoint the seventeenth day
of November, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four as the day on or
before which all nominations of candidates at the election shall be made
and the twenty-fifth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and
fifty-four as the day upon which sittings of the Legislative Council and
of the Legislative Assembly shall be held for the purpose of taking the
votes: and that such sittings shall commence at two-thirty o'clock in the
afternoon and shall terminate at four-thirty o'clock in the afternoon: And
We do further direct and appoint that this Our Writ shall be returnable
to Our Governor of this State upon the second day of December, one thousand
nine hundred and fifty-four.*

*"In testimony whereof, We have caused this Our Writ to be sealed
with the Public Seal of Our said State.*

*"Witness Our Trusty and Well-beloved Sir JOHN NORTHCOTT, Knight
Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and
Saint George, Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order,
Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-
General on the Retired List of the Australian Military Forces,
Governor of Our State of New South Wales and its Dependencies
in the Commonwealth of Australia, at Sydney, in New South Wales
aforesaid, this ninth day of November, in the year of Our Lord one
thousand nine hundred and fifty-four, and in the third year of
Our Reign.*

"J. NORTHCOTT,

"Governor.

"By His Excellency's Command,

"J. J. CAHILL."

(2.) Mr. Speaker directed that the taking of the votes of the Members in the Legislative Assembly for the Seventh Triennial Election of Members to the Legislative Council be set down as an Order of the Day for the day of the Ballot appointed in His Excellency's Writ of 9th November, 1954, viz.:—
25th November, 1954.

Mr. Speaker intimated that on such day the taking of the votes would take precedence of all other business.

3. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions

9th November, 1954.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Heffron laid upon the Table—Report of the Trustees of the Australian Museum for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hawkins laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated for public purposes in accordance with the provisions of section 24 of the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

(2.) Gazette Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with certain lands under section 25 of the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Renshaw laid upon the Table—By-law under the Sydney Corporation Act, 1932-1947, deemed to be an Ordinance under the Local Government Act, 1919.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wetherell laid upon the Table—Report of the Department of Main Roads for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. McGrath laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

Notifications of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1912-1949, at—

Cooma	Parkes
Lyndhurst	Telarah
Millfield	Weston

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS' RELATIONS:—Mr. Murphy moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House,—

(1.) There have been marked encroachments on the powers of this sovereign Parliament of New South Wales by the Federal Parliament of Australia and that such encroachments are contrary to the spirit and purpose of the Australian Constitution and are detrimental to the interests, welfare and future development of this, the Mother State and the major State of the Commonwealth;

(2.) These encroachments similarly affect the rights and powers of the Parliaments of the other sovereign States of the Commonwealth and "therefore" representations on the question should be made by the Government to the other States as soon as practicable, with a view of determining a basis upon which to approach the Federal Government to request appropriate constitutional amendments; and

(3.) In the consideration of constitutional revision the States' share of taxation should be proportionate to the exercise by the States of their constitutional powers and functions.

Debate ensued.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Hills, That the Honourable Member for Concord, Mr. Murphy, be allowed to continue his speech for a further period of Twenty minutes.

Debate continued.

Lieut.-Col. Bruxner moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out in paragraph (2) all the words after the word "therefore" down to and including the word "amendments" with a view of inserting the following words instead thereof:—"this Parliament should support the appointment of a Constitutional Convention as promised by the Menzies-Fadden Government for the purposes of reviewing the Commonwealth Constitution particularly in regard to the relationship between the Commonwealth and the States and the creation of new States."

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Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.

Debate continued.

And it being Six o'clock, p.m., Debate interrupted pursuant to Sessional Order adopted on 22nd September, 1954.

Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday, 30th November, 1954.

6. SUPPLY (*Loan Estimates, 1954-1955*):—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution which was read, as follows:—

(30.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty during the year 1954-55, a sum not exceeding £62,632,000 for Public Works and other Services.

On motion of Mr. Heffron the Resolution was agreed to.

7. WAYS AND MEANS (*Loan Estimates, 1954-1955*):—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, which was read, as follows:—

(11.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty for Public Works and other Services, a sum not exceeding £62,632,000 be granted out of the General Loan Account.

On motion of Mr. Heffron, the Resolution was agreed to.

8. GENERAL LOAN ACCOUNT APPROPRIATION BILL:—

(1.) URGENCY:—Mr. Heffron moved, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that the General Loan Account Appropriation Bill be brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.

Question put.

The House divided.

AYES, 52.

Mr. Armstrong	Mr. Fowles	Mr. Leo Nott
Mr. Booth	Mr. Freeman	Mr. O'Neill
Mr. Fred Cahill	Mr. W. McC. Gollan	Mr. O'Sullivan
Mr. James Cahill	Mr. Graham	Mr. Powell
Mr. Cahill	Mr. Green	Mr. Renshaw
Mr. Robert Cameron	Mr. Hawkins	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Campbell	Mr. Heffron	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Clyne	Mr. Hills	Mr. Sheahan
Mr. Coady	Mr. R. S. Jackson	Mr. Simpson
Mr. Connor	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Tonge
Mr. Crook	Mr. Lawrence Kelly	Mr. L. J. Tully
Mr. Dalton	Mr. Landa	Mr. Walsh
Mr. Downing	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Wetherell
Mr. Dring	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wyatt
Mr. Earl	Mr. Mallam	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Enticknap	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Maher
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Murphy	Mr. Mannix
Mr. Ferguson	Mr. Nott	

NOES, 25.

Mr. Askin	Mr. Easter	Mr. Robinson
Mr. Brain	Mr. Stewart Fraser	Lieut.-Col. Robson
Lieut.-Col. Bruxner	Mr. Gamack	Mr. Rose
Mr. Chaffey	Mr. Howarth	Mr. Stephens
Mr. Crawford	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Storey
Mr. Cutler	Mr. H. E. Jackson	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Darby	Mr. Morton	Mr. Pelly
Mr. Deane	Mr. Murden	Mr. Willis
Mr. Dickson	Mr. Padman	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- (2.) SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. Heffron moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the General Loan Account Appropriation Bill being brought in and passed through all its stages in one day.

Debate ensued.

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And Mr. Heffron having spoken in Reply,—

Question put.

The House divided.

AYES, 52.

Mr. Armstrong	Mr. Freeman	Mr. Leo Nott
Mr. Booth	Mr. W. McC. Gollan	Mr. O'Neill
Mr. Fred Cahill	Mr. Graham	Mr. O'Sullivan
Mr. Cahill	Mr. Green	Mr. Powell
Mr. Robert Cameron	Mr. Hawkins	Mr. Renshaw
Mr. Campbell	Mr. Heffron	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Clyne	Mr. Hills	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Coady	Mr. R. S. Jackson	Mr. Sheahan
Mr. Connor	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Simpson
Mr. Crook	Mr. Lawrence Kelly	Mr. Tonge
Mr. Dalton	Mr. Landa	Mr. L. J. Tully
Mr. Downing	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Walsh
Mr. Dring	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wetherell
Mr. Earl	Mr. Maher	Mr. Wyatt
Mr. Enticknap	Mr. Mallam	
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Mannix	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Ferguson	Mr. Morgan	Mr. James Cahill
Mr. Fowles	Mr. Nott	Mr. Murphy

NOES, 27.

Mr. Askin	Mr. Easter	Lieut.-Col. Robson
Mr. Jack Beale	Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Rose
Mr. Brain	Mr. Gamack	Mr. Stephens
Lieut.-Col. Bruxner	Mr. Howarth	Mr. Storey
Mr. Chaffey	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Willis
Mr. Crawford	Mr. Morton	
Mr. Cutler	Mr. Murden	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Darby	Mr. Padman	Mr. Stewart Fraser
Mr. Deane	Mr. Pelly	Mr. H. E. Jackson
Mr. Dickson	Mr. Robinson	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(3.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Heffron *on behalf of* Mr. Cahill, That a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 11), to provide for the appropriation of a certain sum out of the General Loan Account and for the application of that sum for certain Public Works and Services; and for purposes connected therewith.

(4.) Mr. Heffron then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the appropriation of a certain sum out of the General Loan Account and for the application of that sum for certain Public Works and Services; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.

(5.) Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Heffron, the Report was adopted.

Mr. Heffron moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(6.) Bill read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the appropriation of a certain sum out of the General Loan Account and for the application of that sum for certain Public Works and Services; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9th November, 1954.*

9. PRIVATE INQUIRY AGENTS BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Sheahan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the licensing and control of private inquiry agents and their sub-agents; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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(2.) Mr. Sheahan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the licensing and control of private inquiry agents and their sub-agents; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

10. ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATES BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Sheahan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law of intestacy; for this and other purposes to amend the Wills, Probate and Administration Act, 1898, the Testator's Family Maintenance and Guardianship of Infants Act, 1916, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Sheahan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the law of intestacy; for this and other purposes to amend the Wills, Probate and Administration Act, 1898, the Testator's Family Maintenance and Guardianship of Infants Act, 1916, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

11. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND OTHER AUTHORITIES (SUPERANNUATION) AMENDMENT BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Renshaw moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Local Government and Other Authorities (Superannuation) Act, 1927-1948, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Renshaw then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Local Government and Other Authorities (Superannuation) Act, 1927-1948, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

12. FACTORIES AND SHOPS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Landa moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision in relation to shops for the sale of motor spirit, motor oil and motor accessories, for this purpose to amend the Factories and Shops Act, 1912-1950, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Landa then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make further provision in relation to shops for the sale of motor spirit, motor oil and motor accessories; for this purpose to amend the Factories and Shops Act, 1912-1950, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

13. AUSTRALIAN OIL REFINING LIMITED AGREEMENT RATIFICATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Renshaw moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Lieut.-Col. Robson moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

14. APPROPRIATION BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and certain other Funds, sums to make good the supplies granted for the ordinary annual services of the Government for the year commencing on the first day of July,*"

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1954, and ending on the thirtieth day of June, 1955, both dates inclusive, and for charges supplementary or 'Unauthorised in Suspense' from certain Funds for the year from the first day of July, 1953, to thirtieth day of June, 1954, both dates inclusive; and for purposes connected therewith,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9th November, 1954.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

15. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Renshaw moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

And it being 10.30 o'clock, p.m., Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Sessional Order adopted on 22nd September, 1954, adjourned the House until To-morrow at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 33.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.
2. PAPERS:—
Mr. McGrath laid upon the Table the following Papers:—
Notifications of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1912-1949, at—

Batlow.	Peak Hill.
Coff's Harbour.	Wakool.
Mudgee.	

 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
3. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE:—Mr. O'Neill, as Chairman, brought up the Second Report, during the currency of the Thirty-seventh Parliament, of the Public Accounts Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
4. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Cahill (*by consent*) moved, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House, at its rising This Day, do adjourn until To-morrow at Twelve o'clock at Noon.
Question put and passed.
5. THEATRES AND PUBLIC HALLS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—
 - (1.) Mr. Kelly moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for the regulation and control of drive-in and open-air theatres; for this purpose to amend the Theatres and Public Halls Act, 1908-1946; and for purposes connected therewith.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Kelly then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make provision for the regulation and control of drive-in and open-air theatres; for this purpose to amend the Theatres and Public Halls Act, 1908-1946; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.
6. POLICE OFFENCES AMENDMENT (DRUGS) BILL:—
 - (1.) Mr. Kelly moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit the manufacture, use, sale, distribution or possession of diamorphine (commonly known as heroin); for these and other purposes to amend the Police Offences (Amendment) Act, 1908, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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- (2.) Mr. Kelly then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to prohibit the manufacture, use, sale, distribution or possession of diamorphine (commonly known as heroin); for these and other purposes to amend the Police Offences (Amendment) Act, 1908, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

7. NOXIOUS INSECTS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Graham moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision for the suppression and destruction of noxious insects; for this purpose to amend the Noxious Insects Act, 1934, the Pastures Protection Act, 1934, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Graham then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to make further provision for the suppression and destruction of noxious insects; for this purpose to amend the Noxious Insects Act, 1934, the Pastures Protection Act, 1934, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

8. GRAIN ELEVATORS BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Graham moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for and in relation to the handling and storage of wheat and the operation and control of the Government Grain Elevators; to provide for the constitution of the Grain Elevators Board of New South Wales and to define its powers, authorities, duties and functions; to dissolve the State Wheat Committee constituted under the Wheat Marketing Act, 1948-1953; to amend the said Act in certain respects; to repeal the Grain Elevator Act, 1916, and the Wheat Act, 1927; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Graham then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to make provision for and in relation to the handling and storage of wheat and the operation and control of the Government Grain Elevators; to provide for the constitution of the Grain Elevators Board of New South Wales and to define its powers, authorities, duties and functions; to dissolve the State Wheat Committee constituted under the Wheat Marketing Act, 1948-1953; to amend the said Act in certain respects; to repeal the Grain Elevator Act, 1916, and the Wheat Act, 1927; and for purposes connected therewith,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

9. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Wetherell moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for limiting the amount of compensation recoverable against the Commissioner for Railways in respect of damages to property caused by fire; for this purpose to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912-1953; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 51.

Mr. Armstrong	Mr. Fowles	Mr. Nott
Mr. Booth	Mr. Freeman	Mr. Leo Nott
Mr. Fred Cahill	Mr. W. McC. Gollan	Mr. O'Neill
Mr. James Cahill	Mr. Graham	Mr. O'Sullivan
Mr. Cahill	Mr. Green	Mr. Renshaw
Mr. Robert Cameron	Mr. Hawkins	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Campbell	Mr. Heffron	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Clyne	Mr. R. S. Jackson	Mr. Sheahan
Mr. Coady	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Simpson
Mr. Connor	Mr. Lawrence Kelly	Mr. Tonge
Mr. Crabtree	Mr. Landa	Mr. L. J. Tully
Mr. Crook	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Wetherell
Mr. Dalton	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wyatt
Mr. Downing	Mr. Maher	
Mr. Dring	Mr. Mallam	Tellers,
Mr. Earl	Mr. Mannix	Mr. Hills
Mr. Enticknap	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Walsh
Mr. Ferguson	Mr. Murphy	

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Mr. Askin	Mr. Gamack	Lieut.-Col. Robson
Mr. Jack Beale	Mr. Hearnshaw	Mr. Rose
Mr. Black	Mr. Howarth	Mr. Stephens
Mr. Brain	Mr. Hunter	Mr. Storey
Lieut.-Col. Bruxner	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Treatt
Mr. Chaffey	Mr. McCaw	Mr. Willis
Mr. Crawford	Mr. Morton	Tellers,
Mr. Cutler	Mr. Murden	Mr. Deane
Mr. Dickson	Mr. Padman	Mr. H. E. Jackson
Mr. Easter	Dr. Parr	
Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Pelly	
Mr. Stewart Fraser	Mr. Robinson	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- (2.) Mr. Wetherell then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to make provision for limiting the amount of compensation recoverable against the Commissioner for Railways in respect of damages to property caused by fire; for this purpose to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912-1953; and for purposes connected therewith,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

10. AUSTRALIAN OIL REFINING LIMITED AGREEMENT RATIFICATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Renshaw, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And Mr. Renshaw having spoken in Reply,—

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Tully, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Renshaw, the Report was adopted.

Ordered by Mr. Deputy-Speaker, That the third reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

11. GENERAL LOAN ACCOUNT APPROPRIATION BILL:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the appropriation of a certain sum out of the General Loan Account and for the application of that sum for certain Public Works and Services; and for purposes connected therewith,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 10th November, 1954.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

12. WICKHAM WHARF (CONSTRUCTION) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Renshaw moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

And it being 10.20 o'clock, p.m., the Debate stood adjourned, pursuant to Sessional Order adopted on 22nd September, 1954.

Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

The House adjourned at Twenty-one minutes after Ten o'clock, p.m., until To-morrow at Twelve o'clock at Noon.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 34.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 11 NOVEMBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair:

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Cahill laid upon the Table—Report of the Public Trustee, together with Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, for the year ended 30th June, 1954. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Kelly laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Regulation under the Theatres and Public Halls Act, 1908-1946.

(2.) Balance-sheet of Art Union under the Lotteries and Art Unions Act, 1901, as amended, in aid of Albury and District Old Age and Invalid Pensioners' Building Fund.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. McGrath laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

Notifications of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1912-1949, at—

Beresfield.

Wagga Wagga.

Culcairn.

Wauchope.

East Gosford.

West Wallaseid.

Eden.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. AUSTRALIAN OIL REFINING LIMITED AGREEMENT RATIFICATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Bill, on motion of Mr. Renshaw, read a third time. Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "An Act to ratify a certain Agreement made between Australian Oil Refining Limited of the one part and the Minister for Lands for and on behalf of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of the other part with respect to the sale to such Company of certain lands at Kurnell and the granting to such Company of the right to obtain leases of and licenses over certain adjacent lands; to provide for the carrying into effect of the said Agreement; to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, the Public Works Act, 1912, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 11th November, 1954.

11th November, 1954.

4. WICKHAM WHARF (CONSTRUCTION) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Renshaw, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Tully, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Renshaw, the Report was adopted.
Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the third reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.
5. THEATRES AND PUBLIC HALLS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Kelly moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
Mr. Tully, Acting-Speaker, left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Acting-Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Freeman, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Kelly, the Report was adopted.
Ordered by Mr. Acting-Speaker, That the third reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.
6. POLICE OFFENCES AMENDMENT (DRUGS) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Kelly moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Freeman, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Kelly, the Report was adopted.
Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the third reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.
7. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Hearnshaw, as Chairman, brought up the Sixth Report from the Printing Committee.
8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Kelly moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly at Twelve minutes before Five o'clock, p.m., until Tuesday next at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 35.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table—Proclamation under the Poisons Act, 1952.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. McGrath laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

Notifications of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1912-1949, at—

Canley Vale.	Murwillumbah.
Goulburn.	Riverstone.
Kiama.	Seven Hills.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. METROPOLITAN TRAFFIC PROBLEMS:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Willis,—“That “in the opinion of this House—

“(1.) The Government has failed to deal effectively with traffic problems in the Metropolitan area in that it has—

- “(a) ignored many expert reports and warnings on the subject;
- “(b) failed to provide any real parking facilities;
- “(c) failed to provide a modern, cheap and efficient public transport system;
- “(d) neglected for too long the needs of modern traffic; and

“(2.) The Government should immediately embark upon a comprehensive “programme to solve the ever-worsening traffic problem in the Metropolitan “area.”

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. O'Neill moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday, 14th December, 1954.

General Business having been disposed of, Government Business proceeded with.

16th November, 1954.

4. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Fines and Penalties (Amendment) Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to make further provision relating to certain fines, penalties and forfeitures imposed or authorised to be imposed by any Act; for this purpose to amend the Fines and Penalties Act, 1901-1933, the Police Regulation Act, 1899-1947, and certain other Acts; to validate certain matters; and for purposes connected therewith,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16th November, 1954.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

(2.) Justices (Amendment) Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to make further provision in relation to the taking and recording of the depositions of witnesses and other persons in proceedings before a justice or justices of the peace or a coroner; to make further provision in relation to the admissibility in evidence of and the cross-examination of persons as to, depositions so taken and recorded; to enable costs to be awarded where an order is made under section 556A of the Crimes Act, 1900; for these and other purposes to amend the Justices Act, 1902, the Crimes Act, 1900, the Evidence Act, 1898, the Coroners Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16th November, 1954.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

(3.) Necropolis (Amendment) Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to empower the joint committee constituted under the Necropolis Act 1901, as amended by subsequent Acts, to make regulations for or with respect to certain matters; for this purpose to amend the said Act; and for purposes connected therewith,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16th November, 1954.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

(4.) Evidence (Amendment) Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled, "An Act to amend the law of evidence; for this purpose to amend the Evidence Act, 1898, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16th November, 1954.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

EVIDENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the amendments referred to in Message of 16th November, 1954.

J. R. STEVENSON,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

No. 1.—Page 10, clause 2, line 3. Omit "affidavit" insert—

"statutory declaration taken and received before any notary public or commissioner for taking affidavits.

"(3) Unless the court otherwise orders, a copy of any such declaration duly certified to be a true copy by affidavit made by any notary public or commissioner for taking affidavits shall be admissible in evidence in lieu of the original declaration."

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No. 2.—Page 10, clause 2. *After line 13 insert—*

“Provided that in respect of the ledger record maintained by a prescribed corporation, being a bank, of the transactions by a customer of the bank upon his account with the bank, the foregoing provisions of this subsection shall be read and construed as if the words ‘twenty years’ were omitted therefrom and the words ‘six years’ were inserted in lieu thereof.”

No. 3.—Page 10, clause 2, line 26. *After “under” insert “the Commonwealth Bank Act 1945 or”.*

No. 4.—Page 10, clause 2, lines 29 and 30. *Omit “that Act” insert “those Acts”.*

Examined,—

E. G. WRIGHT,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

5. THEATRES AND PUBLIC HALLS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Bill, on motion of Mr. Kelly, read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “An Act to make provision for the regulation and control of drive-in and open-air theatres; for this purpose to amend the Theatres and Public Halls Act, 1908-1946; and for purposes connected therewith,”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 16th November, 1954.

6. POLICE OFFENCES AMENDMENT (DRUGS) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Bill, on motion of Mr. Kelly, read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “An Act to prohibit the manufacture, use, sale, distribution or possession of di-morphine (commonly known as heroin); for these and other purposes to amend the Police Offences (Amendment) Act, 1908, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th November, 1954.

7. WICKHAM WHARF (CONSTRUCTION) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Bill, on motion of Mr. Renshaw, read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “An Act to sanction and to provide for the construction and equipment of a new wharf at Wickham; and for purposes connected therewith,”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th November, 1954.

8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND OTHER AUTHORITIES (SUPERANNUATION) AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Renshaw moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

And Mr. Renshaw having spoken in Reply,—

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Renshaw, the Report was adopted.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the third reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

9. ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Sheahan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Freeman, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Sheahan, the Report was adopted.

Ordered by Mr. Deputy-Speaker, That the third reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

10. GRAIN ELEVATORS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Graham moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

And it being 10.20 o'clock, p.m., the Debate stood adjourned, pursuant to Sessional Order adopted on 22nd September, 1954.

Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the day for To-morrow.

The House adjourned at Twenty-one minutes after Ten o'clock, p.m., until To-morrow at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by the Ministers named, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

By Mr. Cahill,—

- (1.) Appropriation Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,

Governor.

Message No. 44.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and certain other Funds, sums to make good the supplies granted for the ordinary annual services of the Government for the year commencing on the first day of July, 1954, and ending on the thirtieth day of June, 1955, both dates inclusive, and for charges supplementary or "Unauthorised in Suspense" from certain Funds for the year from the first day of July, 1953, to thirtieth day of June, 1954, both dates inclusive; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 16th November, 1954.

By Mr. Hawkins,—

- (2.) Legislative Assembly Members Superannuation (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,

Governor.

Message No. 45.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Legislative Assembly Members Superannuation Act, 1946-1951, in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.

Government House,

Sydney, 3rd November, 1954.

17th November, 1954.

2. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.
3. PAPERS:—
 Mr. Wetherell laid upon the Table—By-law under the Government Railways Act, 1912, as amended, giving Merchandise and Live Stock Freight Rates (Volumes I and III).
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
 Mr. McGrath laid upon the Table the following Papers:—
 Notifications of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1912-1949, at,—
 Denman, Panania and Werris Creek.
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND OTHER AUTHORITIES (SUPERANNUATION) AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Bill, on motion of Mr. Renshaw, read a third time.
 Bill sent to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—
 Mr. PRESIDENT,—
 The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Local Government and Other Authorities (Superannuation) Act, 1927-1948, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 17th November, 1954.*
5. ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Bill, on motion of Mr. Sheahan, read a third time.
 Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
 Mr. PRESIDENT,—
 The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law of intestacy; for this and other purposes to amend the Wills, Probate and Administration Act, 1898, the Testator's Family Maintenance and Guardianship of Infants Act, 1916, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 17th November, 1954.*
6. EVIDENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, on motion of Mr. Sheahan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Tully, Temporary Chairman, reported progress and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the Day.
7. COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—
 (1.) Mr. Sheahan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal subsection six of section thirty-four of the Companies Act, 1936, as amended by subsequent Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Sheahan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to repeal subsection six of section thirty-four of the Companies Act, 1936, as amended by subsequent Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

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17th November, 1954.

8. GRAIN ELEVATORS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Graham, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And Mr. Graham having spoken in Reply,—

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Fowles, Temporary Chairman, reported progress and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House adjourned at Sixteen minutes after Ten o'clock, p.m., until To-morrow at Eleven o'clock, a.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 37.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 18 NOVEMBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Hawkins laid upon the Table—Report of the Department of Lands, together with the Reports of the Western Lands Commissioner, the Prickly-Pear Commissioner, and the Surveyor-General under the Survey Co-ordination Act, 1949, for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. W. McC. Gollan laid upon the Table—Report of the State Mines Control Authority, together with Statement of Accounts and Balance-sheets, and Reports by the Managers of the State Coal Mines at Lithgow, Awaba, Liddell and Oakdale for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. McGrath laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

Notifications of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1912-1949, at Batlow, Bingara and Young.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. GRAIN ELEVATORS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Tully, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Graham, the Report was adopted.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the third reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

- 4. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Hearnshaw, as Chairman, brought up the Seventh Report from the Printing Committee.

18th November, 1954.

5. METROPOLITAN WATER, SEWERAGE, AND DRAINAGE (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Nott, *on behalf* of Mr. Cahill, moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Tully, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. Nott, the Report was adopted.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the third reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

6. FACTORIES AND SHOPS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Landa moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Lieut.-Col. Robson moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

The House adjourned at Eighteen minutes before Five o'clock, p.m., until Tuesday next at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by the Ministers named, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

By Mr. Cahill,—

- (1.) General Loan Account Appropriation Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 46.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to provide for the appropriation of a certain sum out of the General Loan Account and for the application of that sum for certain Public Works and Services; and for purposes connected therewith,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 18th November, 1954.

By Mr. Renshaw,—

- (2.) River Murray Waters (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 47.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to ratify and approve an Agreement for the further variation of a certain Agreement entered into between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia, respecting the River Murray and Lake Victoria and other waters; to amend the River Murray Waters Act, 1915-1949, and certain other Acts, and for purposes connected therewith.

Government House,
Sydney, 22nd November, 1954.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table the following Paper:—The Thirty-fifth Annual Report of the State Superannuation Board, being for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

Ordered to be printed.

3. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Cahill laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Report of the Rural Bank of New South Wales for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

(2.) Copy Report of the Commonwealth Auditor-General on the Accounts of the Joint Coal Board, for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Heffron laid upon the Table—Report of the Library Board of New South Wales for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kelly laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

Balance-sheets of Art Unions under the Lotteries and Art Unions Act, 1901, as amended, in aid of—

Condobolin War Memorial Community Centre.

Eastwood-Epping Olympic Pool.

Lewisham Hospital.

Richmond River Flood Relief.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Enticknap laid upon the Table—Report of the Department of Conservation for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Copy minutes of the Public Service Board respecting the appointments, on probation, of certain persons, Department of Public Health.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

(2.) Report of the Milk Board of New South Wales for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sheahan laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Rules of Court made by the Judges of the District Court.

(2.) Report of the Public Accountants Registration Board for the year 1953.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wetherell laid upon the Table—Copy Report of the Sydney Harbour Transport Board for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. AIR POLLUTION IN INDUSTRIAL AREAS:—Mr. Treatt moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should appoint a Committee of technical experts (a) to investigate and report upon the incidence and causes of atmospheric pollution in industrial areas of New South Wales; and (b) to recommend any measures which should be taken in the public interest to abate such air pollution.

Debate ensued.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Renshaw, That the Honourable Member for Woollahra, Mr. Treatt, be allowed to continue his speech for a further period of Twenty minutes.

Debate continued.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Treatt, That the Honourable Member for Burwood, Dr. Parr, be allowed to continue his speech for a further period of Twenty minutes.

Debate continued.

And it being Six o'clock, p.m., Debate interrupted pursuant to Sessional Order adopted on 22nd September, 1954.

Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

6. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Australian Oil Refining Limited Agreement Ratification Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "An Act to ratify a certain Agreement made between Australian Oil Refining Limited of the one part and the Minister for Lands for and on behalf of Her

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Most Gracious Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of the other part with respect to the sale to such Company of certain lands at Kurnell and the granting to such Company of the right to obtain leases of and licenses over certain adjacent lands; to provide for the carrying into effect of the said Agreement; to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, the Public Works Act, 1912, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd November, 1954.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

(2.) Police Offences Amendment (Drugs) Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to prohibit the manufacture, use, sale, distribution or possession of diamorphine (commonly known as heroin); for these and other purposes to amend the Police Offences (Amendment) Act, 1908, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,"*—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd November, 1954.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

(3.) Theatres and Public Halls (Amendment) Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for the regulation and control of drive-in and open-air theatres; for this purpose to amend the Theatres and Public Halls Act, 1908-1946; and for purposes connected therewith,"*—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd November, 1954.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

(4.) Wickham Wharf (Construction) Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction and to provide for the construction and equipment of a new wharf at Wickham; and for purposes connected therewith,"*—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd November, 1954.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

7. GRAIN ELEVATORS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Graham moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Lieut.-Col. Bruxner moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" with a view of inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of Clause 7,"—instead thereof. Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Green moved, That the Question be now put.

Question put,—“That the Question be now put.”

The House divided.

Ayes, 50.

Mr. Armstrong	Mr. Graham	Mr. Powell
Mr. Booth	Mr. Green	Mr. Renshaw
Mr. Fred Cahill	Mr. Hawkins	Mr. Robertson
Mr. James Cahill	Mr. Heffron	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Cahill	Mr. Hills	Mr. Sheahan
Mr. Robert Cameron	Mr. R. S. Jackson	Mr. Simpson
Mr. Campbell	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Tonge
Mr. Clyne	Mr. Lawrence Kelly	Mr. L. J. Tully
Mr. Coady	Mr. Landa	Mr. Walsh
Mr. Crabtree	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Wetherell
Mr. Dalton	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Williams
Mr. Downing	Mr. Maher	Mr. Wyatt
Mr. Dring	Mr. Mallam	Tellers,
Mr. Enticknap	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Earl
Mr. Ferguson	Mr. Murphy	Mr. Mannix
Mr. Fowles	Mr. Nott	
Mr. Freeman	Mr. O'Neill	
Mr. W. McC. Gollan	Mr. O'Sullivan	

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Noes, 31.

