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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 Frederick Barlow Langley, Esquire, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, as follows—

"New South Wales. By His Excellency Lieutenant-General John
NORTHCO. 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.

"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 ELECTIOH.—The Clerk announced that he had received, through the Honourable the Colonial Secretaries, 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 each name respectively, at the General Election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, which was held on the third day of May, 1947, and further certifying that the several Writs of Election, being in nine cases, were duly returned before the day on which they were legally returnable.

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### 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 the 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 shall be in due order and without 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 Parliament, 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 Northcote, 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 the 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 "an Session of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly for the said State should commence and be held on Wednesday, the twentieth-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, New South Wales, that "We, trusting in the discretion, fidelity and care of Our trusty and well-beloved the Honourable David Henry Finch, President of our Said Legislative Council, the Honourable Robert Edward Dowling, Minister at justice, and Vice-President of the Executive Council of our said State, and Lieutenant-Governor of the Honourable Thomas Sturt, 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 power of these presents unto the said President, Honourable Dowling, and Thomas Sturt, or to any one or more of them, full power in Our name to open and said 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 to do the said Legislative Council, or the said Legislative Assembly to perform..."
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, 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 forty-seven in the eleventh year of Our Reign.

J. NORTHCOFT,
Governor.

"By His Excellency's Command,
JAMES MCGIRR.

"GOD SAVE THE KING!"

The Members then 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.

Ivan Carlisle Black, Esquire, LL.B.
George Booth, Esquire.
GEORGE WILLIAM BRAIN, ESQUIRE.

LIEUT.-COLONEL THE HONORABLE MICHAEL FREDERICK BRUNNER, D.S.O.

FREDERICK JOSEPH CALHOUN, ESQUIRE.

THE HONORABLE JOHN JOSEPH CALHOUN.

ROBERT CAMERON, ESQUIRE.

WILLIAM JOSEPH CARRICK, ESQUIRE.

WILLIAM ADOLPHUS CHAFFEY, ESQUIRE.

DANIEL CLYNE, ESQUIRE.

LUCIEN LAWRENCE CUNNINGHAM, ESQUIRE.

WILLIAM MATTHEW CURREY, ESQUIRE.

CHARLES BENJAMIN CUTLER, ESQUIRE.

ERICH DOUGLAS DARBY, ESQUIRE.

MARK ANTHONY DAVIDSOHN, ESQUIRE.

WILLIAM DAVIES, ESQUIRE.

ROBERT CHARLES DOWLEY, ESQUIRE.

SAMUEL DOUGLAS DICKSON, ESQUIRE.

EDGAR PERCY DRING, ESQUIRE.

THE HONORABLE DAVID HENRY DRUMMOND.

CAPTAIN THE HONORABLE WILLIAM FRASER DUNN.

AMBROSE GEORGE ENTICKWEAP, ESQUIRE.

THE HONORABLE CLIVE RALPH EVATT, K.C., LL.B.

THE HONORABLE FRANCIS JOSEPH FINNNER.

RAYMOND TEO FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE.

MRS. LILIAN FOWLER.

HOWARD THOMAS FOWLES, ESQUIRE.

JOHN STANLEY FREEMAN, ESQUIRE.

WILLIAM FRITH, ESQUIRE.

JAMES EDOGAY, ESQUIRE.

GEORGE CHARLES GOLIAN, ESQUIRE.

WILLIAM MCCulloch GOLIAN, ESQUIRE.

ROBERT DOUGLAS GORMAN, ESQUIRE.

THE HONORABLE EDGAR HUGH GRAHAM.

RAYMOND GEORGE HAMILTON, ESQUIRE.

FRANCIS HARRIS HAWKINGS, ESQUIRE.

ERIC HEARNHAWK, ESQUIRE, M.M., B.E.C., DIP. PUBL. AD.

STEPHEN ROY HEFEROHN, ESQUIRE.

THE HONORABLE ROBERT JAMES HEFFRON.

WALTER ARTHUR HARRIS HOWARTH, ESQUIRE.

DAVID BENJAMIN HUNTER, ESQUIRE.

