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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 22 JUNE, 1944.

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 fourteenth day of June, 1944, of which a copy was read by William Rupert McCourt, Esquire, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, as follows:—

"NEW SOUTH WALES, } By His Excellency the Right Honourable JOHN DE
"to wit. } VERE, BARON WAKEHURST, Knight Commander of
" (L.S.) } the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael
"WAKEHURST, } and Saint George, Captain in the Reserve of
"Governor. } Officers of the Territorial Army, 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 holden on Thursday, the twenty-second day of June, 1944, 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 fourteenth day of June,
"in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-four, and
"in the eighth year of His Majesty's Reign.

"By His Excellency's Command,
"W. J. McKELL.

"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 27th day of May, 1944, 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 Percival	Wollondilly.
Beale, Jack Gordon	South Coast.
Booth, George	Kurri Kurri.
Brain, George William	Willoughby.
Bruxner, Michael Frederick	Tenterfield.
Cahill, Frederick Joseph	Young.

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Names of Members returned.	Electoral Districts for which returned.
Cahill, John Joseph	Cook's River.
Cameron, Robert	Waratah.
Carlton, William Joseph	Concord.
Chaffey, William Adolphus	Tamworth.
Chanter, John Courtenay	Lachlan.
Clyne, Daniel	King.
Cunningham, Lucien Lawrence	Coogee.
Currey, William Matthew	Kogarah.
Davidson, Mark Anthony	Cobar.
Davies, William	Wollongong-Kembla.
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, Lilian	Newtown.
Fowles, Howard Thomas	Illawarra.
Frith, William	Lismore.
Geraghty, James Leo	North Sydney.
Gollan, George Charles	Parramatta.
Gollan, Willam McCulloch	Randwick.
Gorman, Robert Douglas	Annandale.
Graham, Edgar Hugh	Wagga Wagga.
Greig, Robert	Drummoyne.
Hamilton, Raymond George	Namoi.
Hawkins, Francis Harold	Newcastle.
Heferen, Stephen Roy	Barwon.
Heffron, Robert James	Botany.
Hill, Francis	Blacktown.
Horsington, Edward Matthew	Sturt.
Howarth, Walter Arthur Harrex	Maitland.
Hunter, David Benjamin	Croydon.
Jackett, Harry Gordon	Burwood.
Jackson, Joseph	Nepean.
Jordan, Leslie Charles	Oxley.
Kelly, Christopher Augustus	Bathurst.
Knight, Hamilton	Hartley.
Lamb, William Henry	Granville.
Landa, Abram	Bondi.
Lang, John Thomas	Auburn.
Lawson, Joseph Alexander	Murray.
Lazzarini, Carlo Camillo	Marrickville.
Lethbridge, Christopher Baron	Corowa.
Macdonald, Donald Peter	Mosman.
McGirr, James	Bankstown.
McGrath, John Francis	Rockdale.
McKell, William John	Redfern.
Mair, Alexander	Albury.
Martin, Clarence Edward	Waverley.
Matthews, Claude Hilton	Leichhardt.
Nott, Roger Bede	Liverpool Plains.
O'Halloran, Robert Emmet	Orange.
O'Sullivan, Maurice	Paddington.
Quirk, Mary Lily May	Balmain.
Reid, Alfred Edward Albert Ernest Vassa	Manly.
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.
Shand, James Barclay	Ryde.
Shannon, Thomas John	Phillip.
Sheahan, William Francis	Yass.
Stanley, Fred	Lakemba.
Stephens, Stanley Tunstall	Byron.
Storey, Sydney Albert Dawson	Hornsby.
Sweeney, John Thomas	Bulli.

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Names of Members returned.	Electoral Districts for which returned.
Tonge, Arthur	Canterbury.
Treatt, Vernon Haddon	Woollahra.
Tully, John Moran	Goulburn.
Turner, Henry Basil	Gordon.
Vincent, Roy Stanley	Raleigh.
Weaver, Reginald Walter Darcy	Neutral Bay.
Weir, George	Dulwich Hill.
Williams, Arthur John Leonard	George's River.
Wingfield, Cecil Gordon	Clarence.
Woodward, Henry Phipps John	Lane Cove.