Mr. Askin	Mr. Howarth	Mr. Robinson
Mr. Black	Mr. Hunter	Lieut.-Col. Robson
Mr. Brain	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Rose
Lieut.-Col. Bruxner	Mr. H. E. Jackson	Mr. Stephens
Mr. Chaffey	Mr. Jordan	Mr. Treatt
Mr. Crawford	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Willis
Mr. Dickson	Mr. McCaw	Mr. Wingfield
Mr. Easter	Mr. Morton	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Stewart Fraser	Mr. Murden	Mr. Cutler
Mr. Gamack	Dr. Parr	Mr. Darby
Mr. Hearnshaw	Mr. Pelly	

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists that the number in favour of the motion, being a majority, consisted of "at least thirty Members,"—

Question put,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Ayes, 50.

Mr. Booth	Mr. Green	Mr. Powell
Mr. Fred Cahill	Mr. Hawkins	Mr. Renshaw
Mr. James Cahill	Mr. Heffron	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Cahill	Mr. Hills	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Robert Cameron	Mr. R. S. Jackson	Mr. Sheahan
Mr. Campbell	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Simpson
Mr. Clyne	Mr. Lawrence Kelly	Mr. Tonge
Mr. Coady	Mr. Landa	Mr. L. J. Tully
Mr. Crabtree	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Walsh
Mr. Dalton	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wetherell
Mr. Downing	Mr. Maher	Mr. Williams
Mr. Earl	Mr. Mallam	Mr. Wyatt
Mr. Enticknap	Mr. Mannix	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Ferguson	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Armstrong
Mr. Fowles	Mr. Murphy	Mr. Dring
Mr. Freeman	Mr. Nott	
Mr. W. McC. Gollan	Mr. O'Neill	
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Mr. Askin	Mr. Howarth	Mr. Robinson
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Mr. Chaffey	Mr. Jordan	Mr. Treatt
Mr. Cutler	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Willis
Mr. Darby	Mr. McCaw	Mr. Wingfield
Mr. Dickson	Mr. Morton	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Stewart Fraser	Mr. Murden	Mr. Crawford
Mr. Gamack	Dr. Parr	Mr. Easter
Mr. Hearnshaw	Mr. Pelly	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question again proposed,—That this Bill be now read a third time,—

Debate ensued.

Mr. Green moved, That the Question be now put.

Question put,—“That the Question be now put.”

The House divided.

Ayes, 50.

Mr. Armstrong	Mr. W. McC. Gollan	Mr. O'Sullivan
Mr. Booth	Mr. Graham	Mr. Powell
Mr. Fred Cahill	Mr. Green	Mr. Renshaw
Mr. James Cahill	Mr. Hawkins	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Cahill	Mr. Heffron	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Robert Cameron	Mr. Hills	Mr. Sheahan
Mr. Campbell	Mr. R. S. Jackson	Mr. Simpson
Mr. Clyne	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Tonge
Mr. Coady	Mr. Lawrence Kelly	Mr. Walsh
Mr. Crabtree	Mr. Landa	Mr. Wetherell
Mr. Dalton	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Williams
Mr. Downing	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wyatt
Mr. Dring	Mr. Mallam	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Earl	Mr. Mannix	Mr. Maher
Mr. Enticknap	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Tully
Mr. Ferguson	Mr. Murphy	
Mr. Fowles	Mr. Nott	
Mr. Freeman	Mr. O'Neill	

23rd November, 1954.

Noes, 32.

Mr. Askin	Mr. Hearnshaw	Lieut.-Col. Robson
Mr. Brain	Mr. Howarth	Mr. Rose
Lieut.-Col. Bruxner	Mr. Hunter	Mr. Stephens
Mr. Chaffey	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Treatt
Mr. Crawford	Mr. H. E. Jackson	Mr. Willis
Mr. Cutler	Mr. Jordan	Mr. Wingfield
Mr. Darby	Mr. Lawson	Tellers,
Mr. Dickson	Mr. McCaw	Mr. Black
Mr. Easter	Mr. Morton	Mr. Pelly
Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Murden	
Mr. Stewart Fraser	Dr. Parr	
Mr. Gamack	Mr. Robinson	

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists that the number in favour of the motion, being a majority, consisted of "at least thirty Members,"—

Question,—That this Bill be now read a third time,—put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for and in relation to the handling and storage of wheat and the operation and control of the Government Grain Elevators; to provide for the constitution of the Grain Elevators Board of New South Wales and to define its powers, authorities, duties and functions; to dissolve the State Wheat Committee constituted under the Wheat Marketing Act, 1948-1953; to amend the said Act in certain respects; to repeal the Grain Elevator Act, 1916, and the Wheat Act, 1927; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd November, 1954.

8. METROPOLITAN WATER, SEWERAGE, AND DRAINAGE (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Bill, on motion of Mr. Nott, read a third time. Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Metropolitan Water, Sewerage, and Drainage Act, 1924-1949, in certain respects; to validate certain matters; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd November, 1954.

9. RIVER MURRAY WATERS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Renshaw moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to ratify and approve an Agreement for the further variation of a certain Agreement entered into between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia, respecting the River Murray and Lake Victoria and other waters; to amend the River Murray Waters, Act, 1915-1949, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Renshaw then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to ratify and approve an Agreement for the further variation of a certain Agreement entered into between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia, respecting the River Murray and Lake Victoria and other waters; to amend the River Murray Waters Act, 1915-1949, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

10. EVIDENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

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On motion of Mr. Sheahan, the Report was adopted.

The following Message sent to the Legislative Council:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law of evidence; for this purpose to amend the Evidence Act, 1898, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd November, 1954.

11. LANDLORD AND TENANT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Sheahan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to landlord and tenant and licencees; for this purpose to amend the Landlord and Tenant (Amendment) Act, 1948, the Landlord and Tenant Act of 1899, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Sheahan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the law relating to landlord and tenant and licencees; for this purpose to amend the Landlord and Tenant (Amendment) Act, 1948, the Landlord and Tenant Act of 1899, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

12. CRIMES (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Sheahan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Crimes Act, 1900, the Justices Act, 1902, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Cahill, on behalf of Mr. Sheahan, then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Crimes Act, 1900, the Justices Act, 1902, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

13. FACTORIES AND SHOPS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Landa, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And it being 10.20 o'clock, p.m., the Debate stood adjourned, pursuant to Sessional Order adopted on 22nd September, 1954.

Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the day for To-morrow.

The House adjourned at Twenty-one minutes after Ten o'clock, p.m., until To-morrow at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 39.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Cahill and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Fines and Penalties (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,

Governor.

Message No. 48.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision relating to certain fines, penalties and forfeitures imposed or authorised to be imposed by any Act; for this purpose to amend the Fines and Penalties Act, 1901-1933, the Police Regulation Act, 1899-1947, and certain other Acts; to validate certain matters; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 23rd November, 1954.

- (2.) Justices (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,

Governor.

Message No. 49.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision in relation to the taking and recording of the depositions of witnesses and other persons in proceedings before a justice or justices of the peace or a coroner; to make further provision in relation to the admissibility in evidence of, and the cross-examination of persons as to, depositions so taken and recorded; to enable costs to be awarded where an order is made under section 556A of the Crimes Act, 1900; for these and other purposes to amend the Justices Act, 1902, the Crimes Act, 1900, the Evidence Act, 1898, the Coroners Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 23rd November, 1954.

24th November, 1954.

(3.) Necropolis (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 50.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to empower the joint committee constituted under the Necropolis Act, 1901, as amended by subsequent Acts, to make regulations for or with respect to certain matters; for this purpose to amend the said Act; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 23rd November, 1954.

2. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

3. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Cahill (*by consent*) moved, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House, at its rising This Day, do adjourn until To-morrow at Twenty-five minutes after Two o'clock, p.m.

Question put and passed.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Renshaw laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Ordinances under the Local Government Act, 1919.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

(2.) Report of the Department of Public Works for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

Ordered to be Printed.

Mr. Wetherell laid upon the Table—Statement of traffic secured to Railway Transport by the exercise of the powers conferred on the Railways Commissioner under section 24 (3) and (4) of the Government Railways Act, 1912-1953, for the month of September, 1954.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. FACTORIES AND SHOPS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Landa, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And Mr. Landa having spoken in Reply,—

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. Landa, the Report was adopted.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the third reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

6. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Administration of Estates Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law of intestacy; for this and other purposes to amend the Wills, Probate and Administration Act, 1898, the Testator's Family Maintenance and Guardianship of Infants Act, 1916, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th November, 1954.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

24th November, 1954.

(2.) Local Government and Other Authorities (Superannuation) Amendment Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Local Government and Other Authorities (Superannuation) Act, 1927-1948, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th November, 1954.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

7. LANDLORD AND TENANT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Sheahan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Lieut.-Col. Robson moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

8. NOXIOUS INSECTS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Graham moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Padman (*by consent*) moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

9. EXTENSION OF PRESENT SITTING:—Mr. Cahill (*by consent*) moved, That paragraphs (2) and (3) of the Sessional Order adopted on 22nd September, 1954, be suspended for the present Sitting.

Question put and passed.

10. GRAIN ELEVATORS BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to make provision for and in relation to the handling and storage of wheat and the operation and control of the Government Grain Elevators; to provide for the constitution of the Grain Elevators Board of New South Wales and to define its powers, authorities, duties and functions; to dissolve the State Wheat Committee constituted under the Wheat Marketing Act, 1948-1953; to amend the said Act in certain respects; to repeal the Grain Elevator Act, 1916, and the Wheat Act, 1927; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th November, 1954.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

GRAIN ELEVATORS BILL.

Schedule of the amendments referred to in Message of 24th November, 1954.

J. R. STEVENSON,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

No. 1.—Page 14, clause 11, line 3. Omit "thirty-two" insert "thirty-one".

No. 2.—Page 14, clause 11, line 13. Omit "thirty-one" insert "thirty".

No. 3.—Page 20, clause 30, lines 32 to 39 inclusive. Omit clause 30.

No. 4.—Page 22, clause 33, line 21. Omit "thirty-two" insert "thirty-one".

No. 5.—Page 26, clause 39, lines 13 and 14. Omit "thirty-seven" insert "thirty-six".

No. 6.—Page 27, clause 39, lines 36 and 37. Omit "thirty-eight" insert "thirty-seven".

No. 7.—Page 27, clause 39, line 37. Omit "forty-one" insert "forty".

No. 8.—Page 29, clause 41, line 11. Omit "thirty-nine" insert "thirty-eight".

Examined,—

E. G. WRIGHT,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration forthwith.

24th November, 1954.

(2.) The Order of the Day having been read, on motion of Mr. Graham, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On Motion of Mr. Graham, the Report was adopted.

The following Message sent to the Legislative Council:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for and in relation to the handling and storage of wheat and the operation and control of the Government Grain Elevators; to provide for the constitution of the Grain Elevators Board of New South Wales and to define its powers, authorities, duties and functions; to dissolve the State Wheat Committee constituted under the Wheat Marketing Act, 1948-1953; to amend the said Act in certain respects; to repeal the Grain Elevator Act, 1916, and the Wheat Act, 1927; and for purposes connected therewith.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 24th November, 1954.

The House adjourned at Thirteen minutes after Ten o'clock, p.m., until To-morrow at Twenty-five minutes after Two o'clock, p.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

 No. 40.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

 FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 25 NOVEMBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. TRIENNIAL ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (*Seventh Election of Fifteen Members after reconstitution of Council*)—TAKING OF THE VOTES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:—Mr. Speaker directed the Clerk to read the Order of the Day. The Order of the Day having been read, the Clerk duly displayed the ballot-box.

And it being 2.30 o'clock, p.m., the hour appointed in the Writ dated 9th November, 1954, for the commencement of the taking of the votes of Members, Mr. Speaker declared the ballot open, and the taking of the votes of Members thereupon commenced.

And it being 4.30 o'clock, p.m., the hour appointed in the Writ for the termination of the taking of the votes at the sitting, Mr. Speaker directed that the doors be locked. The doors having been locked, Mr. Speaker inquired whether there was any Member present who had not yet received a ballot-paper and desired to vote.

And there being no such Member desiring to vote, Mr. Speaker directed that the doors be unlocked.

And Members who had received their ballot-papers before the hour appointed in the Writ for the termination of the taking of the votes having completed before that hour the recording of their votes, Mr. Speaker declared the ballot closed.

The House adjourned at Twenty-eight minutes before Five o'clock, p.m., until Tuesday next at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 41.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 30 NOVEMBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Cahill and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Australian Oil Refining Limited Agreement Ratification Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 51.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to ratify a certain Agreement made between Australian Oil Refining Limited of the one part and the Minister for Lands for and on behalf of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of the other part with respect to the sale to such Company of certain lands at Kurnell and the granting to such Company of the right to obtain leases of and licenses over certain adjacent lands; to provide for the carrying into effect of the said Agreement; to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, the Public Works Act, 1912, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 29th November, 1954.

(2.) Evidence (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 52.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law of evidence; for this purpose to amend the Evidence Act, 1898, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 29th November, 1954.

(3.) Grain Elevators Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 53.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for and in relation to the handling and storage of wheat and the operation and control of the Government Grain Elevators; to provide for the constitution of the Grain Elevators Board of New South Wales and to define its powers, authorities, duties and*

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functions; to dissolve the State Wheat Committee constituted under the Wheat Marketing Act, 1948-1953; to amend the said Act in certain respects; to repeal the Grain Elevator Act, 1916, and the Wheat Act, 1927; and for purposes connected therewith,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 29th November, 1954.

2. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Kelly laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

Balance-sheets of Art Unions under the Lotteries and Art Unions Act, 1901, as amended, in aid of—

Cooma Sub-branch R.S.S. & A.I.L.A.

Christian Brothers' High School, Lewisham.

National Opera of Australia.

Lismore Diocese of the Catholic Church, School Building Funds.

War Veterans' Lottery, No. 6.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Enticknap laid upon the Table—Report of the Soil Conservation Service for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. W. McC. Gollan laid upon the Table—Rule under the Mines Inspection Act, 1901-1945.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. McGrath laid upon the Table—Notification of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1912-1949, at Uralla.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wetherell laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

Notification of acquisition of land and/or easements under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the following Railway purposes—

(i) Maintaining the traffic on the existing line of Railway between Canterbury and Lidcombe at Enfield.

(ii) Construction of Electric High-tension Transmission Lines between Lawson and Blaxland.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. HOURS OF SITTING, PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS (*Amended Sessional Order*):—

(1.) URGENCY:—Mr. Cahill moved, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that this House should forthwith consider the following Motion, viz.:—"That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered,—

(1) Government Business shall take precedence of General Business on Tuesday in each week.

(2) The provisions of paragraphs (2), (3) and (4) of the Sessional Order adopted on 22nd September, 1954, shall not apply to the sittings of the House."

Question put and passed.

(2.) SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS:—Mr. Cahill moved, That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would preclude the consideration forthwith of the following Motion, viz.:—"That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered,—

(1) Government Business shall take precedence of General Business on Tuesday in each week.

(2) The provisions of paragraphs (2), (3) and (4) of the Sessional Order adopted on 22nd September, 1954, shall not apply to the sittings of the House."

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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(3.) Mr. Cahill moved, That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered,—

(1) Government Business shall take precedence of General Business on Tuesday in each week.

(2) The provisions of paragraphs (2), (3) and (4) of the Sessional Order adopted on 22nd September, 1954, shall not apply to the sittings of the House.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

5. EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY OF THE RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL, K.G., O.M., C.H., M.P., PRIME MINISTER OF GREAT BRITAIN—RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATION:—Mr. Cahill (*by consent*) moved, without Notice,—

(1.) That the Legislative Assembly of the State of New South Wales places on record its deep appreciation of the services rendered to the British Commonwealth of Nations and other freedom-loving peoples of the world by the Right Honourable Sir Winston Churchill, K.G., O.M., C.H., M.P., Prime Minister of Great Britain, and, at the same time, extends to him the good wishes and congratulations of the people of New South Wales on his eightieth birthday.

(2.) That the above Resolution be conveyed to the Right Honourable Sir Winston Churchill by Mr. Speaker.

And the Motion having been seconded by Lieut.-Col. Robson and supported by Lieut.-Col. Bruxner,—

Question put and carried unanimously.

6. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY MEMBERS SUPERANNUATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Hawkins moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Legislative Assembly Members Superannuation Act, 1946-1951, in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Hawkins then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Legislative Assembly Members Superannuation Act, 1946-1951, in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

7. FACTORIES AND SHOPS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Bill, on motion of Mr. Landa, read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision in relation to shops for the sale of motor spirit, motor oil and motor accessories; for this purpose to amend the Factories and Shops Act, 1912-1950, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 30th November, 1954.

8. WHEAT INDUSTRY STABILIZATION BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Graham moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make certain provisions in relation to the stabilization of the wheat industry; to repeal the Wheat Industry Stabilisation Act, 1948, the Wheat Industry Stabilisation (Amendment) Act, 1951, and the Wheat Marketing (Amendment) Act, 1953; to amend the Grain Elevators Act, 1954; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Graham then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make certain provisions in relation to the stabilization of the wheat industry; to repeal the Wheat Industry Stabilisation Act, 1948, the Wheat Industry Stabilisation (Amendment) Act, 1951, and the Wheat Marketing (Amendment) Act, 1953; to amend the Grain Elevators Act, 1954; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

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9. NOXIOUS INSECTS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Graham, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Freeman, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Graham, the Report was adopted.

Ordered by Mr. Deputy-Speaker, That the third reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

10. LANDLORD AND TENANT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Sheahan, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Pelly (*by consent*) moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

The House adjourned at Twenty nine minutes before 12 o'clock at midnight, until To-morrow at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

II. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 42.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 1 DECEMBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Cahill laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Minute recording Variation of Statute (Stamp Duties Act, 1920-1954) in respect to exemptions from stamp duty of receipts for rates paid for grazing stock on travelling stock reserves.

(2.) Balance-sheet and Statements of Account of the Maritime Services Board for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

(3.) Report of the Hunter District Water Board together with annexures for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table—Copy Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the appointment, on probation, of Mr. B. J. Phillips, M.B., B.S., D.P.M., as Medical Officer, Department of Public Health.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. McGrath laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

Notifications of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1912-1949, at—

Blayney, Cowra and Tinonee.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Graham laid upon the Table—Copy of correspondence between the Prime Minister of Australia and the Premier of New South Wales relating to the provision of a subsidy on feed wheat used by the pig, poultry and dairying industries.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. NOXIOUS INSECTS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Bill, on motion of Mr. Graham, read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision for the suppression and destruction of noxious insects; for this purpose to amend the Noxious Insects Act, 1934, the Pastures Protection Act, 1934, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st December, 1954.

1st December, 1954.

4. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Sheahan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision for the regulation of the sale of liquor; to amend the Liquor Act, 1912, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Sheahan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make further provision for the regulation of the sale of liquor; to amend the Liquor Act, 1912, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

5. STATE TRANSPORT CO-ORDINATION (BARRING OF CLAIMS AND REMEDIES) BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Wetherell moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to bar certain claims and causes of action arising out of certain acts, matters or things done or purporting to have been done under the State Transport (Co-ordination) Act, 1931, as amended by subsequent Acts; to validate certain matters; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

And Mr. Wetherell having spoken in Reply,—

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Wetherell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to bar certain claims and causes of action arising out of certain acts, matters or things done or purporting to have been done under the State Transport (Co-ordination) Act, 1931, as amended by subsequent Acts; to validate certain matters; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

6. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY MEMBERS SUPERANNUATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Hawkins moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Hawkins, the Report was adopted.

And Mr. Speaker having consented to the third reading being taken forthwith,—

- (2.) Bill, on motion of Mr. Hawkins, read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Legislative Assembly Members Superannuation Act, 1946-1951, in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st December, 1954.

7. LANDLORD AND TENANT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Sheahan, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And Mr. Sheahan having spoken in Reply,—

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Sheahan, the Report was adopted.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the third reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

8. FACTORIES AND SHOPS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision in relation to shops for the sale of motor spirit, motor oil and motor accessories; for this purpose to amend the Factories and Shops Act, 1912-1950, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 1st December, 1954.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

The House adjourned at Six minutes after Eleven o'clock, p.m., until To-morrow at Eleven o'clock, a.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 43.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 2 DECEMBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. OBSCENE AND INDECENT PUBLICATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Kelly and read by Mr. Speaker:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 54.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make further provision with respect to obscene publications and advertisements; to provide for the registration of distributors of printed matter; for these and other purposes to amend the Obscene and Indecent Publications Act, 1901, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.

Government House,
Sydney, 30th November, 1954.

2. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.
3. PAPERS:—
- Mr. Renshaw laid upon the Table—Ordinance under the Local Government Act, 1919.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. McGrath laid upon the Table the following Papers:—
- Notifications of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1912-1949, at Coonamble, Junee and Young.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Wetherell laid upon the Table—Report of the Commissioner for Government Transport for the year ended 30th June, 1954.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
4. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Sheahan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Lieut.-Colonel Robson moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

2nd December, 1954.

5. LANDLORD AND TENANT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Sheahan moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to landlord and tenant and licensees; for this purpose to amend the Landlord and Tenant (Amendment) Act, 1948, the Landlord and Tenant Act of 1899, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd December, 1954.

6. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Hearnshaw, as Chairman, brought up the Eighth Report from the Printing Committee.

7. STATE TRANSPORT CO-ORDINATION (BARRING OF CLAIMS AND REMEDIES) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Wetherell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Lieut.-Colonel Robson moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

8. WHEAT INDUSTRY STABILIZATION BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Graham moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Freeman, Temporary-Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Graham, the Report was adopted.

And Mr. Deputy-Speaker having consented to the third reading being taken forthwith,—

- (2.) Bill, on motion of Mr. Graham, read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make certain provisions in relation to the stabilization of the wheat industry; to repeal the Wheat Industry Stabilisation Act, 1948, the Wheat Industry Stabilisation (Amendment) Act, 1951, and the Wheat Marketing (Amendment) Act, 1953; to amend the Grain Elevators Act, 1954; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd December, 1954.

9. METROPOLITAN WATER, SEWERAGE, AND DRAINAGE (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Metropolitan Water, Sewerage, and Drainage Act, 1924-1949, in certain respects; to validate certain matters; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd December, 1954.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

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2nd December, 1954.

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Graham moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at Fifteen minutes after Five o'clock, p.m., until Tuesday next at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 44.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 7 DECEMBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL—PETITION TO BE HEARD AT THE BAR OF THE HOUSE:—
Mr. Evatt presented a Petition from the Archbishop and Primate of Australia, the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia in the State of New South Wales, the President of the New South Wales Methodist Conference, the Chairman of the Congregational Union of New South Wales, the President of the Baptist Union of New South Wales, the President of the Conference of the Churches of Christ in New South Wales and the Commissioner of the Salvation Army in Eastern Australia for and on behalf of the Clergy and Laity of the said denominations representing that the Liquor (Amendment) Bill now before the House will, if passed in its present form, weaken the moral standards of the State and fail to provide enforceable safeguards and should therefore, be deferred to allow consideration of reform in the control and conduct of the liquor industry and praying that leave be given to the Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese of Sydney, the Right Reverend William George Hilliard, M.A., to appear at the Bar of the House on behalf of the Clergy and certain of the Laity of the said denominations.

Petition received.

2. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Cahill and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Police Offences Amendment (Drugs) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 55.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to prohibit the manufacture, use, sale, distribution or possession of diamorphine (commonly known as heroin); for these and other purposes to amend the Police Offences (Amendment) Act, 1908, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 2nd December, 1954

7th December, 1954.

(2.) Theatres and Public Halls (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 56.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for the regulation and control of drive-in and open-air theatres; for this purpose to amend the Theatres and Public Halls Act, 1903-1946; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 2nd December, 1954.

(3.) Wickham Wharf (Construction) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 57.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction and to provide for the construction and equipment of a new wharf at Wickham; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 2nd December, 1954.

(4.) Administration of Estates Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 58.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law of intestacy; for this and other purposes to amend the Wills, Probate and Administration Act, 1898, the Testator's Family Maintenance and Guardianship of Infants Act, 1916, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 6th December, 1954.

(5.) Local Government and Other Authorities (Superannuation) Amendment Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 59.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Local Government and Other Authorities (Superannuation) Act, 1927-1948, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 6th December, 1954.

3. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

4. URGENCY:—LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL—PETITION TO BE HEARD AT THE BAR OF THE HOUSE:—Lieut.-Col. Robson moved, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that this House should forthwith consider the following motion, viz.:—"That so much of the prayer of the Petition of the Archbishop of Sydney and Primate of Australia, and heads of certain other Religious Denominations, presented This Day, in reference to the Liquor (Amendment) Bill, be granted, and that Bishop Hilliard be heard at the Bar of the House forthwith".

Question put.

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7th December, 1954.

The House divided.

AYES, 36.

Mr. Armstrong	Mr. Gamack	Mr. Robinson
Mr. Askin	Mr. Hearnshaw	Lieut.-Col. Robson
Mr. Brain	Mr. Howarth	Mr. Rose
Lieut.-Col. Bruxner	Mr. Hunter	Mr. Stephens
Mr. Chalmers	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Storey
Mr. Crawford	Mr. H. E. Jackson	Mr. Treatt
Mr. Cutler	Mr. Jordan	Mr. Willis
Mr. Darby	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Wingfield
Mr. Deane	Mr. McCaw	Tellers,
Mr. Dickson	Mr. Morton	Mr. Black
Mr. Easter	Mr. Murden	Mr. Chaffey
Mr. Evatt	Dr. Parr	
Mr. Stewart Fraser	Mr. Pelly	

NOES, 45.

Mr. Booth	Mr. W. McC. Gollan	Mr. Renshaw
Mr. Fred Cahill	Mr. Green	Mr. Robertson
Mr. James Cahill	Mr. Hawkins	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Cahill	Mr. Heffron	Mr. Sheahan
Mr. Robert Cameron	Mr. Hills	Mr. Simpson
Mr. Campbell	Mr. R. S. Jackson	Mr. Tonge
Mr. Clyne	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Walsh
Mr. Coady	Mr. Lawrence Kelly	Mr. Wattison
Mr. Connor	Mr. Landa	Mr. Wetherell
Mr. Crabtree	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Williams
Mr. Crook	Mr. Mallam	Mr. Wyatt
Mr. Dalton	Mr. Murphy	Tellers,
Mr. Dring	Mr. Nott	Mr. Maher
Mr. Earl	Mr. Leo Nott	Mr. Mannix
Mr. Enticknap	Mr. O'Neill	
Mr. Freeman	Mr. O'Sullivan	

And so it passed in the negative.

5. PAPERS:—

Mr. Heffron laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) By-laws of the University of Sydney under the University and University Colleges Act, 1900-1948.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

(2.) Copy Report of the Minister for Education on the activities of the Department of Technical Education for 1952.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kelly laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Regulation under the Aborigines Protection Act, 1909-1943.

(2.) Regulations under the Fisheries and Oyster Farms Act, 1935-1949.

(3.) Regulations under the Gaming and Betting Act, 1912-1953.

(4.) Balance-sheets of Art Unions under the Lotteries and Art Unions Act, 1901, as amended, in aid of—

Ambulance Services.

Catholic United Services Auxiliary Charities.

(5.) Report by the Minister for Co-operative Societies respecting Agreements entered into by the Colonial Treasurer with Co-operative Building Societies under section 17A of the Co-operation Act, 1923-1954, for the quarter commencing 1st July, 1954.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wetherell laid upon the Table—By-law under the Government Railways Act, 1912, as amended.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table—Report by the Inspector-General of Mental Hospitals in reply to certain allegations concerning the treatment of patients in the Mental Hospitals at Callan Park and Gladesville and the Psychiatric Clinic at Broughton Hall.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MENTAL HOSPITALS:—Mr. O'Sullivan made a Ministerial Statement on the treatment of patients in Mental Hospitals and referred to articles published in the Sydney "Sun" on 17th and 18th November, 1954, concerning certain allegations made by ex-members of the Medical Staffs of Mental Hospitals.

Lieut.-Col. Robson also addressed the House.

7. STATE TRANSPORT (CO-ORDINATION) AMENDMENT BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Wetherell moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the State Transport (Co-ordination) Act, 1931, the Transport (Division of Functions) Further Amendment Act, 1952, and certain other Acts in certain respects; to validate certain matters; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Wetherell then presented, intituled "A Bill to amend the State Transport (Co-ordination) Act, 1931, the Transport (Division of Functions) Further Amendment Act, 1952, and certain other Acts in certain respects; to validate certain matters; and for purposes connected therewith,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

8. LANDLORD AND TENANT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "An Act to amend the law relating to landlord and tenant and licensees; for this purpose to amend the Landlord and Tenant (Amendment) Act, 1948, the Landlord and Tenant Act of 1899, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th December, 1954.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

LANDLORD AND TENANT (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the amendments referred to in Message of 7th December, 1954.

J. R. STEVENSON,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

No. 1.—Page 36, clause 3. After line 18 insert—

"(7) Where a certificate has been issued under this section excluding part of prescribed premises from the operation of this Part and Part V of this Act, any person who after the date of receipt in the office of the Controller of the application for the certificate became a sub-lessee of that part from the person (hereinafter in this subsection referred to as the 'lessee') upon whose application the certificate was issued shall not have, as against the lessor of the lessee, any right under this Act or otherwise to possession or to remain in possession of that part after the lease of the prescribed premises to the lessee has been terminated whether by surrender or otherwise and, in such circumstances, proceedings to recover possession of that part from the sub-lessee or for ejectment of the sub-lessee therefrom may be taken by the lessor as if this Part and Part V of this Act had not been enacted."

No. 2.—Page 39, clause 5, line 17. Omit "before" insert "between the seventh day of December, one thousand nine hundred and forty-one, and".

No. 3.—Page 39, clause 5, line 20. Omit "before" insert "between the seventh day of December, one thousand nine hundred and forty-one, and".

Examined,—

E. G. WRIGHT,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Deputy-Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

9. STATE TRANSPORT CO-ORDINATION (BARRING OF CLAIMS AND REMEDIES) BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Wetherell "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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And Mr. Wetherell having spoken in Reply,—

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Wetherell, the Report was adopted.

And Mr. Speaker having consented to the third reading being taken forthwith,—

(2.) Bill, on motion of Mr. Wetherell, read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to bar certain claims and causes of action arising out of certain acts, matters or things done or purporting to have been done under the State Transport (Co-ordination) Act, 1931, as amended by subsequent Acts; to validate certain matters; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th December, 1954.

10. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Legislative Assembly Members Superannuation (Amendment) Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Legislative Assembly Members Superannuation Act, 1946-1951, in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th December, 1954.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

(2.) Noxious Insects (Amendment) Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision for the suppression and destruction of noxious insects; for this purpose to amend the Noxious Insects Act, 1934, the Pastures Protection Act, 1934, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th December, 1954.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

(3.) Wheat Industry Stabilization Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make certain provisions in relation to the stabilization of the wheat industry; to repeal the Wheat Industry Stabilisation Act, 1948, the Wheat Industry Stabilisation (Amendment) Act, 1951, and the Wheat Marketing (Amendment) Act, 1953; to amend the Grain Elevators Act, 1954; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th December, 1954.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

11. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Sheahan "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Dr. Parr moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

7th December, 1954.

12. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Cahill (*by consent*) moved, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House, at its rising This Day, do adjourn until To-morrow at Eleven o'clock, a.m.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at Sixteen minutes before 12 o'clock, at Midnight, until To-morrow at Eleven o'clock, a.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 45.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 8 DECEMBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. GAS AND ELECTRICITY (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Renshaw and read by Mr. Speaker:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 60.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make further provision in relation to the standard rates of dividend applicable to certain gas companies and to the issue of additional shares by such companies; for these and other purposes to amend the Gas and Electricity Act, 1935, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.

*Government House,
Sydney, 7th December, 1954.*

2. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Cahill laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Copy Certificate of the Returning Officer under the Constitution (Legislative Council Elections) Act, 1932-1937, respecting the Seventh Triennial Election of fifteen Members of the Legislative Council to fill the seats of those Members whose terms of service will expire on 22nd April, 1955, together with copy of extract from the *Government Gazette* of 1st December, 1954, containing copy of Certificate and Result Sheet.

(2.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the New South Wales State Lotteries for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

(3.) Copy Report of the Metropolitan Water, Sewerage and Drainage Board, together with Annexures, for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

8th December, 1954.

Mr. Enticknap laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Notification of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for works in connection with the construction of a water-conserving storage at Menindee.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

(2.) Copy Report, together with Balance-sheet and Statements of Accounts of the Hunter Valley Conservation Trust for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

(3.) Report of the Forestry Commission of New South Wales for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. McGrath laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Notifications of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1912-1949, at Richmond and Wingham.

(2.) Particulars, together with plan of land, at Herne Bay proposed to be purchased by the Housing Commission of New South Wales pursuant to the provisions of the Housing Act, 1912-1949.

(3.) Particulars, together with plan, of land at Villawood proposed to be purchased by the Housing Commission of New South Wales pursuant to the provisions of the Housing Act, 1912-1949.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. STATE TRANSPORT (CO-ORDINATION) AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Wetherell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Lieut.-Col. Robson moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for a later hour of the day.

5. LANDLORD AND TENANT (AMENDMENT) BILL:— The Order of the Day having been read, on motion of Mr. Sheahan, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Sheahan, the Report was adopted.

The following Message sent to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to landlord and tenant and licensees; for this purpose to amend the Landlord and Tenant (Amendment) Act, 1948, the Landlord and Tenant Act of 1899, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 8th December, 1954.

6. HOUSING—PURCHASE OF LAND AT VILLAWOOD FROM COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA:—Mr. McGrath moved, pursuant to Notice, That, pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Housing Act, 1912-1949, this House approves of the Housing Commission of New South Wales purchasing certain lands at Villawood, acquired by the Commonwealth of Australia by notification in *Government Gazette* dated 3rd July, 1941, the value of which exceeds £20,000 being all that piece or parcel of land situate in the Municipality of Bankstown, parishes of Bankstown and Liberty Plains, county of Cumberland, being part of the land shown in plan catalogued 7026 (L) in the Registrar-General's Office, Sydney, having an area of 289 acres 1 rood 6 perches or thereabouts, and bounded generally by the Hume Highway, Woodville-road and Miller-road.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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8th December, 1954.

7. HOUSING—PURCHASE OF LAND AT HERNE BAY FROM COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA:—Mr. McGrath moved, pursuant to Notice, That, pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Housing Act, 1912-1949, this House approves of the Housing Commission of New South Wales purchasing certain lands at Herne Bay acquired by the Commonwealth of Australia by notification in *Government Gazette* dated 28th March, 1946, the value of which exceeds £20,000 being—

- (a) All that piece or parcel of land situate in the Municipality of Canterbury, parish of St. George, county of Cumberland, being portions 132 and 133 and lot 7 shown in deposited plan No. 6252, having an area of 159 acres 1 rood 7 perches or thereabouts.
- (b) All that piece or parcel of land situate as aforesaid being lot 79 shown in deposited plan No. 7136 and part of portion 135, having an area of 37 acres 1 rood 15½ perches or thereabouts.

Together with easements over—

- (c) All that piece or parcel of land situate as aforesaid being part of lot 3 shown in deposited plan No. 6252, having an area of 1 rood 6¼ perches or thereabouts.
- (d) All that piece or parcel of land situate as aforesaid being part of lot 3 shown in deposited plan No. 6252 and part of lots 1, 4 and 5 shown in deposited plan No. 10563, having an area of 1 rood 21½ perches or thereabouts.

Question put and passed.

8. HOUSING—PURCHASE OF LAND AT BLAXLAND FROM JOINT COAL BOARD:—Mr. McGrath moved, pursuant to Notice, That, pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Housing Act, 1912-1949, this House approves of the Housing Commission of New South Wales purchasing certain lands from the Joint Coal Board, the value of which exceeds £20,000 being all those pieces or parcels of land situate in the Shire of Blaxland, Parish of Lidsdale, county of Cook, being lots 224 to 230, inclusive, 237 to 249, inclusive, 258 to 302, inclusive, 307 to 348, inclusive, 353 to 363, inclusive and 400 to 403, inclusive shown in the plan of subdivision lodged at the Registrar-General's Office under Dealing No. G.17955 for registration as a deposited plan.

Question put and passed.

9. STATE TRANSPORT (CO-ORDINATION) AMENDMENT BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the Motion of Mr. Wetherell "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Freeman, Acting Speaker, left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Fowles, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Wetherell, the Report was adopted.

And Mr. Speaker having consented to the third reading being taken forthwith,—

(2.) Bill, on motion of Mr. Wetherell, read a third time.

Bill sent to Legislative Council with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the State Transport (Co-ordination) Act, 1931, the Transport (Division of Functions) Further Amendment Act, 1952, and certain other Acts in certain respects; to validate certain matters; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 8th December, 1954.

10. EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY OF THE RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL, K.G., O.M., C.H., M.P., PRIME MINISTER OF GREAT BRITAIN:—Mr. Speaker reported the following communication from the Right Honourable Sir Winston Churchill, K.G., O.M., C.H., M.P., Prime Minister of Great Britain in reply

to the Resolution of Congratulation adopted by this House on the occasion of Sir Winston Churchill's eightieth birthday:—

"I am deeply touched by the resolution passed by the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales and will be glad if you will tell them what pleasure they have given me by their kind thoughts on my birthday.

"WINSTON CHURCHILL."

11. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Sheahan, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And Mr. Sheahan having spoken in Reply,—

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Sheahan, the Report was adopted.

And Mr. Speaker having consented to the third reading being taken forthwith,—

(2.) Bill, on motion of Mr. Sheahan, read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision for the regulation of the sale of liquor; to amend the Liquor Act, 1912, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9th December, 1954, A.M.

12. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) State Transport Co-ordination (Barring of Claims and Remedies) Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to bar certain claims and causes of action arising out of certain acts, matters or things done or purporting to have been done under the State Transport (Co-ordination) Act, 1931, as amended by subsequent Acts; to validate certain matters; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 8th December, 1954.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

(2.) State Transport (Co-ordination) Amendment Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the State Transport (Co-ordination) Act, 1931, the Transport (Division of Functions) Further Amendment Act, 1952, and certain other Acts in certain respects; to validate certain matters; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 8th December, 1954.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

13. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Cahill (by consent) moved, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House, at its rising This Day, do adjourn until Four o'clock, p.m. This Day.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at Twelve minutes after One o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 46.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 9 DECEMBER, 1954.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. **FACTORIES AND SHOPS (AMENDMENT) BILL:**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Cahill and read by Mr. Speaker:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 61.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision in relation to shops for the sale of motor spirit, motor oil and motor accessories; for this purpose to amend the Factories and Shops Act, 1912-1950, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 8th December, 1954.

2. **NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:**—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

3. **PAPERS:**—

Mr. Renshaw laid upon the Table—Report of the Electricity Authority of New South Wales, together with maps, for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cahill laid upon the Table—Report of the Government Insurance Office, together with Balance-sheets and Statement of Accounts, for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Heffron laid upon the Table—Report of the Trustees of the National Art Gallery for 1952.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kelly laid upon the Table—Balance-sheet of Art Union under the Lotteries and Art Unions Act, 1901, as amended, in aid of the Catholic Club for Seafarers.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table—Report of the New South Wales Ambulance Transport Service Board, together with Balance-sheet and Statements of Accounts, for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

Ordered to be printed.

9th December, 1954.

Mr. Sheahan laid upon the Table—Regulations under the Justices Act, 1902-1954.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hawkins laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Copy of Report of the Trustees of Captain Cook's Landing Place for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated for public purposes in accordance with the provisions of section 24 of the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

(3.) Gazette Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with certain land under section 25 of the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wetherell laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Report of the Superintendent of Motor Transport for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

(2.) Copy Report of the Commissioner for Railways for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. W. McC. Gollan laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Copy Report of the Department of Mines, together with map, for 1949.

(2.) Copy Report of the Department of Mines, together with map, for 1951.

(3.) Balance-sheets and Income and Expenditure Accounts of the Coal and Oil Shale Mine Workers Compensation Subsidy Fund for the year ended 30th June, 1951.

(4.) Balance-sheets and Income and Expenditure Accounts of the Coal and Oil Shale Mine Workers Compensation Subsidy Fund for the year ended 30th June, 1952.

(5.) Balance-sheets and Income and Expenditure Accounts of the Coal and Oil Shale Mine Workers Superannuation Fund for the year ended 30th June, 1953.

Ordered to be printed.

4. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Hearnshaw, as Chairman, brought up the Ninth Report from the Printing Committee.

5. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to make further provision for the regulation of the sale of liquor; to amend the Liquor Act, 1912, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9th December, 1954.

W. E. DICKSON.
President.

LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the amendments referred to in Message of 9th December, 1954.

J. R. STEVENSON,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

No. 1.—Page 19, clause 4, line 26. After "section" insert "and by inserting in lieu thereof the following subsection:—

"(2.) The provisions of subsections two, (2A), four, (4A), (4B) and seven of section thirty-nine of this Act shall apply to any application under this section."

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No. 2.—Page 45, clause 11. After line 13 insert new paragraph:—

“(iii) by inserting at the end of the same section the following new subsection:—

“(2.) The provisions of section thirty-three of this Act shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to and in respect of applications for the grant or renewal of any such certificate to the granting of which objection has been made as hereinbefore provided.”

No. 3.—Page 47, clause 12, line 30. After “Act” insert “after the commencement of the Liquor (Amendment) Act, 1954.”

No. 4.—Page 50, clause 12, line 24. Omit “section” insert “subsection”.

No. 5.—Page 50, clause 12, line 27. Omit “section” insert “subsection”.

No. 6.—Page 50, clause 12, line 32. Omit “section” insert “subsection”.

Examined, —

E. G. WRIGHT,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration forthwith.

(2.) The Order of the Day having been read, on motion of Mr. Sheahan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Fowles, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Sheahan, the Report was adopted.

The following Message sent to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled “An Act to make further provision for the regulation of the sale of liquor; to amend the Liquor Act, 1912, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.”

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9th December, 1954.

6. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Cahill (*by consent*) moved, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House, at its rising This Day, do adjourn until Tuesday, 15th February, 1955, at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m., unless Mr. Speaker, or if Mr. Speaker be unable to act on account of illness or other cause, the Chairman of Committees, shall, prior to that date, by telegram or letter addressed to each Member of the House, fix an earlier day and/or hour of meeting.

Question put and passed.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Cahill moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at Eight minutes before Nine o'clock, p.m., until Tuesday, 15th February, 1955, at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m., unless an earlier day and/or hour be fixed in accordance with the terms of the Resolution adopted at this Sitting.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 47.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 15 FEBRUARY, 1955.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

I. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Cahill and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Metropolitan Water, Sewerage, and Drainage (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,

Governor.

Message No. 62.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Metropolitan Water, Sewerage, and Drainage Act, 1924-1949, in certain respects; to validate certain matters; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 14th December, 1954.

(2.) Noxious Insects (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,

Governor.

Message No. 63.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision for the suppression and destruction of noxious insects; for this purpose to amend the Noxious Insects Act, 1934, the Pastures Protection Act, 1934, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 14th December, 1954.

(3.) Landlord and Tenant (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,

Governor.

Message No. 64.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to landlord and tenant and licensees; for this purpose to amend the Landlord and Tenant (Amendment) Act, 1948, the Landlord and Tenant Act of 1899, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as

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finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 16th December, 1954.

(4.) Legislative Assembly Members Superannuation (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 65.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Legislative Assembly Members Superannuation Act, 1946-1951, in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 16th December, 1954.

(5.) State Transport (Co-ordination) Amendment Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 66.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the State Transport (Co-ordination) Act, 1931, the Transport (Division of Functions) Further Amendment Act, 1952, and certain other Acts in certain respects; to validate certain matters; and for purposes connected therewith,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 16th December, 1954.

(6.) State Transport Co-ordination (Barring of Claims and Remedies) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 67.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to bar certain claims and causes of action arising out of certain acts, matters or things done or purporting to have been done under the State Transport (Co-ordination) Act, 1931, as amended by subsequent Acts; to validate certain matters; and for purposes connected therewith,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 16th December, 1954.

(7.) Wheat Industry Stabilization Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 68.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to make certain provisions in relation to the stabilization of the wheat industry; to repeal the Wheat Industry Stabilisation Act, 1948, the Wheat Industry Stabilisation (Amendment) Act, 1951, and the Wheat Marketing (Amendment) Act, 1953; to amend the Grain Elevators Act, 1954; and for purposes connected therewith,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 16th December, 1954.

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(8.) Liquor (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 69.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision for the regulation of the sale of liquor; to amend the Liquor Act, 1912, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 22nd December, 1954.

2. DEATH OF THOMAS JOHN SHANNON, ESQUIRE, LATE MEMBER FOR PHILLIP:—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of a communication from Mrs. M. Shannon thanking the House for its resolution of sympathy on the death of Thomas John Shannon, Esquire, lately serving in the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales as Member for the Electoral District of Phillip.

3. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

4. DEATH OF CECIL GORDON WINGFIELD, ESQUIRE, MEMBER FOR CLARENCE:—Mr. Cahill (*by consent*) moved,—

(1.) That this House desires to place on record its sense of the loss this State has sustained by the death of Cecil Gordon Wingfield, Esquire, Member for Clarence.

(2.) That Mr. Speaker be requested to communicate to Mrs. Wingfield and the family of the deceased the above resolution, together with an expression of the sympathy and sorrow of the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in the loss they have sustained.

(3.) That, as a tribute of respect, this House do now adjourn.

The Motion having been seconded by Lieut.-Col. Robson, and supported by Mr. Dickson and Mr. Black,—

Question put and carried unanimously,—Members and Officers of the House standing.

The House adjourned accordingly at Ten minutes before Three o'clock, p.m., until To-morrow at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 48.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 16 FEBRUARY, 1955.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. SUPERANNUATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Sheahan and read by Mr. Speaker:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 70.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to increase the amount payable by way of pension to employees under the Superannuation Act, 1916, as amended by subsequent Acts; to extend the scale of pension units in respect of which contributions may be made; to make certain provisions in relation to the State Superannuation Fund; for these and other purposes to amend the said Act as so amended, the Superannuation (Amendment) Act, 1930, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.

*Government House,
Sydney, 14th February, 1955.*

2. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Cahill laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Copy Report of Proceedings of the Conference of Commonwealth and State Ministers held at Canberra on 30th June and 1st July, 1954.
- (2.) Copy Report of the Joint Coal Board for the year ended 30th June, 1954, together with Appendices.
- (3.) Regulations under the Public Service Act, 1902.
- (4.) Proclamation under the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906, and the Government Savings Bank Amendment Act, 1913.
- (5.) Regulation under the State Lotteries Act, 1930.
- (6.) Regulations under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900-1953.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Graham laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Regulations under the Pastures Protection Act, 1934-1951.
- (2.) Regulation under the Farm Produce Agents Act, 1926-1952.
- (3.) Regulation under the Marketing of Primary Products Act, 1927-1940.

- (4.) Regulation under the Noxious Insects Act, 1934-1954.
- (5.) Regulations and Forms under the Swine Branding Act, 1940.
- (6.) Copies of Minutes of the Public Service Board respecting the appointments, on probation, of certain persons, Department of Agriculture.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Sheahan laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Report of the Adult Probation Service of New South Wales for the year ended 30th June, 1954, together with statistics.

Ordered to be printed.

- (2.) Copy Report on the working of the Companies Act, 1936, for 1954.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hawkins laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated for public purposes in accordance with the provisions of section 24 of the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

- (2.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with certain land under section 25 of the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Renshaw laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Ordinances under the Local Government Act, 1919.

- (2.) Regulation under the Junee Water Supply Administration Act, 1915-1941.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Enticknap laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Notifications of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for,—

- (a) Works in connection with—

- (i) Jemalong Domestic and Stock Water Supply and Irrigation District; and

- (ii) Dam across the Macquarie River at Burrendong.

- (b) Construction of a drainage channel for the purpose of the Mirrool No. 1 Irrigation Area.

- (2.) Copy Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the appointment, on probation, of Mr. D. I. Glasgow, as Soil Conservationist, Department of Conservation.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Landa laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Statistics supplementary to the Report by the Department of Labour and Industry on the working of the Factories and Shops Act, 1912-1954 for 1953.

Ordered to be printed.

- (2.) Regulation under the Scaffolding and Lifts Act, 1912-1948.

- (3.) Regulations under the Rural Workers Accommodation Act, 1926-1951.

- (4.) Regulations under the Factories and Shops Act, 1912-1950.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. McGrath laid upon the Table—Notifications of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1912-1949, at—

Ardlethan.

Orange.

Coonabarabran.

Tingha.

Cowra.

Windale.

Goulburn.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. W. McC. Gollan laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Balance-sheet and Statement of Accounts of the Coal Mine Workers Pensions Fund for the year ended 30th June, 1951.

- (2.) Balance-sheet and Statement of Accounts of the Oil Shale Mine Workers Pensions Fund for the year ended 30th June, 1951.

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(3.) Balance-sheet and Statements of Account of the Coal and Oil Shale Mine Workers Superannuation Fund for the year ended 30th June, 1952.

(4.) Balance-sheet and Statements of Account of the Coal and Oil Shale Mine Workers Compensation Subsidy Fund for the year ended 30th June, 1953.

(5.) Return to an Order made on 21st October, 1884—Authorities to mine issued since January, 1882, under the Mining Act, 1874.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. CORNEAL AND TISSUE GRAFTING BILL:—

(1.) Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision with respect to the use of eyes and other parts of the bodies of deceased persons for therapeutic purposes; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. O'Sullivan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make provision with respect to the use of eyes and other parts of the bodies of deceased persons for therapeutic purposes; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

5. SUPERANNUATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Sheahan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to increase the amount payable by way of pension to employees under the Superannuation Act, 1916, as amended by subsequent Acts; to extend the scale of pension units in respect of which contributions may be made; to make certain provisions in relation to the State Superannuation Fund; for these and other purposes to amend the said Act as so amended, the Superannuation (Amendment) Act, 1930, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Sheahan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to increase the amount payable by way of pension to employees under the Superannuation Act, 1916, as amended by subsequent Acts; to extend the scale of pension units in respect of which contributions may be made; to make certain provisions in relation to the State Superannuation Fund; for these and other purposes to amend the said Act as so amended, the Superannuation (Amendment) Act, 1930, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

6. COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Sheahan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Sheahan, the Report was adopted.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the third reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

7. WINE ADULTERATION (REPEAL) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Graham moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Freeman, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Graham, the Report was adopted.

Ordered by Mr. Deputy-Speaker, That the third reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

16th February, 1955.

8. RIVER MURRAY WATERS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Renshaw moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Renshaw, the Report was adopted.
 Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the third reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.
9. NURSES REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 And Mr. O'Sullivan having spoken in Reply,—
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, the Report was adopted.
 Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the third reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.
10. LUNACY (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 And Mr. O'Sullivan having spoken in Reply,—
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Tully, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, the Report was adopted.
 Ordered by Mr. Deputy-Speaker, That the third reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.
11. OPTICIANS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Dr. Parr moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.
12. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Heffron moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 And Mr. Heffron having spoken in Reply,—
 Question put and passed.
 The House adjourned accordingly at Nine minutes before Eleven o'clock, p.m., until To-morrow at Eleven o'clock, a.m.

H. ROBBINS,
 Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
 Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 49.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 17 FEBRUARY, 1955.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Cahill and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Public Service (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 71.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the appointment of an educationist as an additional member of the Public Service Board; for this purpose to amend the Public Service Act, 1902, as amended by subsequent Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.

Government House,
Sydney, 14 February, 1955.

(2.) Public Service and Other Statutory Bodies (Long Service Leave) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 72.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make further provision relating to long service leave and the payment of the money value thereof in respect of officers of the Public Service, the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission, and the Departments of Main Roads, Railways, Government Transport and Motor Transport, and members of the Police Force; for these purposes to amend the Public Service (Amendment) Act, 1919, the Irrigation Act, 1912, the Main Roads Act, 1924, the Government Railways Act, 1912, the Transport Act, 1930, the Police Regulation Act, 1899, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.

Government House,
Sydney, 11 February, 1955.

2. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. McGrath laid upon the Table—Notifications of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1912-1949, at,—

Gulargambone.
Maclean.
Tamworth.
Taree.

Ulan.
Walgett.
West Kempsey.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

17th February, 1955.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Regulations under the Private Hospitals Act, 1908-1954.
- (2.) Regulation under the Dentists Act, 1934-1946.
- (3.) Regulation under the Medical Practitioners Act, 1938-1953.
- (4.) Regulations under the Pure Food Act, 1908-1953.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Bill, on motion of Mr. Sheahan, read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to repeal subsection six of section thirty-four of the Companies Act, 1936, as amended by subsequent Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17 February, 1955.*

5. WINE ADULTERATION (REPEAL) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Bill, on motion of Mr. Graham, read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to repeal the Wine Adulteration Act, 1902, and the Wine Adulteration Amendment Act, 1916; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17 February, 1955.*

6. NURSES REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

And Mr. O'Sullivan having spoken in Reply,—

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for the appointment of an additional member to the Nurses Registration Board; for this purpose to amend the Nurses Registration Act, 1953; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17 February, 1955.*

7. LUNACY (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Bill, on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to confer power on the Master in Lunacy to deal in certain circumstances with property in New South Wales of mentally defective, insane or lunatic patients confined in other British countries; for this purpose to amend the Lunacy Act, 1898-1952; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17 February, 1955.*

8. RIVER MURRAY WATERS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Bill, on motion of Mr. Renshaw, read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to ratify and approve an Agreement for the further variation of a certain Agreement entered into between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth*

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and the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia, respecting the River Murray and Lake Victoria and other waters; to amend the River Murray Waters Act, 1915-1949, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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9. BUSINESS DAYS, HOURS OF SITTING, AND PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS (Sessional Order):—Mr. Cahill moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of business at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, and at 11 a.m. on Thursday in each week. General Business shall take precedence of Government Business on Tuesdays until 6 p.m.; after that hour, and on Wednesdays and Thursdays, Government Business shall take precedence of General Business. Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day of General Business shall take precedence on each alternate Tuesday.

(2.) The House shall not sit later than 10.30 p.m. on each sitting day, except on Thursdays, when the House shall not sit later than 5.30 p.m., and the proceedings on any business under consideration shall be interrupted as hereinafter provided—

(a) If the interruption be in the House the debate shall stand adjourned at 10.20 p.m., and on Thursdays at 5.20 p.m., and the Speaker shall call upon the Member in charge of the business to name the date for the resumption of the debate. The Member speaking shall have precedence on such resumption.

(b) If the interruption be in Committee, the Chairman at 10.15 p.m., and on Thursdays at 5.15 p.m., shall leave the Chair, report progress, and ask leave to sit again on a date fixed by the Member in charge of the business under consideration, no debate or amendment being allowed.

At the moment of interruption, motions for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 49, or of the debate, or in Committee that the Chairman leave the Chair, or report progress, or that a clause be postponed, shall lapse without Question put. Provided that if, at the moment of interruption, a Division be in progress, such Division shall be completed, and the result announced.

(3.) At 10.30 p.m. and on Thursdays at 5.30 p.m. the Speaker shall adjourn the House, without Question put.

(4.) Nothing in this Sessional Order shall operate to prevent the House from adjourning at an earlier hour.

Question put and passed.

10. PUBLIC SERVICE (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Cahill moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the appointment of an educationist as an additional member of the Public Service Board; for this purpose to amend the Public Service Act, 1902, as amended by subsequent Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Cahill then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to provide for the appointment of an educationist as an additional member of the Public Service Board; for this purpose to amend the Public Service Act, 1902, as amended by subsequent Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

11. PUBLIC SERVICE AND OTHER STATUTORY BODIES (LONG SERVICE LEAVE) BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Cahill moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision relating to long service leave and the payment of the money value thereof in respect of officers of the Public Service, the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission, and the Departments of Main Roads, Railways, Government Transport and Motor Transport, and members of the Police Force; for these purposes to amend the Public Service (Amendment) Act, 1919, the Irrigation Act, 1912, the Main Roads Act, 1924, the Government Railways Act, 1912, the Transport Act, 1930, the Police Regulation Act, 1899, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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(2.) Mr. Cahill then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to make further provision relating to long service leave and the payment of the money value thereof in respect of officers of the Public Service, the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission, and the Departments of Main Roads, Railways, Government Transport and Motor Transport, and members of the Police Force; for these purposes to amend the Public Service (Amendment) Act, 1919, the Irrigation Act, 1912, the Main Roads Act, 1924, the Government Railways Act, 1912, the Transport Act, 1930, the Police Regulation Act, 1899, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

12. WESTERN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Hawkins moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make certain provision relating to the term of office of the Western Lands Commissioner and Assistant Western Lands Commissioners; for this purpose to amend the Western Lands Act of 1901, as amended by subsequent Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Hawkins then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to make certain provision relating to the term of office of the Western Lands Commissioner and Assistant Western Lands Commissioners; for this purpose to amend the Western Lands Act of 1901, as amended by subsequent Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

13. LAND AND VALUATION COURT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Sheahan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the temporary appointment of additional judges of the Land and Valuation Court; for this and other purposes to amend the Land and Valuation Court Act, 1921, as amended by subsequent Acts, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Sheahan then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to authorise the temporary appointment of additional judges of the Land and Valuation Court; for this and other purposes to amend the Land and Valuation Court Act, 1921; as amended by subsequent Acts, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

14. SUPERANNUATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Sheahan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Askin moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

15. OPTICIANS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate

And Mr. O'Sullivan having spoken in Reply,—

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Tully, Temporary Chairman, reported progress and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House adjourned at Four minutes after Five o'clock, p.m., until Tuesday next at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 50.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY, 1955.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. LAND AND VALUATION COURT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Sheahan and read by Mr. Speaker:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 73.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to authorise the temporary appointment of additional judges of the Land and Valuation Court; for this and other purposes to amend the Land and Valuation Court Act, 1921, as amended by subsequent Acts, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.

Government House,
Sydney, 17th February, 1955.

2. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Kelly laid upon the Table—Copy Report by the Chief Secretary on Fisheries in New South Wales for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Sheahan laid upon the Table—Regulations under the Liquor Act, 1912, as amended.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Renshaw laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Notifications of acquisition of land and/or easements under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the following—

(a) Erection of premises for Public Servants at,—

- (i) Bourke; and
(ii) Captain's Flat.

- (b) Water Supply purposes at,—
- (i) Canowindra—Service Reservoir Site.
 - (ii) Kiama—Water Supply Augmentation Scheme.
 - (iii) Junee—Booster Pumping Scheme.
 - (iv) Crookwell.
 - (v) Bathurst—Campbell River Dam.
 - (vi) Sawtell—Storage Reservoir.
- (c) Rural Bank of N.S.W.—at Hay.
- (d) Oberon Police Station and Court House.
- (e) Forestry Commission Garages at Lambton.
- (2.) Notifications of acquisition of land and/or easements under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the Metropolitan Water, Sewerage and Drainage Act, 1924-1949, for the following—
- (a) Sewerage purposes at,—
- (i) Cronulla.
 - (ii) North Parramatta.
 - (iii) Rydalmere.
- (b) Water Supply purposes at,—
- (i) Warragamba.
 - (ii) Wollongong.
 - (iii) Maroubra Reservoir.
 - (iv) Upper Cordeaux.
 - (v) Cordeaux.
- (c) Stormwater Drainage purposes at,—
- (i) Auburn.
 - (ii) Annandale.
- (d) Booster Pumping station at Coledale.
- (e) Roseville—Construction and Maintenance of a Water Main.
- (f) Access to a Water Main at French's Forest.
- (g) Water Reservoir at French's Forest.
- (h) Rising Mains and Scour Line at Ryde.
- (3.) Notifications of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the Forestry Act, 1916-1949, for the purposes of State Forests at (i) Ellerslie, (ii) Binnaway, (iii) Carrai, (iv) Jenolan, (v) Yeriyoung.
- (4.) Notifications of acquisition of land and/or easements under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the Electricity Commission Act, 1950, for the following purposes—
- (a) Sub-stations at (i) Minto, (ii) Homebush, (iii) Shipman's Hill, (iv) Darke's Forest, (v) Taree.
- (b) Electricity Transmission Lines,—
- (i) Ryde-Carlingford-Hornsby.
 - (ii) Waratah and Taree.
 - (iii) Homebush and Tallawarra.
 - (iv) Carlingford and Lithgow.
 - (v) Maitland and Singleton.
 - (vi) Springhill and Tallawarra.
 - (vii) Waratah and Taree.
 - (viii) Lake Macquarie and Waratah.
 - (ix) Blacktown Substation.
- (5.) Notifications of acquisition of land and/or easements under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the Hunter District Water, Sewerage and Drainage Act, 1938-1952, for the following purposes—
- (a) Water Mains at,—
- (i) Cardiff.
 - (ii) Hamilton.
- (b) Water Supply purposes at Heddon Greta Boosting Station.
- (c) Chichester Pipeline Amplification.
- (6.) Notifications of acquisition of land and/or easements under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the Public Hospitals Act, 1929-1943, for the following Hospitals—
- (a) Leeton District.
 - (b) Picton Lakes Village.
 - (c) Cobar District.
 - (d) Parramatta District.
 - (e) Crown-street.
- (7.) Notifications of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended for the purposes of the Soil Conservation Act, 1938-1949, for—
- (i) Soil Conservation Depot—Murrurundi.
 - (ii) Wellington Soil Conservation Research Station, County of Harden.