HARRY GORDON JACKETT, ESQUIRE.

JOSEPH JACKSON, ESQUIRE.

LESLIE CHARLES JORDAN, ESQUIRE, L.I.B.

THE HONORABLE CHRISTOPHER AUGUSTUS KELLY.

LAWRENCE BERTWICK KELLY, ESQUIRE.

ELIZABETH THOMAS KENDALL, ESQUIRE.

THE HONORABLE HAMILTON KNIGHT.

WILLIAM HENRY LAMB, ESQUIRE.

ABRAM LANDS, ESQUIRE, L.I.B.

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THE HONORABLE JAMES McGIRR.

JOHN FRANCIS McBRATH, ESQUIRE.

THE HONORABLE CLARENCE EDWARD MORRIS, M.Ec., L.I.B.

THE HONORABLE CLAUDE HILTON MATTHEWS.

ROBERT GEORGE MEDICALL, ESQUIRE.

PHILIP HENRY MORTON, ESQUIRE.

GEORGE WALTER HARRY NOBLE, ESQUIRE.

RUSSELL BORIS NOOTT, ESQUIRE.

THE HONORABLE MAURICE O'SULLIVAN.

DODDIE GORDON PADDON, ESQUIRE.

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LAURENCE JOHN TULLY, ESQUIRE, B.A., L.I.B.

HENRY BASIL TURNER, ESQUIRE, M.A. (CANTAB.).

ROY STANLEY VINCENT, ESQUIRE.

WILLIAM ERNEST WATTS, ESQUIRE.

THE HONORABLE GEORGE WEAIR, L.I.B.

ARTHUR JOHN LEONARD WILLIAMS, ESQUIRE, F.I.A. (AUST.), F.I.A.

CECIL GORDON WINEFIELD, ESQUIRE.

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 Heffron.

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. Heffron 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. TREAT, LIEUT.-COLONEL BRUNNER, MR. FITZGERALD, MR. CLYNE AND MR. JACK BEALE congratulated Mr. Speaker.
Mr. McGirr 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 met the Governor; that, immediately after the opening of Parliament to-day, the Legislative Assembly, in the exercise of their unimpaired right, had recommended the election of their Speaker, that the choice had fallen upon him, and that he had not to present himself to His Excellency as their Speaker, upon his Excellency was pleased to offer to him his congratulations. That he had, in the name and on behalf of the House, laid claim to all their unimpaired rights and privileges, particularly to freedom of speech, in comme, to free access to His Excellency when occasion should return, and that the most favourable construction should 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 Roquay Rees, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance before the Honourable James McGirr, 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 McGirr informed the House that on 16th May, with a view to reconstituting the Ministry, he submitted his resignation to His Excellency the Governor, which action provoked 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 of the House mentioned:

The Honourable Robert James Helfton, M.L.A., Minister for Education.
The Honourable Robert Reginald Dowling, H.R., M.L.A., 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 Kelso, M.L.A., Minister for Health.
The Honourable Maurice O'Sullivan, M.L.A., Minister for Transport.
The Honourable Francis Joseph Finnie, M.L.A., Minister in Charge of Trade Activities and Immigration.
LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION.—Mr. Treatt 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.

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.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—Mr. Godber moved (without Notice) that leave of absence for the present Session be granted to Lieut.-Colonel Evan Murray Robson, D.S.O., B.A., I.L.B., Member for Vincenzo, on account of illness. Question put and passed.

ASSENT TO BILLS.—Mr. Specker 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.
   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.

2. Industrial Arbitration (Forty Hours Week) Amendment Bill:—
   J. NORTHCOtt, Governor.
   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.

3. Bankruptcy (Amendment) Bill:—
   J. NORTHCOtt, Governor.
   A Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Bankruptcy Act, 1908, 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.

