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**Offensive and Objectionable Remarks, Imputations and Aspersions:** A member was reminded of the provisions of Standing Orders 151 and 157. The member was pursuing a course which, by building up a process of imputations of improper motives without supporting evidence, must raise the issue whether or not his freedom to proceed in this manner should be allowed to continue. If this course were pursued without the production of any substantive evidence to back up these continually repeated imputations, the only course that may be open to the Chair would be to require him to move a substantive motion supporting and sustaining the allegations that he continued to raise by way of innuendo, 179.

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Members were reminded that in relation to certain matters they should not be too thin skinned, 28.

Mr Speaker could not uphold a point of order that a motion was out of order on the ground that it contained words that were offensive to the Parliament of Australia. Standing Order 151 essentially affects members of this Parliament. It could not be extended to an impersonal parliamentary institution at Canberra, removed from this Parliament, 2660.

A member cannot ask for withdrawal of a remark that reflects upon a whole class. The standing order did not give protection against that type of remark, which was really part of the thrust and parry of debate. Also Mr Speaker did not uphold a point of order that a remark made by a member was disrespectful of Parliament itself, 1151.

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Personal Explanation: The essential purpose of personal explanation is to enable a member to show that his honour and integrity have been reflected upon wrongly, but he may not debate the matter, 202; a member had done this, and he could not then proceed to enter into debate, 2040.

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A member was entering into debate, which is not within the scope of personal explanation, 1156.

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Mr Speaker was not aware of any limitation upon a personal explanation having to relate to something said in the House. A point of order to this effect was dismissed, 2611.

The fact that a member has legal remedies in regard to what has been said outside the House does not prevent him from making a personal explanation inside the House. If the member could show that his reputation had been reflected upon in some direct way, Mr Speaker would be pleased to hear his personal explanation, 2611; the member was entitled to say what he had said, but he should not restate the matter, 2611.

A point of order—that the matter being raised by a member related to something stated in another place and nowhere else—was resolved by Mr Speaker ruling that the member had concluded his personal explanation, 2612.

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A point of order—that a member in making a personal explanation was making an attack on a person outside the House—was not upheld. It was a perfectly legitimate personal explanation, 2613.

**Points of Order:** It is absolutely imperative that substantial points of order be taken. The procedure is not an occasion for seizing an opportunity to take part in debate. On this occasion no point of order was involved, 1860.

Mr Speaker had gone to some pains to point out earlier that the taking of a point of order must not be used as a pretext for intervening in the debate. There was no semblance whatever of order in the point of order taken, 1896. A member, under the guise of taking a point of order, was interrupting the debate, 2676.

A member was reminded of the provisions of Standing Order 387. The member had taken a series of captious points of order, 2678.

A member was not in a position to interrogate the Chair, but the Chair would freely give advice that if the member persisted in taking captious, cheating, fraudulent points of order for the purpose of wilfully obstructing the business of the House, he would render himself liable to the consequences of Standing Order 387, 2680.

Points of order that had been taken from the Government side of the House were as captious as those attributed to an Opposition member. That type of point of order should be avoided on both sides of the House, 2681.

A member was trifling with the House, 2682.

Many points of order will have some merit and substance, yet not enough to justify upholding them. The Chair would endeavour to be guided by a just and reasoned interpretation of the standing orders, of the precedents and of commonsense. A remedy was open to members who were dissatisfied with any of the Speaker's rulings. Mr Speaker would take no offence if the House upheld a motion of dissent against any of his rulings. The Speaker holds himself as the servant of the House and he would at all times accept gladly the guidance of the House on matters of this kind, 2149.

Under cover of a point of order a Minister was purporting to enter into debate. Even if a motion contained some colour of privilege, Mr Speaker considered the matter perfectly proper to be moved as a motion, 2262.

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A member would have to assist the Speaker more than he had been doing before the Chair could rule on a point of order, 741.

Mr Speaker would hear the only point of order that was before him, 834.

A member was asked on what standing order he relied for his point, 2660.

A member would be permitted to move his motion before Mr Speaker would hear a point of order, 2659.

A point of order—that Standing Order 395 requires that a motion must be duly made and seconded—could not be entertained as the motion had not at that stage been moved, 2659.

A member was asked to confine his remarks to the point of order, 647, 713; and not to make comment, 706. There was already a point of order before the House, 2602.