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(8.) Notifications of acquisition of land and easement under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the South-west Tablelands Water Supply Act, 1924, for—

- (i) Sites for No. 5 Pumping Station—Block Range Reservoir.
- (ii) Construction and maintenance of a pipeline.

(9.) Notification of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Fire Brigades Act, 1909-1949, at Blackheath.

(10.) Notification of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Land Acquisition (Charitable Institutions) Act, 1946, for the New South Wales Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and the Blind.

(11.) Notification of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the purposes of the Broken Hill Water and Sewerage Act, 1938-1951, at Menindee.

(12.) Notification of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the purposes of the Grain Elevator Act, 1916, at Werris Creek.

(13.) Notification of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, for the purposes of the Newcastle Harbour Improvements Act, at Newcastle Harbour.

Referred by Sessional Order to Printing Committee.

Mr. McGrath laid upon the Table—Notifications of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1912-1949, at,—

Barham	Guyra
Bourke	Morpeth
Coff's Harbour	North Sydney
Goulburn	Tenterfield

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wetherell laid upon the Table—Departmental File relating to the contract placed for Garratt locomotives and the subsequent cancellation of part of that contract.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. W. McC. Gollan laid upon the Table—Proclamation declaring certain lands to be private lands for the purposes of the Mining Act, 1906-1952.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS:—Mr. Black moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the administration and conduct of the Capital Works Projects of New South Wales Governments since 30th June, 1946, with particular reference to—

- (a) The suspension of work on authorised projects;
- (b) The non-completion of authorised projects;
- (c) The inflationary effect of capital expenditure where work on such authorised projects has been suspended or where such projects have not been completed;
- (d) The reasons for such suspension or non-completion;
- (e) The rate at which work on such projects has progressed;
- (f) The wisdom of extending from time to time the programme of Capital Works while projects previously commenced have remained uncompleted;
- (g) The wisdom of setting up a Standing Committee of this House to inquire into and report on the advisability of commencing Capital Works Projects.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cahill, Mr. Renshaw, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Leo Nott, Mr. James Cahill, Mr. Chaffey, Mr. Cutler, Mr. Pelly and the mover.

(3.) That such Committee have leave to sit during the sittings or any adjournment of the House and to make visits of inspection within the State of New South Wales and to other States of the Commonwealth.

Debate ensued.

And it being Six o'clock, p.m., Debate interrupted pursuant to Sessional Order adopted on 17th February, 1955.

Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday, 1st March, 1955.

22nd February, 1955.

5. PUBLIC SERVICE (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Cahill moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.
- Bill read a second time.
- Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
- On motion of Mr. Cahill, the Report was adopted.
- Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the third reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.
6. OPTICIANS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
- On motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, the Report was adopted.
- Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the third reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.
7. SUPERANNUATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Sheahan,—“That this Bill be now read a second time,”—
- And the Question being again proposed,—
- The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
- Lieut.-Col. Bruxner moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.
8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Sheahan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned accordingly at Twenty-eight minutes after Ten o'clock, p.m., until To-morrow at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 51.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY, 1955.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1 VACANT SEAT—ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF CLARENCE:—

(1.) Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from the Registrar-General a certified copy of the certificate of the death, which took place on 28th January, 1955, of Cecil Gordon Wingfield, Esquire, lately serving in the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales as Member for the Electoral District of Clarence.

(2.) Mr. Cahill moved, 'That the seat of Cecil Gordon Wingfield, Esquire, lately serving in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Clarence, hath become, and is now, vacant by reason of the death of the said Cecil Gordon Wingfield, Esquire.

Question put and passed.

2. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Kelly laid upon the Table—Regulations under the Fisheries and Oyster Farms Act, 1935-1949.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. McGrath laid upon the Table—Notifications of acquisition of land and easement under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1912-1949, at—

Barellan.	Goulburn.
Bathurst.	Holbrook.
Bingara.	Orange.
Braidwood.	Wagga Wagga.
Coniston.	

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wetherell laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) By-laws under the Government Railways Act, 1912-1953.

(2.) Statements of traffic secured to Railway Transport by the exercise of the powers conferred on the Railway Commissioner under section 24 (3) and (4) of the Government Railways Act, 1912-1953 for the months of November and December, 1954.

(3.) Regulations under the State Transport (Co-ordination) Act, 1931, as amended.

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- (4.) Regulations under the Motor Traffic Act, 1909, as amended.
- (5.) Regulations under the Metropolitan Traffic Act, 1900, as amended.
- (6.) Regulations under the Transport Act, 1930, as amended, and the Transport (Division of Functions) Act, 1932, as amended.
- (7.) Regulations under the Motor Vehicles (Third Party Insurance) Act, 1942, as amended.
- (8.) Notifications of acquisition of Easements under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended for the following Railway purposes—
- (i) constructing and maintaining an electric high-tension transmission line between Lawson and Blaxland.
 - (ii) providing access to the railway high-tension transmission line at Blaxland.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. PUBLIC SERVICE (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Bill, on motion of Mr. Cahill, read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the appointment of an educationist as an additional member of the Public Service Board; for this purpose to amend the Public Service Act, 1902, as amended by subsequent Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd February, 1955.

5. OPTICIANS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Bill, on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to reconstitute The Board of Optometrical Registration; to make further provision as to the carrying on of the business of the practice of optometry by firms and companies; for these purposes to amend the Opticians Act, 1930-1946; to validate certain matters; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd February, 1955.

6. SUPERANNUATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Sheahan, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Storey, That the Honourable Member for Eastwood, Mr. Hearnshaw, be allowed to continue his speech for a further period of ten minutes.

Debate continued.

And Mr. Sheahan having spoken in Reply,—

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. Sheahan, the Report was adopted.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the third reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

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7. PUBLIC SERVICE (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the appointment of an educationist as an additional member of the Public Service Board; for this purpose to amend the Public Service Act, 1902, as amended by subsequent Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 23rd February, 1955.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

8. IRRIGATION, WATER AND RIVERS AND FORESHORES IMPROVEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Enticknap moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Lieut.-Col. Robson moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for Tomorrow.

The House adjourned at Four minutes before Ten o'clock, p.m., until To-morrow at Eleven o'clock, a.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 52.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 24 FEBRUARY, 1955.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Heffron laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) By-laws under the Technical Education and New South Wales University of Technology Act, 1949.

(2.) By-laws of the University of Sydney under the University and University Colleges Act, 1900-1948.

(3.) Notifications of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Public Instruction Act, 1880, at—

Balgowlah North.
Bankstown West.
Coal Point.
Coffee Camp.
Guildford West.
Jannali.
Merriwa.
Orange North.
Parramatta East.
Pondle Hill.

Raby.
Raymond Terrace.
Ryde West.
Shoalhaven Heads.
Shortland.
Taree.
Unanderra.
Wentworthville South.
Yuluma.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Kelly laid upon the Table—Balance-sheets of Art Unions under the Lotteries and Art Unions Act, 1901, as amended, in aid of—

Anti-Tuberculosis Association of N.S.W.
Bombala District Hospital.
Citizens' Tuberculosis League of N.S.W.
Condoblin District Ambulance Service.
Dubbo District Ambulance Service.
Furlough House, Narrabeen.
Hamling Appeal Fund.
Handicapped Children's Centre, Sutherland Shire.
N.S.W. Ambulance Transport Service, Western Suburbs District (2).
St. Fiacre's Kindergarten Building Fund.
St. Francis War Memorial and Retreat House.
St. George Associated Charities.
St. Magdalen's Good Samaritan Training Centre.
Wagga District Ambulance and 2WG Old Peoples' Homes.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

24th February, 1955.

Mr. Hawkins laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Regulation under the Surveyors Act, 1929-1946.
- (2.) Regulation under the Survey Co-ordination Act, 1949.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wetherell laid upon the Table—Statements of Traffic secured to Railway Transport by the exercise of the powers conferred on the Railway Commissioner under section 24 (3) and (4) of the Government Railways Act, 1912-1953, for the months of October, 1954, and January, 1955.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. SUPERANNUATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Bill, on motion of Mr. Sheahan, read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "An Act to increase the amount payable by way of pension to employees under the Superannuation Act, 1916, as amended by subsequent Acts; to extend the scale of pension units in respect of which contributions may be made; to make certain provisions in relation to the State Superannuation Fund; for these and other purposes to amend the said Act as so amended, the Superannuation (Amendment) Act, 1930, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 24th February, 1955.

4. INTEREST REDUCTION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Cahill moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal Part IV of the Interest Reduction Act, 1931, and the Interest Reduction Amendment (Preference Shares) Act, 1932; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Cahill then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to repeal Part IV of the Interest Reduction Act, 1931, and the Interest Reduction Amendment (Preference Shares) Act, 1932; and for purposes connected therewith,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

5. TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND NEW SOUTH WALES UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Heffron moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Technical Education and New South Wales University of Technology Act, 1949, in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Heffron then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the Technical Education and New South Wales University of Technology Act, 1949, in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

6. IRRIGATION, WATER AND RIVERS AND FORESHORES IMPROVEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Enticknap, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Jordan moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

24th February, 1955.

7. PRINTING COMMITTEE.—Mr. Hearnshaw, as Chairman, brought up the Tenth Report from the Printing Committee.

8. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Companies (Amendment) Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "An Act to repeal subsection six of section thirty-four of the Companies Act, 1936, as amended by subsequent Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th February, 1955.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

(2.) Lunacy (Amendment) Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "An Act to confer power on the Master in Lunacy to deal in certain circumstances with property in New South Wales of mentally defective, insane or lunatic patients confined in other British countries; for this purpose to amend the Lunacy Act, 1898-1952; and for purposes connected therewith,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th February, 1955.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

(3.) Nurses Registration (Amendment) Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "An Act to make provision for the appointment of an additional member to the Nurses Registration Board; for this purpose to amend the Nurses Registration Act, 1953; and for purposes connected therewith,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th February, 1955.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

(4.) River Murray Waters (Amendment) Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "An Act to ratify and approve an Agreement for the further variation of a certain Agreement entered into between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia, respecting the River Murray and Lake Victoria and other waters; to amend the River Murray Waters Act, 1915-1949, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th February, 1955.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Enticknap moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at Five minutes before Five o'clock, p.m., until Tuesday next at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 53.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 1 MARCH, 1955.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. PUBLIC SERVICE (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Cahill, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 74.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to provide for the appointment of an educationist as an additional member of the Public Service Board; for this purpose to amend the Public Service Act, 1902, as amended by subsequent Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 24th February, 1955.

2. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

3. FLOODS IN NEW SOUTH WALES:—Mr. Cahill (by consent) moved,—

(1.) That this House expresses its deepest sympathy to those bereaved as a result of the recent disastrous floods in this State, and to those who have suffered loss and damage.

(2.) That this House also records its appreciation and admiration of the courage shown by the men and women affected and by those who are doing the work of rescue and the alleviation of distress.

Debate ensued.

And Mr. Cahill having spoken in Reply,—

Question put and carried unanimously,—Members and Officers of the House standing.

4. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day, "Metropolitan Traffic Problems; resumption of the adjourned debate on the motion of Mr. Willis,—That, in the opinion of this House—

"(1.) The Government has failed to deal effectively with traffic problems in the Metropolitan area in that it has—

"(a) ignored many expert reports and warnings on the subject;

"(b) failed to provide any real parking facilities;

"(c) failed to provide a modern, cheap and efficient public transport system;

"(d) neglected for too long the needs of modern traffic; and

"(2.) The Government should immediately embark upon a comprehensive programme to solve the ever-worsening traffic problem in the Metropolitan area,"—postponed, on the motion of Mr. Willis, until Tuesday, 15th March, 1955.

1st March, 1955.

5. CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Black,—

“(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the administration and conduct of the Capital Works Projects of New South Wales Governments since 30th June, 1946, with particular reference to—

“(a) The suspension of work on authorised projects;

“(b) The non-completion of authorised projects;

“(c) The inflationary effect of capital expenditure where work on such authorised projects has been suspended or where such projects have not been completed;

“(d) The reasons for such suspension or non-completion;

“(e) The rate at which work on such projects has progressed;

“(f) The wisdom of extending from time to time the programme of Capital Works while projects previously commenced have remained uncompleted;

“(g) The wisdom of setting up a Standing Committee of this House to inquire into and report on the advisability of commencing Capital Works Projects.

“(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cahill, Mr. Renshaw, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Leo Nott, Mr. James Cahill, Mr. Chaffey, Mr. Cutler, Mr. Pelly and the mover.

“(3.) That such Committee have leave to sit during the sittings or any adjournment of the House and to make visits of inspection within the State of New South Wales and to other States of the Commonwealth.”

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Black moved, That the Honourable Member for Burwood, Dr. Parr, be allowed to continue his speech for a further period of twenty minutes.

Question put and negatived.

Debate continued.

And it being Six o'clock, p.m., Debate interrupted pursuant to Sessional Order adopted on 17th February, 1955.

Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday, 29th March, 1955.

6. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Opticians (Amendment) Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “An Act to reconstitute The Board of Optometrical Registration; to make further provision as to the carrying on of the business of the practice of optometry by firms and companies; for these purposes to amend the Opticians Act, 1930-1946; to validate certain matters; and for purposes connected therewith,”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 1st March, 1955.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

(2.) Wine Adulteration (Repeal) Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “An Act to repeal the Wine Adulteration Act, 1902, and the Wine Adulteration Amendment Act, 1916, and for purposes connected therewith,”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 1st March, 1955.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

7. OBSCENE AND INDECENT PUBLICATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Kelly moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision with respect to obscene publications and advertisements; to provide for the registration of distributors of printed

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matter; for these and other purposes to amend the Obscene and Indecent Publications Act, 1901, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

And Mr. Kelly having spoken in Reply,—

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Kelly then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make further provision with respect to obscene publications and advertisements; to provide for the registration of distributors of printed matter; for these and other purposes to amend the Obscene and Indecent Publications Act, 1901, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

8. TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND NEW SOUTH WALES UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Heffron moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

And Mr. Heffron having spoken in Reply,—

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Freeman, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Heffron, the Report was adopted.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the third reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

9. IRRIGATION, WATER AND RIVERS AND FORESHORES IMPROVEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Enticknap, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And it being 10.20 o'clock, p.m., the Debate stood adjourned, pursuant to Sessional Order adopted on 17th February, 1955.

Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

The House adjourned at Twenty-one minutes after Ten o'clock, p.m., until To-morrow at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales

No. 54.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 2 MARCH, 1955.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. **ADMISSION TO THE BODY OF THE HOUSE:**—Mr. Cahill (*by consent*) moved, That The Right Honourable the Viscount Ruffside, P.C., formerly Speaker of the House of Commons, be invited to take a chair on the floor of the House.
Question put and carried unanimously.
Whereupon, The Right Honourable the Viscount Ruffside, P.C., entered the Chamber, and took a seat at the right hand of Mr. Speaker.
2. **NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:**—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.
3. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:**—Mr. Cahill informed the House that His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council and in accordance with the provisions of section 36 of the Constitution Act, had authorised the Honourable Roger Bede Nott to exercise the powers and perform the official duties and be responsible for the obligations appertaining or annexed to the office of the Minister for Agriculture and Minister for Food Production during the absence, through illness, of the Honourable Edgar Hugh Graham, and that questions relating to Agriculture and Food Production matters should be addressed to Mr. Nott.
4. **NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS** (*Continuation of Entry No. 2*).
5. **PAPERS:**—
Mr. Kelly laid upon the Table the following Papers:—
 - (1.) Balance-sheets of Art Unions under the Lotteries and Art Unions Act, 1901, as amended, in aid of—
Burlington District Brass Band.
Holbrook and District War Memorial.
N.S.W. Ambulance Transport Service—Quirindi District.
Port Macquarie Surf Life Saving Club.
 - (2.) Regulations under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1901-1953.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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Mr. McGrath laid upon the Table—Notifications of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1912-1949, at—

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Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hawkins laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated for public purposes in accordance with the provisions of section 24 of the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

(2.) Gazette Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with certain land under section 25 of the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. W. McC. Gollan laid upon the Table—Regulations under the Inflammable Liquid Act, 1915-1953.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day, "Federal and State Governments' Relations"—postponed, on the motion of Mr. Murphy, until Tuesday, 22nd March, 1955.

7. TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND NEW SOUTH WALES UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Bill, on motion of Mr. Heffron, read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Technical Education and New South Wales University of Technology Act, 1949, in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd March, 1955.

8. OBSCENE AND INDECENT PUBLICATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Kelly moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

And it being 10.20 o'clock, p.m., the Debate stood adjourned, pursuant to Sessional Order adopted on 17th February, 1955.

Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

9. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Superannuation (Amendment) Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to increase the amount payable by way of pension to employees under the Superannuation Act, 1916, as amended by subsequent Acts; to extend the scale of pension units in respect of which contributions may be made; to make certain provisions in relation to the State Superannuation Fund; for these and other purposes to amend the said Act as so amended, the Superannuation (Amendment) Act, 1930, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd March, 1955.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

(2.) Technical Education and New South Wales University of Technology (Amendment) Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Technical Education and New South Wales University of Technology Act, 1949, in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd March, 1955.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

2nd March, 1955.

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Kelly moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at Twenty-nine minutes after Ten o'clock, p.m. until To-morrow at Eleven o'clock, a.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 55.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 3 MARCH, 1955.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. McGrath laid upon the Table—Notification of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1912-1949, at Yenda.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Enticknap laid upon the Table—Departmental Files relating to the conversion to Irrigation Farm Purchase of Irrigation Farm Lease No. 525 held by A. G. Enticknap, and of Irrigation Farm Lease No. 533 held by A. G. Enticknap and K. W. Mitchell.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. OBSCENE AND INDECENT PUBLICATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Kelly, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate

Mr. McCaw moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for Tomorrow.

4. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Hearnshaw, as Chairman, brought up the Eleventh Report from the Printing Committee.

The House adjourned at Nine minutes after Five o'clock, p.m., until Tuesday next at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 56.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 8 MARCH, 1955.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—FLOODED AREAS OF NEW SOUTH WALES:—Mr. Cahill made a Ministerial Statement respecting his recent visit to those areas of the State affected by the recent disastrous floods and paid tribute to the help and co-operation rendered by all sections of the community. Mr. Cahill also informed the House of the nature and extent of the financial assistance made available for the rehabilitation of the stricken areas.

Lieut.-Col. Robson also addressed the House.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. McGrath laid upon the Table—Notifications of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1912-1949, at—

Broken Hill, Coff's Harbour and Denman.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Kelly laid upon the Table—Regulations under the Fisheries and Oyster Farms Act, 1935-1949.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Renshaw laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Regulations under the Gas and Electricity Act, 1935-1952.

(2.) By-laws under the Sydney Corporation Act, 1932-1947, deemed to be Ordinances under the Local Government Act, 1919.

(3.) Report of the Electricity Commission of New South Wales for the year ended 30th June, 1954, together with Appendices.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Enticknap laid upon the Table—Notification of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for Housing purposes in connection with the Gumly Domestic and Stock Water Supply and Irrigation District.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Nott laid upon the Table—Regulation under the Pastures Protection Act, 1934-1951.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

8th March, 1955.

4. BURRAGORANG VALLEY:—Mr. Pelly moved, pursuant to Notice, That in the opinion of this House the Government should enquire immediately into, and make a clear statement of policy upon, all aspects and effects of the proposed flooding of the Burragorang Valley consequent upon the completion of the Warragamba Dam, with special reference to—

- (1.) The resumption of property in and near the area to be flooded.
- (2.) The provision of access to areas which will be cut off by the flooding.
- (3.) The restrictions to be imposed by the Metropolitan Water, Sewerage and Drainage Board on land within the catchment area.
- (4.) The availability to local areas of water in other dams at present supplying the Metropolitan area.

Debate ensued.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Black, That the Honourable Member for Wollondilly, Mr. Pelly, be allowed to continue his speech for a further period of twenty minutes.

Debate continued.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Askin, That the Honourable Member for Wollondilly, Mr. Pelly, be allowed to continue his speech for a further period of twenty minutes.

Debate continued.

And it being Six o'clock, p.m., Debate interrupted pursuant to Sessional Order adopted on 17th February, 1955.

Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

5. OBSCENE AND INDECENT PUBLICATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Kelly "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Cahill moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for a later hour of the Day.

6. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—AIR TRAVEL EXPENSES DURING FLOODS:—Mr. Cahill made a Ministerial Statement concerning the reimbursement by the Government to Honourable Members of expenses incurred by them in travelling by air to and from their homes during the disruption of rail services caused by the recent floods.

Lieut-Col. Robson also addressed the House.

7. OBSCENE AND INDECENT PUBLICATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Kelly, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And it being 10.20 o'clock, p.m., the Debate stood adjourned, pursuant to Sessional Order adopted on 17th February, 1955.

Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

8. ANJOURNMENT:—Mr. Kelly moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

And it being 10.30 o'clock, p.m., Mr. Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to Sessional Order adopted on 17th February, 1955, adjourned the House until To-morrow at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

 No. 57.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

 FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 9 MARCH, 1955.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Cahill, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Companies (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 75.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to repeal subsection six of section thirty-four of the Companies Act, 1936, as amended by subsequent Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 8th March, 1955.

- (2.) Lunacy (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 76.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to confer power on the Master in Lunacy to deal in certain circumstances with property in New South Wales of mentally defective, insane or lunatic patients, confined in other British countries; for this purpose to amend the Lunacy Act, 1898-1952; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 8th March, 1955.

- (3.) Nurses Registration (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 77.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for the appointment of an additional member to the Nurses Registration Board; for this purpose to amend the Nurses Registration Act, 1953; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been

9th March, 1955.

presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 8th March, 1955.

(4.) Superannuation (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 78.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to increase the amount payable by way of pension to employees under the Superannuation Act, 1916, as amended by subsequent Acts; to extend the scale of pension units in respect of which contributions may be made; to make certain provisions in relation to the State Superannuation Fund; for these and other purposes to amend the said Act as so amended, the Superannuation (Amendment) Act, 1930, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 8th March, 1955.

(5.) River Murray Waters (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 79.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to ratify and approve an Agreement for the further variation of a certain Agreement entered into between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia, respecting the River Murray and Lake Victoria and other waters; to amend the River Murray Waters Act, 1915-1949, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 8th March, 1955.

2. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Kelly laid upon the Table—Balance-sheets of Art Unions under the Lotteries and Art Unions Act, 1901, as amended, in aid of—

Australian Legion of Ex-Servicemen and Women—Cootamundra Sub-Branch.

Citizen's T.B. League of New South Wales.

Cook's River Valley Association and Canterbury Detachment Australian Sea Cadet Corps.

Moree Catholic Church.

Parramatta and Districts' School for Crippled and Spastic Children.

War Veterans' Home (No. 7).

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. W. McC. Gollan laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Balance-sheet and Statement of Accounts of the Coal and Oil Shale Mine Workers' Superannuation Fund for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

(2.) Balance-sheet and Statement of Accounts of the Coal and Oil Shale Mine Workers' Compensation Subsidy Fund for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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4. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY MEMBERS PROVIDENT FUND—APPOINTMENT OF MANAGING TRUSTEE:—Mr. Hawkins (*by consent*) moved, That, in accordance with the provisions of the Legislative Assembly Members Superannuation Act, 1946-1954, Edgar Percy Dring, Esquire, be and is hereby appointed a Managing Trustee of the Legislative Assembly Members Provident Fund, in place of Thomas John Shannon, Esquire, deceased.
Question put and passed.
5. PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS ACT, 1901-1953—DISALLOWANCE OF REGULATIONS:—Lieut.-Col. Bruxner moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in pursuance of section 7c (5) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1901-1953, this House disallows the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Animal Boarding Establishments) Regulations, as set forth in the Notice appearing in the *Government Gazette*, No. 193 of 26 November, 1954, a copy of which was laid upon the Table of the House on 2nd March, 1955.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
6. OBSCENE AND INDECENT PUBLICATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Kelly, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
And Mr. Kelly having spoken in Reply,—
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.
7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Heffron moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
And it being 10.30 o'clock, p.m., Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Sessional Order adopted on 17th February, 1955, adjourned the House until To-morrow at Eleven o'clock, a.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 58.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 10 MARCH, 1955.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Cahill, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Opticians (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 80.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to reconstitute The Board of Optometrical Registration; to make further provision as to the carrying on of the business of the practice of optometry by firms and companies; for these purposes to amend the Opticians Act, 1930-1946; to validate certain matters; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 9th March, 1955.

(2.) Technical Education and New South Wales University of Technology (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 81.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Technical Education and New South Wales University of Technology Act, 1949, in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 9th March, 1955.

(3.) Wine Adulteration (Repeal) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 82.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to repeal the Wine Adulteration Act, 1902, and the Wine Adulteration Amendment Act, 1916; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 9th March, 1955.

10th March, 1955.

2. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. McGrath laid upon the Table—Notification of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended; for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1912-1949, at Queanbeyan.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hawkins laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Copy Report of the Rural Reconstruction Board of New South Wales for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Regulations under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

(3.) Regulation under the Prickly-pear Act, 1924-1944.

(4.) Regulation under the Public Trusts Act, 1897-1944.

(5.) Forms under the Closer Settlement Acts.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. OBSCENE AND INDICENT PUBLICATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Freeman, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

5. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. McMahon, as Acting Chairman, brought up the Twelfth Report from the Printing Committee.

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Kelly moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at Nineteen minutes after Five o'clock, p.m., until Tuesday next at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 59.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 15 MARCH, 1955.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Kelly laid upon the Table—Report by the Minister for Co-operative Societies respecting Agreements entered into by the Colonial Treasurer with Co-operative Building Societies under section 17A of the Co-operation Act, 1923-1954, for the quarter commencing 1st October, 1954.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table—Copy Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the appointment, on probation, of Mrs. Charlotte Riesenfeld, Ph.D., as Dispenser, Department of Public Health.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. METROPOLITAN TRAFFIC PROBLEMS:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned debate, on the motion of Mr. Willis, "That "in the opinion of this House—

"(1.) The Government has failed to deal effectively with traffic problems in the Metropolitan area in that it has—

"(a) ignored many expert reports and warnings on the subject;

"(b) failed to provide any real parking facilities;

"(c) failed to provide a modern, cheap and efficient public transport system;

"(d) neglected for too long the needs of modern traffic; and

"(2.) The Government should immediately embark upon a comprehensive "programme to solve the ever-worsening traffic problem in the Metropolitan "area."

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Murphy, That the Honourable Member for George's River, Mr. O'Neill, be allowed to continue his speech for a further period of Twenty minutes.

Debate continued.

And Mr. Willis having spoken in Reply,—

Question put.

15th March, 1955.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Askin	Mr. Gamack	Mr. Stephens
Mr. Jack Beale	Mr. Hunter	Mr. Storey
Mr. Brain	Mr. H. E. Jackson	Mr. Treatt
Lieut.-Col. Bruxner	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Willis
Mr. Chaffey	Mr. McCaw	Tellers,
Mr. Crawford	Mr. Morton	Mr. Black
Mr. Cutler	Mr. Murden	Mr. Pelly
Mr. Dickson	Mr. Padman	
Mr. Fitzgerald	Lieut.-Col. Robson	
Mr. Stewart Fraser	Mr. Rose	

Noes, 50.

Mr. Armstrong	Mr. W. McC. Gollan	Mr. O'Sullivan
Mr. Fred Cahill	Mr. Green	Mr. Renshaw
Mr. James Cahill	Mr. Hawkins	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Cahill	Mr. Heffron	Mr. Seiffert
Mr. Robert Cameron	Mr. Hills	Mr. Sheahan
Mr. Campbell	Mr. R. S. Jackson	Mr. Simpson
Mr. Coady	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Tonge
Mr. Connor	Mr. Lawrence Kelly	Mr. L. J. Tully
Mr. Crabtree	Mr. Landa	Mr. Walsh
Mr. Crook	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Wattison
Mr. Dalton	Mr. Maher	Mr. Wetherell
Mr. Downing	Mr. Mallam	Mr. Williams
Mr. Dring	Mr. Mannix	Tellers,
Mr. Earl	Mr. Morgan	Mr. McMahon
Mr. Enticknap	Mr. Murphy	Mr. Wyatt
Mr. Ferguson	Mr. Nott	
Mr. Fowles	Mr. Leo Nott	
Mr. Freeman	Mr. O'Neill	

And so it passed in the negative.

4. BURRAGORANG VALLEY:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned debate, on the motion of Mr. Pelly, "That in the opinion of this House the Government should enquire immediately into, and make a clear statement of policy upon, all aspects and effects of the proposed flooding of the Burragorang Valley consequent upon the completion of the Warra-gamba Dam, with special reference to—

- "(1.) The resumption of property in and near the area to be flooded.
- "(2.) The provision of access to areas which will be cut off by the flooding.
- "(3.) The restrictions to be imposed by the Metropolitan Water, Sewerage and Drainage Board on land within the catchment area.
- "(4.) The availability to local areas of water in other dams at present supplying the Metropolitan area."

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And Mr. Pelly having spoken in Reply,—

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Askin	Mr. Easter	Mr. Pelly
Mr. Jack Beale	Mr. Fitzgerald	Lieut.-Col. Robson
Mr. Black	Mr. Stewart Fraser	Mr. Rose
Mr. Brain	Mr. Gamack	Mr. Storey
Lieut.-Col. Bruxner	Mr. Hunter	Mr. Stephens
Mr. Chaffey	Mr. H. E. Jackson	Tellers,
Mr. Crawford	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Murden
Mr. Cutler	Mr. McCaw	Mr. Willis
Mr. Deane	Mr. Morton	
Mr. Dickson	Mr. Padman	

Noes, 49.

