

New South Wales

No. 1

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

THIRD SESSION OF THE FORTIETH PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY, 25 AUGUST, 1964

1. OPENING OF PARLIAMENT:—The Council met at Twelve o'clock noon, pursuant to Proclamation of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor. The President took the Chair.

2. PRAYER.

3. PROCLAMATION:—By direction of the President, the Proclamation convening Parliament was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

"NEW SOUTH WALES,
"TO WIT.
"(L.S.)
"K. W. STREET,
"Lieutenant-Governor.

By His Excellency the Honourable Sir KENNETH WHISTLER STREET, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight of the Most Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

"WHEREAS the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of the State of New South Wales now stand prorogued to Wednesday, the twenty-second day of July, 1964, Now, I, the Honourable Sir KENNETH WHISTLER STREET, in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested as Lieutenant-Governor of the said State, do hereby further prorogue the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly to Tuesday, the twenty-fifth day of August, 1964: And I do further announce and proclaim that the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly shall assemble for the despatch of business on the aforesaid twenty-fifth day of August, 1964, at 12 o'clock at noon, in the buildings known as the Legislative Council Chambers situate in Macquarie Street, in the City of Sydney: And the Members of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly respectively are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

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

"By His Excellency's Command,

"J. B. RENSHAW.

"GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!"

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Members present:—The Honourable Evelyn Barron, the Honourable Arthur Dalgety Bridges, F.C.A.(Aust.), the Honourable Roger August Alfred Faes de Bryon-Faes, K.H.S., M.A., M.Sc., Ph.D. (Temple, Pa.), the Honourable Harry Vincent Budd, the Honourable Cedric Alan Francis Cahill, Q.C., the Honourable John Markham Carter, C.B.E., M.C., Colonel the Honourable Hector Joseph Richard Clayton, E.D., B.A., LL.B., the Honourable Francis Henry Cockerill, the Honourable Colin Colborne, the Honourable William Robert Coulter, the Honourable Christopher Alfred Dalton, the Honourable Robert Lyndon Day, the Honourable William Edward Dickson, the Honourable Robert Reginald Downing, LL.B., the Honourable Robert Hamilton Erskine, Brigadier the Honourable Stanley Louis Mowbray Eskill, E.D., Major the Honourable Herbert Paton FitzSimons, the Honourable George Thomas Ford, the Honourable John Bryan Munro Fuller, the Honourable Mabel Eileen Furley, O.B.E., the Honourable John Henry Gardiner, the Honourable Walter James Geraghty, the Honourable Thomas Patrick Gleeson, the Honourable Trevor Everett Gordon, the Honourable Frederick Maclean Hewitt, the Honourable Reginald Stanley Jackson, the Honourable Asher Alexander Joel, O.B.E., the Honourable John Lesley Kenny, the Honourable Christopher Augustine Love, the Honourable John Charles McIntosh, Major the Honourable Herbert John McPherson, the Honourable James Joseph Maloney, the Honourable Ralph Benson Marsh, the Honourable William Thomas Murray, the Honourable Lindsay Annan North, the Honourable Robert Clyde Packer, the Honourable John Guthrie Paterson, Brigadier the Honourable Thomas Alfred John Playfair, D.S.O., O.B.E., V.D., the Honourable Frederick Graham Pratten, B.Sc., the Honourable Anne Elizabeth Press, the Honourable Michael Thomas Leslie Quinn, the Honourable Edna Sirius Roper, the Honourable Amelia Elizabeth Mary Rygate, the Honourable Perceval Martin Maurice Shipton, the Honourable Leon Samuel Snider, the Honourable Gavin Hamilton Sutherland, the Honourable James Norman Thom, the Honourable Sir Edward Emerton Warren, K.B.E., C.M.G., M.S.M., the Honourable John Alexander Weir, the Honourable Ernest Gerard Wright.

Members absent:—The Honourable Harold Daniel Ahern, the Honourable Anthony Alexander Alam, the Honourable Alexander Ewan Armstrong, the Honourable Cyril Joseph Cahill, the Honourable Otway McLaurin Falkiner, the Honourable James Denis Kenny, the Honourable Ernest Charles O'Dea, the Honourable William Charles Peters, the Honourable Ernest Lloyd Sommerlad, B.A., B.Ec., the Honourable Frank William Spicer.