Although there was nothing before the Chair, Mr Speaker would hear a point of order by a Minister, 2613.

It was no point of order to state that there was a misstatement in the debate, 2624.

No point of order was involved; the only purpose for taking it could be to intervene in the debate, 2625.

What had happened was strictly within the terms of what a previous Speaker had described as the taking of captious points of order. Members ought not to expect the Chair to encourage a continuation of this process. The matter raised by a member by way of point of order related to a time and stage of parliamentary proceedings not pertinent that day. As far as Mr Speaker understood the matters raised in May's *Parliamentary Practice*, they dealt basically with publication of libels upon either House and the publication of false, fraudulent, partial or injurious reports of debates or proceedings by either House; it was incredible that it could be seriously argued that the sovereign Parliament of New South Wales should be prevented in some way from passing judgment on another parliament. There was no substance in the point of order, 2663.

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**Privilege:** No doubt there were implications of privilege in what a member had put to the House, but he had not advanced it as a matter of privilege, 1006.

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A member can do whatever lies within the standing orders, **1936**.

A member had left it too late to seek the call. It was not then in order for him to speak, **1169**.

An amendment had not yet been moved to a motion. When it was moved would be the time to say whether it was seconded; later, when an amendment was moved, it was seconded, **1532**.

In reply to a point of order on the procedure followed in Committee in dealing with a clause in a bill, Mr Speaker ruled that he was bound by the report of the Committee and the question that must go to the House was that the Committee's report be adopted, **2614**.

A point of order—that a member was indulging in the presentation of hearsay about something that might not be and probably was not factual—was not upheld. A member must be entitled to bring before the House reports made to him by his constituents or other persons, **925**.

Questions without Notice: Mr Speaker issued a general injunction to all members, and not to any member in particular, in regard to the length of questions, the amount of information that should be given in them and the length of replies by Ministers, **2465**.

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Answers to questions should not involve too much detail with many examples. If a Minister answered a question more succinctly the House would be considerably more advanced in its deliberations, **707**.

Ministers' replies to questions were far too long, and Mr Speaker hoped that in future they would be considerably briefer. It was patently obvious that because of the length of Ministers' replies it took an extraordinary time for members to get the call at question time. Mr Speaker hoped that a Minister would abbreviate his reply and in future all Ministers would tend towards shorter replies, **575**.

A Minister is entitled to answer a question as he sees fit, **116, 891**; but the reply must be within the general realm of relevance, **2602**; a point of order—that a Minister should not state his political beliefs when answering a question—was the same as an earlier one, **2603**.

A member had made an attempt to improve upon a question that he had tried to ask on a previous occasion. Although some features of it were unattractive and barely harmonious with the standing orders, Mr Speaker permitted the remainder of it to be asked, **2605**; the question was too long, contained argument that normally Mr Speaker would not allow, but basically it came within the ambit of many questions that are asked by members on both sides of the House and answered. The question was in order, **2606**.

A Minister is entitled to stand where he chooses in the Chamber when replying to a question, **1232**.

Mr Speaker exhorted members to conserve as zealously as possible the time available to them for the asking of questions without notice, **1232**.

Mr Speaker had not heard the precise terms of the question directed to a Minister, but he stated that in future he would discourage questions that sought observations from Ministers, **887**.

A Minister had listened in silence while a question was asked of him. He should be heard in silence when he was answering it, **2461**.

If a Minister listened in silence to a member who asked a question, that member should listen in silence to the Minister's reply, **797**.

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A member was permitted to ask a question even though another member submitted he had asked a similar question without notice and had not yet been given an answer to it, **1851**.

A question ought not to anticipate debate on a measure set down as an order of the day. Mr Speaker was satisfied that the matter raised in the question and that in the order of the day were not the same. He allowed the question, **2261**.

The Leader of the Opposition would be permitted to ask a question but he was assured that if he intended to turn the remainder of his question into a colourful and argumentative exercise in politics, that portion of his question would not be allowed, **501**.

Mr Speaker took it that a Minister had virtually completed his answer to a question, **891**.

An answer to a question had been prolonged by **inflammatory** interjections from the Opposition side of the House, **2033**.

Mr Speaker would hear the whole of a member's question before ruling on a point of order raised in relation to it, **1139**.

Information that a Minister sought to have incorporated in *Hansard* seemed to Mr Speaker to be slightly longer than appropriate, but he permitted its incorporation, **1145**.