4. New South Wales-Queensland Border Rivers Bill:—
   J. NORTHCOtt, Governor.
   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,
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," was 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,

(6.) Royal Agricultural Society (Amendment) Bill—
J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.
A Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the Royal Agricultural Society Act, 1911, and certain other Acts in certain respects, and for purposes connected therewith," was 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,

(7.) Workers' Compensation (Amendment) Bill—
J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.
A Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Workers' Compensation Act, 1926-1944, in certain respects, and for purposes connected therewith," was 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,

(8.) City and Suburban Electric Railways (Amendment) Bill—
J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.
A Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, and certain other Acts and for purposes connected therewith," was 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,

(9.) Coal and Oil Shale Mine Workers (Pensions) Amendment Bill—
J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.
A Bill, intituled "An Act to increase the rates of pensions payable under the Coal and Oil Shale Mine Workers (Pensions) Act, 1931-1942, to make further provision as to the granting of such pensions and the contributions to the funds established under the said Act; for those and other purposes to amend the said Act in certain respects; to declare certain matters; and for purposes connected therewith," was 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,
(10.) War Service Land Settlement and Close Settlement (Amendment) Bill.—

J. NORTHICOTT, Message No. 10, Governor.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to make further provision for the settlement on the land of numbers of discharged or disabled men of His Majesty's Naval, Military, or Air Forces and other eligible persons, to reduce the value of land when an owner may retain upon repayment for close settlement; to reduce the statutory period during which an owner may retain a occupation following the completion of his property; for these and other purposes to amend the War Service Land Settlement Act, 1941, as amended by subsequent Acts, the Close 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.


(11.) Coal Mines Regulation (Amendment) Bill.—

J. NORTHICOTT, 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.


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

J. NORTHICOTT, Message No. 12, Governor.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to vest certain land vested and discharged from all trusts affecting the same in the Yass 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 numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.


14. Pro forma Bill.—Law of Evidence Bill.—Mr. James McGarr 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.

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 her past 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 or Committees:—

(1.) Motion.—Mr. James McGarr 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.
20th May, 1917.

(2.) Suspension of Standing Orders. Mr. Mettir moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would provide the consideration forthwith of a motion for the appointment of a Chairman of Committees of the Whole House.

Question put and passed.

(3.) Mr. Hawke 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 Mettir 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. Battie laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(4.) Regulations under the Coal Industry Act, 1916.
(5.) Proclamations declaring certain land to be private land for the purposes of the Mining Act, 1906-1919.
(6.) Minutes of the Public Service Board respecting the appointment, on probation, of B. V. L. Sanders, Assistant Geologist, Mr. Clifford Harris, Inspector of Mines, Mr. John Featherstone, Inspector of Collieries, and Mr. John Dodds, Inspector of Collieries, Department of Mines.
(7.) Amended Regulations under the Coalfield Use of Fire Act, 1912-1916.
(8.) 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. 5.
(e) Walnut Glory Chest, Marden.
(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, 1916.

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) Bronte.
(e) Caringbah.
(f) Canley Vale.
(g) Camden Vale.
(h) Canterbury South.
(i) Caringbah.
(j) Castlereagh.
(k) Chester Hill.
(l) Eastwood (2).
(m) French’s Forest.
(n) Granville (2).
(o) Hornsby.
(p) Horns Bay.
(q) Hornsby.
(r) Jannali.
(s) Junee.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
Mr. Hoffme laid upon the Table the following Papers:—
(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.

(1.) Report of the Trustees of the Australian Museum for the year ended 30th June, 1946.
(5.) Amended Regulations under the Bursars 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 Firearms 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, 1923-1942.
(3.) Regulations under the Gas and Electricity Act, 1952-1946.
(4.) Copies 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 Ossle 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 the 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) Galong; (c) Horosley; (d) Earchwood.
(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 January, February and March, 1945.
(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 Wollongong—Additional openings over Cooymba Creek, between Quirindi and Wollongong.

(5.) 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.
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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
28th May, 1947.

18. ANNOUNCEMENT: Mr. James McGirr 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, Speaker.

W. H. LAMB,
PROCLAMATION.

NEW SOUTH WALES,] BY HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL JOHN NORTHCO. L.G.
TO WIT.
J. NORTHCO. GOVERNOR.

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 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!

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      Of Notices of Motions ............................... ...
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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:—

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

F. B. LANGLEY,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.
1947.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

No. 1.

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

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