3. 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, not deeming it fit to be personally present here this day, has been pleased to cause a Commission to be issued, under the Public 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 fourteenth day of June, 1944, His Excellency, the Right Honourable JOHN DE VERE, BARON WAKEHURST, Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Captain in the Reserve of Officers of Our Territorial Army, 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 Thursday, the twenty-second day of June, 1944, 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 SIR JOHN BEVERLEY PEDEN, President of the said Legislative Council, the Honourable ROBERT REGINALD DOWNING, Minister of Justice and Vice-President of Our Executive Council of Our said State, and the Honourable ERNEST HENRY FARRAR, Chairman of Committees, Members of the said 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 SIR JOHN BEVERLEY PEDEN, ROBERT REGINALD DOWNING and ERNEST HENRY FARRAR, 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-second day of June, 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 or the said Legislative Council or the said Legislative Assembly to perform acts which admit of no delay: Commanding also by the tenor of these presents all whom it concerns to meet in the said

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"Parliament, that to the said SIR JOHN BEVERLEY PEDEN, ROBERT REGINALD DOWNING and ERNEST HENRY FARRAR, 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 the Right Honourable JOHN DE VERE, BARON WAKEHURST, Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Captain in the Reserve of Officers of Our Territorial Army, Our Governor of Our State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia, at Sydney, in Our said State, this sixteenth day of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-four, and in the eighth year of Our Reign.

"WAKEHURST,
"Governor.

"By His Excellency's Command,
"W. J. McKELL."

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 the Right Honourable JOHN DE VERE, BARON WAKEHURST, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Captain in the Reserve of Officers of the Territorial Army, 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, Captain the Right Honourable LORD WAKEHURST, as Governor of the State of New South Wales, do, with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, hereby authorise the Honourable William John McKell, Premier and Colonial Treasurer, the Honourable John Marcus Baddeley, Deputy-Premier, Colonial Secretary, Minister for Mines and Minister for National Emergency Services, and the Honourable Robert James Heffron, Minister for Education, 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 sixteenth day of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-four, and in the eighth year of His Majesty's Reign.

"WAKEHURST,
"Governor.

"By His Excellency's Command,
"W. J. McKELL."

5. MEMBERS SWORN:—The Honourable William John McKell took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance himself, and administered the same to the two other Commissioners, the Honourable John Marcus Baddeley and the Honourable Robert James Heffron, 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.	George William Brain, Esquire,
Henry Jefferson Percival Bate, Esquire.	F.C.A. Aust.
Jack Gordon Beale, Esquire,	Lieut - Colonel the Honourable
A.S.T.C., Mech. Eng., A.M.I.E., Aust.	Michael Frederick Bruxner,
	D.S.O.
George Booth, Esquire.	Frederick Joseph Cahill, Esquire.

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Robert Cameron, Esquire.	Joseph Alexander Lawson, Esquire.
William Joseph Carlton, Esquire.	Carlo Camillo Lazzarini, Esquire.
Daniel Clyne, Esquire.	Christopher Baron Lethbridge, Esquire.
Lucien Lawrence Cunningham, Esquire.	Donald Peter Macdonald, Esquire, M.A., C. de G.
William Matthew Currey, Esquire, V.C.	The Honourable James McGirr.
Mark Anthony Davidson, Esquire.	John Francis McGrath, Esquire.
William Davies, Esquire.	Alexander Mair, Esquire.
Samuel Douglas Dickson, Esquire.	Captain the Honourable Clarence Edward Martin, M.Ec., LL.B., A.A.I.S.
Edgar Percy Dring, Esquire.	Claude Hilton Matthews, Esquire.
The Honourable David Henry Drummond.	Roger Bede Nott, Esquire.
Captain the Honourable William Fraser Dunn.	Robert Emmet O'Halloran, Esquire.
Ambrose George Enticknap, Esquire.	Mrs. Mary Lily May Quirk.
The Honourable Clive Raleigh Evatt, K.C., LL.B.	Alfred Edward Albert Ernest Vassa Reid, Esquire.
Francis Joseph Finnan, Esquire.	John Thomas Reid, Esquire.
Raymond Leo Fitzgerald, Esquire.	John Brophy Renshaw, Esquire.
Mrs. Lilian Fowler.	Athol Railton Richardson, Esquire.
Howard Thomas Fowles, Esquire.	Clarence Gordon Robertson, Esquire.
William Frith, Esquire.	D'Arcy Rose, Esquire.
James Leo Geraghty, Esquire.	John Wesley Seiffert, Esquire.
George Charles Gollan, Esquire.	Major James Barclay Shand, V.D.
William McCulloch Gollan, Esquire.	Thomas John Shannon, Esquire.
Robert Douglas Gorman, Esquire.	Fred Stanley, Esquire.
The Honourable Edgar Hugh Graham.	Stanley Tunstall Stephens, Esquire.
Robert Greig, Esquire.	Sydney Albert Dawson Storey, Esquire.
Raymond George Hamilton, Esquire.	John Thomas Sweeney, Esquire.
Francis Harold Hawkins, Esquire.	Arthur Tonge, Esquire.
Stephen Roy Heferen, Esquire.	Vernon Haddon Treatt, Esquire, M.M., K.C., M.A., B.C.L.
Francis Hill, Esquire.	The Honourable John Moran Tully.
Edward Matthew Horsington, Esquire.	Henry Basil Turner, Esquire, M.A. (Cantab.).
Walter Arthur Harrex Howarth, Esquire.	Roy Stanley Vincent, Esquire.
David Benjamin Hunter, Esquire.	The Honourable Reginald Walter Darcy Weaver.
Harry Gordon Jackett, Esquire.	George Weir, Esquire, LL.B.
Joseph Jackson, Esquire.	Arthur John Leonard Williams, Esquire, F.I.I.A., (Aust.), F.F.I.A.
Leslie Charles Jordan, Esquire, LL.B.	Cecil Gordon Wingfield, Esquire.
The Honourable Christopher Augustus Kelly.	Henry Phipps John Woodward, Esquire.
The Honourable Hamilton Knight.	
William Henry Lamb, Esquire.	
Abram Landa, Esquire, LL.B.	