A member was informed that a question he had sought to ask without notice the day before and was ruled out of order as *sub judice*, would be permitted if he cared to ask it again, **631**.

It would be an extraordinary development if Mr Speaker were to rule questions out of order because they were offensive to political opponents, **891**.

A question appeared to be totally out of order. It appeared to have complete reliance upon press reports and Mr Speaker imagined that the member would not be in a position to guarantee their accuracy. However, Mr Speaker permitted the member to conclude his question and then allowed the Minister to reply to it, **890**.

As a question was concerned with a federal bill that had not yet become law, it was appropriate to address it to the Attorney-General. It had some argumentative content but not enough for it to be ruled out of order, **253**.

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A question was ruled out of order on the ground that it did not relate to the administrative responsibility of the Minister to whom it was directed, **2030**.

A question was ruled out of order on the ground that it contained comment and argument; also it sought information. The member would be given the call provided he rephrased the question, **1140**.

Mr Speaker ruled a question out of order on the ground that it was clearly *sub judice*, **503, 573, 577**.

A point of order—that because of the prolixity of the question, it should be added to the *Questions and Answers* paper—was not upheld. It was no longer than many other questions asked and answered in the House, **1521**.

A point of order—that it was obvious that a Minister had notice of a question that he was asked during question time—was not upheld. It would be entirely contrary to the traditions of the Chamber to uphold the point of order, **708**.

A point of order—that a question imputed improper motives to a Minister of the Crown—was not upheld. Mr Speaker pointed out that the question contained colourful phrases without which it would be much better, **888**.

A point of order—that a member in asking a question was seeking an opinion from a Minister—was not upheld, **1446**.

A point of order—that a question and the answer to it involved intimidation of an honourable member—was not upheld. The question was a proper one, very much within the same ambit as questions that had emanated from the honourable member himself, **2036**; precisely the same imputation had been repeated again and again in the Chamber by the same parties, so Mr Speaker had no intention of disallowing the question, **2037**; there was some substance in the point of order that had been taken, but what had occurred had to be measured against the reality of the political debate. The occupant of the Chair was required to exercise commonsense and discretion in interpreting the standing orders. In terms of Standing Order 151 there could not be a great deal of force in the objections taken when the member

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A point of order—that the question referred to a federal matter and had no reference whatever to State matters and therefore had no relevance to the Minister's administration—was not upheld. The Minister was answering in his capacity as representative in this House of a Minister in another House, 1855.

Reading of Speeches: A point of order—that a member was reading his speech—was not upheld, 2293; the member was referring to copious notes of a completely acceptable kind, 2661.

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A point of order—that a member was introducing a subject that was not covered in the order of leave of a bill, or anything the Minister had said on it—was not upheld. However, the member was reminded that he must relate his remarks to the various matters referred to in the notice of motion, 807.

A member was required to return to the debate, 1154, 1410; and to the motion, 2673.

A point of order—that a member was straying from the motion—was not upheld. Mr Speaker had no intention of restraining the member at that stage, 1148.

A point of order—that a member was not speaking to the motion—was upheld. The member was directed to speak specifically to the motion, 1350; a later point of order that the member was still not speaking to the motion was not upheld, 1351.

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A member was getting well away from the motion before the House, 1879, 1880.

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A point of order—that a member was not replying to the debate on the motion—was not upheld. However, the member was asked to be more specific in his reply, 2678.

A member was under a misconception in relation to a ruling given by Mr Speaker. In fact the matter being dealt with by the member addressing the House was central to the motion, 2677.

Mr Speaker could detect a faint thread of relevance in what the Minister was saying; he could continue, 2102.

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A member was requested to address himself to the bill before the House rather than persist in referring to a matter of local interest to the member, **2521**; Mr Speaker wanted to give the member maximum scope as he was leading for the Opposition on the bill but he expressed the hope that the member would not turn to discussion into one relating to local issues, **2522**.

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Having given the matter further thought, Mr Speaker was of the opinion that an earlier ruling he had given in relation to a question asked without notice was unduly restrictive. The member was informed that if he cared to ask the question again it would be allowed later, **631**.

A member was more or less canvassing a specific matter that he knew was before the court, **833**.

Mr Speaker ruled that a question went **directly** to issues likely to colour the court's consideration, and therefore it was sub *judice*, **503, 577**.