- 4 PRESENCE OF THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR:—His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, attended by Rear-Admiral A. W. R. McNicoll, C.B.E., G.M., Major-General T. J. Daly, C.B.E., D.S.O., Air Commodore C. W. Pearce, C.B.E., D.F.C., the Official Secretary (Lindsay Rose, Esq., O.B.E.), the Private Secretary (Lieut.-Colonel R. F. F. Gillespie), and the Aide-de-Camp (Lieutenant C. H. Longstaff), having been announced by the Usher of the Black Rod, and conducted to his seat by the President, accompanied by the Vice-President of the Executive Council, the Minister for Labour and Industry, and Officers of the House, commanded the Usher of the Black Rod to let the Legislative Assembly know that it is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House.

And the Assembly, with their Speaker and other Officers of the House, being in attendance accordingly, and seated by desire of His Excellency,—

His Excellency read the following Speech:—

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

It is my privilege today to meet with you to open the Third Session of the Fortieth Parliament of New South Wales.

You have been called together to consider the legislative and financial proposals of the Government and other matters of importance to the citizens of this State.

Since the beginning of the previous Session, the deaths have occurred of the Honourable Leicester Birkenhead Saddington, the Honourable Samuel Connell Williams and the Honourable Richard Thompson, Members of the Legislative Council, and Mr. Edward Greaves and Mr. Stanislaus Wyatt, Members of the Legislative Assembly.

During their participation in public life, some over a long period of years, these Members rendered devoted and unselfish service. Their passing is a loss to this Parliament and to the community as a whole.

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Honourable Members will be aware of the visit to be made to this State within the next few weeks by Her Royal Highness Princess Marina, Duchess of Kent. The visit of Her Royal Highness will, I am sure, give widespread pleasure.

My Ministers are pleased that, after a period of some hesitancy and uncertainty, steady improvement has been evidenced over the last twelve months in the general level of economic activity.

All the indications point to continued progress and it will be the Government's policy to endeavour by all means within its power to foster the sound expansion and development of the economy of the State.

The Government's efforts, aimed at the promotion of the industrial growth of this State by the development of local industries and attraction of overseas companies, have continued.

As part of this programme, major industries have over the past two years been assisted in the acquisition of sites valued at almost £2,000,000 required for their development projects. Negotiations are currently proceeding with other major interests whose requirements for the expansion they have in view aggregate 900 acres.

With the object of intensifying the interest of industrialists in the United Kingdom and European countries in this State as a field for investment and in supplementation of the efforts of the Agent-General in London, an experienced consultant, whose company possesses wide overseas affiliations, has been commissioned to visit the United Kingdom and Europe on a promotional campaign to attract industries to New South Wales.

As the result of attractive incentives offered to industries prepared to decentralise, expenditure and commitments against the Decentralisation Fund exceeded £1,000,000 in the financial year just concluded, representing an increase of £650,000 on the previous financial year.

The Government is at present examining proposals for increasing further incentives designed to develop the interest of manufacturing industries in country centres in order to achieve the joint objectives of creating additional employment opportunities and a more balanced distribution of population.

It is the view of Ministers that the Commonwealth Government should take a more active part in the decentralisation of industry. At the recent Premiers' Conference, the Commonwealth was asked to give consideration to assisting in several directions which would remove present disabilities and encourage the establishment and expansion of industry in country locations.

The peak demand for electricity so far experienced on the New South Wales system, namely, 2,630,000 kilowatts, occurred on the 7th July, 1964. This load exceeded last year's peak figure by 210,000 kilowatts, an increase of 8.7 per cent.

In the expectation that the growth in the demand for electricity will continue over the next five years at the present high rate, the Electricity Commission is arranging for the necessary augmentation of the generating and distribution system.

During the last twelve months two 200,000-kilowatt generating units have been placed in service at the Vales Point Power Station.

