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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE THIRTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 28 MAY, 1947.

1. OPENING OF PARLIAMENT:—The House met at Twelve o'clock at Noon, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the twenty-first day of May, 1947, of which a copy was read by Frederic Barker Langley, Esquire, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, as follows:—

"NEW SOUTH WALES, } By His Excellency Lieutenant-General JOHN
to wit, } NORTHCOTT, Companion of the Most Honourable
" (L.S.) } Order of the Bath, Member of the Royal
Victorian Order, Governor of the State of New
" J. NORTHCOTT. } South Wales and its Dependencies, in the
" Governor. } Commonwealth of Australia.

"In pursuance of the power and authority vested in me as Governor of the "State of New South Wales by virtue of an Act passed in the second year of "the reign of His late Majesty King Edward the Seventh, being 'An Act to "consolidate the Acts relating to the Constitution', I do hereby proclaim that "a Session of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly for the State "of New South Wales for the despatch of business shall commence and be "held on Wednesday, the twenty-eighth day of May, 1947, at 12 o'clock "noon, in the buildings known as the Legislative Council Chambers, in "Macquarie-street, in the City of Sydney; and Members of the said Legislative "Council and 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 twenty-first day of May, "in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty seven, "and in the eleventh year of His Majesty's Reign.

"By His Excellency's Command,

JAMES MCGIRR.

"GOD SAVE THE KING!"

2. WRITS OF ELECTION:—The Clerk announced that he had received, through the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, a correct list, without any omission, certified by His Excellency the Governor, of the names of the several persons returned for the Electoral Districts set against such names respectively, at the General Election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, which was held on the 3rd day of May, 1947, and further certifying that the several Writs of Election, being ninety in number, were duly returned before the day on which they were legally returnable:—

Names of Members returned.	Electoral Districts for which returned.
Arthur, Joshua George	Hamilton.
Baddeley, John Marcus	Cessnock.
Bate, Henry Jefferson	Wollondilly.
Beale, Jack Gordon	South Coast.
Black, Ivan Carlisle	Neutral Bay.
Booth, George	Kurri Kurri.
Braib, George William	Willoughby.

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Names of Members returned.	Electoral Districts for which returned.
Brunner, Michael Frederick	Tenterfield.
Cahill, Frederick Joseph	Young.
Cahill, John Joseph	Cook's River.
Cameron, Robert	Waratah.
Carlton, William Joseph	Concord.
Chaffey, William Adolphus	Tamworth.
Clyne, Daniel	King.
Cummingham, Lucien Lawrence	Geogee.
Currey, William Matthew	Kogarah.
Cutler, Charles Benjamin	Orange.
Darby, Evelyn Douglas	Manly.
Davidson, Mark Anthony	Colar.
Davies, William	Wollongong-Kembla.
Dewley, Robert Charles	Drummond.
Dickson, Samuel Douglas	Temora.
Dring, Edgar Percy	Ashburnham.
Drummond, David Henry	Armidale.
Dunn, William Fraser	Mudgee.
Enticknap, Ambrose George	Murrumbidgee.
Evatt, Clive Raleigh	Hurstville.
Finnan, Francis Joseph	Hawkesbury.
Fitzgerald, Raymond Leo	Gloucester.
Fowler, Lillian	Newtown.
Fowles, Howard Thomas	Illawarra.
Freeman, John Stanley	Blacktown.
Frith, William	Lismore.
Geraghty, James Leo	North Sydney.
Gollan, George Charles	Parramatta.
Gollan, William McCulloch	Randwick.
Gorman, Robert Douglas	Amandale.
Graham, Edgar Hugh	Wagga Wagga.
Hamilton, Raymond George	Nemol.
Hawkins, Francis Harold	Newcastle.
Hearnshaw, Eric	Ryde.
Heferen, Stephen Roy	Barwon.
Heffron, Robert James	Botany.
Howarth, Walter Arthur Harrex	Maitland.
Hunter, David Benjamin	Croydon.
Jackett, Harry Gordon	Burwood.
Jackson, Joseph	Nepean.
Jordan, Leslie Charles	Oxley.
Kelly, Christopher Augustus	Barhurst.
Kelly, Lawrence Borthwick	Bulli.
Kendell, Ebenezer Thomas	Corowa.
Knight, Hamilton	Hartley.
Lamb, William Henry	Grauville.
Landa, Abram	Bondi.
Lang, James Christian	Auburn.
Lawson, Joseph Alexander	Murray.
Lazzarini, Carlo Camillo	Marrickville.
McCaw, Kenneth Malcolm	Lane Cove.
McGirr, James	Bankstown.
McGrath, John Francis	Rockdale.
Martin, Clarence Edward	Waverley.
Matthews, Claude Hilton	Leichhardt.
Medcalf, Robert George	Lachlan.
Morton, Philip Henry	Mosman.
Noble, George Walter Harry	Redfern.
Nott, Roger Bede	Liverpool Plains.
O'Sullivan, Maurice	Paddington.
Padman, Dudley Gordon	Albury.
Quirk, Mary Lily May	Balmain.
Reid, John Thomas	Casino.
Renshaw, John Brophy	Castlereagh.
Richardson, Athol Railton	Ashfield.
Robertson, Clarence Gordon	Dubbo.
Robson, Ewan Murray	Vaucluse.
Rose, D'Arcy	Upper Hunter.
Seiffert, John Wesley	Monaro.
Shannon, Thomas John	Phillip.
Sheahan, William Francis	Yass.