Mr Speaker ruled out of order parts of a question that related to matters which were before a Royal commission, **894, 895**.

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Tedious Repetition: Even though a member was indulging in tedious repetition within the meaning of Standing Order **157**, the Chair was keen to see that the member had every possible opportunity to express his point of view, **2642**.

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That there were factual inaccuracies, as had been alleged, in respect of the grounds put for establishing urgency might be a good ground for rejecting urgency, but in Mr Speaker's view it would not be a good ground for rejecting the motion as such, **508**.

It was clear that if a member were to proceed as he had been, he would be moving into plain debate and argument and away from the strict debate on urgency. Mr Speaker was sure that the member appreciated what was involved in establishing urgency, **1332**.

Mr Speaker had been extremely tolerant. The fact that a matter is serious has nothing whatever to do with urgency. Also, urgency is not made out by continual repetition of the phrase "It is urgent because". In future Mr Speaker would take a stricter line on these matters. **1333**.

A member was requested to confine himself strictly to proper considerations of urgency, **638**.

A member should come immediately to the matter of urgency, **111**; he had strayed considerably from urgency, **112**.

A member was requested to return to urgency, **1237**.

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motion were carried it would fall to the member who had given notice of the substantive motion to move it, 2656.

Mr Speaker had done his best to ensure that the Opposition would have its say. However, nothing is more **difficult** than the task of adjudicating on the issue of urgency. There are blurred lines where urgency ends and debate on the substantive motion begins. As the Chair had been tolerant with the **Opposition** in this matter, Mr Speaker proposed to be equally tolerant with a Minister. Basically the Minister had been addressing himself to urgency, 2657.

Mr Speaker invited the attention of the House to Standing Order 395 which provides that the question of urgency shall be decided by the House upon motion without notice or debate except a statement by the mover and a statement by a Minister or the Leader of the Opposition when the motion is moved by a Minister, each limited to 10 minutes. The standing order does not give cognizance to anybody other than those persons. Nonetheless Mr Speaker allowed the Deputy Leader of the Opposition to speak, 2657.

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Council: **1R.**, 1725; **2R.**, 2110; *Com.*, 2113; *ad. rep.*, 2114; **3R.**, 2185.

**DEATH DUTIES (ABOLITION) BILL:**

Assembly: *Int.*, 1551.

**DEFAMATION BILL:**

Assembly: *Int.*, 657; **1R.**, 665; **2R.**, 809; *Com.*, 848, 895; *ad. rep.*, 907; **3R.**, 956; *returned*, 1849.

Council: **1R.**, 928; **2R.**, 1509, 1600; *Com.*, 1626; *ad. rep.*, 1641; **3R.**, 1725.

**EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:**

Assembly: *Assent*, 17.

Council: *Assent*, 2.

**ELECTRICITY DEVELOPMENT (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL:**

Assembly: *Int.*, 120; **1R.**, 121; **2R.**, 214; *Com.*, *ad. rep.* and **3R.**, 217; *returned*, 402; *assent*, 497.

Council: **1R.**, 181; **2R.**, 240; *Corn.* and *ad. rep.*, 242; **3R.**, 322; *assent*, 679.

**FIRE BRIGADES (AMENDMENT) BILL:**

Assembly: *Int.* and **1R.**, 589; **2R.**, 998; *Com.* and *ad. rep.*, 1003; **3R.**, 1054; *returned*, 1685; *assent*, 2613.

Council: **1R.**, 1008; **2R.**, 1480; *Com.* and *ad. rep.*, 1487; **3R.**, 1597; *assent*, 2558.

**GAMING AND BETTING (AMENDMENT) BILL:**

Assembly: *Int.*, 2268; **1R.**, 2272; **2R.**, 2500; *Com.*, 2512; *ad. rep.* and **3R.**, 2515; *returned*, 2680.

Council: **1R.** and *m.s.o.*, 2434; **2R.**, 2585; *Com.*, *ad. rep.* and **3R.**, 2593.

**GAMING AND BETTING (POKER MACHINES) AMENDMENT BILL:**

Assembly: *Urgency*, 32; *m.s.o.*, 34; *int.*, 39; **1R.**, 40; **2R.**, 61; *Com.*, *ad. rep.* and **3R.**, 63; *returned*, 248; *assent*, 497.