6. ELECTION OF SPEAKER:—Mr. Greig, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), moved, That Daniel Clyne, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker,—which motion was seconded by Mr. Fred. Cahill.

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

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

Whereupon Mr. Greig and Mr. Cahill conducted Mr. Clyne 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. McKell, Mr. Weaver, Lieut.-Colonel Bruxner and Mr. Macdonald congratulated Mr. Speaker.

Mr. McKell 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-one minutes before Two o'clock, p.m., until a quarter to Three o'clock, p.m.

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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 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 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. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:**—Mr. McKell informed the House that 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.

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

The Honourable William John McKell, M.L.A., Premier and Colonial Treasurer.

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

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 William Fraser Dunn, M.L.A., Minister for Conservation.

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

The Honourable Robert Reginald Downing, 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 James McGirr, M.L.A., Minister for Housing.

The Honourable John Moran Tully, M.L.A., Secretary for Lands.

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

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

The Honourable Clive Raleigh Evatt, K.C., LL.B., M.L.A., Assistant Minister.

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

9. **LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION:**—Mr. Weaver informed the House of his appointment as Leader of the Opposition and the appointment of Mr. Mair as Deputy-Leader from the twenty-seventh day of May, 1944.

10. **REPRESENTATIVE OF INDEPENDENT GROUP:**—Mr. Macdonald informed the House of his appointment as representative of the Independent Group.

Mr. Lethbridge announced that he was not associated with the group led by the Honourable Member for Mosman.

11. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**—

(1.) Mr. Carlton moved (*by consent*) without Notice, That leave of absence for the present Session be granted to the Honourable Maurice O'Sullivan, Member for Paddington, on account of urgent private business.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Carlton moved (*by consent*) without Notice, That leave of absence for the present Session be granted to William Francis Sheahan, Esquire, Member for Yass, on account of urgent public business.

Question put and passed.

(3.) Mr. Carlton moved (*by consent*) without Notice, That leave of absence for the present Session be granted to Major John Courtenay Chanter, D.S.O. Member for Lachlan, on account of illness.

Question put and passed.

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- (4.) Mr. Howarth moved (*by consent*) without Notice, That leave of absence for the present Session be granted to Lieut.-Colonel Ewan Murray Robson, Member for Vancluse, on account of absence from the State on Military Service with the Australian Imperial Force.

Question put and passed.

- (5.) Mr. Howarth moved (*by consent*) without Notice, That leave of absence for the present Session be granted to William Adolphus Chaffey, Esquire, Member for Tamworth, on account of absence from the State on Military Service with the Australian Imperial Force.

Question put and passed.

12. 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.) Noxious Trades (Amendment) Bill:—

WAKEHURST,
Governor.

Message No. 1.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Noxious Trades Act, 1902, as amended by subsequent Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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.) Parliamentary Elections (War Time) Bill:—

WAKEHURST,
Governor.