Construction of generating plant is proceeding so that further 200,000- and 275,000-kilowatt units will be ready for commissioning at this power station prior to the winters of 1965 and 1966, respectively.

Work is proceeding on the construction of Munmorah Power Station, where it is proposed to install four generating units each having a capacity of 350,000 kilowatts. These units are planned to come into service before the winters of 1967, 1968, 1969 and 1970.

Concurrently with the planning and installation of additional generating plant, work has continued on the augmentation of the electrical transmission system, involving the bringing into service of about 320 route miles of 330-kV. transmission line and about 380 route miles of 132-kV. transmission line. The total route mileage of these lines now in service is 838 and 1,817, respectively.

The progress made with rural electrification in New South Wales, which is nearing completion, has been remarkable, and compares favourably with that in Great Britain and the United States of America.

Over 90 per cent of all farming and station properties which can be economically supplied have been connected to supply mains, involving the construction of almost 49,000 miles of distribution lines at a cost of £33,500,000.

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Subsidies totalling £14,500,000 have been approved for payment to shire, municipal and county councils and franchise holders who are responsible for electricity distribution.

The completion earlier this year at a cost of over £5,000,000 of the coal loader at Port Kembla fulfilled the Government's undertaking to provide world standard coal-handling facilities at this port to stimulate the coal export trade, particularly to Japan.

With the completion during 1962-63 of the coal-loading installation at Balmain, modern coal-loading facilities have now been provided at two of the State's three major ports to cope with the expanding export trade.

The development of the Port Kembla Inner Harbour for shipping, coupled with the construction of the coal loader, has cost a total of £10,000,000. The new loader, one of the most modern in the world, has a capacity which will allow for the quick turn around of the largest of the bulk carriers likely to be used by overseas coal interests.

Work is currently proceeding on the new coal-loading facilities at Newcastle and considerable progress has been made on the deepening of the entrance to the harbour, the latter being estimated to cost £2,000,000. Deepening of the entrance by ten feet to give a depth of thirty-six feet will allow much larger vessels to use the Port of Newcastle. It is anticipated that this project will be completed early in 1965.

In conformity with an undertaking given by the Government, 400 acres of land have been released for new industrial development at Newcastle. This is the first completed phase of the Government's Island Reclamation Scheme, which is expected to cost £5,000,000 in its first stage. Negotiations are proceeding with interested industrialists on the actual establishment of industry on the land. It is expected that vital industries will be attracted to Newcastle by this scheme, thereby providing new opportunities for commercial development and for employment. Reclamation is continuing with a view to making additional land available to industry as soon as practicable.

Work has continued throughout the past year, and will continue in the forthcoming year, on the construction of the £4,500,000 port development project at Iluka, at the mouth of the Clarence River.

Continued progress is being made on flood mitigation works along the various coastal rivers. In recent years the Department of Public Works has commenced flood mitigation works estimated to cost £9,200,000 and has completed work of a value in excess of £2,000,000. In the financial year just concluded, a record sum of £1,000,000 was expended on the extension of the flood mitigation programme.

The Metropolitan Water, Sewerage and Drainage Board and the Hunter District Water Board are continuing to spend substantial amounts on the development and augmentation of their water supply and sewerage systems.

Last financial year, with the greater emphasis now being placed on sewerage construction, the Metropolitan Board laid an all-time record of 311 miles of sewer mains and the current rate of laying is almost a mile a day.

1963-64 saw the completion of the major part of the Grahamstown Water Supply Scheme in the Hunter District Water Board area at a cost of over £10,000,000 and water from this scheme is now available to augment the Board's supply in the Newcastle area.

In accordance with the Government's policy, mining activities in the State have been vigorously encouraged and developed.

Geological and geophysical surveys, drilling investigations, technical and scientific advice and information and prospecting assistance to individuals, syndicates and companies, have all been directed towards fuller exploitation of the State's mineral wealth.

The total value of the New South Wales mineral industry output last year reached a record of £91,000,000, compared with £80,000,000 in the previous year.

The recent discovery of oil and natural gases in neighbouring States has further stimulated the search for oil in New South Wales in the main sedimentary basins and every encouragement and assistance is being given to companies engaged in this type of exploration. Approximately £1,500,000 were spent on oil search in New South Wales during the last year.