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Stanley, Fred	Lakemba.
Stephens, Stanley Tunstall	Byron.
Storey, Sydney Albert Dawson	Hornsby.
Tonge, Arthur	Canterbury.
Treant, Vernon Haddon	Woollahra.
Tully, Laurence John	Goulburn.
Turner, Henry Basil	Gordon.
Vincent, Roy Stanley	Raleigh.
Wattison, William Ernest	Sturt.
Weir, George	Dulwich Hill.
Williams, Arthur John Leonard	George's River.
Wingfield, Cecil Gordon	Clarence.

8. MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONERS:—The Usher of the Black Rod being admitted, delivered a Message, that "The Commissioners request the immediate attendance of this Honourable House, in the Legislative Council Chamber, to hear the Commission for Opening of Parliament read."

The House went, and the Members of both Houses being seated at the request of the President, on behalf of the Commissioners,—

The President said,—

"Honourable Members of the Legislative Council, and Members of the Legislative Assembly. —His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to cause a Commission "to be issued under the Great Seal of the State, constituting us Commissioners "to do on behalf of His Majesty, all things necessary to be done in the name "of His Majesty, or in the name of His Excellency the Governor of the State "in and about the opening and holding of this Parliament, to deliver a Message "to the Legislative Assembly, and to do all such other things as may be "specially necessary to enable Parliament to perform acts which admit of no "delay, as will more fully appear by the Commission itself, which must now "be read."

Whereupon the Commission was read by the Clerk of the Parliaments, as follows:—

"George the Sixth, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland, and the "British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor "of India.

"To all to whom these presents shall come,—

"Greeting:

"WHEREAS by Proclamation made on the twenty-first day of May, 1947, His "Excellency, Lieutenant-General JOHN NORTHCOLE, Companion of our Most "Honourable Order of the Bath, Member of Our Royal Victorian Order, Our "Governor of our State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the "Commonwealth of Australia, did in pursuance of the power and authority "vested in him as Governor of Our said State, by virtue of an Act passed in the "second year of the reign of His late Majesty King Edward the Seventh, being "an Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the Constitution, proclaim that "a Session of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly for the said "State should commence and be holden on Wednesday, the twenty-eighth day "of May, 1947, at the time and place mentioned in the said proclamation: "And whereas for certain causes our said Governor cannot conveniently "be present in person at the opening of the said Session of the Legislative "Council and Legislative Assembly of Our said State, Now Know Ye, that "We, trusting in the discretion, fidelity and care of Our trusty and well beloved "the Honourable ERNEST HENRY FARRAR, President of the said Legislative "Council, the Honourable ROBERT REGINALE DOWNING, Minister of Justice, and "Vice-President of the Executive Council of Our said State, and Lieutenant- "Colonel the Honourable THOMAS SMITH, Chairman of Committees, Members "of the Legislative Council, do, with the advice of Our Executive Council of "Our said State, give and grant by the tenor of these presents unto the said "ERNEST HENRY FARRAR, ROBERT REGINALE DOWNING and THOMAS SMITH, or "any two of them, full power in Our name to open and hold the said Session "of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly on the said twenty- "eighth day of May 1947 or subsequent day, on Our behalf to do all things "necessary to be done in Our name, or in the name of Our Governor of Our "said State, in and about the opening and holding of the said Parliament, to "deliver messages to the Legislative Council and to the Legislative Assembly, "and to do all such things as may be specially necessary to enable Parliament "for the said Legislative Council or the said Legislative Assembly to perform