Council: **1R.** and *m.s.o.*, 76; **2R.**, 93; *Com.* and *ad. rep.*, 98; **3R.**, 181; *assent*, 679.

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Council: **1R.** and *m.s.o.*, 362; **2R.**, 437; *Com.*, *ad. rep.* and **3R.**, 448; *assent*, 679.

**GORE HILL CEMETERY BILL:**

Assembly: *Int.*, 484; **1R.**, 485; **2R.**, 1110; *Com.*, 1113; *ad. rep.* 1114; **3R.**, 1147; *returned*, 1685.

Council: **1R.** and *m.s.o.*, 1119; **2R.**, 1487; *Com.* and *ad. rep.*, 1493; **3R.**, 1598.

**GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (AMENDMENT) BILL:**

Assembly: *Int.*, 385; **1R.**, 387; **2R.**, 764, 809; *Com.* and *ad. rep.*, 809; **3R.**, 895; *returned*, 1410; *cons. amds.*, 1562; *ad. rep.*, 1562; *assent*, 2613.

Council: **1R.** and *m.s.o.*, 867; **2R.**, 1219; *com.* and *ad. rep.*, 1228; **3R.**, 1301; *mes.*, 1597; *assent*, 2558.

**GROWTH CENTRES (DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS) BILL:**

Assembly: *Int.*, 2043; **1R.**, 2044; **2R.**, 2328; *Com.*, 2343; *ad. rep.* and **3R.** 2346; *returned*, 2500.

Council: **1R.** and *m.s.o.*, 2377; **2R.**, 2394; *Com.*, *ad. rep.* and **3R.**, 2400.

**GROWTH CENTRES (LAND ACQUISITION) BILL:**

Assembly: *Int.*, 202; **1R.**, 226; **2R.**, 538; *Com.* (*pro forma*) and *ad. rep.*, 558; *Com.*, 594; *ad. rep.*, 619; **3R.**, 642; *returned*, 947; *assent*, 1742.

Council: **1R.** and *m.s.o.*, 680; **2R.**, 685; *Com.*, 698, 775; *ad. rep.*, 783; **3R.**, 867; *assent*, 1725.

**GWYDIR RIVER SYSTEM DISTRIBUTARY WORKS BILL:**

Assembly: *Int.*, 487; **1R.**, 488, **2R.**, 1657; *Com.* and *ad. rep.*, 1662; **3R.**, 1752; *returned*, 2179.

Council: **1R.** and *m.s.o.*, 1725; **2R.**, 1966; *Com.* and *ad. rep.*, 1983; **3R.**, 2110.

**HAWKERS BILL:**

Assembly: *Int.* and **1R.**, 1354; **2R.**, 1701; *Com.*, 1705; *ad. rep.*, 1706; **3R.**, 1752; *returned*, 2280.

Council: **1R.**, 1725; **2R.**, 2114; *Com.*, 2116; *ad. rep.*, 2118; **3R.**, 2185.

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Council: **1R.** and *m.s.o.*, 105; **2R.**, 106; *Com.*, 108; *ad. rep.*, 109; **3R.**, 181; *assent*, 679.

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Assembly: *Int.*, 584; **1R.**, 587; **2R.**, 988; *Com.* and *ad. rep.*, 994; **3R.**, 1054; *returned*, 1521; *assent*, 2613.

Council: **1R.**, 1008; **2R.**, 1312; *Com.* and *ad. rep.*, 1314; **3R.**, 1425; *assent*, 2558.

**INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:**

Assembly: *Assent*, 17.

Council: *Assent*, 2.

**INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (FURTHER AMENDMENT) BILL:**

Assembly: *M.s.o.*, 36; *int.*, 57; **1R.**, 59; **2R.**, 428, 489, 619, 755; *Com.*, 762; *ad. rep.*, 764; **3R.**, 799; *returned*, 1283; *assent*, 2141.

Council: **1R.**, and *m.s.o.*, 772; **2R.**, 1026, 1124; *Com.*, 1129; *ad. rep.*, 1133; **3R.**, 1185; *assent*, 2110.

**LAND DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL:**

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Council: **1R.** and *m.s.o.*, 76; **2R.**, 186; *Com.* and *ad. rep.*, 192; **3R.**, 229; *assent*, 679.

**LAND TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL:**

Assembly: *Assent*, 17.