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In the southern and south-west coalfields a coal-drilling programme, to determine the quality and quantity of our coking coal reserves, is well advanced. This programme, costing about £100,000 annually, should be completed in two years.

New South Wales is still the major coal-producing State, and exports of coal from State-owned and privately-owned collieries continue to earn export income in excess of £10,000,000 a year.

Metalliferous mining in the State is still being actively encouraged and stimulated. As a result, copper deposits at Cobar are now again being developed, and the recent opening of a £1,000,000 tin mine at Ardlethan should help bridge the gap between Australia's domestic production and consumption of tin.

Beach sands mining for rutile, zircon and other minerals is being developed along east coast areas and there is a steady export market in these concentrates, particularly to the United States of America. Lead and zinc production has also increased this year.

Metropolitan rail services are being improved by the introduction of new double-deck carriages which have a seating capacity of 132 passengers or sixty-two more than the existing type of carriage. One hundred and twenty of these new carriages have been ordered. The first was placed in service early this year and it is expected that seventy of the new cars will be operating by the end of the current financial year.

With the delivery of additional diesel-electric locomotives and various bogie-type goods and livestock vehicles from contractors, faster journey times have been made possible on both passenger and freight country train services.

Efforts to speed up the movement of buses in peak traffic periods in order to maintain the time-tabled running of services have engaged particular attention. Priority of movement for buses has been introduced to advantage at a number of locations where heavy concentrations of traffic regularly delay services.

I am informed by my advisers that within the next few years it will be necessary to replace buses purchased in the years immediately following the last war. With this in view, the Department of Government Transport is engaged in the development of prototype buses which will incorporate recent technological advances and will embody features proved by past experience to be desirable for operating conditions in Sydney and Newcastle, including mechanical ventilation equipment.

Improvement of the main roads system continues at a steady rate.

During the last financial year a further 708 miles of main roads were provided with bitumen surfacing, bringing the total length of roadway so treated to 10,733 miles.

More than 110 new bridges and bridge-size culverts are being constructed each year on classified roads throughout the State.

Six large bridges are at present under construction in country locations and three in the metropolitan area. The bridge being erected over the Clarence River at Harwood on the Pacific Highway will eliminate the last ferry service on the State Highway system.

The construction of four tunnels to carry public utilities under the route of the first section of the Warringah Expressway is now under way, preparatory to the calling of tenders in the near future for the construction of the expressway.

Considerable progress has been made in the Government's programme of water conservation and irrigation works. Efforts have been concentrated principally on the completion as early as possible of the Burrendong Dam on the Macquarie River. The main wall was completed in October, 1963, and the huge reinforced concrete spillway is now more than two-thirds complete. The dam will be ready to store water, as soon as river conditions permit, after the work on the spillway becomes safe against overflows early this Spring. The dam is expected to be in full operation before the end of next year.

The strengthening of the concrete wall of the existing Wyangala Dam is well advanced and a great deal of the preliminary work required for the construction of the new main wall has been carried out. Discharges from the dam will be diverted away from the river bed by about the middle of next year and this will permit construction of the new main wall to be accelerated. Concreting of the new spillway will be started about the same time.

The agreement reached with the Commonwealth Government will enable the construction of the Blowering Dam to be carried out within six years. The first stage of work on this project has now been started.

The Government will proceed with soil and topographical surveys, farm design and the construction of necessary additional works in the Coleambally Irrigation Area in ample time for the use of the water which will become available from Blowering Dam.

Additional farms have been provided recently in the Coleambally Irrigation Area bringing the total development of this Area to date to 183 mixed farms and fifteen horticultural blocks. Another twelve mixed farms can be supplied with the water available prior to the construction of Blowering Dam.

The development of the State's forest resources has been given emphasis in recent years.

Selected areas of natural forest are now being treated at the rate of more than 50,000 acres per year to increase the yield of timber in the future.

The establishment of softwood plantations also has been accelerated. A record area of 8,200 acres has been planted this year. More than 100,000 acres of softwood plantations have now been established.