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"facts which admit of no delay; Commanding also by the tenor of these presents all whom it concerns to meet in the said Parliament, that to the said ERNEST HENRY FARRAR, ROBERT REGINALD DOWNING and THOMAS STEELE, or any two of them, they diligently attend in the premises in the form aforesaid.

"In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our said State to be hereunto affixed.

"Witness Our Trusty and Well-beloved Lieutenant-General JOHN NORTHCOTT, Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Member of Our Royal Victorian Order, Governor of Our State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia, at Sydney, in our said State, this twenty-sixth day of May, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven and in the eleventh year of Our Reign.

J. NORTHCOTT,

"Governor.

"By His Excellency's Command,

"JAMES MCGIRR.

"GOD SAVE THE KING!"

The President then said,

"Members of the Legislative Assembly:-

"We have it in command from the Governor to let you know that, it being necessary that a Speaker of the Legislative Assembly be chosen, it is His Excellency's pleasure that you, Members of the Legislative Assembly, repair to your Chamber, and there, after Members shall have been sworn, proceed to the election of one of your number to be your Speaker."
And the House having returned,—

4. COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE:—The Clerk informed the House that he had received, through the office of the Premier, the following Commission:—

"By His Excellency Lieutenant-General JOHN NORTHCOTT, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Member of the Royal Victorian Order, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia,

"To all to whom these presents shall come,

"Greeting:

"In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, Lieutenant-General JOHN NORTHCOTT, as Governor of the State of New South Wales, do, with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, hereby authorise the Honourable James McGirr, Premier and Colonial Treasurer, the Honourable John Marcus Baddeley, Deputy-Premier, Colonial Secretary, Secretary for Mines, and Minister for National Emergency Services, and the Honourable Clive Raleigh Evatt, Minister for Housing and Assistant Treasurer, or any one or more of them, to administer to all or any Members or Member of the said Legislative Assembly the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to His Majesty the King, required by Law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly.

"Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the State, at Sydney, in the State of New South Wales aforesaid, this twenty-sixth day of May, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven, and in the eleventh year of His Majesty's Reign.

"J. NORTHCOTT,

"Governor.

"By His Excellency's Command,

"JAMES MCGIRR."

5. MEMBERS SWORN.—The Honourable James McGirr took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance before Mr. Baddeley and administered the same to the two other Commissioners, the Honourable John Marcus Baddeley and the Honourable Clive Raleigh Evatt, and then the Commissioners respectively signed the Roll of the House, and administered the Oath to all the other Members present—the Clerk producing the several Writs returning them, and the Members signing the Roll as they were severally called to the Table, viz:—

Captain Joshua George Arthur.

The Honourable John Marcus
Baddeley.

Henry Jefferson Bate, Esquire.

Jack Gordon Beale, Esquire,
A.S.T.C., Mech. Eng., A.M.I.E.,
Aust.

Ivan Carlisle Black, Esquire, LL.B.
George Booth, Esquire.