Mr. Armstrong	Mr. Freeman	Mr. O'Neill
Mr. Booth	Mr. Green	Mr. O'Sullivan
Mr. Fred Cahill	Mr. Hawkins	Mr. Renshaw
Mr. James Cahill	Mr. Heffron	Mr. Seiffert
Mr. Cahill	Mr. Hills	Mr. Sheahan
Mr. Robert Cameron	Mr. R. S. Jackson	Mr. Simpson
Mr. Campbell	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Tonge
Mr. Coady	Mr. Lawrence Kelly	Mr. L. J. Tully
Mr. Connor	Mr. Landa	Mr. Walsh
Mr. Crabtree	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Wattison
Mr. Crook	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wetherell
Mr. Dalton	Mr. Maher	Mr. Williams
Mr. Downing	Mr. Mallam	Mr. Wyatt
Mr. Dring	Mr. Mannix	Tellers,
Mr. Enticknap	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Leo Nott
Mr. Ferguson	Mr. Murphy	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Fowles	Mr. Nott	

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And so it passed in the negative.

And it being Six o'clock, p.m., Government Business proceeded with, under Sessional Order adopted on 17th February, 1955.

5. OBSCENE AND INDECENT PUBLICATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Kelly, the Report was adopted.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the third reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

6. IRRIGATION, WATER AND RIVERS AND FORESHORES IMPROVEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Enticknap, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And it being 10.20 o'clock, p.m., the Debate stood adjourned, pursuant to Sessional Order adopted on 17th February, 1955.

Ordered, That the resumption of the debate stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Enticknap moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at Twenty-eight minutes after Ten o'clock, p.m., until To-morrow at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 60.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 16 MARCH, 1955.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Cahill laid upon the Table—Copy of Report of Proceedings of the Conference of Commonwealth and State Ministers held at Canberra on 26th July, 1954.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kelly laid upon the Table—Balance-sheets of Art Unions under the Lotteries and Art Unions Act, 1901, as amended, in aid of—

Burruga Catholic Church.
"Chevalier" College School Bus Purchase.
Cowra District Ambulance Service.
Mullumbimby Apex Club.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by the Ministers named, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

By Mr. Kelly,—

- (1.) Fire Brigades (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 83.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make provision for and in relation to the ordinary working hours of certain firemen and officers of fire brigades employed by the Board of Fire Commissioners of New South Wales; for this purpose to amend the Fire Brigades Act, 1909, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.

Government House,
Sydney, 15th March, 1955.

By Mr. O'Sullivan,—

- (2.) New South Wales State Cancer Council Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 84.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite

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expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the establishment and incorporation of a New South Wales State Cancer Council and to define its powers, authorities, duties and functions; to vest certain moneys in that Council; and for purposes connected therewith.

*Government House,
Sydney, 15th March, 1955.*

4. OBSCENE AND INDECENT PUBLICATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Kelly moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Green moved, That the Question be now put.

Question put,—“That the Question be now put.”

The House divided.

Ayes, 51.

Mr. Armstrong	Mr. Freeman	Mr. O'Neill
Mr. Booth	Mr. W. McC. Gollan	Mr. O'Sullivan
Mr. Fred Cahill	Mr. Green	Mr. Renshaw
Mr. Cahill	Mr. Hawkins	Mr. Seiffert
Mr. Robert Cameron	Mr. Heffron	Mr. Sheahan
Mr. Campbell	Mr. Hills	Mr. Simpson
Mr. Clyne	Mr. R. S. Jackson	Mr. Tonge
Mr. Coady	Mr. Kelly	Mr. L. J. Tully
Mr. Connor	Mr. Lawrence Kelly	Mr. Walsh
Mr. Crabtree	Mr. Landa	Mr. Wattison
Mr. Crook	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Wetherell
Mr. Dalton	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Williams
Mr. Downing	Mr. Maher	Mr. Wyatt
Mr. Dring	Mr. Mannix	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Earl	Mr. Morgan	Mr. James Cahill
Mr. Enticknap	Mr. Murphy	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Ferguson	Mr. Nott	
Mr. Fowles	Mr. Leo Nott	

Noes, 31.

Mr. Askin	Mr. Stewart Fraser	Mr. Pelly
Mr. Jack Beale	Mr. Gamack	Lieut.-Col. Robson
Mr. Black	Mr. Hunter	Mr. Rose
Mr. Brain	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Stephens
Lieut.-Col. Bruxner	Mr. H. E. Jackson	Mr. Storey
Mr. Crawford	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Treatt
Mr. Darby	Mr. McCaw	Mr. Willis
Mr. Deane	Mr. Morton	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dickson	Mr. Murden	Mr. Chaffey
Mr. Easter	Mr. Padman	Mr. Cutler
Mr. Fitzgerald	Dr. Parr	

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists that the number in favour of the motion, being a majority, consisted of “at least thirty Members,”—

Original Question put,—

The House divided.

Ayes, 51.

Mr. Armstrong	Mr. Fowles	Mr. O'Neill
Mr. Booth	Mr. Freeman	Mr. O'Sullivan
Mr. Fred Cahill	Mr. W. McC. Gollan	Mr. Renshaw
Mr. James Cahill	Mr. Green	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Cahill	Mr. Hawkins	Mr. Seiffert
Mr. Robert Cameron	Mr. Heffron	Mr. Sheahan
Mr. Campbell	Mr. Hills	Mr. Simpson
Mr. Clyne	Mr. R. S. Jackson	Mr. Tonge
Mr. Coady	Mr. Kelly	Mr. L. J. Tully
Mr. Connor	Mr. Lawrence Kelly	Mr. Walsh
Mr. Crabtree	Mr. Landa	Mr. Wetherell
Mr. Crook	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Williams
Mr. Dalton	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wyatt
Mr. Downing	Mr. Mannix	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dring	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Maher
Mr. Earl	Mr. Murphy	Mr. Wattison
Mr. Enticknap	Mr. Nott	
Mr. Ferguson	Mr. Leo Nott	

Noes, 31.

Mr. Askin	Mr. Stewart Fraser	Mr. Pelly
Mr. Jack Beale	Mr. Gamack	Lieut.-Col. Robson
Mr. Black	Mr. Hunter	Mr. Rose
Mr. Brain	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Stephens
Lieut.-Col. Bruxner	Mr. H. E. Jackson	Mr. Storey
Mr. Chaffey	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Treatt
Mr. Crawford	Mr. McCaw	Mr. Willis
Mr. Cutler	Mr. Morton	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dickson	Mr. Murden	Mr. Darby
Mr. Easter	Mr. Padman	Mr. Deane
Mr. Fitzgerald	Dr. Parr	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Bill read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "An Act to make further provision with respect to obscene publications and advertisements; to provide for the registration of distributors of printed matter; for these and other purposes to amend the Obscene and Indecent Publications Act, 1901, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th March, 1955.

5. FIRE BRIGADES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Kelly moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for and in relation to the ordinary working hours of certain firemen and officers of fire brigades employed by the Board of Fire Commissioners of New South Wales; for this purpose to amend the Fire Brigades Act, 1909, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 51.

Mr. Armstrong	Mr. Freeman	Mr. O'Sullivan
Mr. Booth	Mr. W. McC. Gollan	Mr. Renshaw
Mr. Fred Cahill	Mr. Green	Mr. Ryan
Mr. James Cahill	Mr. Hawkins	Mr. Seiffert
Mr. Cahill	Mr. Heffron	Mr. Sheahan
Mr. Robert Cameron	Mr. Hills	Mr. Simpson
Mr. Campbell	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Tonge
Mr. Clyne	Mr. Lawrence Kelly	Mr. L. J. Tully
Mr. Coady	Mr. Landa	Mr. Walsh
Mr. Connor	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Wattison
Mr. Crabtree	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wetherell
Mr. Crook	Mr. Maher	Mr. Williams
Mr. Dalton	Mr. Mannix	Mr. Wyatt
Mr. Downing	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Dring	Mr. Murphy	Tellers,
Mr. Enticknap	Mr. Nott	Mr. Earl
Mr. Ferguson	Mr. Leo Nott	Mr. R. S. Jackson
Mr. Fowles	Mr. O'Neill	

Noes, 29.

Mr. Askin	Mr. Fitzgerald	Lieut.-Col. Robson
Mr. Jack Beale	Mr. Gamack	Mr. Rose
Mr. Black	Mr. Hunter	Mr. Stephens
Mr. Brain	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Storey
Lieut.-Col. Bruxner	Mr. H. E. Jackson	Mr. Treatt
Mr. Chaffey	Mr. Lawson	Tellers,
Mr. Crawford	Mr. McCaw	Mr. Stewart Fraser
Mr. Cutler	Mr. Morton	Mr. Pelly
Mr. Darby	Mr. Murden	
Mr. Dickson	Mr. Padman	
Mr. Easter	Dr. Parr	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(2.) Mr. Kelly then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to make provision for and in relation to the ordinary working hours of certain firemen and officers of fire brigades employed by the Board of Fire Commissioners of New South Wales; for this purpose to amend the Fire Brigades Act, 1909, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

6. CHILD WELFARE (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Heffron moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Child Welfare Act, 1939, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.

Point of Order: Mr. Black submitted that the motion was out of order because it did not comply with the provisions of Standing Order No. 243. The motion sought leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Child Welfare Act, 1939, and certain other Acts in certain respects. Those words, he contended, did not reveal adequately the general intentions and main purposes of the Bill.

Debate ensued.

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Mr. Speaker said that while the order of leave could, with advantage, have amplified the intentions of the Bill, he felt that the omission of such an amplification did not necessarily mean that the motion was out of order.

Therefore, although he ruled against the point of order, Mr. Speaker stated that the contents of long titles of Bills should, in future, be more informative.

Debate continued.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Heffron then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Child Welfare Act, 1939, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

7. PASTURES PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Nott moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for increased contributions by Pastures Protection Boards to Dingo Destruction Boards; to increase the Pastures Protection rate; for these and other purposes to amend the Pastures Protection Act, 1934-1954; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Nott then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for increased contributions by Pastures Protection Boards to Dingo Destruction Boards; to increase the Pastures Protection rate; for these and other purposes to amend the Pastures Protection Act, 1934-1954; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

8. IRRIGATION, WATER AND RIVERS AND FORESHORES IMPROVEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Enticknap, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And Mr. Enticknap having spoken in Reply,—

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Enticknap moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

And it being 10.30 o'clock, p.m., Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Sessional Order adopted on 17th February, 1955, adjourned the House until To-morrow at Eleven o'clock, a.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 17 MARCH, 1955.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Cahill (*on behalf of Mr. Wetherell*) laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Regulation under the Motor Traffic Act, 1909, as amended.
- (2.) Notification of acquisition of land and easement under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the following Railway purposes—
 - (a) providing access to High-tension Transmission lines between Lawson and Blaxland;
 - (b) maintaining traffic on the existing line of Railway between Sydenham and Botany—at St. Peters.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Sheahan laid upon the Table—Report of the Council of Auctioneers, Stock and Station and Real Estate Agents for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hawkins laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated for public purposes in accordance with the provisions of section 24 of the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
- (2.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with certain land under section 25 of the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Renshaw laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Ordinances under the Local Government Act, 1919.
- (2.) Regulations under the Local Government and Other Authorities (Superannuation) Act, 1927-1954.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. IRRIGATION, WATER AND RIVERS AND FORESHORES IMPROVEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Freeman, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. Enticknap, the Report was adopted.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the third reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

4. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. McMahon, as Acting Chairman, brought up the Thirteenth Report from the Printing Committee.

The House adjourned at Eight minutes before Five o'clock, p.m., until Tuesday next at Half-past Two o'clock, p.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker

New South Wales.

No. 62.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY, 22 MARCH, 1955.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Kelly laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Regulations and Form under the Theatres and Public Halls Act, 1908-1954.

(2.) Regulation and Form under the Lord Howe Island Act, 1953.

(3.) Regulations under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1901-1953.

(4.) Balance-sheets of Art Unions under the Lotteries and Art Unions Act, 1901, as amended, in aid of—

Christian Brothers' High School, Lewisham, War Memorial Building Fund.

Coonamble Catholic Church.

Sub-normal Children's Welfare Association—Sydenham-Bankstown Branch.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Sheahan laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Rules of Court and Forms made by the Judges of the Supreme Court.

(2.) Regulations under the Justices Acts, 1902-1954.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. FLOOD MITIGATION AND CONTROL:—Mr. Cahill (*by consent*) moved, "That" this House agrees,—

(1.) That the Government should appoint a Committee of Advice for the purpose of reporting to the Government in relation to flood control and mitigation measures in the Hunter Valley and other areas.

(2.) That the terms of reference of such Committee should be:—

(a) to report and advise on the incidence and behaviour of the recent record flood and the extent of inundation of the towns, villages and farm lands of the Hunter Valley;

(b) to review the programme of works already planned and in progress in the Hunter Valley for the purpose of flood control and mitigation;

(c) to advise generally on how flood mitigation measures in the Hunter Valley can best be planned so as to minimise the recurring danger to life and damage to property, including an examination of proposals such as those submitted by the Maitland City Council and other authorities;

(d) to report as to what action would be necessary to implement the recommendations of the Committee relating to flood mitigation, the re-establishment of towns and villages and any other measures;

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(e) subsequently, to carry out similar reviews and to submit reports in respect of other areas of the State where such action may be desirable.

Debate ensued.

Lieut.-Col. Robson moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" (*firstly occurring*) with a view of inserting the following words instead thereof:—

"a Select Committee of this House be appointed to inquire into and report on all matters relating to flood control and mitigation throughout the river systems of the State, and in relation to methods of rendering assistance in the event of floods, with particular reference to,—

"(a) obtaining the advice of experts from other countries, particularly the United States of America and Holland;

"(b) the incidence and behaviour of the recent record flood and the extent of inundation of towns, villages and farm lands;

"(c) the programme of works already planned and in progress in the Hunter Valley for the purpose of flood control and mitigation;

"(d) how flood mitigation measures in the river systems can best be planned so as to minimise the recurring danger to life and damage to property, including an examination of proposals submitted by City, Shire and Municipal Councils and other authorities;

"(e) what action would be necessary to implement any recommendations of the Select Committee relating to flood mitigation, the re-establishment of towns and villages and any other measures;

"(f) the establishment of a National Disaster Fund as a form of insurance against damage by flood, fire or other act of God.

"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Fred Cahill, Mr. Enticknap, Mr. Howarth, Mr. Renshaw, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Rose, Mr. Stephens, Mr. Wattison and the mover.

"(3.) That such Committee have leave to sit during the sittings or any adjournment of the House and to make visits of inspection within the State of New South Wales and to other States of the Commonwealth."

Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.

Debate continued.

Mr. Rose moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until a later hour of the Day.

4. EXTENSION OF PRESENT SITTING:—Mr. Cahill (*by consent*) moved, That paragraphs (2.) and (3.) of the Sessional Order adopted on 17th February, 1955, be suspended for the present Sitting.

Question put and passed.

5. FLOOD MITIGATION AND CONTROL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Cahill, "That this House agrees,—

"(1.) That the Government should appoint a Committee of Advice for the purpose of reporting to the Government in relation to flood control and mitigation measures in the Hunter Valley and other areas.

(2.) That the terms of reference of such Committee should be:—

"(a) to report and advise on the incidence and behaviour of the recent record flood and the extent of inundation of the towns, villages and farm lands of the Hunter Valley;

"(b) to review the programme of works already planned and in progress in the Hunter Valley for the purpose of flood control and mitigation;

"(c) to advise generally on how flood mitigation measures in the Hunter Valley can best be planned so as to minimise the recurring danger to life and damage to property, including an examination of proposals such as those submitted by the Maitland City Council and other authorities;

"(d) to report as to what action would be necessary to implement the recommendations of the Committee relating to flood mitigation, the re-establishment of towns and villages and any other measures;

"(e) subsequently, to carry out similar reviews and to submit reports in respect of other areas of the State where such action may be desirable."

Upon which Lieut.-Col. Robson had moved, "That the question be amended
"by leaving out all the words after the word 'That' (*firstly occurring*) with
"a view of inserting the following words instead thereof:—

"a Select Committee of this House be appointed to inquire into and
"report on all matters relating to flood control and mitigation throughout the
"river systems of the State, and in relation to methods of rendering assistance
"in the event of floods, with particular reference to,—

"(a) obtaining the advice of experts from other countries, particularly the
"United States of America and Holland;

"(b) the incidence and behaviour of the recent record flood and the extent
"of inundation of towns, villages and farm lands;

"(c) the programme of works already planned and in progress in the
"Hunter Valley for the purpose of flood control and mitigation;

"(d) how flood mitigation measures in the river systems can best be
"planned so as to minimise the recurring danger to life and damage to
"property, including an examination of proposals submitted by City,
"Shire and Municipal Councils and other authorities;

"(e) what action would be necessary to implement any recommendations
"of the Select Committee relating to flood mitigation, the re-establish-
"ment of towns and villages and any other measures;

"(f) the establishment of a National Disaster Fund as a form of insurance
"against damage by flood, fire or other act of God.

"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Fred Cahill, Mr. Enticknap, Mr.
"Howarth, Mr. Renshaw, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Rose, Mr. Stephens, Mr. Watti-
"son and the mover.

"(3.) That such Committee have leave to sit during the sittings or any
"adjournment of the House and to make visits of inspection within the
"State of New South Wales and to other States of the Commonwealth."

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be left
out stand part of the Question,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit after midnight,—

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Debate continued.

Mr. Green moved, That the Question be now put.

Question put,—“That the Question be now put.”

The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Fred Cahill	Mr. W. McC. Gollan	Mr. O'Neill
Mr. Cahill	Mr. Green	Mr. Renshaw
Mr. Campbell	Mr. Hawkins	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Clyne	Mr. Heffron	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Coady	Mr. Hills	Mr. Sheahan
Mr. Crabtree	Mr. R. S. Jackson	Mr. Simpson
Mr. Crook	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Walsh
Mr. Dalton	Mr. Lawrence Kelly	Mr. Wattison
Mr. Downing	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Wyatt
Mr. Dring	Mr. McMahon	Tellers,
Mr. Earl	Mr. Maher	Mr. James Cahill
Mr. Enticknap	Mr. Mallam	Mr. Mannix
Mr. Ferguson	Mr. Murphy	
Mr. Fowles	Mr. Nott	
Mr. Freeman	Mr. Leo Nott	

Noes, 26.

Mr. Askin	Mr. Howarth	Mr. Rose
Mr. Jack Beale	Mr. Hunter	Mr. Stephens
Mr. Black	Mr. Jordan	Mr. Storey
Mr. Brain	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Willis
Lieut.-Col. Bruxner	Mr. McCaw	Tellers,
Mr. Chaffey	Mr. Morton	Mr. Deane
Mr. Crawford	Mr. Murden	Mr. Easter
Mr. Dickson	Dr. Parr	
Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Robinson	
Mr. Stewart Fraser	Lieut.-Col. Robson	

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And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists that the number in favour of the motion, being a majority, consisted of "at least thirty Members,"—

Question put,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Booth	Mr. Fowles	Mr. Leo Nott
Mr. Fred Cahill	Mr. Freeman	Mr. O'Neill
Mr. James Cahill	Mr. W. McC. Gollan	Mr. Renshaw
Mr. Cahill	Mr. Green	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Campbell	Mr. Hawkins	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Clyne	Mr. Heffron	Mr. Sheahan
Mr. Coady	Mr. Hills	Mr. Simpson
Mr. Crabtree	Mr. R. S. Jackson	Mr. Walsh
Mr. Crook	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Wattison
Mr. Dalton	Mr. Lawrence Kelly	Mr. Wyatt
Mr. Downing	Mr. McGrath	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dring	Mr. Maher	Mr. McMahon
Mr. Earl	Mr. Mallam	Mr. Murphy
Mr. Enticknap	Mr. Mannix	
Mr. Ferguson	Mr. Nott	

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Mr. Askin	Mr. Stewart Fraser	Mr. Rose
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Mr. Chaffey	Mr. McCaw	Mr. Crawford
Mr. Deane	Mr. Morton	Mr. Robinson
Mr. Dickson	Mr. Murden	
Mr. Easter	Dr. Parr	
Mr. Fitzgerald	Lieut.-Col. Robson	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question again proposed,—

Debate continued.

Mr. Green moved, That the Question be now put.

Question put,—“That the Question be now put.”

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Booth	Mr. Freeman	Mr. Leo Nott
Mr. Fred Cahill	Mr. W. McC. Gollan	Mr. O'Neill
Mr. James Cahill	Mr. Green	Mr. Renshaw
Mr. Cahill	Mr. Hawkins	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Campbell	Mr. Heffron	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Clyne	Mr. Hills	Mr. Sheahan
Mr. Coady	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Simpson
Mr. Crook	Mr. Lawrence Kelly	Mr. Walsh
Mr. Dalton	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Wattison
Mr. Downing	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wyatt
Mr. Dring	Mr. Maher	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Earl	Mr. Mallam	Mr. Crabtree
Mr. Enticknap	Mr. Mannix	Mr. R. S. Jackson
Mr. Ferguson	Mr. Murphy	
Mr. Fowles	Mr. Nott	

Noes, 26.

Mr. Askin	Mr. Stewart Fraser	Lieut.-Col. Robson
Mr. Jack Beale	Mr. Howarth	Mr. Rose
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Mr. Chaffey	Mr. Lawson	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Crawford	Mr. McCaw	Mr. Black
Mr. Deane	Mr. Morton	Mr. Willis
Mr. Dickson	Mr. Murden	
Mr. Easter	Dr. Parr	
Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Robinson	

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists that the number in favour of the motion, being a majority, consisted of "at least thirty Members,"—

And Mr. Cahill having spoken in Reply,—

Original Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at One o'clock, a.m. until Half-past Two o'clock, p.m. This Day.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 63.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 23 MARCH, 1955.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. DEATH OF CECIL GORDON WINGFIELD, ESQUIRE, LATE MEMBER FOR CLARENCE:—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of a communication from Mrs. E. A. Wingfield and the family of the deceased thanking the House for its resolution of sympathy on the death of Cecil Gordon Wingfield, Esquire, lately serving in the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales as Member for the Electoral District of Clarence.

2. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Cahill laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) By-law under the Metropolitan Water, Sewerage, and Drainage Act, 1924-1954.

(2.) Regulation under the Stamp Duties Act, 1930-1954.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. McGrath laid upon the Table—Notifications of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1912-1949, at—

Albury.

Orange.

Bingara.

Queanbeyan.

Gulargambone.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wetherell laid upon the Table—Statement of traffic secured to Railway Transport by the exercise of the powers conferred on the Railways Commissioner under section 24 (3) and (4) of the Government Railways Act, 1912-1953, for the month of February, 1955.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. IRRIGATION, WATER AND RIVERS AND FORESHORES IMPROVEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Bill, on motion of Mr. Enticknap, read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "An Act to limit the right of future acquisition of freehold tenures within irrigation areas; to make further provision with respect to the licensing of bores; to regulate the removal of soil from or adjacent to the banks of rivers; to make

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further provision for the reduction of rentals payable in respect of certain classes of tenures within irrigation areas; for these and other purposes to amend the Irrigation Act, 1912-1954, the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, the Water Act, 1912-1952, the Rivers and Foreshores Improvement Act, 1948, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 23rd March, 1955.

5. REAL PROPERTY (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Sheahan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the destruction or disposal of certain documents; for this purpose to amend the Real Property Act, 1900, as amended by subsequent Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Sheahan then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to authorise the destruction or disposal of certain documents; for this purpose to amend the Real Property Act, 1900, as amended by subsequent Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

6. HIRE-PURCHASE AGREEMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Sheahan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the minimum-deposit provisions of the law relating to hire-purchase agreements; for this and other purposes to amend the Hire-Purchase Agreements Act, 1941, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Sheahan then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the minimum-deposit provisions of the law relating to hire-purchase agreements; for this and other purposes to amend the Hire-Purchase Agreements Act, 1941, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

7. LAND AND VALUATION COURT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Sheahan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Freeman, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Sheahan, the Report was adopted.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the third reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

8. CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Sheahan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

And it being 10.20 o'clock, p.m., the Debate stood adjourned, pursuant to Sessional Order adopted on 17th February, 1955.

Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

9. OBSCENE AND INDECENT PUBLICATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "An Act to make further provision with respect to obscene publications and advertisements; to provide for the registration of distributors of printed matter; for these and other purposes to amend the Obscene and

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Indecent Publications Act, 1901, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd March, 1955.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

OBSCENE AND INDECENT PUBLICATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the amendments referred to in Message of 23rd March, 1955.

J. R. STEVENSON,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- No. 1.—Page 6, clause 2, line 14. Omit "notice" insert "regulation".
 No. 2.—Page 9, clause 2, line 14. Omit "notice" insert "regulation".
 No. 3.—Page 9, clause 2, line 23. After "revocation" add "in the Gazette".
 No. 4.—Page 12, clause 2, line 12. After "regulation" insert "made under this Act".
 No. 5.—Page 12, clause 2, line 18. Omit "The regulations" insert "All regulations made under this Act".

Examined,—

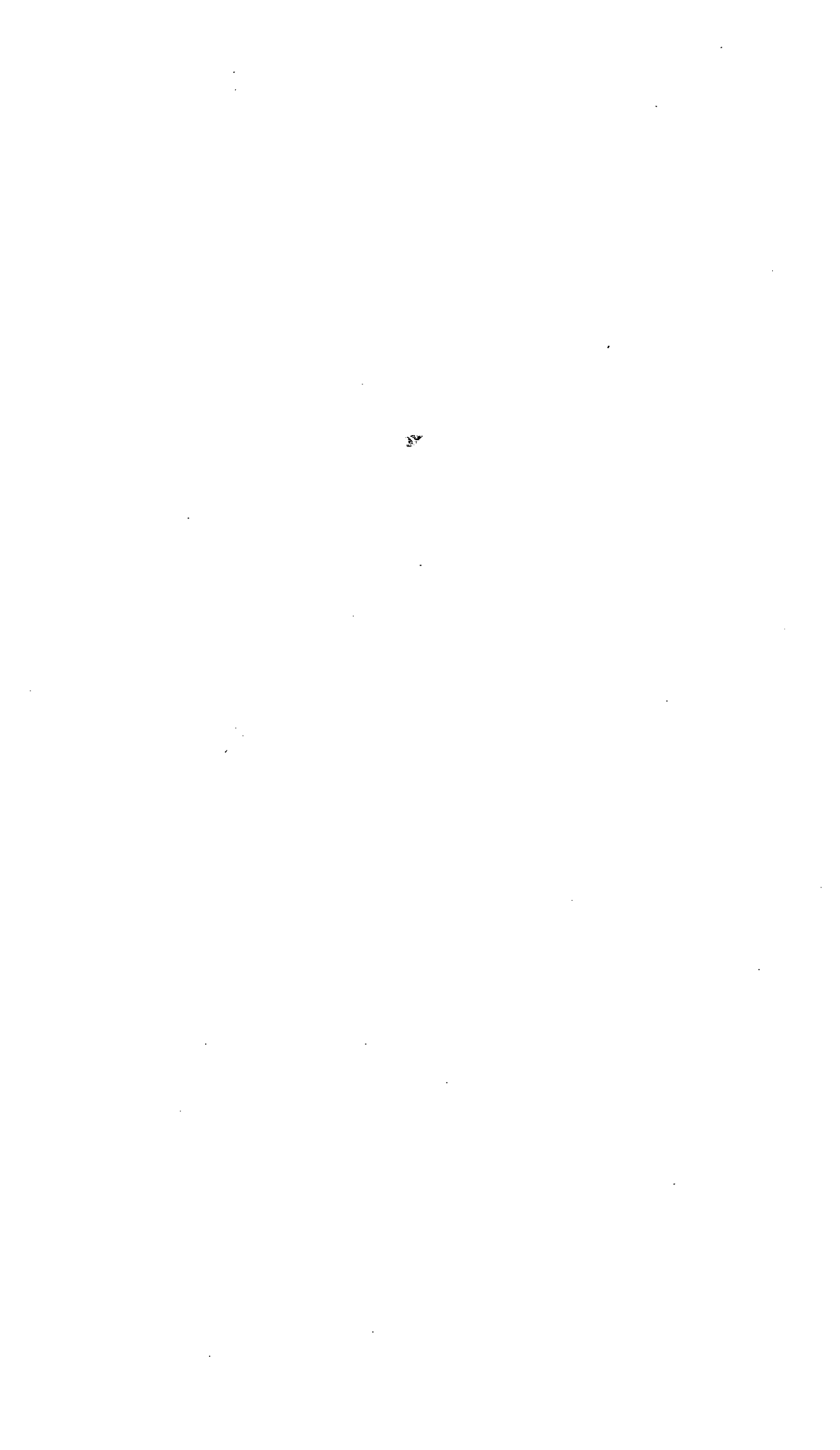
E. G. WRIGHT,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Deputy-Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

The House adjourned at Twenty-one minutes after Ten o'clock, p.m., until To-morrow at Eleven o'clock, a.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 64.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 24 MARCH, 1955.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

2. PAPER:—

Mr. McGrath laid upon the Table—Notifications of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1912-1949, at—

Berkeley.

Goulburn.

Glen Innes.

Tamworth.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. LAND AND VALUATION COURT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Bill, on motion of Mr. Sheahan, read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the temporary appointment of additional judges of the Land and Valuation Court; for this and other purposes to amend the Land and Valuation Court Act, 1921, as amended by subsequent Acts, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 24th March, 1955.

4. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Landa moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision relating to the constitution of the Industrial Commission of New South Wales; to enable non-practising barristers and solicitors to be appointed as members of the said Commission; to authorise the inclusion of provisions relating to retiring allowances in certain awards and industrial agreements; to validate certain matters; for these purposes to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1940-1954; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Landa then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make further provision relating to the constitution of the Industrial Commission of New South Wales; to enable non-practising barristers and solicitors to be appointed as members of the said Commission; to authorise the inclusion of provisions relating to retiring allowances in certain awards and industrial agreements; to validate certain matters; for these purposes to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1940-1954; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

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5. PETROLEUM BILL:—

(1.) Mr. W. McC. Gollan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision whereby all petroleum and helium existing in a natural state on or below the surface of any land becomes or remains the property of the Crown; to regulate and control the search for and mining of petroleum; to amend the Mining Act, 1906-1952, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Gollan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make provision whereby all petroleum and helium existing in a natural state on or below the surface of any land becomes or remains the property of the Crown; to regulate and control the search for and mining of petroleum; to amend the Mining Act, 1906-1952, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

6. OBSCENE AND INDECENT PUBLICATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, on motion of Mr. Kelly, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Kelly, the Report was adopted.

The following Message sent to the Legislative Council:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision with respect to obscene publications and advertisements; to provide for the registration of distributors of printed matter; for these and other purposes to amend the Obscene and Indecent Publications Act, 1901, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.*"

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7. CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Sheahan, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And Mr. Sheahan having spoken in Reply,—

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Sheahan, the Report was adopted.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the third reading stand an Order of the Day for a later hour of the Day.

8. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Stephens, as Acting Chairman, brought up the Fourteenth Report from the Printing Committee.

9. CHILD WELFARE (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Sheahan, on behalf of Mr. Heffron, moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. McCaw, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

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On motion of Mr. Sheahan, the Report was adopted.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the third reading stand an Order of the Day for a later hour of the Day.

10. WESTERN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Hawkins moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

And Mr. Hawkins having spoken in Reply,—

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. McCaw, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Hawkins, the Report was adopted.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the third reading stand an Order of the Day for a later hour of the Day.

11. FIRE BRIGADES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Kelly moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Lieut.-Colonel Robson moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

12. CHILD WELFARE (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Bill, on motion of Mr. Sheahan, *on behalf of Mr. Heffron*, read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Child Welfare Act, 1939, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 24th March, 1955.*

13. WESTERN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Bill, on motion of Mr. Sheahan, *on behalf of Mr. Hawkins*, read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make certain provision relating to the term of office of the Western Lands Commissioner and Assistant Western Lands Commissioners; for this purpose to amend the Western Lands Act of 1901, as amended by subsequent Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 24th March, 1955.*

14. IRRIGATION, WATER AND RIVERS AND FORESHORES IMPROVEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to limit the right of future acquisition of freehold tenures within irrigation areas; to make further provision with respect to the licensing of bores; to regulate the removal of soil from or adjacent to the banks of rivers; to make further provision for the reduction of rentals payable in respect of certain classes of tenures within irrigation areas; for these and other purposes to amend the Irrigation Act, 1912-1954, the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, the Water Act, 1912-1952, the Rivers and Foreshores Improvement Act, 1948, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—with the amendments indicated by the

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accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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Sydney, 24th March, 1955.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

IRRIGATION, WATER AND RIVERS AND FORESHORES IMPROVEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL.
Schedule of the amendments referred to in Message of 24th March, 1955.

J. R. STEVENSON,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

No. 1.—Page 13, clause 7. *After line 10 insert:—*

“The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to a transfer by way of mortgage of a lease in respect of which a perpetual lease grant has been issued where such transfer was registered in the books of the Commission before the issue of such perpetual lease grant.”

No. 2.—Page 33, clause 12, line 12. *After “bore” insert “on any land other than that of which he is the owner or occupier”.*

No. 3.—Page 33, clause 12, line 28. *Omit “A driller who acts as such” and insert in lieu thereof “A holder of a driller’s license who acts as a driller”.*

Examined,—

E. G. WRIGHT,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Deputy-Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration forthwith.

15. IRRIGATION, WATER AND RIVERS AND FORESHORES IMPROVEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, on motion of Mr. Enticknap, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Freeman, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council’s amendments.

On motion of Mr. Enticknap, the Report was adopted.

The following Message sent to the Legislative Council:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled “An Act to limit the right of future acquisition of freehold tenures within irrigation areas; to make further provision with respect to the licensing of bores; to regulate the removal of soil from or adjacent to the banks of rivers; to make further provision for the reduction of rentals payable in respect of certain classes of tenures within irrigation areas; for these and other purposes to amend the Irrigation Act, 1912-1954, the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, the Water Act, 1912-1952, the Rivers and Foreshores Improvement Act, 1948, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.”

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 24th March, 1955.

16. CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Bill, on motion of Mr. Sheahan, read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “An Act to amend the Crimes Act, 1900, the Justices Act, 1902, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 24th March, 1955.

17. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Sheahan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at Five minutes before Five o’clock, p.m., until Tuesday next at Half-past Two o’clock, p.m.

H. ROBBINS,

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 65.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 29 MARCH, 1955.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. **INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Landa and read by Mr. Speaker:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 85.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make further provision relating to the constitution of the Industrial Commission of New South Wales; to enable non-practising barristers and solicitors to be appointed as members of the said Commission; to authorise the inclusion of provisions relating to retiring allowances in certain awards and industrial agreements; to validate certain matters; for these purposes to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1940-1954; and for purposes connected therewith.

Government House,
Sydney, 28th March, 1955.

2. **NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:**—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.
3. **PAPERS:**—

Mr. Heffron laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Copy Report of the Bursary Endowment Board for the year ended 30th June, 1954.
 - (2.) Copy Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the appointment, on probation, of Mr. D. Turvey, Department of Technical Education.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Kelly laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Balance-sheet and Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of the National Relief Fund of N.S.W. for 1954.
- (2.) Balance-sheets of Art Unions under the Lotteries and Art Unions Act, 1901, as amended, in aid of—
Bill Roberts Benefit Fund.
Mercy Hospital, Albury, Building Fund.
Tweed District Ambulance.
T.B. Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Association of N.S.W., The House that Jack Built (School for Partially Blind Children) and the N.S.W. Institution for Deaf, Dumb and Blind Children.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

29th March, 1955.

Mr. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Report and recommendation by the Pure Food Advisory Committee on the Alcoholic Content of Beer.
- (2.) Copy Report by the N.S.W. State Cancer Council, dated 10th May, 1954, together with copies of Minutes of Meetings of Committees and Sub-Committees thereof.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Renshaw laid upon the Table—Report of the River Murray Commission for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. W. McC. Gollan laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Proclamation under the Inflammable Liquid Act, 1915-1953.
- (2.) Copy Report of the Department of Mines for 1947.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. HOURS OF SITTING, PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS (*Amended Sessional Order*):—

- (1.) URGENCY:—Mr. Cahill moved, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that this House should forthwith consider Notice of Motion No. 1 of Government Business, on the Business Paper for To-day.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS:—Mr. Cahill moved, That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would preclude the consideration forthwith of Notice of Motion No. 1 of Government Business, on the Business Paper for To-day.

Question put and passed.

- (3.) Mr. Cahill moved, pursuant to Notice, That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered,—

- (1.) Government Business shall take precedence of General Business on Tuesday in each week.
- (2.) The provisions of paragraphs (2.), (3.) and (4.) of the Sessional Order adopted on 17th February, 1955, shall not apply to the sittings of the House.

Debate ensued.

And Mr. Cahill having spoken in Reply,—

Question put and passed.

5. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Cahill (*by consent*) moved, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House, at its rising This Day, do adjourn until To-morrow at Eleven o'clock, a.m.

Question put and passed.

6. NEW SOUTH WALES STATE CANCER COUNCIL BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the establishment and incorporation of a New South Wales State Cancer Council and to define its powers, authorities, duties and functions; to vest certain moneys in that Council; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. O'Sullivan then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to provide for the establishment and incorporation of a New South Wales State Cancer Council and to define its powers, authorities, duties and functions; to vest certain moneys in that Council; and for purposes connected therewith,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

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29th March, 1955.

7. FIRE BRIGADES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Kelly, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 51.

Mr. Armstrong	Mr. Fowles	Mr. O'Neill
Mr. Booth	Mr. Freeman	Mr. O'Sullivan
Mr. Fred Cahill	Mr. W. McC. Gollan	Mr. Renshaw
Mr. James Cahill	Mr. Green	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Cahill	Mr. Hawkins	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Robert Cameron	Mr. Heffron	Mr. Sheahan
Mr. Campbell	Mr. Hills	Mr. Simpson
Mr. Clyne	Mr. R. S. Jackson	Mr. L. J. Tully
Mr. Coady	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Walsh
Mr. Connor	Mr. Lawrence Kelly	Mr. Wattison
Mr. Crabtree	Mr. Landa	Mr. Wetherell
Mr. Crook	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Williams
Mr. Dalton	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wyatt
Mr. Downing	Mr. Maher	
Mr. Dring	Mr. Mallam	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Earl	Mr. Mannix	
Mr. Enticknap	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Leo Nott
Mr. Ferguson	Mr. Nott	Mr. Murphy

Noes, 29.

Mr. Askin	Mr. Stewart Fraser	Mr. Padman
Mr. Jack Beale	Mr. Gamack	Dr. Parr
Mr. Black	Mr. Hearnshaw	Mr. Pelly
Mr. Brain	Mr. Howarth	Lieut.-Col. Robson
Lieut.-Col. Bruxner	Mr. Hunter	Mr. Stephens
Mr. Chaffey	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Storey
Mr. Crawford	Mr. Jordan	Mr. Treatt
Mr. Cutler	Mr. McCaw	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dickson	Mr. Morton	Mr. Darby
Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Murden	Mr. Willis

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Kelly, the Report was adopted.

And Mr. Speaker having consented to the third reading being taken forthwith,—

Mr. Kelly moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 51.

Mr. Booth	Mr. W. McC. Gollan	Mr. O'Sullivan
Mr. Fred Cahill	Mr. Green	Mr. Renshaw
Mr. James Cahill	Mr. Hawkins	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Cahill	Mr. Heffron	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Robert Cameron	Mr. Hills	Mr. Sheahan
Mr. Campbell	Mr. R. S. Jackson	Mr. Simpson
Mr. Clyne	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Tonge
Mr. Coady	Mr. Lawrence Kelly	Mr. L. J. Tully
Mr. Connor	Mr. Landa	Mr. Walsh
Mr. Crook	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Wattison
Mr. Dalton	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wetherell
Mr. Downing	Mr. Maher	Mr. Williams
Mr. Dring	Mr. Mallam	Mr. Wyatt
Mr. Earl	Mr. Morgan	
Mr. Enticknap	Mr. Murphy	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Ferguson	Mr. Nott	
Mr. Fowles	Mr. Leo Nott	Mr. Crabtree
Mr. Freeman	Mr. O'Neill	Mr. Mannix

Noes, 28.

Mr. Askin	Mr. Stewart Fraser	Dr. Parr
Mr. Jack Beale	Mr. Gamack	Lieut.-Col. Robson
Mr. Brain	Mr. Hearnshaw	Mr. Stephens
Lieut.-Col. Bruxner	Mr. Hunter	Mr. Storey
Mr. Chaffey	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Treatt
Mr. Crawford	Mr. Jordan	Mr. Willis
Mr. Cutler	Mr. McCaw	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Darby	Mr. Morton	Mr. Black
Mr. Dickson	Mr. Murden	Mr. Pelly
Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Padman	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time.

29th March, 1955.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for and in relation to the ordinary working hours of certain firemen and officers of fire brigades employed by the Board of Fire Commissioners of New South Wales; for this purpose to amend the Fire Brigades Act, 1909, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 29th March, 1955.

8. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Wetherell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued.

Mr. Chaffey (*by consent*) moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

9. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) Child Welfare (Amendment) Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Child Welfare Act, 1939, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 29th March, 1955.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

- (2.) Western Lands (Amendment) Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make certain provision relating to the term of office of the Western Lands Commissioner and Assistant Western Lands Commissioners; for this purpose to amend the Western Lands Act of 1901, as amended by subsequent Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 29th March, 1955.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

The House adjourned at One minute before Twelve o'clock, at midnight, until To-morrow, at Eleven o'clock, a.m.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 66.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 30 MARCH, 1955.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. PETITION—CRUELTY TO ANIMALS:—Mr. Tonge presented a Petition from certain members of the Anti-Cruelty Campaign and certain other members of the public of New South Wales representing that pain, mutilation, maiming and starvation are being suffered daily by animals consigned to Sydney sale-yards and praying that steps be taken to ameliorate the conditions of travel and slaughter of stock animals.

Petition received.

2. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Heffron laid upon the Table—Report of the Trustees of the Museum of Technology and Applied Science (known as the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences) for 1954.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Kelly laid upon the Table—Report of the Board of Fire Commissioners of New South Wales for 1954, together with Appendices.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. McGrath laid upon the Table—Notifications of acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1912-1949, at—

Bowral.

Moss Vale.

Gilgandra.

Werris Creek.

Kurri Kurri.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. MURRUMBIDGEE ELECTRICITY UNDERTAKING TRANSFER BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Renshaw and read by Mr. Speaker:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 86.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make certain provisions consequent upon and supplemental to the transfer to the Murrumbidgee County Council of the electricity undertaking formerly conducted in the Murrumbidgee County District by the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission; to amend the Local Government Act, 1919, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.

Government House,
Sydney, 29th March, 1955.

30th March, 1955.

5. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for the issue to persons of licenses to practise in one or more branches of medicine or surgery or both; to prescribe the qualifications of persons to whom those licenses may be issued and the powers and privileges of those persons; to enable those persons to obtain registration as medical practitioners in certain events; to authorise the payment of fees to members of the New South Wales Medical Board; for these purposes to amend the Medical Practitioners Act, 1938-1953, in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

And Mr. O'Sullivan having spoken in Reply,—

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. O'Sullivan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make provision for the issue to persons of licenses to practise in one or more branches of medicine or surgery or both; to prescribe the qualifications of persons to whom those licenses may be issued and the powers and privileges of those persons; to enable those persons to obtain registration as medical practitioners in certain events; to authorise the payment of fees to members of the New South Wales Medical Board; for these purposes to amend the Medical Practitioners Act, 1938-1953, in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

6. DISTRICT COURTS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Sheahan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision with respect to the jurisdiction of District Courts; to extend the area within which bailiffs of District Courts may discharge certain functions; for these and other purposes to amend the District Courts Act, 1912, the Small Debts Recovery Act, 1912, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

7. GAS AND ELECTRICITY (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Renshaw moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision in relation to the standard rates of dividend applicable to certain gas companies and to the issue of additional shares by such companies; for these and other purposes to amend the Gas and Electricity Act, 1935, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Renshaw then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make further provision in relation to the standard rates of dividend applicable to certain gas companies and to the issue of additional shares by such companies; for these and other purposes to amend the Gas and Electricity Act, 1935, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

8. MURRUMBIDGEE ELECTRICITY UNDERTAKING TRANSFER BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Renshaw moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make certain provisions consequent upon and supplemental to the transfer to the Murrumbidgee County Council of the electricity undertaking formerly conducted in the Murrumbidgee County District by the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission; to amend the Local Government Act, 1919, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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30th March, 1955.

(2.) Mr. Renshaw then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to make certain provisions consequent upon and supplemental to the transfer to the Murrumbidgee County Council of the electricity undertaking formerly conducted in the Murrumbidgee County District by the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission; to amend the Local Government Act, 1919, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

9. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Wetherell, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And Mr. Wetherell having spoken in Reply,—

Question put.

House divided.

Ayes, 51.

Mr. Booth	Mr. Green	Mr. O'Sullivan
Mr. Fred Cahill	Mr. Hawkins	Mr. Powell
Mr. James Cahill	Mr. Heffron	Mr. Renshaw
Mr. Cahill	Mr. Hills	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Robert Cameron	Mr. R. S. Jackson	Mr. Seiffert
Mr. Campbell	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Sheahan
Mr. Clyne	Mr. Lawrence Kelly	Mr. Tonge
Mr. Coady	Mr. Landa	Mr. L. J. Tully
Mr. Crook	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Walsh
Mr. Dalton	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wattison
Mr. Downing	Mr. Maher	Mr. Wetherell
Mr. Dring	Mr. Mallam	Mr. Williams
Mr. Earl	Mr. Mannix	Mr. Wyatt
Mr. Enticknap	Mr. Morgan	Tellers,
Mr. Ferguson	Mr. Murphy	Mr. Crabtree
Mr. Fowles	Mr. Nott	Mr. Simpson
Mr. Freeman	Mr. Leo Nott	
Mr. W. McC. Gollan	Mr. O'Neill	

Noes, 30.

Mr. Askin	Mr. Stewart Fraser	Lieut.-Col. Robson
Mr. Jack Beale	Mr. Gamack	Mr. Rose
Mr. Black	Mr. Howarth	Mr. Stephens
Lieut.-Col. Bruzner	Mr. Hunter	Mr. Storey
Mr. Chaffey	Mr. H. E. Jackson	Mr. Treatt
Mr. Crawford	Mr. Jordan	Mr. Willis
Mr. Cutler	Mr. Lawson	Tellers,
Mr. Darby	Mr. McCaw	Mr. Deane
Mr. Dickson	Mr. Morton	Mr. Murden
Mr. Easter	Dr. Parr	
Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Pelly	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Wetherell, the Report was adopted.

And Mr. Speaker having consented to the third reading being taken forthwith,—

Mr. Wetherell moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 50.

Mr. Booth	Mr. Green	Mr. Renshaw
Mr. Fred Cahill	Mr. Hawkins	Mr. Ryan
Mr. James Cahill	Mr. Heffron	Mr. Seiffert
Mr. Robert Cameron	Mr. R. S. Jackson	Mr. Sheahan
Mr. Campbell	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Simpson
Mr. Clyne	Mr. Lawrence Kelly	Mr. Tonge
Mr. Coady	Mr. Landa	Mr. L. J. Tully
Mr. Crabtree	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Walsh
Mr. Crook	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Wattison
Mr. Dalton	Mr. Maher	Mr. Wetherell
Mr. Downing	Mr. Mallam	Mr. Williams
Mr. Dring	Mr. Mannix	Mr. Wyatt
Mr. Earl	Mr. Morgan	Tellers,
Mr. Enticknap	Mr. Murphy	Mr. Hills
Mr. Ferguson	Mr. Nott	Mr. Leo Nott
Mr. Fowles	Mr. O'Neill	
Mr. Freeman	Mr. O'Sullivan	
Mr. W. McC. Gollan	Mr. Powell	

30th March, 1955.

Noes, 33.

Mr. Askin	Mr. Fitzgerald	Dr. Parr
Mr. Jack Beale	Mr. Stewart Fraser	Lieut.-Col. Robson
Mr. Black	Mr. Gamack	Mr. Rose
Mr. Brain	Mr. Howarth	Mr. Stephens
Lieut.-Col. Bruxner	Mr. Hunter	Mr. Storey
Mr. Chaffey	Mr. H. E. Jackson	Mr. Treatt
Mr. Crawford	Mr. Jordan	Mr. Willis
Mr. Cutler	Mr. Lawson	Tellers,
Mr. Darby	Mr. McCaw	Mr. Hearnshaw
Mr. Deane	Mr. Morton	Mr. Pelly
Mr. Dickson	Mr. Murden	
Mr. Easter	Mr. Padman	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "An Act to make provision for limiting the amount of compensation recoverable against the Commissioner for Railways in respect of damages to property caused by fire; for this purpose to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912-1953; and for purposes connected therewith,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 30th March, 1955.

10. DISTRICT COURTS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Sheahan, pursuant to leave granted This Day, presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to make further provision with respect to the jurisdiction of District Courts; to extend the area within which bailiffs of District Courts may discharge certain functions; for these and other purposes to amend the District Courts Act, 1912, the Small Debts Recovery Act, 1912, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the second reading stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

11. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Landa moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

And Mr. Landa having spoken in Reply,—

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Landa, the Report was adopted.

Ordered by Mr. Deputy-Speaker, That the third reading stand an Order of the Day for a later hour of the Day.

12. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. O'Sullivan and read by Mr. Speaker:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 87.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make provision for the issue to persons of licenses to practise in one or more branches of medicine or surgery or both; to prescribe the qualifications of persons to whom those licenses may be issued and the powers and privileges of those persons; to enable those persons to obtain registration as medical practitioners in certain events; to authorise the payment of fees to members of the New South Wales Medical Board; for these purposes to amend the Medical Practitioners Act, 1938-1953, in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.

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Sydney, 30th March, 1955.

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30th March, 1955.

13. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Land and Valuation Court (Amendment) Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "An Act to authorise the temporary appointment of additional judges of the Land and Valuation Court; for this and other purposes to amend the Land and Valuation Court Act, 1921, as amended by subsequent Acts, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th March, 1955.

W. E. DICKSON.
President.

(2.) Crimes (Amendment) Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "An Act to amend the Crimes Act, 1900, the Justices Act, 1902, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th March, 1955.

W. E. DICKSON.
President.

CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the amendments referred to in Message of 30th March, 1955.

J. R. STEVENSON,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

No. 1.—Page 4, clause 3. After line 10 insert:—

"(b) where the offence is an offence under section 81A of this Act, be liable to imprisonment for twelve months;"

No. 2.—Page 5, clause 4, lines 9 to 19 inclusive. Omit all words on these lines and insert in lieu thereof:—

"440A. Where a person is convicted on indictment of an offence mentioned in section four hundred and seventy-seven of this Act and the evidence before the Court is such that if—

"(a) that person had been charged before a Justice or Justices with that offence; and

"(b) the same evidence had been given before the Justice or Justices, the Justice or Justices would, with the consent of that person, have had power to hear and determine the charge in a summary manner under Chapter I of Part XIV of this Act, then the Court shall have the same power to impose a fine in respect of that offence as the Justice or Justices would have had if that person had pleaded guilty to, or been convicted of, the charge pursuant to that Chapter.

"Nothing in this section affects any power of the Court to deal with the person so convicted or his property in any other manner in which the Court, apart from this section, has power to deal with him or his property, but any fine imposed under this section shall be in lieu of any period of penal servitude or imprisonment that might otherwise be imposed when sentence is being passed for the offence of which he is so convicted.

"Section eighty-two of the Justices Act, 1902-1955, does not apply to or in respect of any fine imposed under this section."

Examined,—

E. G. WRIGHT,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Deputy-Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the Day.

4. HIRE-PURCHASE AGREEMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Sheahan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Murden (by consent) moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

30th March, 1955.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for a later hour of the Day.

15. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Bill, on motion of Mr. Landa, read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision relating to the constitution of the Industrial Commission of New South Wales; to enable non-practising barristers and solicitors to be appointed as members of the said Commission; to authorise the inclusion of provisions relating to retiring allowances in certain awards and industrial agreements; to validate certain matters; for these purposes to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1940-1954; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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16. HIRE-PURCHASE AGREEMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Sheahan, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And Mr. Sheahan having spoken in Reply,—

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Freeman, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Sheahan, the Report was adopted.

And Mr. Deputy-Speaker having consented to the third reading being taken forthwith,—

Bill, on motion of Mr. Sheahan, read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the minimum-deposit provisions of the law relating to hire-purchase agreements; for this and other purposes to amend the Hire-purchase Agreements Act, 1941, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 30th March, 1955.

17. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) Government Railways (Amendment) Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for limiting the amount of compensation recoverable against the Commissioner for Railways in respect of damages to property caused by fire; for this purpose to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912-1953; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 30th March, 1955.

W. E. DICKSON,

President.

- (2.) Fire Brigades (Amendment) Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to make provision for and in relation to the ordinary working hours of certain firemen and officers of fire brigades employed by the*

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Board of Fire Commissioners of New South Wales; for this purpose to amend the Fire Brigades Act, 1909, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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W. E. DICKSON,
President.

FIRE BRIGADES (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the amendment referred to in Message of 30th March, 1955.

J. R. STEVENSON,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 4, clause 2. After line 14 insert:—

“(5) Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring the ordinary hours of duty and leave of officers of fire brigades employed in the Sydney and Newcastle Fire Districts on special duties and station officers employed outside the said districts at fire stations where there are not more than two station officers employed to be so arranged as to provide that such hours be worked on a system of three shifts per day.

“(6) Wages and salaries fixed in respect of firemen or officers of fire brigades by any award in force upon the appointed day referred to in subsection one of this section or any award made after such appointed day shall not be reduced by reason of any reduction of the average ordinary working hours for firemen and officers of fire brigades by or under this section.”

Examined,—

E. G. WRIGHT,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, by Mr. Deputy-Speaker, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

18. PUBLIC SERVICE AND OTHER STATUTORY BODIES (LONG SERVICE LEAVE) BILL:—

The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Cahill moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Freeman, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Cahill, the Report was adopted.

And Mr. Deputy-Speaker having consented to the third reading being taken forthwith,—

Bill, on motion of Mr. Cahill, read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “An Act to make further provision relating to long service leave and the payment of the money value thereof in respect of officers of the Public Service, the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission, and the Departments of Main Roads, Railways, Government Transport and Motor Transport, and members of the Police Force; for these purposes to amend the Public Service (Amendment) Act, 1919, the Irrigation Act, 1912, the Main Roads Act, 1924, the Government Railways Act, 1912, the Transport Act, 1930, the Police Regulation Act, 1899, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,” —presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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19. PASTURES PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Nott moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Debate ensued.

Mr. Jack Beale (*by consent*) moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for To-morrow.

20. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision relating to the constitution of the Industrial Commission of New South Wales; to enable non-practising barristers and solicitors to be appointed as members of the said Commission; to authorise the inclusion of provisions relating to retiring allowances in certain awards and industrial agreements; to validate certain matters; for these purposes to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1940-1954; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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W. E. DICKSON,
President.

The House adjourned at Twenty-nine minutes after Twelve o'clock midnight, until Eleven o'clock, a.m., This Day.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 67.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 31 MARCH, 1955.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS:—Mr. Speaker called on Notices of Motions and Questions.
2. PAPERS:—
 - Mr. Cahill laid upon the Table the following Papers:—
 - (1.) Proclamation under the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906, and the Government Savings Bank Amendment Act, 1913.
 - (2.) Copy Report of the Police Department, together with Appendices, for 1954.
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
 - Mr. Wetherell laid upon the Table—By-laws under the Government Railways Act, 1912-1953.
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
 - Mr. Hawkins laid upon the Table the following Papers:—
 - (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated for public purposes in accordance with the provisions of section 24 of the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
 - (2.) Gazette Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with certain land under section 25 of the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913.
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
 - Mr. Nott laid upon the Table—Report of the Dried Fruits Board of New South Wales, together with Balance-sheet and Statement of Accounts, for 1954.
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
3. PASTURES PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Nott, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
 - And the Question being again proposed,—
 - The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
 - And Mr. Nott having spoken in Reply,—
 - Question put and passed.
 - Bill read a second time.

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Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Freeman, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Nott, the Report was adopted.

And Mr. Deputy-Speaker having consented to the third reading being taken forthwith,—

Bill, on motion of Mr. Nott, read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for increased contributions by Pastures Protection Boards to Dingo Destruction Boards; to increase the Pastures Protection rate; for these and other purposes to amend the Pastures Protection Act, 1934-1954; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 31st March, 1955.*

4. MURRUMBIDGEE ELECTRICITY UNDERTAKING TRANSFER BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Renshaw moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Freeman, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Renshaw, the Report was adopted.

And Mr. Speaker having consented to the third reading being taken forthwith,—

Bill, on motion of Mr. Renshaw, read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make certain provisions consequent upon and supplemental to the transfer to the Murrumbidgee County Council of the electricity undertaking formerly conducted in the Murrumbidgee County District by the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission; to amend the Local Government Act, 1919, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 31st March, 1955.*

3. VACANT SEAT—ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF CLARENCE:—

(1.) *Issue and Return of Writ:—*Mr. Speaker informed the House that, upon the passing of the Resolution of 23rd February, 1955, declaring vacant the seat of Cecil Gordon Wingfield, Esquire, deceased, he had issued a Writ on 2nd March, 1955, for the election of a Member to serve in the room of the said Cecil Gordon Wingfield, and such Writ had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of William Robert Weiley, Esquire, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of Clarence.

(2.) *Member Sworn:—*William Robert Weiley, Esquire, was introduced, and, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Clarence.

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6. GAS AND ELECTRICITY (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Renshaw moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Green moved, That the Question be now put.

Question put,—“That the Question be now put.”

The House divided.

Ayes, 46.

Mr. Fred Cahill	Mr. Green	Mr. Renshaw
Mr. Cahill	Mr. Hawkins	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Robert Cameron	Mr. Heffron	Mr. Seiffert
Mr. Campbell	Mr. R. S. Jackson	Mr. Sheahan
Mr. Clyne	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Simpson
Mr. Coady	Mr. Landa	Mr. Tonge
Mr. Crook	Mr. McGrath	Mr. L. J. Tully
Mr. Dalton	Mr. McMahon	Mr. Walsh
Mr. Downing	Mr. Maher	Mr. Wattison
Mr. Dring	Mr. Mallam	Mr. Wetherell
Mr. Earl	Mr. Mannix	Mr. Williams
Mr. Enticknap	Mr. Morgan	Mr. Wyatt
Mr. Ferguson	Mr. Murphy	Tellers,
Mr. Fowles	Mr. Nott	Mr. Crabtree
Mr. Freeman	Mr. Leo Nott	Mr. Hills
Mr. W. McC. Gollan	Mr. O'Neill	

Noes, 29.

Mr. Askin	Mr. Howarth	Mr. Rose
Mr. Black	Mr. Hunter	Mr. Stephens
Mr. Brain	Mr. Jackson	Mr. Storey
Mr. Chaffey	Mr. H. E. Jackson	Mr. Treatt
Mr. Crawford	Mr. McCaw	Mr. Willis
Mr. Cutler	Mr. Murden	Tellers,
Mr. Dickson	Mr. Padman	Mr. Deane
Mr. Easter	Dr. Parr	Mr. Morton
Mr. Stewart Fraser	Mr. Pelly	
Mr. Gamack	Mr. Robinson	
Mr. Hearnshaw	Lieut.-Col. Robson	

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists that the number in favour of the motion, being a majority, consisted of “at least thirty Members,”—

Original Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Tully, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Renshaw, the Report was adopted.

And Mr. Deputy-Speaker having consented to the third reading being taken forthwith,—

Bill, on motion of Mr. Renshaw, read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “An Act to make further provision in relation to the standard rates of dividend applicable to certain gas companies and to the issue of additional shares by such companies; for these and other purposes to amend the Gas and Electricity Act, 1935, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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7. NEW SOUTH WALES STATE CANCER COUNCIL BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Kelly, on behalf of Mr. O'Sullivan, moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

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Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Freeman, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Kelly, the Report was adopted.

And Mr. Deputy-Speaker having consented to the third reading being taken forthwith,—

Bill, on motion of Mr. Kelly, read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the establishment and incorporation of a New South Wales State Cancer Council and to define its powers, authorities, duties and functions; to vest certain moneys in that Council; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 31st March, 1955.*

8. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Hearnshaw, as Chairman, brought up the Fifteenth Report from the Printing Committee.

9. PETROLEUM BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. W. McC. Gollan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

And Mr. Gollan having spoken in Reply,—

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Freeman, Acting-Speaker, left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Gollan, the Report was adopted.

And Mr. Speaker having consented to the third reading being taken forthwith,—

Bill, on motion of Mr. Gollan, read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision whereby all petroleum and helium existing in a natural state on or below the surface of any land becomes or remains the property of the Crown; to regulate and control the search for and mining of petroleum; to amend the Mining Act, 1906-1952, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 31st March, 1955.*

10. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Murrumbidgee Electricity Undertaking Transfer Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make certain provisions consequent upon and supplemental to the transfer to the Murrumbidgee County Council of the electricity undertaking formerly conducted in the Murrumbidgee County District by the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission; to amend the Local Government Act, 1919, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 31st March, 1955.*

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

31st March, 1955.