Timber production has been maintained at a high level and, when final figures are available, it is likely that production during 1963-1964 will prove to have achieved an all-time record. The proportion of timber drawn from Crown areas has been increasing in recent years, offsetting the decline in production from privately-owned timbered lands.

The research, advisory and extension services of the Department of Agriculture have continued to expand in keeping with the Government's objective of providing all practicable assistance to the man on the land.

Advantage is being taken increasingly of television as an extension medium in rural areas.

The significant increase in the cultivation of cotton in this State from 500 acres in 1960-1961 to 9,000 acres during the current season is due in no small measure to the Department's research work in cotton over the last five years.

The 1963-1964 wheat crop in New South Wales set a fresh record.

Deliveries by growers amounted to over 110,000,000 bushels, of which more than 101,000,000 bushels were received into the Grain Elevator System. This was an increase of almost 12,000,000 bushels on the previous record quantity of 89,500,000 bushels received into the System in 1962-1963.

To meet the continuing heavy demand for more bulk storage facilities arising out of the substantial increase in wheat production, the Grain Elevators Board has revised its construction programme so that, together with outstanding works already in hand, the capacity of the Elevator System will be increased to over 100,000,000 bushels by the end of 1965.

Considerable progress has been made in the establishment of abattoirs by county councils in keeping with the Government's policy of encouraging country killing for the metropolitan and export markets.

The abattoirs at Forbes and Moree are now in operation. That at Guyra will commence in the near future and the Mudgee abattoir is expected to be in service early next year.

Good progress has been made in implementing the Government's policy of intensive rural land settlement under the General Closer Settlement Scheme.

Since the inception of the scheme in 1960, 234,411 acres of land have been acquired and subdivided into 172 farms.

During the past twelve months three new National Parks have been proclaimed, one at Gibraltar Range north of Grafton, another at Burrendong Dam near Wellington and a third on the Cudgegong River in the Mudgee district.

In the year ending on the 30th June, 1964, new dwellings erected by the Housing Commission totalled 4,364. At that date a near record number of 5,552 dwellings were under construction or the subject of contract or tender.

The Commission has now completed some 70,000 dwellings throughout the State.

Particular emphasis has been placed by the Commission on its programme for the construction of accommodation for aged persons. Four hundred and eighteen units were completed in the financial year, with 1,037 units under construction or the subject of contract or tender as at the 30th June, 1964.

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The development of the Commission's major housing estate at Green Valley has proceeded apace, the total number of dwellings completed by the end of the financial year being 2,276, with a further 1,317 under contract.

Plans for the development of a substantial area at Mount Druitt are well in hand. This project when fully developed will embrace a total of 8,000 dwelling units with schools, shops and all services.

Slum clearance activities have been accelerated. A major project comprising 284 flat units was recently completed at Redfern and a commencement has been made on the first two of three sixteen-storey tower blocks, each containing 192 flats, in a former slum area at Redfern. The third and final block will be the subject of tender during the current financial year.

In the last financial year an amount of approximately £16,000,000 was made available to co-operative building societies, either by way of funds provided directly by the Government under the Housing Agreement or under guarantee. The Government's guarantee of loans to terminating building societies now exceeds £178,000,000.

During the year the building societies made loans available for the construction of approximately 5,000 new dwellings.

To meet the continuing strong demand for homesites, high priority continues to be given to the subdivision of Crown land for building blocks. During the past year 751 homesites were made available, either under the Suburban Holding perpetual lease tenure or by way of auction sale.

In the same period fifty-four homes were erected for aborigines by the Aborigines Welfare Board. In addition, advances amounting to £48,825 were made to aborigines for the purchase of homes.

Under the programme for the current financial year the erection of a further seventy-nine homes is planned.

Substantial additions have been made to the Darlinghurst, Kogarah and Manly Court Houses and a contract has been let for the erection of a new Court House at Blacktown.

In the current financial year it is planned to commence the erection of new Court Houses at Hillston, Port Kembla, Fairfield and Waverley, as well as additions to existing Court Houses at Newcastle, Orange, Grafton and Campbelltown.