Council: *Assent*, 2.

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Assembly: **1R.**, 17.

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Assembly: *Int.*, 2272; **1R.**, 2278; **2R.**, 2614; *Com.*, *ad. rep.* and **3R.**, 2628; *returned*, 2680.

Council: **1R.** and *m.s.o.*, 2568; **2R.**, 2570; *Com.*, *ad. rep.* and **3R.**, 2582.

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*Council: 1R.*, 1725; **2R.**, 2119; *Corn. and ad. rep.*, 2124; **3R.**, 2185.

#### LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL:

*Assembly: Int.*, 1559; **1R.**, 1562; **2R.**, 1760; *Corn.*, 1774; *ad. rep.*, 1775; **3R.**, 1868; *returned*, 2478.

*Council: 1R.*, 1780; **2R.**, 2137, 2188; *Corn.*, 2197; *ad. rep.*, 2198; **3R.**, 2377.

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*Assembly: M.s.o.*, 36; *int.*, 53; **1R.**, 54; **2R.**, 162; *Corn. ad. rep. and 3R.*, 170; *returned*, 402; *assent*, 497.

*Council: 1R.*, 110; *m.s.o.*, 242; **2R.**, 242; *Com. and ad. rep.*, 244; **3R.**, 322; *assent*, 679.

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*Assembly: Int.*, 737; **1R.**, 738; **2R.**, 1265; *Corn.*, 1279; *ad. rep.*, 1283; **3R.**, 1341; *returned*, 2070.

*Council: 1R.*, 1300; **2R.**, 1813; *Com.*, 1826; *ad. rep.*, 1828; **3R.**, 1946.

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*Assembly: Int. and 1R.*, 588; **2R.**, 995; *Corn. and ad. rep.*, 998; **3R.**, 1054; *returned*, 1521.

*Council: 1R.*, 1008; **2R.**, 1319; *Corn. and rep.*, 1322; **3R.**, 1425.

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*Council: 1R.*, 106; *m.s.o.*, 183; **2R.**, 183; *Corn. and ad. rep.*, 186; **3R.**, 229; *assent*, 679.

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*Council: 1R.*, 1725; **2R.**, 2124; *Corn. and ad. rep.*, 2128; **3R.**, 2185.

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*Assembly: Int.*, 2150; **1R.**, 2151; **2R.**, 2495; *Corn. and ad. rep.*, 2498; **3R.**, 2500; *returned*, 2601.

*Council: 1R. and m.s.o.*, 2434; **2R.**, 2454; *Com. and ad. rep.*, 2455; **3R.**, 2456.

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*Assembly: Int. and 1R.*, 2151; **2R.**, 2498; *Com., ad. rep. and 3R.*, 2500; *returned*, 2601.

*Council: 1R. and m.s.o.*, 2434; **2R.**, 2456; *Com., ad. rep. and 3R.*, 2457.

#### METROPOLITAN WATER, SEWERAGE, AND DRAINAGE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1973:

*Assembly: Urgency.* 32; *m.s.o.*, 34; *int.*, 42; **1R.**, 48; **2R.**, 125; *Com.*, 148; *ad. rep. and 3R.*, 149; *returned*, 248; *assent*, 497.

*Council: 1R. and m.s.o.*, 93; **2R.**, 98; *Corn. and ad. rep.*, 105; **3R.**, 181; *assent*, 679.

#### METROPOLITAN WATER, SEWERAGE, AND DRAINAGE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1974:

*Assembly: Int.*, 578; **1R.**, 584; **2R.**, 919, 979; *Com. and ad. rep.*, 987; **3R.**, 1054; *returned*, 1521; *assent*, 2613.

*Council: 1R.*, 1008; **2R.**, 1303; *Com. and ad. rep.*, 1312; **3R.**, 1425; *assent*, 2558.

#### MONEY-LENDERS AND INFANTS LOANS (AMENDMENT) BILL:

*Assembly: Int.*, 278; **1R.**, 281; **2R.**, 387; *Com.*, 398; *ad. rep. and 3R.*, 402; *returned*, 490; *assent*, 497.

*Council: 1R.*, 344; *m.s.o.*, 345; **2R.**, 448; *Com., ad. rep. and 3R.*, 452; *assent*, 679.