Message No. 2.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable members of the Defence Force of the Commonwealth of Australia and certain other persons to vote at elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly; to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1912-1941, 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.

Government House,
Sydney, 18th April, 1944.

- (3.) Government Railways (Rates) Amendment Bill:—

WAKEHURST,
Governor.

Message No. 3.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision for and in relation to the tolls and charges to be demanded and the rebates to be allowed by The Commissioner for Railways; for this purpose to amend the Government Railways Acts, 1912-1943; 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.

Government House,
Sydney, 19th April, 1944.

- (4.) Kosciusko State Park Bill:—

WAKEHURST,
Governor.

Message No. 4.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to reserve certain land as a State Park to be known as Kosciusko State Park; to make provision for the use of such land; to constitute a Trust to be known as the Kosciusko State Park Trust; to constitute a Kosciusko State Park Fund and to provide for the application of that Fund; for these and other purposes to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, 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,

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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, 19th April, 1944.

(5.) Superannuation (Amendment) Bill:—

WAKEHURST,

Message No. 5.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An act to provide for the resumption by certain employers of payment of contributions under the Superannuation Act, 1916, as amended by subsequent Acts, in respect of certain units of pension; to make further provision in relation to the repayment by the State Superannuation Board of certain moneys paid to it as employers' contributions; for these and other purposes to amend the Superannuation Act, 1916, the Superannuation (Amendment) Act, 1930, the Finances Adjustment (Further Provisions) Act, 1933, and certain other Acts; to validate certain matters; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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, 19th April, 1944.

(6.) Fire Brigades (Amendment) Bill:—

WAKEHURST,

Message No. 6.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for and in relation to the ordinary working hours of certain firemen and officers of fire brigades employed by the Board of Fire Commissioners of New South Wales; for this purpose to amend the Fire Brigades Act, 1909, as amended by subsequent Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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.) Crown Employees Appeal Board Bill:—

WAKEHURST,

Message No. 7.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the constitution of a Crown Employers Appeal Board and to define its powers, authorities, duties and functions; to confer on such Board jurisdiction to hear and determine certain appeals by certain employees of the Crown; to amend the Police Regulation (Appeals) Act, 1923, as amended by subsequent Acts; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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, 20th April, 1944.

(8.) Public Health (Amendment) Bill:—

WAKEHURST,

Message No. 8.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Public Health Act, 1902, the Public Health (Amendment) Act, 1915, the Public Health (Amendment) Act, 1921, 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.

Government House,

Sydney, 20th April, 1944.

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13. *Pro Formâ* BILL:—LAW OF EVIDENCE BILL:—Mr. McKell 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.
14. 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.
15. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—
(1.) URGENCY:—Mr. McKell 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.
(2.) SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. McKell 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. Lamb.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Mr. Booth made his acknowledgments to the House.
16. PAPERS:—
Mr. Heffron laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Amended By-laws under the University and University Colleges Act, 1900-1937.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
Mr. Baddeley laid upon the Table the following Paper:—Report, together with Statement of Accounts and Balance-sheets for the Coal and Oil Shale Mine Workers' Pensions Tribunals for the period 1st July, 1942, to 30th June, 1943.
Ordered to be printed.
17. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McKell moved, That this House do now adjourn until Thursday next, 29th June, 1944, at Eleven o'clock, a.m.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at Twenty-nine minutes after Four o'clock, p.m., until Thursday next, 29th June, 1944, at Eleven o'clock, a.m.

W. R. McCOURT,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

D. CLYNE,
Speaker.

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PROCLAMATION.

NEW SOUTH WALES, } By His Excellency the Right Honourable JOHN DE VERE,
 TO WIT. } BARON WAKEHURST, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Captain in the Reserve of Officers of the Territorial Army, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

(L.S.)
 WAKEHURST,
Governor.

WHEREAS the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of the State of New South Wales now stand adjourned to Thursday, the twenty-ninth day of June, 1944: Now, I, Captain the Right Honourable LORD WAKEHURST, 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 twentieth day of July, 1944.

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

By His Excellency's Command,

W. J. MCKELL.

GOD SAVE THE KING:

15. Sitting of the House :—

Return of the day on which the House sat in the Session of 1944, 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.
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Legislative Assembly Office,
Sydney, 28th June, 1944.

W. R. McCOURT,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