In accordance with the Government's policy of decentralising administration, a Branch Office of the Public Trust Office has been established at Lismore and arrangements are in hand for setting up Branch Offices of the Public Solicitor at Newcastle and Wollongong.

New motor registry buildings costing approximately £125,000 were provided in six country towns during the year ended 30th June, 1964, and this policy of providing facilities for the public will be continued.

School enrolments this year were approximately 652,500 as compared with 638,580 in the previous year and 624,000 in 1962.

At the 30th June, 1964, there were approximately 26,400 teachers employed in departmental schools, including casual teachers.

A record number of 3,260 teachers' college scholarships was awarded this year. In the first term of 1964 there were 7,302 students training in teachers' colleges, 759 more than at the end of 1963.

With the commencement of the present school year, the Government introduced a new scheme for the payment of allowances of £21 per annum to parents of secondary school pupils in third and subsequent years at non-departmental schools and pupils who live away from home to attend departmental schools. My Ministers are at present reviewing the operation of this scheme and any changes decided upon will be announced when the budget for the present financial year is introduced.

Further concessions have been granted this year in the conveyance subsidy for the transport of children to school and as from June, 1964, the capital subsidy provided by the Department towards the cost of establishment by local committees of school hostels has been increased from £1 for £1 up to a maximum of £25,000 to the basis of £2 for £1 up to a maximum of £50,000.

Eleven new High Schools now under construction are expected to be completed in time for the beginning of the 1965 school year.

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The Government has continued to provide substantial grants towards the capital and recurrent costs of the State's universities to assist them in meeting the ever increasing demands for university education.

Legislation was recently enacted to establish the Macquarie University which will be located at Ryde as the State's fourth autonomous university. The first Council of the university has been appointed and action is now proceeding towards the acquisition of the site and the planning of the first stage of the new university's development.

Extension and expansion of activities in the field of education are continually being made. With the continued increase in enrolments and improvements in educational facilities and staffing, the expenditure on the educational services from revenue and loan funds has reached the record total of over £103,000,000.

In the field of public health, continued progress has been made in the psychiatric services and particular attention has been paid to the needs of aged persons and the intellectually handicapped.

A Director of Geriatrics has been appointed. Geriatric Units are being established in General Hospitals and Geriatric Villas are being constructed to house aged persons who otherwise would need to be placed in psychiatric hospitals.

Building projects costing over £6,000,000 were completed at various public hospitals during the financial year 1963-64 and other work costing another £6,000,000 is at present in progress.

New hospitals were completed at Auburn and Mona Vale, while others are at present under construction at Blacktown and Port Kembla. Major improvements are being carried out at Lismore Hospital whilst a new hospital at Belmont and major additions to the Goulburn Hospital are planned to commence during this year.

The welfare of mothers and babies is a matter which has continued to receive special attention. The number of Baby Health Centres has been increased and the services ancillary to such Centres have also been expanded.

The Obstetric Consultant Service, which is available to general practitioners, has been extended to provide for an Anaesthetist to accompany an Obstetric Consultant where necessary.

Action has also been taken to establish a new Paediatric Consultant Panel, to provide a Specialist Service to children under one year of age residing outside of the metropolitan area whose parents are unable to afford the cost of obtaining such a service privately.

With a view to further assisting residents in country areas and as part of the Government's programme of decentralisation, Health Districts in country areas have been re-arranged and new Health Districts have been created.

The efforts being made by the Government to reduce and control air pollution have been taken a step further by the introduction of Regulations under the Clean Air Act, which lay down maximum standards in relation to the concentration and emission of air impurities.

Despite the more favourable economic conditions, greater demands are being placed on services provided by the Department of Child Welfare and Social Welfare as the State's population increases. The number of children who are wards under the Minister's legal guardianship has shown a further increase to 5,932.

Although the proportion of young people involved in delinquency has remained at a steady level, it has become necessary to improve treatment facilities and a commencement will be made this year on a new children's shelter at Lidcombe and a major new training school for boys at Kurri Kurri.

An important policy decision has recently been taken to implement a broad programme to provide for the care, treatment and training of intellectually handicapped persons in this State.