(2.) Public Service and Other Statutory Bodies (Long Service Leave) Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "An Act to make further provision relating to long service leave and the payment of the money value thereof in respect of officers of the Public Service, the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission, and the Departments of Main Roads, Railways, Government Transport and Motor Transport, and members of the Police Force; for these purposes to amend the Public Service (Amendment) Act, 1919, the Irrigation Act, 1912, the Main Roads Act, 1924, the Government Railways Act, 1912, the Transport Act, 1930, the Police Regulation Act, 1899, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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W. E. DICKSON,
President.

(3.) Gas and Electricity (Amendment) Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "An Act to make further provision in relation to the standard rates of dividend applicable to certain gas companies and to the issue of additional shares by such companies; for these and other purposes to amend the Gas and Electricity Act, 1935, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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W. E. DICKSON,
President.

11. DISTRICT COURTS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Sheahan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Freeman, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. Sheahan, the Report was adopted.

And Mr. Deputy-Speaker having consented to the third reading being taken forthwith,—

Bill, on motion of Mr. Sheahan, read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "An Act to make further provision with respect to the jurisdiction of District Courts; to extend the area within which bailiffs of District Courts may discharge certain functions; for these and other purposes to amend the District Courts Act, 1912, the Small Debts Recovery Act, 1912, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 31st March, 1955.

12. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) New South Wales State Cancer Council Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "An Act to provide for the establishment and incorporation of a New South Wales State Cancer Council and to define its powers, authorities, duties and functions; to vest certain moneys in that Council; and for purposes connected therewith,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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W. E. DICKSON,
President.

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(2.) Hire-purchase Agreements (Amendment) Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "An Act to amend the minimum-deposit provisions of the law relating to hire-purchase agreements; for this and other purposes to amend the Hire-purchase Agreements Act, 1941, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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W. E. DICKSON,
President.

HIRE-PURCHASE AGREEMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the amendments referred to in Message of 31st March, 1955.

J. R. STEVENSON,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

No. 1.—Page 2, clause 2. After line 10 insert:—

" 'Banker' means—

"(a) the Rural Bank of New South Wales;

"(b) any body corporate authorised to carry on banking business under the Commonwealth Bank Act 1945 (as amended by subsequent Acts) of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia; or

"(c) any body corporate for the time being specified in the First Schedule to the Banking Act 1945 (as amended by subsequent Acts) of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia."

No. 2.—Page 3, clause 2. After line 23 insert:—

" 'Prescribed' means prescribed by this Part or by any regulation made thereunder."

No. 3.—Page 3, clause 2, line 39. After "of" insert:—

"— (a) where the minimum amount of the deposit is not prescribed under paragraph (b) of this subsection,".

No. 4.—Pages 3 and 4, clause 2, line 39 on page 3 and lines 1 to 3 inclusive on page 4. Omit "(or such other fraction as may for the time being be fixed in lieu thereof by the Governor by proclamation published in the Gazette)".

No. 5.—Page 4, clause 2, line 4. After "agreement" insert:—

"or

"(b) where the minimum amount of the deposit is prescribed under this paragraph, not less than such amount as may for the time being be prescribed,".

No. 6.—Page 4, clause 2, lines 6 and 7. Omit all words on these lines and insert in lieu thereof:—

"A regulation may prescribe—

"(i) that the amount referred to in paragraph (b) of this subsection shall be at such rate or rates or shall be calculated on such basis or bases (whether by reference to the purchase-price of the goods the subject of the agreement or otherwise) as may be specified in the regulation;

"(ii) rates or bases varying in accordance with different amounts of purchase-price, different durations of hire-purchase agreements or otherwise."

No. 7.—Page 4, clause 2, line 10. After "by" insert "or under".

No. 8.—Page 4, clause 2, lines 18 to 24 inclusive. Omit "(other than the Rural Bank of New South Wales or any body corporate authorised to carry on banking business under the Commonwealth Bank Act 1945 or the Banking Act 1945 of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia or under any amendment of those Acts)" and insert in lieu thereof,— "other than a banker,".

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No. 9.—Page 4, clause 2, line 28. After “by” insert “or under”.

No. 10.—Page 6, clause 2, line 11. After “required” insert “by or”.

No. 11.—Page 7, clause 2. After line 31 insert:—

“39. (1) The Governor may make regulations, not inconsistent with this Part, prescribing all matters that are permitted to be prescribed by this Part or that are necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Part.

“(2) The regulation shall—

“(a) be published in the Gazette;

“(b) take effect from the date of publication or from a later date to be specified in the regulations; and

“(c) be laid before both Houses of Parliament within fourteen sitting days after publication thereof if Parliament is in session, and if not, then within fourteen sitting days after the commencement of the next session.

“If either House of Parliament passes a resolution of which notice has been given at any time within fifteen sitting days after such regulations have been laid before such House disallowing any regulation or part thereof, such regulation or part shall thereupon cease to have effect.”

Examined,—

E. G. WRIGHT,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Deputy-Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the Day.

(3.) Pastures Protection (Amendment) Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled “An Act to provide for increased contributions by Pastures Protection Boards to Dingo Destruction Boards; to increase the Pastures Protection rate; for these and other purposes to amend the Pastures Protection Act, 1934-1954; and for purposes connected therewith,”—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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Sydney, 31st March, 1955.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

PASTURES PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the amendments referred to in Message of 31st March, 1955.

J. R. STEVENSON,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

No. 1.—Page 2, clause 2. After line 12 insert the following Proviso:—

“Provided that the chairman, deputy-chairman, or member elected to be chairman for a meeting, shall not, in the case of an equality of votes at an election of chairman or deputy-chairman, have a deliberative as well as a casting vote.”

No. 2.—Page 5, clause 2. After line 7 insert:—

“(iii) by inserting next after paragraph (d) of the same subsection the following new paragraph:—

“(d1) stock, pigs or goats owned by the occupier of land bounded or intersected by the travelling stock reserve where a boundary or dividing fence which existed between such land and the travelling stock reserve has ceased to be stock proof by reason of fire, flood, storm or other cause beyond the control of the occupier and such occupier has not had reasonable opportunity to restore or repair effectively such boundary or dividing fence;”.

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No. 3.—Page 6, clause 2. After line 7 insert:—

“(m) by inserting next after section ninety-seven the following new section:—

“97A. (1) A dingo destruction board may insure its members against personal injury, whether fatal or not, arising out of or in the course of—

“(a) their attendance at any meeting of the dingo destruction board or a committee thereof which they are authorised or required to attend; or

“(b) their undertaking or performing any business of the dingo destruction board with the prior approval of the dingo destruction board; or

“(c) any journey in connection with such business.

“(2) In respect of any such contract of insurance the dingo destruction board shall be deemed to have an insurable interest.

“(3) Any sum received by the dingo destruction board under any such contract of insurance, after deducting therefrom any expenses incurred in the recovery thereof, shall be paid by it to, or to the personal representative of, the member in respect of whom the sum was received.”

Examined,—

E. G. WRIGHT,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Deputy-Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the Day.

13. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Kelly, on behalf of Mr. O'Sullivan, moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Freeman, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Kelly, the Report was adopted.

And Mr. Deputy-Speaker having consented to the third reading being taken forthwith,—

Bill, on motion of Mr. Kelly, read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “An Act to make provision for the issue to persons of licenses to practise in one or more branches of medicine or surgery or both; to prescribe the qualifications of persons to whom those licenses may be issued and the powers and privileges of those persons; to enable those persons to obtain registration as medical practitioners in certain events; to authorise the payment of fees to members of the New South Wales Medical Board; for these purposes to amend the Medical Practitioners Act, 1938-1953, in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 31st March, 1955.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

31st March, 1955.

14. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Petroleum Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision whereby all petroleum and helium existing in a natural state on or below the surface of any land becomes or remains the property of the Crown; to regulate and control the search for and mining of petroleum; to amend the Mining Act, 1906-1952, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 31st March, 1955.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

(2.) District Courts (Amendment) Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision with respect to the jurisdiction of District Courts; to extend the area within which bailiffs of District Courts may discharge certain functions; for these and other purposes to amend the District Courts Act, 1912, the Small Debts Recovery Act, 1912, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 31st March, 1955.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

15. REAL PROPERTY (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Sheahan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 1 APRIL, 1955, A.M.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Freeman, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Sheahan, the Report was adopted.

And Mr. Deputy-Speaker having consented to the third reading being taken forthwith,—

Bill, on motion of Mr. Sheahan, read a third time.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council with the following Message,—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the destruction or disposal of certain documents; for this purpose to amend the Real Property Act, 1900, as amended by subsequent Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st April, 1955, a.m.

16. CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, on motion of Mr. Sheahan, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Freeman, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Sheahan, the Report was adopted.

31st March, 1955.

The following Message sent to the Legislative Council:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Crimes Act, 1900, the Justices Act, 1902, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st April, 1955, a.m.

17. HIRE-PURCHASE AGREEMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, on motion of Mr. Sheahan, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Freeman, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Sheahan, the Report was adopted.

The following Message sent to the Legislative Council:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the minimum-deposit provisions of the law relating to hire-purchase agreements; for this and other purposes to amend the Hire-purchase Agreements Act, 1941, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st April, 1955, a.m.

18. FIRE BRIGADES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, on motion of Mr. Kelly, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Freeman, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment.

On motion of Mr. Kelly, the Report was adopted.

The following Message sent to the Legislative Council:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for and in relation to the ordinary working hours of certain firemen and officers of fire brigades employed by the Board of Fire Commissioners of New South Wales; for this purpose to amend the Fire Brigades Act, 1909, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st April, 1955, a.m.

19. PASTURES PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, on motion of Mr. Cahill, on behalf of Mr. Nott, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Freeman, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Cahill, the Report was adopted.

31st March, 1955.

The following Message sent to the Legislative Council:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for increased contributions by Pastures Protection Boards to Dingo Destruction Boards; to increase the Pastures Protection rate; for these and other purposes to amend the Pastures Protection Act, 1934-1954; and for purposes connected therewith.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st April, 1955, a.m.

20. PAPER:—

Mr. Hawkins laid upon the Table—Particulars respecting the proposed acquisition by the Government, for Closer Settlement purposes, of parts of the following Estates:—Bando, Benangaroo, Brookong, Brigalows and Currangandi, Colly Creek, Glen Moan Outstation, Gurley, Kangarooobie, Lookout, Mayvale, Mount Lindsay, Newstead South, Rawdon, Round Hill, Talbragar, Wambianna, West Warrah, Uliman.

Ordered to be printed.

21. CLOSER SETTLEMENT—RESUMPTION OF ESTATES:—Mr. Hawkins moved, pursuant to Notice, That pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Closer Settlement Acts, this House approves of the Governor resuming from the owners the lands comprised in the following estates:—

Part "Bando" Estate, owned by N. H. and H. W. Bishop situated between Mullally and Tambar Springs, the nearest Railway Station being Premier on the Dubbo-Werris Creek Line, distant about 21 miles, comprising an area of about 8,000 acres.

Part "Gurley" Estate, owned by the Trustees of the Estate of the late John Simson, situated on the eastern side of the railway line between Narrabri and Moree adjacent to the village of Gurley, comprising an area of about 16,036 acres.

Part "Newstead South" Estate, owned by Newstead South Pastoral Company Limited, situated on Gwydir Highway about 16 miles from Inverell and about 22 miles from Glen Innes, comprising an area of about 12,700 acres.

Part "Rawdon" Estate, owned by J. K. Kerr, situated on the Central Tablelands, about 1 to 4 miles north-easterly from Rylstone, comprising an area of about 2,283 acres.

Part "Round Hill" Estate, owned by Guy Windeyer Caldwell, situated adjacent on the south to the Village and Railway Station of Bribbaree and on the north-west to Eurabba Railway Siding on the Branch Line from Stockinbingal to Forbes, comprising an area of about 6,800 acres.

Part "Uliman" Estate, owned by Uliman Pastoral Company Proprietary Limited, situated about 18 miles easterly from Ulamabri and 20 miles from Coonabarrabran, comprising an area of about 2,582 acres.

Part "Brookong" Estate, owned by T. A. Doman & Co. Limited and Riverina Estates Ltd., situated about 7 miles south-westerly of Lockhart and fronting the main Urana-Lockhart road, comprising an area of about 3,200 acres.

Part "Kangarooobie" Estate, owned by Dalton Estate Pty. Ltd., situated about 8 miles north-westerly from Orange and about 12 miles south-easterly from Molong, comprising an area of about 4,271 acres.

Part "Lookout" Estate, owned by Dalton Estate Pty. Ltd., situated about 20 miles northerly from Orange, about 20 miles easterly from Molong and about 8 miles from Euchareena Village and Rail, comprising an area of about 5,550 acres.

Part "Colly Creek" Estate, owned by Miss V. K. R. Weatherly and Mrs. F. A. F. Weatherly, situated about 2 miles northerly from Willow Tree and about 4 miles south of Quirindi, comprising an area of about 3,960 acres.

Part "Mayvale" Estate, owned by the Executors of the late Clifford Philip Wilson, situated about 18 miles westerly from Barraba, comprising an area of about 1,400 acres.

Part "Mount Lindsay" Estate, owned by Philip Arlington Wilson, situated about 28 miles westerly from Barraba, comprising an area of about 3,200 acres.

Parts "Brigalows" and "Currangandi" Estates, owned by Kenneth Wilson and (Mrs.) Margaret Wilson, the southern part is situated about 20 miles from Barraba, the central part about 23 miles and the northern part about 26 miles from that town, comprising an area of about 3,500 acres in three separate parts.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

31st March, 1955.

22. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Medical Practitioners (Amendment) Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for the issue to persons of licenses to practise in one or more branches of medicine or surgery or both; to prescribe the qualifications of persons to whom those licenses may be issued and the powers and privileges of those persons; to enable those persons to obtain registration as medical practitioners in certain events; to authorise the payment of fees to members of the New South Wales Medical Board; for these purposes to amend the Medical Practitioners Act, 1938-1953, in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 1st April, 1955, a.m.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

(2.) Real Property (Amendment) Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the destruction or disposal of certain documents; for this purpose to amend the Real Property Act, 1900, as amended by subsequent Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 1st April, 1955, a.m.

W. E. DICKSON,
President.

23. CLOSER SETTLEMENT—RESUMPTION OF ESTATES:—Mr. Hawkins moved, pursuant to Notice, That pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Closer Settlement Acts, this House approves of the Governor resuming from the owners the lands comprised in the following estates:—

Part "West Warrah" (formerly "Windy") Estate, owned by Australian Agricultural Company situated about 29 miles from Quirindi Town and Railway Station; about 35 miles from Willow Tree Railway Station and Township; and about 21 miles from Carroona Railway Siding on the Werris Creek-Binnaway Line, comprising an area of about 18,250 acres.

Part "Benangaroo" Estate, owned by Benangaroo Pty. Ltd., situated about 5 miles easterly from Jugiong, about 20 miles north-easterly from Coolac, about 27 miles southerly from Harden and about 33 miles westerly from Yass, comprising an area of about 9,284 acres.

Part "Talbragar" Estate, owned by Peter White and Miss Constance White, situated about 6 to 10 miles south-easterly from Coolah, comprising an area of about 2,460 acres.

Part "Wambianna" Estate, owned by S. Austin and Mrs. B. Halliday, situated on the Macquarie River about 11 miles from Warren, and about 18 miles from Trangie, comprising an area of about 5,400 acres.

Part "Glen Moan Outstation" (formerly "Staplegrove") Estate, owned by Taiping Investments (Australia) Pty. Limited, situated about 34 miles from Willow Tree Railway Station and Township, comprising an area of about 3,355 acres.

Question put and passed.

24. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Cahill (*by consent*) moved, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House, at its rising This Day, do adjourn until Thursday, 12th May, 1955, at Eleven o'clock, a.m., unless Mr. Speaker, or if Mr. Speaker be unable to act on account of illness or other cause, the Chairman of Committees, shall, prior to that date by telegram or letter addressed to each Member of the House, fix an earlier day and/or hour of meeting.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at Ten mintes after One o'clock, a.m., until Thursday, 12th May, 1955, at Eleven o'clock, a.m., unless an earlier day and/or hour be fixed in accordance with the terms of the Resolution adopted at this Sitting.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.



PROCLAMATION.

<p>NEW SOUTH WALES, TO WIT. (L.S.) J. NORTHCOTT, <i>Governor.</i></p>	}	<p>By His Excellency Sir JOHN NORTHCOTT, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-General on the Retired List of the Australian Military Forces, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia.</p>
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WHEREAS the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of the State of New South Wales now stand adjourned to Tuesday, the twenty-fourth day of May, 1955, and Thursday, the twelfth day of May, 1955, respectively: NOW, I, Sir JOHN NORTHCOTT, in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested as Governor of the said State, do hereby prorogue the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly to Thursday, the twenty-eighth day of July, 1955.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Sydney, this eleventh day of May, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five, and in the fourth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. J. CAHILL.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

1954-55.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE
CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

(PROROGUED, 11th MAY, 1955.)

QUESTIONS:—

- 1. Alleged Communist Saboteurs:—**Mr. Murden asked the Premier and Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to a report in the *Daily Telegraph* of the 17th September last of a meeting of the State Labour Council held the previous evening?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the President of the Labour Council, Mr. J. Shortell, is reported to have said that there were a lot of Communist saboteurs at that meeting?
 - (3.) If the answer to (2.) above is in the affirmative can he obtain and, if so, inform the House of the names of the alleged Communist saboteurs?
- 2. Mental Hospital Inquiry:—**Mr. Askin asked the Minister for Health,—
- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to a front-page article in the *Sun* of 9th December, 1954, by Mr. Oliver Hogue containing refutations of official statements by the Inspector-General of Mental Hospitals and saying that three doctors have asserted that the Minister was out of touch with the mental hospitals problem?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that there is substantial public demand for an independent inquiry into alleged shocking conditions in mental hospitals?
 - (3.) If the answers to (1.) and (2.) above are in the affirmative, will he reconsider his previous decision against such an inquiry?
- 3. Allegation Against Journalist:—**Lieut.-Col. Robson asked the Minister for Health,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that when speaking in the House on 7th December, 1954, he referred to what he termed a "filthy article" that had been written by a journalist in regard to the Peat Island Hospital?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that he also said that the Ethics Committee of the Australian Journalists' Association had dealt with this journalist and that he had been removed from his position?
 - (3.) Is it further a fact that the Assistant Secretary of the Australian Journalists' Association wrote to him saying that the Ethics Committee of the Association did not deal with the case as suggested by him and that the journalist concerned has informed the Association that he has not been removed from his position?
 - (4.) If the answers to (1.) to (3.) above are in the affirmative, will he, in order to make amends to the journalist concerned, now withdraw any suggestion that this journalist had been dealt with by the Ethics Committee of the Association and that he had been removed from his position and express regret in a suitable manner for making the allegations?

4. Sydney Harbour Bridge Traffic:—Mr. Darby asked the Minister for Transport,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that when the Sydney Harbour Bridge was designed, provision was made for railway tracks on both sides of the Bridge?
 - (2.) Is it a fact, also, that as a temporary expedient trams were run along the eastern side of the Bridge?
 - (3.) Is it further a fact that the policy of the Transport Department is to reduce the number of tram services and that this policy has been implemented on the North Shore?
 - (4.) Is it a fact that one-third of the carriageway of the Bridge is now working below capacity?
 - (5.) Does this add to the serious congestion of the Bridge?
 - (6.) If the answers to (1.) to (5.) above are in the affirmative, will he inform the House of any plans to deal with the situation?
5. Stockton-Newcastle Crossing:—Mr. Fitzgerald asked the Minister for Transport,—
- Will he inform the House,—
- (1.) Whether a start has yet been made with the investigation into the possibility of constructing a bridge or tunnel between Stockton and Newcastle?
 - (2.) Has a tunnel recently been constructed under the Schelde River at Antwerp?
 - (3.) Are the plans of the Antwerp tunnel available, and can they be submitted to the Minister for his consideration?
 - (4.) What is the annual cost of running and maintaining a vehicular punt between Stockton and Newcastle?
 - (5.) Would the present cost of running a punt service pay the cost of a bridge or tunnel in a few years?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. SHEAHAN to move,—

That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the keeping of billiard-tables; to repeal the Billiards and Bagatelle Act, 1902; to amend the Liquor Act, 1912, the Liquor (Amendment) Act, 1916, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Interest Reduction (Amendment) Bill; second reading. [Mr. Cahill.]
2. Corneal and Tissue Grafting Bill; second reading. [Mr. O'Sullivan.]
3. Private Inquiry Agents Bill; second reading. [Mr. Sheahan.]
4. Police Regulation (Amendment) Bill; second reading. [Mr. Cahill.]
5. Police Offences (Amendment) Bill; second reading. [Mr. Kelly.]
6. Banks and Bank Holidays (Amendment) Bill; second reading. [Mr. Kelly.]
7. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
8. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Capital Works Projects; resumption of the adjourned debate on the motion of Mr. Black,—
 - “(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the administration and conduct of the Capital Works Projects of New South Wales Governments since 30th June, 1946, with particular reference to—
 - “(a) The suspension of work on authorised projects;
 - “(b) The non-completion of authorised projects;
 - “(c) The inflationary effect of capital expenditure where work on such authorised projects has been suspended or where such projects have not been completed;
 - “(d) The reasons for such suspension or non-completion;
 - “(e) The rate at which work on such projects has progressed;
 - “(f) The wisdom of extending from time to time the programme of Capital Works while projects previously commenced have remained uncompleted;
 - “(g) The wisdom of setting up a Standing Committee of this House to inquire into and report on the advisability of commencing Capital Works Projects.
 - “(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cahill, Mr. Renshaw, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Leo Nott, Mr. James Cahill, Mr. Chaffey, Mr. Cutler, Mr. Pelly and the mover.

"(3.) That such Committee have leave to sit during the sittings or any adjournment of the House and to make visits of inspection within the State of New South Wales and to other States of the Commonwealth."

2. Federal and State Governments' Relations; resumption of the adjourned debate on the motion of Mr. Murphy,—“That, in the opinion of this House,—

“(1.) There have been marked encroachments on the powers of this sovereign Parliament of New South Wales by the Federal Parliament of Australia and that such encroachments are contrary to the spirit and purpose of the Australian Constitution and are detrimental to the interests, welfare and future development of this, the Mother State and the major State of the Commonwealth;

“(2.) These encroachments similarly affect the rights and powers of the Parliaments of the other sovereign States of the Commonwealth and ‘therefore’ representations on the question should be made by the Government to the other States as soon as practicable, with a view of determining a basis upon which to approach the Federal Government to request appropriate constitutional ‘amendments’; and

“(3.) In the consideration of constitutional revision the States’ share of taxation should be proportionate to the exercise by the States of their constitutional powers and functions.”

Upon which Lieut.-Col. Bruxner had moved, “That the Question be amended ‘by leaving out in paragraph (2) all the words after the word ‘therefore’ down to and including the word ‘amendments’ with a view of inserting instead thereof the words ‘this Parliament supports the appointment of a Constitutional Convention as promised by the Menzies-Fadden Government for the purposes of reviewing the Commonwealth Constitution particularly in regard to the relationship between the Commonwealth and the States and the creation of new States.’”

3. Air Pollution in Industrial Areas; resumption of the adjourned debate on the motion of Mr. Treatt,—“That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should appoint a Committee of technical experts (a) to investigate and report upon the incidence and causes of atmospheric pollution in industrial areas of New South Wales; and (b) to recommend any measures which should be taken in the public interest to abate such air pollution.”

1954-55.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNTS-OUT
AND RECORD OF PAIRS DURING THE
SESSION OF 1954-55.

Total number of Divisions in the House, 24; Divisions in Committee, 47; Counts-out, Nil.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts- out.	Total Divisions attended.	Number of times paired.
Armstrong, Thomas, Esq.	15	39	...	54	...
Askin, Robin William, Esq.	24	46	...	70	...
Beale, Jack Gordon, Esq., A.S.T.C., Mech. Eng., A.M.ASCE., M.A.S.M.E., A.M.I.E. (Aust.)	17	38	...	55	...
Black, Ivan Carlisle, Esq., LL.B.	22	45	...	67	...
Booth, George, Esq. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>)	19	1	...	20	...
Brain, George William, Esq., F.C.A. (Aust.)	23	45	...	68	...
Bruxner, Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. Michael Frederick, D.S.O....	22	41	...	63	...
Cahill, Frederick Joseph, Esq.	24	38	...	62	...
Cahill, James Edward, Esq.	20	37	...	57	...
Cahill, The Hon. John Joseph	23	40	...	63	...
Cameron, Robert, Esq.	19	38	...	57	...
Campbell, George Glover, Esq.	23	47	...	70	...
Chaffey, William Adolphus, Esq.	23	40	...	63	...
Chalmers, James, Esq.	2	10	...	12	...
Clyne, The Hon. Daniel	21	32	...	53	...
Coady, Reginald Francis John, Esq.	24	45	...	69	...
Connor, Reginald Francis Xavier, Esq.	14	36	...	50	...
Crabtree, William Frederick Farrar, Esq.	22	42	...	64	...
Crawford, Geoffrey Robertson, Esq., D.C.M.	22	43	...	65	...
Crook, John William, Esq.	20	36	...	56	...
Cutler, Charles Benjamin, Esq.	20	40	...	60	...
Dalton, Thomas William, Esq.	24	47	...	71	...
Darby, Evelyn Douglas, Esq., B.Ec.	14	25	...	39	...
Deane, Bernard Sydney Llewellyn, Esq.	17	38	...	55	...
Dickson, Samuel Douglas, Esq.	24	43	...	67	...
Downing, Francis George, Esq.	23	45	...	68	...
Dring, Edgar Percy, Esq.	24	46	...	70	...
Earl, Clarence Joseph, Esq.	22	32	...	54	...
Easter, Jack Stuart, Esq.	21	41	...	62	...
Enticknap, The Hon. Ambrose George	24	47	...	71	...
Evatt, The Hon. Clive Raleigh, Q.C., LL.B.	4	12	...	16	...
Ferguson, William John, Esq.	23	44	...	67	...
Fitzgerald, Raymond Leo, Esq.	19	43	...	62	...
Fowles, Howard Thomas, Esq. (<i>Temporary Chairman of Committees</i>)	22	45	...	67	...
Fraser, Donald Stewart, Esq., M.J.I.	24	45	...	69	...
Freeman, John Stanley, Esq. (<i>Temporary Chairman of Committees</i>)	23	33*	...	56	...
Gamack, Radford Baird, Esq.	21	41	...	62	...
Gollan, The Hon. William McCulloch	23	43	...	66	...
Graham, The Hon. Edgar Hugh	10	28	...	38	...
Green, Frederick, Esq.	22	42	...	64	...
Hawkins, The Hon. Francis Harold	24	47	...	71	...
Hearnshaw, Eric, Esq., M.M., B.Ec., Dip. Pub. Ad.	13	31	...	44	...
(a) Heffron, The Hon. Robert James	24	42	...	66	...
(b) Hills, Patrick Darcy, Esq.	24	40	...	64	...
Howarth, Walter Arthur Harrez, Esq.	17	25	...	42	...
Hunter, David Benjamin, Esq.	22	44	...	66	...
Jackson, Harold Ernest, Esq.	18	41	...	59	...

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Jackson, Joseph, Esq.	15	29	...	44	...
Jackson, Roy Stanley, Esq.	24	47	...	71	...
(a) Jordan, Leslie Charles, Esq., LL.B.	11	8	...	19	...
Kelly, The Hon. Christopher Augustus ...	23	35	...	58	...
(g) Kelly, Lawrence Borthwick, Esq.	23	47	...	70	...
Lamb, The Hon. William Henry (<i>Speaker</i>) ...	...	...	...	...	...
Landa, The Hon. Abram, LL.B.	19	39	...	58	...
Lawson, Joseph Alexander, Esq.	19	40	...	59	...
McCaw, Kenneth Malcolm, Esq. (<i>Temporary Chairman of Committees</i>) ...	22	42	...	64	...
McGrath, The Hon. John Francis ...	24	42	...	66	...
McMahon, John Michael Alfred, Esq.	23	45	...	68	...
Maher, Ray Septimus, Esq., B.A.	24	46	...	70	...
Mallam, Heathcote Clifford, Esq.	20	46	...	66	...
Mannix, Norman John, Esq.	23	42	...	65	...
Morgan, Kevin Barry, Esq., LL.B.	19	42	...	61	...
Morton, Philip Henry, Esq.	24	42	...	66	...
Murden, Richard William, Esq.	24	42	...	66	...
Murphy, Thomas Patrick, Esq.	24	46	...	70	...
(c) Nott, Leo Mervyn, Esq.	18	35	...	53	...
Nott, The Hon. Roger Bede ...	24	46	...	70	...
O'Neill, Frank, Esq.	24	44	...	68	...
O'Sullivan, The Hon. Maurice ...	18	33	...	51	...
Padman, Dudley Gordon, Esq.	14	41	...	55	...
Parr, Dr. Leslie James Albert, M.B., Ch.M. ...	19	36	...	55	...
Pelly, Blake Raymond, Esq., O.B.E., M.A. (Cantab.) ...	19	38	...	57	...
Powell, Arthur Thomas, Esq.	9	5	...	14	...
Renshaw, The Hon. John Brophy ...	22	35	...	57	...
(d) Robertson, Clarence Gordon, Esq.	15	25	...	40	...
Robinson, Ian Louis, Esq.	15	22	...	37	...
Robson, Lieut-Colonel Ewan Murray, D.S.O., B.A., LL.B. ...	24	46	...	70	...
Rose, D'Arcy, Esq. (<i>Temporary Chairman of Committees</i>) ...	20	39	...	59	...
Ryan, Phillip Norman, Esq.	24	46	...	70	...
Seiffert, John Wesley, Esq.	10	12	...	22	...
Sheahan, The Hon. William Francis, Q.C., LL.B. ...	23	42	...	65	...
Simpson, James Brunton, Esq.	23	47	...	70	...
Stephens, Stanley Tunstall, Esq....	24	47	...	71	...
Storey, Sydney Albert Dawson, Esq.	20	45	...	65	...
Tonge, Arthur, Esq.	20	44	...	64	...
Treath, Vernon Haddon, Esq., M.M., Q.C., M.A., B.C.L. ...	17	29	...	46	...
Tully, Laurence John, Esq., B.A., LL.B. (<i>Temporary Chairman of Committees</i>) ...	18	31†	...	49	...
Walsh, Louis Andrew, Esq., B.Ec.	23	46	...	69	...
Wattison, William Ernest, Esq.	17	40	...	57	...
(e) Wely, William Robert, Esq. ....	...	...	...	...	...
Wetherell, The Hon. Ernest ...	21	47	...	68	...
Williams, Arthur John Leonard, Esq.	18	37	...	55	...
Willis, Eric Archibald, Esq., B.A., F.R.G.S. ...	22	46	...	68	...
(f) Wingfield, Cecil Gordon, Esq....	7	11	...	18	...
Wyatt, Stanislaus, Esq.	24	47	...	71	...