#### MOTOR DEALERS BILL:

*Assembly: Int.*, 1908; **1R.**, 1915; **2R.**, 2347; *Com.*, 2368, 2465; *ad. rep.*, 2477; **3R.**, 2478; *returned*, 2601.

*Council: 1R. and m.s.o.*, 2381; **2R.**, 2434; *Com.*, 2448; *ad. rep. and 3R.*, 2450.

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*Council: 1R.*, 1945; *2R.*, 2206; *Com.* and *ad. rep.*, 2210; *3R.*, 2377.

**MOTOR VEHICLES (TAXATION) AND MOTOR VEHICLES TAXATION MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL:**

*Assembly: Urgency*, 32; *m.s.o.*, 34; *int.*, 37; *1R.*, 39; *2R.*, 68; *Com.*, *ad. rep.* and *3R.*, 70; *returned*, 248; *assent*, 497.

*Council: 1R.* and *m.s.o.*, 76; *2R.*, 87; *Com.* and *ad. rep.*, 93; *3R.*, 181; *assent*, 679.

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*Assembly: Int.*, 593; *1R.*, 594; *2R.*, 1667; *Corn.*, 1681; *ad. rep.*, and *3R.*, 1685; *returned*, 2478.

*Council: 1R.*, 1780; *2R.*, 2198; *Corn.* and *ad. rep.*, 2206; *3R.*, 2377.

**NEW SOUTH WALES PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION BILL:**

*Assembly: Int.*, 1868; *1R.*, 1878; *2R.*, 2155, 2281; *Corn.*, 2305; *ad. rep.*, 2328; *3R.*, 2346; *returned*, 2531.

*Council: 1R.* and *m.s.o.*, 2377; *2R.*, 2401; *Corn.*, 2422; *ad. rep.* and *3R.*, 2433.

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*Assembly: Znt.*, 1081; *1R.*, 1082; *2R.*, 1162; *Corn.* and *ad. rep.*, 1169; *3R.*, 1241; *returned*, 1521; *assent*, 2141.

*Council: 1R.*, 1185; *2R.*, 1327; *Corn.* and *ad. rep.*, 1331; *3R.*, 1425; *assent*, 2110.

**PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETIES (AMENDMENT) BILL:**

*Assembly: Int.*, 531; *1R.*, 535; *2R.*, 668, 746; *Com.* and *ad. rep.*, 748; *3R.*, 809; *returned*, 1228; *assent*, 2141.

*Council: 1R.* and *m.s.o.*, 773; *2R.*, 941, 1010; *Com.*, 1017; *ad. rep.*, 1018; *3R.*, 1119; *assent*, 2110.

**PIPELINES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1973:**

*Assembly: Int.* and *1R.*, 120; *2R.*, 283; *Com.*, 287; *ad. rep.* and *3R.*, 289; *returned*, 482; *cons. amtds* and *ad. rep.*, 488; *assent*, 497.

*Council: 1R.* and *m.s.o.*, 321; *2R.*, 334; *Com.*, 343; *ad. rep.*, 344; *3R.*, 434; *mes.*, 448; *assent*, 679.

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*Assembly: Int.*, 590; *1R.*, 591; *2R.*, 665; *Com.* and *ad. rep.*, 668; *3R.*, 714; *returned*, 1084; *assent*, 1742.

*Council: 1R.*, 680; *2R.*, 783, 870, 932; *Com.* and *ad. rep.*, 941; *3R.*, 1009; *assent*, 1725.

**POLICE REGULATION (SUPERANNUATION) AMENDMENT BILL:**

*Assembly: Int.*, 1759; *1R.*, 1760; *2R.*, 2050; *Com.*, 2067; *ad. rep.*, 2070; *3R.*, 2150; *returned*, 2478.

*Council: 1R.*, 2110; *2R.*, 2242; *Com.* and *ad. rep.*, 2248; *3R.*, 2378.

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*Assembly: M.s.o.* and *int.*, 2263; *1R.*, 2264; *2R.*, 2515; *Com.*, *ad. rep.* and *3R.*, 2516; *returned*, 2601.

*Council: 1R.* and *m.s.o.*, 2434; *2R.*, *Com.*, *ad. rep.* and *3R.*, 2457.

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*Assembly: Int.*, 742; *1R.*, 746; *2R.*, 1471, 1563; *Com.*, 1580; *ad. rep.*, 1594; *3R.*, 1650; *returned*, 2179.