The Government acknowledges the pioneering work of the many voluntary organisations that are attempting to promote the welfare of intellectually handicapped persons in the community and has decided to provide capital grants to assist these organisations to expand their activities.

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MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

The budget for the financial year 1964-65 will shortly be placed before you and provision sought for the public services of the State. A carefully planned programme of public works and services has been drawn up and the estimates of expenditure and amounts proposed to be voted from the General Loan Account for these works and services will also be submitted for your consideration.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND
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During the Session Ministers will place before you a number of legislative measures. Legislation will be submitted early in the Session to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act to bring the basic wage for workers under State industrial awards into line with the recent decision of the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission.

Other amendments of that Act will be based on the Report of the Honourable Mr. Justice Richards of the Industrial Commission of New South Wales relating to the effects of automation and other technological changes on industrial conditions.

A comprehensive review of the Workers' Compensation legislation has been undertaken and a Bill to amend that Act in certain respects will be presented for your consideration.

Amendment of the Annual Holidays Act is proposed to provide that payments for annual holidays will be calculated on the same basis as payment for Long Service Leave.

Measures relating to the health of the community which you will be asked to consider include Bills to provide for the establishment of an Institute of Psychiatry and to amend the Mental Health Act and the Private Hospitals Act.

The Pharmacy Bill will also be re-introduced.

My Ministers are confident that a substantial contribution in the field of social legislation will be made by the Maintenance Bill which has been prepared following consultations with the Governments of the Commonwealth and other States.

In accordance with an undertaking given by the Government, a Bill to provide for the establishment of an autonomous University at Newcastle will be placed before you.

A measure relating to the control of national parks and public reserves has been prepared and will be submitted to you.

Amendment of the Fauna Protection Act is also contemplated.

Measures relating to the primary industries which will be placed before you include amendments to the Marketing of Primary Products Act, the Meat Industry Act, Stock Diseases Act and the Pastures Protection Act.

A Bill to constitute a Geographic Names Board of New South Wales is also in course of preparation and review of the Surveyors Act is proposed.

A measure to extend the scope of the Legal Assistance Act is also being prepared.

You will also be asked to approve Bills to provide for the employment of women police under the Police Regulation Act and to amend the Police Regulation (Superannuation) Act.

Bills to amend the Maritime Services Act, Housing Indemnities Act, the Local Government Act, the Valuation of Land Act, the Coal and Oil Shale Mine Workers (Superannuation) Act and the Mine Subsidence Compensation Act will be introduced.

Amendment of the Weights and Measures Act to provide for the recognition in this State of the new Commonwealth National Standards is proposed.

Other measures will also be laid before you.

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

His Excellency being then conducted to the door by the President, accompanied by the Vice-President of the Executive Council, the Minister for Labour and Industry, and Officers of the House,—

The Assembly, with their Speaker and other Officers of the House, withdrew.

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The President left the Chair until Four-thirty, p.m., *sharp*, this day.

The House resumed.

5. ASSUMPTION OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT BY THE HONOURABLE SIR KENNETH WHISTLER STREET, LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR:—The President reported and read the following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor:—

K. W. STREET,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Honourable Sir Kenneth Street, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales, has the honour to inform the Legislative Council that, consequent on the Governor of New South Wales assuming the administration of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia, he this afternoon took the Oath of Allegiance and the Official and Judicial Oath before the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New South Wales and assumed the administration of the Government of the State.

*Government House,
Sydney, 16th June, 1964.*

Mr. Downing moved,—

- (1.) That this House desires to express its thanks to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor for his Message of the 16th June, 1964, informing Members that, consequent on the Governor of New South Wales assuming the administration of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia, he had, on that date, taken the Oath of Allegiance and the Official and Judicial Oath before the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, and assumed the administration of the Government of the State.
- (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by the President to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.
- Question put and passed.

6. ELECTION OF THE HONOURABLE TREVOR EVERETT GORDON:—The President reported and read the following letter from the Honourable the Premier:—

*Premier of New South Wales,
26th May, 1964.*

Dear Mr. Dickson,

I desire to inform you that the Writ issued on the 28th April, 1964, for the election of a Member of the Legislative Council to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the Hon. Richard Henry Thompson has been returned to His Excellency the Governor together with a copy of the Returning Officer's Certificate to the effect that Trevor Everett Gordon, Esquire, has been elected.