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- George William Brain, Esquire,
F.C.A. (Aust.).
Lieut.-Colonel the Honourable
Michael Frederick Bruxner,
D.S.O.
Frederick Joseph Cahill, Esquire.
The Honourable John Joseph
Cahill.
Robert Cameron, Esquire.
William Joseph Carlton, Esquire.
William Adolphus Chaffey, Esquire.
Daniel Clyne, Esquire.
Lucien Lawrence Cunningham,
Esquire.
William Matthew Currey, Esquire,
V.C.
Charles Benjamin Cutler, Esquire.
Evelyn Douglas Darby, Esquire,
B.Ec.
Mark Anthony Davidson, Esquire.
William Davies, Esquire.
Robert Charles Dewley, Esquire.
Samuel Douglas Dickson, Esquire.
Edgar Percy Dring, Esquire.
The Honourable David Henry
Drummond.
Captain the Honourable William
Fraser Dunn.
Ambrose George Enticokeap, Esquire.
The Honourable Clive Raleigh
Evatt, K.C., LL.B.
The Honourable Francis Joseph
Finnan.
Raymond Leo Fitzgerald, Esquire.
Mrs. Lillian Fowler.
Howard Thomas Fowles, Esquire.
John Stanley Freeman, Esquire.
William Frith, Esquire.
James Leo Geraghty, Esquire.
George Charles Gollan, Esquire.
William McCulloch Gollan, Esquire.
Robert Douglas Gorman, Esquire.
The Honourable Edgar Hugh
Graham.
Raymond George Hamilton, Esquire.
Francis Harold Hawkins, Esquire.
Eric Hearnshaw, Esquire, M.M.,
B.Ec., Dip. Pub. Ad.
Stephen Roy Heferen, Esquire.
The Honourable Robert James
Heffron.
Walter Arthur Harrex Howarth,
Esquire.
David Benjamin Hunter, Esquire.
Harry Gordon Jackett, Esquire.
Joseph Jackson, Esquire.
Leslie Charles Jordan, Esquire,
LL.B.
The Honourable Christopher Augustus
Kelly.
Lawrence Borthwick Kelly, Esquire.
Ebenezer Thomas Kendall, Esquire.
The Honourable Hamilton Knight,
William Henry Lamb, Esquire.
Abram Landa, Esquire, LL.B.
James Christian Lang, Esquire.
Joseph Alexander Lawson, Esquire.
Carlo Camillo Lazzarini, Esquire.
Kenneth Malcolm McCaw, Esquire.
The Honourable James McGirr.
John Francis McGrath, Esquire.
The Honourable Clarence Edward
Martin, M.Ec., LL.B.
The Honourable Claude Hilton
Matthews.
Robert George Medcalf, Esquire.
Philip Henry Morton, Esquire.
George Walter Harry Noble,
Esquire.
Roger Bede Nott, Esquire.
The Honourable Maurice O'Sullivan.
Dudley Gordon Padman, Esquire.
Mrs. Mary Lily May Quirk.
John Thomas Reid, Esquire.
Athol Railton Richardson, Esquire.
Clarence Gordon Robertson, Esquire.
D'Arcy Rose, Esquire.
John Wesley Seiffert, Esquire.
Thomas John Shannon, Esquire.
The Honourable William Francis
Sheahan, LL.B.
Fred Stanley, Esquire.
Stanley Tunstall Stephens, Esquire.
Sydney Albert Dawson Storey,
Esquire.
Arthur Tonge, Esquire.
Vernon Haddon Treatt, Esquire,
M.M., K.C., M.A., B.O.L.
Laurence John Tully, Esquire, B.A.,
LL.B.
Henry Basil Turner, Esquire, M.A.
(Cantab.).
Roy Stanley Vincent, Esquire.
William Ernest Wattison, Esquire.
The Honourable George Weir, LL.B.
Arthur John Leonard Williams,
Esquire, F.I.I.A. (Aust.),
F.F.I.A.
Cecil Gordon Wingfield, Esquire.

6. ELECTION OF SPEAKER:—Mr. Gorman, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), moved, That William Henry Lamb, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker,—which motion was seconded by Mr. Roy Heferen.

And Mr. Lamb, standing in his place, informed the House that he accepted nomination.