*Council: 1R.*, 1597, *2R.*, 1947; *Com.*, 1961; *ad. rep.*, 1965; *3R.*, 2110.

**REGISTRAR-GENERAL BILL:**

*Assembly: Assent*, 17.

*Council: Assent*, 2.

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*Assembly: M.s.o.*, 36; *int.*, 54; *1R.*, 56; *2R.*, 171; *Com.*, 173; *ad. rep.*, 177; *3R.*, 215; *returned*, 402; *assent*, 497.

*Council: 1R.*, 180; *m.s.o.*, 181; *2R.*, 231; *Com.*, 238; *ad. rep.*, 239; *3R.*, 322; *assent*, 679.

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Council: **1R.**, 1946; **2R.**, 2223; *Com.* and *ad. rep.*, 2228; **3R.**, 2377.

**STAMP DUTIES (AMENDMENT) BILL:**

Assembly: *Urgency*, 32; *m.s.o.*, 34; *int.*, 59; **1R.**, 61; **2R.**, 59; *Com.* *ad. rep.* and **3R.**, 61; returned, 248; *assent*, 497.

Council: **1R.** and *m.s.o.*, 76; **2R.**, 78; *Com.* and *ad. rep.*, 87; **3R.**, 181; *assent*, 679.

**STATES GRANTS (RURAL RECONSTRUCTION) AGREEMENT RATIFICATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:**

Assembly: *Int.* and **1R.**, 746; **2R.**, 1173; *Com.* and *ad. rep.*, 1180; **3R.**, 1241; returned, 1685.

Council: **1R.**, 1185; **2R.**, 1497; *Com.* and *ad. rep.*, 1509; **3R.**, 1598.

**STATUTORY SALARIES ADJUSTMENT BILL:**

Assembly: *Int.*, 1080; **1R.**, 1081; **2R.**, 1169; *Com.* and *ad. rep.*, 1173; **3R.**, 1241; returned, 1521; *assent*, 2141.

Council: **1R.**, 1185; **2R.**, 1323; *Com.* and *ad. rep.*, 1327; **3R.**, 1425; *assent*, 2110.

**STRATA TITLES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1973:**

Assembly: *Assent*, 17.

Council: *Assent*, 2.

**STRATA TITLES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1974:**

Assembly: *Int.*, 1653; **1R.**, 1656; **2R.**, 1883; *Com.*, 1902; *ad. rep.*, 1906; **3R.**, 2041; returned, 2478.

Council: **1R.**, 1946; **2R.**, 2228; *Com.* and *ad. rep.*, 2238; **3R.**, 2377.

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Assembly: *Int.*, 2041; **1R.**, 2043; **2R.**, 2478; *Com.*, 2491; *ad. rep.* and **3R.**, 2495; returned, 2601.

Council: **1R.** and *m.s.o.*, 2434; **2R.**, 2450; *Com. ad. rep.* and **3R.**, 2454.

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Assembly: *Int.*, 1054; **1R.**, 1055; **2R.**, 1685; *Com.* and *ad. rep.*, 1688; **3R.**, 1752; returned, 2280.

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Council: **1R.**, 1009; **2R.**, 1314; *Com.* and *ad. rep.*, 1319; **3R.**, 1425; *assent*, 2110.

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Assembly: *Int.*, 485; **1R.**, 487; **2R.**, 908; *Com.*, 914; *ad. rep.*, 919; **3R.**, 956; returned, 1410; *assent*, 2141.

Council: **1R.** and *m.s.o.*, 928; **2R.**, 1133, 1188; *Com.*, 1217; *ad. rep.*, 1219; **3R.**, 1301; *assent*, 2110.

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Council: **1R.**, 1725; **2R.**, 2128; *Com.*, 2135; *ad. rep.*, 2137; **3R.**, 2185.

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Council: **1R.** and *m.s.o.*, 344; **2R.**, 363; *Com. ad. rep.* and **3R.**, 369; *assent*, 679.

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Assembly: *M.s.o.*, 278; *int.*, 281; **1R.**, 282; **2R.**, 402; *Com. ad. rep.* and **3R.**, 406; returned, 456; *assent*, 497.

Council: **1R.** and *m.s.o.*, 344; **2R.**, 369; *Com.*, 373; *ad. rep.* and **3R.**, 374; *assent*, 679.

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