(a) Granted leave of absence on account of absence from the State, 25th August, 1954.

(b) Elected 14th August, 1954.

(c) Granted leave of absence on account of illness, 25th August, 1954.

(d) Granted leave of absence on account of urgent private business 25th August, 1954.

(e) Elected 26th March, 1955.

(f) Deceased 28th January, 1954.

(g) Deceased 5th May, 1955.

* Also present in 3 other Divisions, acting as Chairman.

† Also present in 6 other Divisions, acting as Chairman.

Legislative Assembly Office,
Sydney, 11th May, 1955.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

1954-55

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

**BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
DURING THE SESSION OF 1954-55.**

1. New Writs issued	1
2. Select Committees :—	
On Public Matters	
On Private Matters	
On Private Bills	
On Public Bills	
3. Standing Committees	4
4. Public Bills :—	
Originated in the Assembly—	
Received the Royal Assent	52
Otherwise disposed of	7
	59
Brought from the Council—	
Received the Royal Assent	
Otherwise disposed of	
5. Private Bills :—	
Originated in the Assembly—	
Received the Royal Assent	
Otherwise disposed of	
Brought from the Council—	
Received the Royal Assent	
Otherwise disposed of	
6. Petitions received :—	
Printed	52
Not Printed	
7. Divisions :—	
In the House	24
In Committee of the Whole	47
8. Sittings (for details see page 2) :—	
Number of Sittings	67
Days of Meeting	67
Hours of Sitting	493 hours 37 minutes.
Hours of Sitting after Midnight	4 hours.
Daily Average (actual hours per day of meeting)	7 hours 22 minutes.
Adjourned for want of a Quorum—	
Before commencement of Business	
After commencement of Business	
9. Votes and Proceedings :—	
Entries in Votes and Proceedings—	
Of Business done	547
Daily Average	8
Entries in Question Paper—	
Of Questions	85
Daily Average	1
Entries in Notice Paper—	
Of Notices of Motions	77
Of Orders of the Day	70
Daily Average	147
10. Orders for Papers	2
11. Addresses for Papers	
12. Other Addresses	
13. Papers laid upon the Table :—	
By Message	8
By Command or Statute	437
In Returns to Orders	1
In Returns to Addresses	
Reports from Standing Committees	15
Reports from Select Committees	
Reports from Council Select Committees (on Private Bills)	
Other Papers	3
Ordered to be Printed	107
Not ordered to be Printed	357
	464
	464

14. Sittings of the House :—

Return of the number of days on which the House sat in the Session of 1954-55, stating for each day, the date of the month and the day of the week, the hour of the meeting and adjournment, and the total number of hours occupied in the sittings of the House, and showing the total number of hours on which the House sat each day, and the number of hours after midnight, and the number of entries in the day's Votes and Proceedings :—

No.	Date.	Day.	House Met.	House Adjourned.	Hours of Sitting.	Hours after Midnight.	Entries in Votes.	New Motions.	New Orders.	New Questions.	Questions Answered.	Divisions.	No Quorum.		
													Before Commencement.	After Commencement.	
	1954.				h. m.	h. m.									
1	25 August	Wednesday	12:00 Noon	3:41 p.m.	3 41	...	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	31 "	Tuesday	2:30 p.m.	10:08 p.m.	7 38	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	1 September	Wednesday	2:30 p.m.	10:10 p.m.	7 40	...	5	...	1	9	...	...	...	...	...
4	2 "	Thursday	11:00 a.m.	4:28 p.m.	5 28	...	4	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...
5	7 "	Tuesday	2:30 p.m.	10:19 p.m.	7 49	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6	8 "	Wednesday	2:30 p.m.	10:35 p.m.	8 5	...	4	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...
7	9 "	Thursday	11:00 a.m.	4:20 p.m.	5 20	...	4	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
8	14 "	Tuesday	2:30 p.m.	10:18 p.m.	7 48	...	4	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...
9	15 "	Wednesday	2:30 p.m.	10:14 p.m.	7 44	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10	16 "	Thursday	11:00 a.m.	5:12 p.m.	6 12	...	7	17	...	...	1	1	...	...	...
11	21 "	Tuesday	2:30 p.m.	8:31 p.m.	6 1	...	23	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...
12	22 "	Wednesday	2:30 p.m.	10:11 p.m.	7 41	...	10	1	12	1	...	...	...	...	...
13	23 "	Thursday	11:00 a.m.	5:30 p.m.	6 30	...	5	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
14	28 "	Tuesday	2:30 p.m.	10:28 p.m.	7 58	...	7	5	...	...	6	1	...	...	...
15	29 "	Wednesday	2:30 p.m.	10:16 p.m.	7 46	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
16	30 "	Thursday	11:00 a.m.	4:26 p.m.	5 26	...	8	2	...	2	1	...	...	...	...
17	5 October	Tuesday	2:30 p.m.	10:13 p.m.	7 43	...	13	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
18	6 "	Wednesday	2:30 p.m.	10:16 p.m.	7 46	...	9	...	4	...	1	...	...	...	...
19	7 "	Thursday	11:00 a.m.	4:26 p.m.	5 26	...	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
20	12 "	Tuesday	2:30 p.m.	10:16 p.m.	7 46	...	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
21	13 "	Wednesday	2:30 p.m.	10:23 p.m.	7 53	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
22	14 "	Thursday	11:00 a.m.	4:36 p.m.	5 36	...	5	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
23	19 "	Tuesday	2:30 p.m.	10:28 p.m.	7 58	...	4	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...
24	20 "	Wednesday	2:30 p.m.	10:16 p.m.	7 46	...	6	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
25	21 "	Thursday	11:00 a.m.	5:16 p.m.	6 16	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
26	26 "	Tuesday	2:30 p.m.	10:16 p.m.	7 46	...	4	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
27	27 "	Wednesday	2:30 p.m.	10:16 p.m.	7 46	...	4	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
28	28 "	Thursday	11:00 a.m.	5:16 p.m.	6 16	...	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
29	2 November	Tuesday	2:30 p.m.	10:16 p.m.	7 46	...	4	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
30	3 "	Wednesday	2:30 p.m.	12:09 a.m.	9 39	0 9	8	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
31	4 "	Thursday	11:00 a.m.	5:02 p.m.	6 2	...	5	2	...	...	1	...	2	...	...
32	9 "	Tuesday	2:30 p.m.	10:30 p.m.	8 0	...	15	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
33	10 "	Wednesday	2:30 p.m.	10:21 p.m.	7 51	...	12	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
34	11 "	Thursday	12:00 Noon	4:48 p.m.	4 48	...	8	2	5	...	1	...	...	...	...
35	16 "	Tuesday	2:30 p.m.	10:21 p.m.	7 51	...	10	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...
36	17 "	Wednesday	2:30 p.m.	10:16 p.m.	7 46	...	8	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
37	18 "	Thursday	11:00 a.m.	4:42 p.m.	5 42	...	6	6	1	2	...	...	...	...	...
38	23 "	Tuesday	2:30 p.m.	10:21 p.m.	7 51	...	13	1	...	1	1	3	...	...	...
39	24 "	Wednesday	2:30 p.m.	10:13 p.m.	7 43	...	10	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
40	25 "	Thursday	2:25 p.m.	4:32 p.m.	2 7	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
41	30 "	Tuesday	2:30 p.m.	11:31 p.m.	9 1	...	10	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...
42	1 December	Wednesday	2:30 p.m.	11:06 p.m.	8 36	...	8	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
43	2 "	Thursday	11:00 a.m.	5:15 p.m.	6 15	...	10	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...
44	7 "	Tuesday	2:30 p.m.	11:44 p.m.	9 14	...	12	2	...	...	2	1	...	...	...
45	8 "	Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	1:12 a.m.	14 12	1 12	13	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
46	9 "	Thursday	4:00 p.m.	8:52 p.m.	4 52	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
47	15 February	Tuesday	2:30 p.m.	2:50 p.m.	0 20	...	4	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
48	16 "	Wednesday	2:30 p.m.	10:51 p.m.	8 21	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
49	17 "	Thursday	11:00 a.m.	5:04 p.m.	6 4	...	15	7	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
50	22 "	Tuesday	2:30 p.m.	10:28 p.m.	7 58	...	8	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
51	23 "	Wednesday	2:30 p.m.	9:56 p.m.	7 26	...	8	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
52	24 "	Thursday	11:00 a.m.	4:55 p.m.	5 55	...	9	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
53	1 March	Tuesday	2:30 p.m.	10:21 p.m.	7 51	...	9	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
54	2 "	Wednesday	2:30 p.m.	10:29 p.m.	7 59	...	10	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
55	3 "	Thursday	11:00 a.m.	5:09 p.m.	6 9	...	4	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
56	8 "	Tuesday	2:30 p.m.	10:30 p.m.	8 0	...	8	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
57	9 "	Wednesday	2:30 p.m.	10:30 p.m.	8 0	...	7	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
58	10 "	Thursday	11:00 a.m.	5:19 p.m.	6 19	...	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
59	15 "	Tuesday	2:30 p.m.	10:28 p.m.	7 58	...	7	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...
60	16 "	Wednesday	2:30 p.m.	10:30 p.m.	8 0	...	9	2	...	...	3	...	...	...	...
61	17 "	Thursday	11:00 a.m.	4:52 p.m.	5 52	...	4	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	...
62	22 "	Tuesday	2:30 p.m.	1:00 a.m.	10 30	1 0	5	2	...	...	3	...	...	...	...
63	23 "	Wednesday	2:30 p.m.	10:21 p.m.	7 51	...	9	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
64	24 "	Thursday	11:00 a.m.	4:55 p.m.	5 55	...	17	1	3	1	...	...	...	...	...
65	29 "	Tuesday	2:30 p.m.	11:59 p.m.	9 29	...	9	2	2	...	...	2	...	...	...
66	30 "	Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	12:29 a.m.	13 29	0 29	20	2	1	...	1	2
67	31 "	Thursday	11:00 a.m.	1:10 a.m.	14 10	1 10	24	1	6	...	1	1
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Legislative Assembly Office,
Sydney, 11th May, 1955.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 1.

REGISTER OF PUBLIC BILLS ORIGINATED IN THE ASSEMBLY DURING THE SESSION OF 1954-55.

Short Titles.	By whom initiated.	Messages from Governor recommending vision for.	Ordered.	Presented and read 1 ^o .	Read 2 ^o and Committed.	Recommitted.	Reported without Amendment.	Reported with Amendment.	Report adopted.	Read 3 ^o , passed, and sent to Council for concurrence.	Agreed to by Council without Amendment.	Agreed to by Council with Amendment.	Council's Amendments agreed to.	Council's Amendments disagreed to.	Order of the Day discharged, and Bill withdrawn.	Bill dropped or laid aside.	Assent Reported.	No. of Act.	Remarks.
Administration of Estates.....	Mr. Sheahan.....	1954. 21 Sept.	1954. 9 Nov.	1954. 9 Nov.	1954. 16 Nov.	.....	1954. 16 Nov.	.....	1954. 16 Nov.	1954. 17 Nov.	1954. 24 Nov.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1954. 7 Dec.	1954. 40	.....
Appropriation (Budget Papers 1954-55)	Mr. Cahill.....	.....	1954. 3 Nov.	1954. 3 Nov.	1954. 3 Nov.	.....	1954. 4 Nov. a.m.	.....	1954. 4 Nov. a.m.	1954. 4 Nov. a.m.	1954. 9 Nov.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1954. 17 Nov.	29	Founded on Resolutions of Ways and Means (Nos. 3 to 10), 3rd November, 1954. Mr. Speaker consented to 3 ^o forthwith.
Australian Oil Refining Limited Agreement Ratification.	Mr. Renshaw.....	5 Oct.	1954. 5 Oct.	1954. 5 Oct.	1954. 10 Nov.	.....	1954. 10 Nov.	.....	1954. 10 Nov.	1954. 11 Nov.	1954. 23 Nov.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1954. 30 Nov.	34	.....
Banks and Bank Holidays (Amendment).	Mr. Kelly.....	.....	1955. 21 Sept.	1955. 21 Sept.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Child Welfare (Amendment)	Mr. Heffron.....	.....	1955. 16 Mar.	1955. 16 Mar.	1955. 24 Mar.	.....	1955. 24 Mar.	.....	1955. 24 Mar.	1955. 24 Mar.	1955. 29 Mar.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1955. 9 Mar.	14	Mr. Speaker consented to 3 ^o at later hour.
Companies (Amendment)	Mr. Sheahan.....	.....	1955. 17 Nov.	1955. 17 Nov.	1955. 16 Feb.	.....	.....	.....	1955. 16 Feb.	1955. 17 Feb.	1955. 24 Feb.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	Stopped by prorogation.
Control and Tissue Grafting	Mr. O'Sullivan.....	.....	1955. 16 Feb.	1955. 16 Feb.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Crimes (Amendment)	Mr. Sheahan.....	.....	.....	.....	24 Mar.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Crimes (Further Amendment) (Title changed to Crimes (Amendment))	Mr. Sheahan.....	.....	1954. 23 Nov.	1954. 23 Nov.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
District Courts (Amendment)	Mr. Sheahan.....	.....	1955. 30 Mar.	1955. 30 Mar.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Evidence (Amendment)	Mr. Sheahan.....	.....	1954. 21 Sept.	1954. 21 Sept.	1954. 5 Oct.	.....	1954. 5 Oct.	.....	1954. 5 Oct.	1954. 6 Oct.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Factories and Shops (Amendment)	Mr. Lauda.....	.....	.....	.....	24 Nov.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fines and Penalties (Amendment)	Mr. Sheahan.....	.....	.....	.....	5 Oct.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fire Brigades (Amendment)	Mr. Kelly.....	.....	1955. 16 Mar.	1955. 16 Mar.	1955. 29 Mar.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gas and Electricity (Amendment)	Mr. Renshaw.....	.....	1954. 30 Mar.	1954. 30 Mar.	1954. 31 Mar.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
General Loan Account Appropriation.	Mr. Cahill.....	1954. 9 Nov.	1954. 9 Nov.	1954. 9 Nov.

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Government Railways (Amendment) ...	Mr. Wetherell	1954, 10 Nov.	1954, 10 Nov.	1955, 30 Mar.	1955, 30 Mar.	1955, 30 Mar.	1955, 30 Mar.	1955, 30 Mar.	1955, 22	Mr. Speaker consented to 3 rd forthwith.
Grain Elevators	Mr. Graham	1954, 23 Sept.	10 Nov.	1954, 17 Nov.	1954, 18 Nov.	.....	.....	1954, 18 Nov.	1954, 18 Nov.	1954, 23 Nov.	1954, 24 Nov.	1954, 24 Nov.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1954, 30 Nov.	38	.....
Hire-purchase Agreements (Amendment)	Mr. Sheahan .....	.....	1955, 23 Mar.	1955, 30 Mar.	1955, 30 Mar.	.....	30 Mar.	.....	1955, 30 Mar.	1955, 30 Mar.	1955, 31 Mar.	1955, 31 Mar.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1955, 29	Mr. Deputy-Speaker consented to 3 rd forthwith.
Industrial Arbitration (Amendment) ...	Mr. Landa	1955, 23 Mar.	24 Mar.	30 Mar.	30 Mar.	.....	.....	1955, 30 Mar.	30 Mar.	30 Mar.	31 Mar. a.m.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	Mr. Speaker consented to 3 rd at later hour
Interest Reduction (Amendment)	Mr. Cahill .....	.....	24 Feb.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Stopped by prorogation.
Irrigation, Water and Rivers and Forests Improvement (Amendment).	Mr. Enticknap	1954, 21 Sept.	1954, 21 Sept.	16 Mar.	.....	.....	.....	17 Mar.	17 Mar.	23 Mar.	.....	24 Mar.	24 Mar.	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....
Justices (Amendment)	Mr. Sheahan .....	.....	21 Sept.	1954, 5 Oct.	1954, 5 Oct.	.....	1954, 5 Oct.	.....	1954, 5 Oct.	1954, 6 Oct.	1954, 10 Nov.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1954, 32	.....
Land and Valuation (Amendment)	Mr. Sheahan	1955, 22 Feb.	17 Feb.	1955, 23 Mar.	1955, 23 Mar.	.....	23 Mar.	.....	1955, 23 Mar.	1955, 24 Mar.	1955, 30 Mar.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1955, 13	.....
Law of Evidence	Mr. Cahill .....	.....	.....	1954, 31 Aug.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Pro Forma Bill.
Landlord and Tenant (Amendment) ...	Mr. Sheahan .....	.....	1954, 23 Nov.	1954, 1 Dec.	1954, 1 Dec.	.....	.....	1954, 1 Dec.	1954, 1 Dec.	1954, 2 Dec.	.....	1954, 7 Dec.	1954, 8 Dec.	.....	.....	.....	1955, 15 Feb.	40	.....
Legislative Assembly Members Superannuation (Amendment).	Mr. Hawkins	1954, 17 Nov.	30 Nov.	1 Dec.	1 Dec.	.....	1 Dec.	.....	1 Dec.	1 Dec.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 Feb.	47	Mr. Speaker consented to 3 rd forthwith.
Liquor (Amendment)	Mr. Sheahan .....	.....	1 Dec.	1 Dec.	8 Dec.	.....	.....	9 Dec. a.m.	9 Dec. a.m.	9 Dec. a.m.	.....	9 Dec.	9 Dec.	.....	.....	.....	15 Feb.	50	Mr. Speaker consented to 3 rd forthwith.
Liquor (Retirement)	Mr. Sheahan	23 Sept.	22 Sept.	28 Sept.	28 Sept.	.....	29 Sept.	.....	29 Sept.	30 Sept.	.....	5 Oct.	6 Oct.	.....	.....	.....	23	.....
Local Government and Other Authorities (Superannuation) Amendment.	Mr. Renshaw	4 Nov.	9 Nov.	10 Nov.	10 Nov.	.....	16 Nov.	.....	16 Nov.	17 Nov.	24 Nov.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1954, 12 Oct.	41	.....
Laundry (Amendment)	Mr. O'Sullivan .....	.....	21 Sept.	1955, 10 Feb.	1955, 10 Feb.	.....	16 Feb.	.....	1955, 16 Feb.	1955, 17 Feb.	1955, 24 Feb.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1955, 9 Mar.	3	.....
Medical Practitioners (Amendment) ...	Mr. O'Sullivan	1955, 30 Mar.	30 Mar.	31 Mar.	31 Mar.	.....	31 Mar.	.....	31 Mar.	31 Mar.	1 April a.m.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	Mr. Deputy-Speaker consented to 3 rd forthwith.
Metropolitan Water, Sewerage, and Drainage (Amendment).	Mr. Cahill	1954, 21 Sept.	1954, 5 Oct.	1954, 18 Nov.	1954, 18 Nov.	.....	.....	18 Nov.	1954, 18 Nov.	1954, 23 Nov.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 Feb.	1954, 43	.....
Murrumbidgee Electricity Undertaking Transfer.	Mr. Renshaw	1955, 30 Mar.	30 Mar.	31 Mar.	31 Mar.	.....	31 Mar.	.....	1955, 31 Mar.	1955, 31 Mar.	1955, 31 Mar.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1955, 24	.....
New South Wales State Cancer Council	Mr. Hawkins .....	.....	1954, 21 Sept.	1954, 5 Oct.	1954, 5 Oct.	.....	1954, 5 Oct.	.....	1954, 5 Oct.	1954, 6 Oct.	1954, 10 Nov.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1954, 33	.....
New South Wales State Cancer Council	Mr. O'Sullivan	1955, 16 Mar.	1955, 20 Mar.	1955, 29 Mar.	1955, 31 Mar.	1955, 31 Mar.	1955, 31 Mar.	1955, 31 Mar.	1955, 31 Mar.	1955, 25	Mr. Deputy-Speaker consented to 3 rd forthwith.

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Noxious Insects (Amendment)	Mr. Graham	1954. 9 Nov.	1954. 10 Nov.	1954. 10 Nov.	1954. 30 Nov.	1954. 30 Nov.	1954. 30 Nov.	1954. 1 Dec.	1954. 7 Dec.	1955. 15 Feb.	1954. 44			
Nurses Registration (Amendment)	Mr. O'Sullivan	12 Oct.	21 Sept.	21 Sept.	1955. 16 Feb.	.....	1955. 16 Feb.	.....	1955. 16 Feb.	1955. 17 Feb.	1955. 24 Feb.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1955. 9 Mar.	1955. 4		
Obscene and Indecent Publications (Amendment)	Mr. Kelly	2 Dec.	1 Mar.	1 Mar.	.....	.....	1955. 15 Mar.	.....	1955. 15 Mar.	1955. 16 Mar.	.....	1955. 23 Mar.	1955. 24 Mar.	.....	.....	.....	*	10		
Opticians (Amendment)	Mr. O'Sullivan	.....	1954. 21 Sept.	1954. 21 Sept.	.....	.....	.....	22 Feb.	22 Feb.	23 Feb.	1 Mar.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 Mar.	7	Mr. Deputy-Speaker consented to 3 ^o forthwith.	
Pastures Protection (Amendment)	Mr. Nott	.....	1955. 16 Mar.	1955. 16 Mar.	.....	.....	31 Mar.	.....	31 Mar.	31 Mar.	.....	1955. 31 Mar.	.....	.....	.....	.....	*	18	Mr. Speaker consented to 3 ^o forthwith.	
Petroleum	Mr. W. McC. Gollan	.....	24 Mar.	24 Mar.	.....	.....	31 Mar.	.....	31 Mar.	31 Mar.	31 Mar.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	*	28	Mr. Speaker consented to 3 ^o forthwith.	
Police Offences (Amendment)	Mr. Kelly	.....	1954. 21 Sept.	1954. 21 Sept.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Stopped by prorogation.
Police Offences Amendment (Drugs)	Mr. Kelly	.....	10 Nov.	10 Nov.	.....	.....	1954. 11 Nov.	.....	1954. 11 Nov.	1954. 16 Nov.	23 Nov.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1954. 7 Dec.	1954. 37	.....	Stopped by prorogation.
Police Regulation (Amendment)	Mr. Cahill	.....	5 Oct.	5 Oct.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Stopped by prorogation.
Private Inquiry Agents	Mr. Sheahan	.....	9 Nov.	9 Nov.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Stopped by prorogation.
Public Service (Amendment)	Mr. Cahill	1955. 17 Feb.	17 Feb.	17 Feb.	1955. 22 Feb.	1955. 22 Feb.	23 Feb.	23 Feb.	1955. 1 Mar.	1955. 1
Public Service and Other Statutory Bodies (Long Service Leave)	Mr. Cahill	17 Feb.	17 Feb.	17 Feb.	.....	.....	30 Mar.	.....	30 Mar.	30 Mar.	31 Mar.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	*	27	.....	Mr. Speaker consented to 3 ^o forthwith.
Real Property (Amendment)	Mr. Sheahan	.....	23 Mar.	23 Mar.	.....	.....	1 April a.m.	.....	1 April a.m.	1 April a.m.	1 April a.m.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	*	19	.....	Mr. Deputy-Speaker consented to 3 ^o forthwith.
River Murray Waters (Amendment)	Mr. Renshaw	1954. 23 Nov.	23 Nov.	23 Nov.	.....	.....	16 Feb.	.....	19 Feb.	17 Feb.	24 Feb.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 Mar.	5	.....	.....
State Transport (Co-ordination) Amendment.	Mr. Wetherell	.....	7 Dec.	7 Dec.	.....	.....	1954. 8 Dec.	.....	1954. 8 Dec.	8 Dec.	9 Dec.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 Feb.	48	.....	Mr. Speaker consented to 3 ^o forthwith.
State Transport Co-ordination (Barring of Claims and Remedies).	Mr. Wetherell	.....	1 Dec.	1 Dec.	.....	.....	7 Dec.	.....	7 Dec.	7 Dec.	9 Dec.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 Feb.	45	.....	Mr. Speaker consented to 3 ^o forthwith.
Superannuation (Amendment)	Mr. Sheahan	1955. 16 Feb.	16 Feb.	16 Feb.	.....	.....	1955. 23 Feb.	.....	1955. 23 Feb.	24 Feb.	2 Mar.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 Mar.	6	.....	Mr. Speaker consented to 3 ^o forthwith.
Supply	Mr. Cahill	1954. 22 Sept.	22 Sept.	22 Sept.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1954. 22 Sept.	1954. 22 Sept.	23 Sept.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1954. 29 Sept.	1954. 27	.....	Urgency—Suspension of Standing Orders—to bring in and pass through all stages in one day, 22nd September, 1964. Foundation Resolution of Way and Means (No. 1).
Technical Education and New South Wales University of Technology (Amendment).	Mr. Hedford	1955. 24 Feb.	1955. 24 Feb.	1955. 1 Mar.	1955. 1 Mar.	1955. 2 Mar.	2 Mar.	1955. 10 Mar.	1955. 8	

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Theatres and Public Halls (Amendment)	Mr. Kelly		1954, 10 Nov.	1954, 10 Nov.	1954, 11 Nov.		1954, 11 Nov.		1954, 11 Nov.	1954, 16 Nov.							1954, 7 Dec.	1954, 38	
Western Lands (Amendment)	Mr. Hawkins		1955, 17 Feb.	1955, 17 Feb.	1955, 24 Mar.		1955, 24 Mar.		1955, 24 Mar.	1955, 24 Mar.								1955, 15	Mr Speaker consented to 3 ^o at later hour.
Wheat Industry Stabilization	Mr. Graham		1954, 30 Nov.	1954, 30 Nov.	1954, 2 Dec.		1954, 2 Dec.		1954, 2 Dec.	1954, 2 Dec.							1955, 15 Feb.	1954, 40	Mr. Deputy-Speaker consented to 3 ^o forthwith.
Wickham Wharf (Construction)	Mr. Renshaw	1954, 21 Sept.	21 Sept.	21 Sept.	11 Nov.		11 Nov.		11 Nov.	16 Nov.							1954, 7 Dec.	39	
Wine Adulteration (Repeal)	Mr. Graham		21 Sept.	21 Sept.	1955, 16 Feb.		1955, 16 Feb.		1955, 16 Feb.	1955, 17 Feb.							1955, 10 Mar.	1955, 9	

* Assent not reported during session.

No. 2.

REGISTER OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BILLS BROUGHT FROM THE COUNCIL DURING SESSION OF 1954-55.

NIL.

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Public Bills originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY shown on Register No. 1.	59		
Do do brought from the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL shown on Register No. 2.	..		
Do Private Bills do do do	..		59
Passed and Assent reported	34	Public.	Total.
Passed—Assent not reported	18	Private.	34
Reserved for Royal Assent	1	..	18
Pro forma Bill	1	..	1
Not returned by Legislative Council	6	..	6
Stopped by Prorogation	..	..	..
Otherwise disposed of	..	..	..
	50		50

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

REGISTER OF ADDRESSES AND ORDERS FOR PAPERS DURING THE SESSION OF 1954-55.

NONE.

REGISTER OF ADDRESSES AND ORDERS FOR PAPERS DURING FORMER SESSIONS.

WHEN PASSED.		OF WHOSE MOTION.	PAPERS APPLIED FOR.		RETURN TO ADDRESS OR ORDER.	REGISTER NUMBER.	IF TO BE PRINTED.
No.	Date.		By Address.	By Order.			
174	21 October 1884.	6 Mr. W. J. Ferguson			1954. 16 February	1954/474.	.....

REGISTER OF ADDRESSES (NOT BEING FOR PAPERS) TO THE GOVERNOR DURING THE SESSION OF 1954-55.

SUBJECT OF ADDRESS.	ORIGINATED IN THE ASSEMBLY.			WHEN PASSED OR AGREED TO.			WHEN AND BY WHOM PRESENTED.			WHEN AND BY WHOM ANSWERED.			REMARKS.
	VOTES.			VOTES.			VOTES.			VOTES.			
	No.	Date.	On whose Motion.	No.	Date.	By whom.	No.	Date.	By whom.	No.	Date.	By whom.	
Governor's Opening Speech	2	1954. 31 Aug.	6 Mr. Coady	10	1954. 16 Sept.	4	1954. 21 Sept.	5	1954. 21 Sept.	11	1954. 21 Sept.	5	His Excellency the Governor.

Legislative Assembly Office,
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES APPOINTED DURING THE SESSION OF 1954-55.

No. of Committee.	Designation of Committee.	When and how appointed.	Members.	Chairman.	No. of Meetings.		No. of Witnesses Examined.	Reported.
					Called.	Held.		
1	House†	1954. 30 September, Votes No. 16, Entry 6 ... (On motion of Mr. Cahill.)	{ Mr. Speaker, Mr. Fowles, Mr. McMahon, Mr. Powell, Mr. Wyatt,	{ Mr. Speaker	3	3	.....	.....
2	Library†	30 September, Votes No. 16, Entry 4 ... (On motion of Mr. Cahill.)	{ Mr. Speaker, Mr. Robert Cameron, Mr. Dring, Mr. Earl, Mr. Tonge,	{ Mr. President	2	2	.....	.....
3	Standing Orders*	30 September, Votes No. 16, Entry 5... (On motion of Mr. Cahill.)	{ Mr. Speaker, Mr. Booth, Mr. Clyne, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Ryan,	{ Mr. Speaker .....	...	...	.....	.....

STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES APPOINTED DURING THE SESSION OF 1954-55—continued.

No. of COMMITTEE.	DESIGNATION OF COMMITTEE.	WHEN AND HOW APPOINTED.	MEMBERS.	CHAIRMAN.	No. of MEETINGS.		No. of WITNESSES EXAMINED.	REPORTED.
					Called.	Hold.		
4	Printing	1954. 30 September, Votes No. 16, Entry 3 (On motion of Mr. Cahill.)	{ Mr. Connor, Mr. Fowles, Mr. Green, Mr. Lawrence Kelly,† Mr. McMahon, } { Mr. Chaffey, Mr. Stephens, Mr. Hearnshaw, Mr. H. E. Jackson, Mr. Cahill. }	Mr. Hearnshaw	15	15	.....	15

* Confers on subjects of mutual concernment with a similar Committee of the Legislative Council.
 † Deceased 5th May, 1955.
 ‡ Acts in conjunction with a similar Committee of the Legislative Council.

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