Question,—That William Henry Lamb, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker,—put by the Clerk and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Gorman and Mr. Heferen conducted Mr. Lamb to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he returned his acknowledgments to the House for the great honour they had been pleased to confer upon him,—

And thereupon sat down in the Chair.

Mr. James McGirr, Mr. Treatt, Lieut.-Colonel Bruxner, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Clyne and Mr. Jack Beale congratulated Mr. Speaker.

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Mr. McGillr then informed the House that he had ascertained that His Excellency the Governor would receive their Speaker at Government House at three o'clock, p.m., This Day.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at Twenty-four minutes before Two o'clock, p.m., until Ten minutes before Three o'clock p.m.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at the hour named.

7. **PRESENTATION OF SPEAKER:**—The House then proceeded to Government House to present their Speaker to His Excellency the Governor, And having returned, Mr. Speaker reported that the Assembly had been to Government House, where he informed the Governor that, immediately after the opening of Parliament to-day, the Legislative Assembly, in the exercise of their undoubted right, had proceeded to the election of their Speaker, that the choice had fallen upon him, and that he had now to present himself to His Excellency as their Speaker, whereupon His Excellency was pleased to offer to him his congratulations. That he had then, in the name and on behalf of the House, laid claim to all their undoubted rights and privileges, particularly to freedom of speech in debate, to free access to His Excellency when occasion should require, and that the most favourable construction should on all occasions, be put upon their language and proceedings; to all of which His Excellency had readily assented.

Mr. Speaker again expressed his appreciation for the honour the House had been pleased to confer upon him.

8. **MEMBER SWORN:** John Brophy Reeshaw, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance before the Honourable James McGillr, a Commissioner, and signed the Roll of the House, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Castlereagh.

9. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:**—Mr. James McGillr informed the House that on 19th May, with a view to reconstructing the Ministry, he submitted his resignation to His Excellency the Governor, which action involved the resignation of the whole of his colleagues, and His Excellency commissioned him to form a new Ministry.

On the same day, the following gentlemen had been appointed and sworn in by His Excellency as Members of the Executive Council and to the offices mentioned:—

The Honourable James McGillr, M.L.A., Premier and Colonial Treasurer.

The Honourable John Marcus Baddeley, M.L.A., Deputy Premier and Colonial Secretary, Secretary for Mines, and Minister for National Emergency Services.

The Honourable Clive Raleigh Ewart, K.C., LL.B., M.L.A., Minister for Housing and Assistant Treasurer.

The Honourable Robert James Heffron, M.L.A., Minister for Education.

The Honourable Clarence Edward Martin, M.Ec., LL.B., M.L.A., Attorney-General.

The Honourable Hamilton Kinnaird, M.L.A., Minister for Labour and Industry and Social Welfare.

The Honourable Robert Reginald Dowling, LL.B., M.L.C., Minister of Justice and Vice-President of the Executive Council.

The Honourable John Joseph Cahill, M.L.A., Secretary for Public Works and Minister for Local Government.

The Honourable Christopher Augustus Kelly, M.L.A., Minister for Health.

The Honourable Maurice O'Sullivan, M.L.A., Minister for Transport.

The Honourable William Edward Dickson, M.L.C., Assistant Minister.

The Honourable Fitzroy Hugh Graham, M.L.A., Minister for Agriculture.

The Honourable George Weir, LL.B., M.L.A., Minister for Conservation.

The Honourable Francis Joseph Finnan, M.L.A., Minister in Charge of Trade Activities and Immigration.

The Honourable William Francis Sheahan, LL.B., M.L.A., Secretary for Lands.

The Honourable Claude Hilton Matthews, M.L.A., Minister for Building Materials.

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10. LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION:—Mr. Treacht informed the House of his appointment as Leader of the Opposition and the appointment of Mr. Howarth as Deputy-Leader from the third day of May, 1947.

11. LEADER OF THE COUNTRY PARTY: Lieut.-Colonel Brunner informed the House of his appointment as Leader of the Country Party and the appointment of the Honourable David Henry Drummond as Deputy-Leader.

12. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:—Mr. Gollan moved (*by consent*) without Notice, That leave of absence for the present Session be granted to Lieut.-Colonel Ewan Murray Robson, D.S.O., B.A., LL.B., Member for Vancluse, on account of illness.
Question put and passed.

13. ASSENT TO BILLS:— Mr. Speaker reported that, since the last meeting of Parliament, Messages from His Excellency the Governor, assenting to the following Bills, had been received:

(1.) Soil Conservation (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 1.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable owners of land to obtain advances for the purposes of carrying out works of soil conservation and erosion mitigation; to amend the Soil Conservation 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 His 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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(2.) Industrial Arbitration (Forty Hours Week) Amendment Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 2.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision for regulating the hours of work in certain industries; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1940, 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 His 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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(3.) Bankruptcy (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 3.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Bankruptcy Act, 1898, 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 His 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.) New South Wales-Queensland Border Rivers Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 4.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to ratify an Agreement entered into between the Premiers of the States of New South Wales and Queensland respecting the construction of certain works on parts of those portions of the Severn, Dumaresq, Macintyre and Barwon Rivers which constitute part of the boundary between the States of New South Wales and Queensland for the furtherance of water conservation, water supply, and irrigation in the said States; and for other purposes; 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 His 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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- (5.) Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased Animals and Meat (Amendment) Bill:—
J. NORTHCOTT, Message No. 5.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased Animals and Meat Act, 1902, 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 His 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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- (6.) Royal Agricultural Society (Amendment) Bill:—
J. NORTHCOTT, Message No. 6.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision in relation to certain land vested in the Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales as trustees under the Public Trusts Act, 1897; for this purpose to amend the Royal Agricultural Society Act, 1911, 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 His 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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- (7.) Workers' Compensation (Amendment) Bill:—
J. NORTHCOTT, Message No. 7.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Workers' Compensation Act, 1926-1946, 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 His 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.) City and Suburban Electric Railways (Amendment) Bill:—
J. NORTHCOTT, Message No. 8.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction and provide for the construction of further electric railways in the City of Sydney, and certain suburbs thereof; to amend the City and Suburban Electric Railways Act, 1915-1934, the Public Works 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 His 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.) Coal and Oil Shale Mine Workers (Pensions) Amendment Bill:—
J. NORTHCOTT, Message No. 9.
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to increase the rates of pensions payable under the Coal and Oil Shale Mine Workers (Pensions) Act, 1941-1942; to make further provisions as to the granting of such pensions and the contributions to the Funds established under the said Act; for these 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 His 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.) War Service Land Settlement and Closer Settlement (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,

Message No. 10.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision for and in relation to the settlement on the land of members or discharged members of His Majesty's Naval, Military, or Air Forces and other eligible persons, to reduce the value of land which an owner may retain upon resumption for closer settlement; to reduce the maximum period during which an owner may remain in occupation following resumption of his property; for these and other purposes to amend the War Service Land Settlement Act, 1941, as amended by subsequent Acts, the Closer Settlement Acts 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 His 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.) Coal Mines Regulation (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,

Message No. 11.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provisions for the management and regulation of mines of coal and mines of shale; to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1912-1941, 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 His 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 March, 1947.

(12.) The Henry O'Brien Vass Lands (Vesting) Bill:

J. NORTHCOTT,

Message No. 12.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to vest certain land freed and discharged from all trusts affecting the same in the Vass Municipal Council; to empower the said Council to sell the said land; to amend the Local Government Act, 1919; 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 His Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,

Sydney, 28th March, 1947.

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

Question put and passed.

Bill read a first time.

15. MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONERS:—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had this day attended the Commissioners in the Legislative Council Chamber, where a Commission for opening Parliament was read, and a Message to the Assembly delivered, which Message he read to the House as follows:—
Members of the Legislative Assembly.—

We have it in command from the Governor to let you know that, it being necessary that a Speaker of the Legislative Assembly be chosen, it is His Excellency's pleasure that you, Members of the Legislative Assembly, repair to your Chamber, and there, after Members shall have been sworn, proceed to the election of one of your number to be your Speaker.

16. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—

- (1.) URGENCY:—Mr. James McGirr moved, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that this House should forthwith consider a motion for the appointment of a Chairman of Committees of the Whole House.

Question put and passed.

28th May, 1947.

(2.) **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.**—Mr. McGirr moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the consideration forthwith of a motion for the appointment of a Chairman of Committees of the Whole House.

Question put and passed.

(3.) Mr. Hawkins moved, That George Booth, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House,—which motion was seconded by Mr. William Davies. Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Booth made his acknowledgments to the House.

17. PAPERS:—

Mr. James McGirr laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

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

(2.) Copy of the Royal Commission issued to His Honor Judge Kirby to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the order for the transfer of Sergeant Keogh from Peak Hill to Bathurst.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

(1.) Regulations under the Coal Industry Act, 1946.

(2.) Return of Authorities to Mine issued since January, 1882, under the Mining Act, 1874.

(3.) Proclamations declaring certain land to be private land for the purposes of the Mining Act, 1906-1935.

(4.) Minutes of the Public Service Board respecting the appointment, on probation, of Mr. B. V. L. Saunders, Assistant Geologist, Mr. Clifford Harris, Inspector of Mines, Mr. John Feathers Chalmers, Inspector of Collieries, and Mr. John Dodds, Inspector of Collieries, Department of Mines.

(5.) Amended Regulations under the Careless Use of Fire Act, 1912-1946.

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

(a) Food for Britain Fund.

(b) Red Cross Headquarters Younger Set.

(c) R.S.L. Memorial Building Fund.

(d) Fighting Forces No. 3.

(e) Walnut Glory Chest, Marsfield.

(f) Grand United Centenary Centre.

(g) Willoughby District Victory Carnival Committee.

(h) Far West Homes and City Commercial Travellers' Association Cot Fund Appeal.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

(7.) Report of the Department of Fisheries of New South Wales for the year ended 30th June, 1946.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Evatt laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Notifications of resumption and acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purpose of the Housing Act, 1912, as amended, at—

(a) Albury.

(b) Ashbury.

(c) Balgowlah (2).

(d) Berala.

(e) Brookvale.

(f) Cabramatta.

(g) Canley Vale.

(h) Canterbury South.

(i) Carlingford.

(j) Castlecrag.

(k) Chester Hill.

(l) Eastwood (2).

(m) French's Forest.

(n) Granville (2).

(o) Harbord.

(p) Herne Bay.

(q) Hornsby.

(r) Jannali.

(s) Junee.

(t) Liverpool.

(u) Lugarno.

(v) Marsfield.

(w) Mays Hill (2).

(x) Moss Vale.

(y) Muswellbrook.

(z) Northmead.

(aa) Padstow.

(bb) Pagewood.

(cc) Parramatta.

(dd) Port Kembla.

(ee) Punchbowl (4).

(ff) Pymble.

(gg) Revesby.

(hh) Roseville.

(ii) Scone.

(jj) Toongabbie.

(kk) Wentworthville.

(ll) Yagoona.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

25th May, 1947.

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

- (1.) Report of the Trustees of the Museum of Technology and Applied Science for 1946.
 - (2.) Report of the Minister of Public Instruction on the work of the Child Welfare Department for the year ended 30th June, 1946.
 - (3.) Report of the Trustees of the National Art Gallery of New South Wales for the years 1944 and 1945.
- Ordered to be printed.
- (4.) Report of the Trustees of the Australian Museum for the year ended 30th June, 1946.
 - (5.) Amended Regulations under the Bursary Endowment Act, 1912.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Clarence Martin laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Amended Regulations under the Prisons Act, 1899.
- (2.) Amended Regulations under the Liquor Act, 1912, as amended.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Cahill laid upon the Table the following Papers:

- (1.) Amended Ordinances under the Local Government Act, 1919, as amended.
- (2.) Amended By-law under the Sydney Corporation Act, 1932-1942.
- (3.) Regulations under the Gas and Electricity Act, 1935-1946.
- (4.) Copy of Report (Mr. B. H. Nolan, Commissioner) appointed under the Local Government Act, 1919, as amended, to make inquiry into a proposal for the extension of the Oxley County District.
- (5.) Regulations under the Electricity Development Act, 1945.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Weir laid upon the table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Notification of resumption and acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the construction of a Water Conserving Storage in Lake Ballyrogan.
- (2.) Notifications of resumption and acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the construction of a Dam across the Macquarie River at Burrendong.
- (3.) Notifications of resumption and acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, in connection with the Berriquin Provisional Domestic and Stock Water Supply and Irrigation District constituted under Part VI of the Water Act, 1912, as amended.
- (4.) Notification of resumption and acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for construction of a Dam across the Hunter River at Glenbawn.
- (5.) Notification of resumption and acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the construction of a Dam across the Namoi River at Keepit.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

- (1.) Notifications of resumption and acquisition of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for Public Recreation Purposes at (a) Cabramatta; (b) Gulgong; (c) Horsley; (d) Earlwood.
- (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. O'Sullivan laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1.) Amended By-laws under the Government Railways Act, 1912-1945.
- (2.) Statements of traffic secured to Railway Transport by the exercise of the powers conferred by the Railway Commissioner under section 24 (3) and (4) of the Railways Act, 1912, as amended, during the months of February and March, 1947.
- (3.) Report of the Commissioner for Railways for the quarter ended 31st December, 1946.
- (4.) Notifications of appropriation and resumption of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purpose of maintaining traffic on the existing line of Railway from—

- (a) Sydney to Newcastle—New bridge across Cockle Creek and other work.
- (b) Sydney and Wallangarra—Additional openings over Coeypolly Creek, between Quirindi and Quipolly.

(5.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the purpose of confirming the Commissioner of Railways' title to land at Junee.

(6.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of an easement under the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended, for the construction, for Railway purposes, of an Electric High-tension Transmission Line between Sefton and Liverpool.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

28th May, 1947.

18. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. James McGillivray moved, That this House do now adjourn until Thursday, 12th June, 1947, at Eleven o'clock, a.m.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at Seven minutes before Five o'clock, p.m., until *Thursday, 12th June, 1947, at Eleven o'clock, a.m.*

F. B. LANGLEY,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.



PROCLAMATION.

NEW SOUTH WALES,) By His Excellency Lieutenant-General JOHN NORTHCOTT,
TO WIT.) Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Member
(L.S.) of the Royal Victorian Order, Governor of the State of New
J. NORTHCOTT. South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of
Governor. Australia.

WHEREAS the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of the State of New South Wales now stand adjourned to Thursday, the twelfth day of June, 1947: Now, I, Lieutenant-General 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-fourth day of July, 1947.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Sydney, this eleventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven, and in the eleventh year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

JAMES MCGIRR.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

15. Sitting of the House:—

Return of the day on which the House sat in the Session of 1947, stating the date of the month and the day of the week, the hour of the meeting and the hour of adjournment, and the total number of hours occupied in the sitting of the House, 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.
1	1947. 28 May	Wednesday ...	12.0 noon ...	4.53 p.m.	h. m. 4 53	h. m. ...	18

Legislative Assembly Office,
Sydney, 12th June, 1947.

F. B. LANGLEY,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 1.

REGISTER OF PUBLIC BILLS ORIGINATED IN THE ASSEMBLY DURING THE SESSION OF 1947.

Short Titles.	by whom initiated.	Message from Governor recommending presentation for.	Ordered.	Presented and read 1 st .	Proceeded with under Standing Order.	Read 2 ^d and Committed.	Recommitted.	Reported.	Report adopted.	Read 3 ^d , 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.
Law of Evidence	Mr. J. McGirr		1947. 28 May	1947. 28 May															<i>Pro forma</i> Bill.

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Public Bills originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY shown on Register No. 1	1		
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Reserved for Royal Assent			
<i>Pro forma</i> Bill	1		1
Not returned by Legislative Council			
Stopped by Prorogation			
Otherwise disposed of			1

Legislative Assembly Office,
Sydney, 12th June, 1947.

F. B. LANGLEY,
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