The Writ and a copy of the Certificate are enclosed.

Yours faithfully,
J. B. RENSHAW,
Premier.

The Hon. W. E. Dickson, M.L.C.,
President of the Legislative Council,
Parliament House,
Sydney.

- 7 PAPERS:—ELECTION OF A MEMBER TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN PLACE OF THE HONOURABLE RICHARD HENRY THOMPSON, DECEASED:—In pursuance of the provisions of the twenty-fourth section of the Constitution (Legislative Council Elections) Act, 1932-1961, Mr. Downing laid upon the Table the under-mentioned Papers:—

- (a) Copy of Returning Officer's Certificate under the Constitution (Legislative Council Elections) Act, 1932-1961, respecting the election of Trevor Everett Gordon, Esquire, as a Member of the Legislative Council of New South Wales.
- (b) Copy of Supplement to the *Government Gazette* dated 21st May, 1964, containing copy of the abovementioned Certificate.

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8. OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TAKEN BEFORE THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR:—The President reported and read the following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor:—

K. W. STREET,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits to the Legislative Council the Oaths of Allegiance taken before him on the 24th day of August, 1964, by the Honourable John Charles McIntosh and the Honourable Trevor Everett Gordon in accordance with Section 12 of the Constitution Act.

*Government House,
Sydney, 24th August, 1964.*

Whereupon the Honourable John Charles McIntosh and the Honourable Trevor Everett Gordon presented themselves at the Table and subscribed the Roll.

9. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS:—The President reported and read the following communications from His Excellency the Governor and His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor:—

*Government House,
Sydney, 1st June, 1964.*

Sir,

I have to inform you that I have approved of leave of absence from attendance at sittings of the Legislative Council of New South Wales being granted to the Honourable J. D. Kenny, M.L.C., from the 3rd June to the 15th September, 1964, for the purpose of attending the 48th Session of the International Labour Organisation Conference at Geneva.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

E. W. WOODWARD,
Governor.

The Honourable the President
of the Legislative Council of New South Wales.

*Government House,
Sydney, 10th June, 1964.*

Sir,

I have to inform you that I have approved of leave of absence from attendance at sittings of the Legislative Council of New South Wales being granted to the Honourable Otway McLaurin Falkiner, M.L.C., from the 17th June to the 30th September, 1964, for the purpose of visiting certain countries overseas.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

E. W. WOODWARD,
Governor.

The Honourable the President
of the Legislative Council of New South Wales.

*Government House,
Sydney, 10th June, 1964.*

Sir,

I have to inform you that I have approved of leave of absence from attendance at sittings of the Legislative Council of New South Wales being granted to the Honourable Alexander Ewan Armstrong, M.L.C., from the 1st July to the 30th September, 1964, for the purpose of visiting certain countries overseas.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

E. W. WOODWARD,
Governor.

The Honourable the President
of the Legislative Council of New South Wales.

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*Government House,
Sydney, 16th July, 1964.*

Sir,

I have to inform you that I have approved of leave of absence from attendance at sittings of the Legislative Council of New South Wales being granted to the Honourable Ernest Charles O'Dea, M.L.C., from the 29th July to the 6th October, 1964, for the purpose of proceeding overseas.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
K. W. STREET,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Honourable the President
of the Legislative Council of New South Wales.

*Government House,
Sydney, 18th August, 1964.*

Sir,

I have to inform you that I have approved of leave of absence from attendance at sittings of the Legislative Council of New South Wales being granted to the Honourable Sir Edward Warren, K.B.E., C.M.G., M.S.M., M.L.C., from the 1st September to 16th October, 1964, for the purpose of attending as Vice-Chairman, International Executive Council, The World Power Conference at Lausanne from 10th to 24th September, 1964.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
K. W. STREET,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Honourable the President
of the Legislative Council of New South Wales.

10. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES:—Pursuant to the Standing Order in that behalf, the President nominated the Honourable Frank William Spicer, the Honourable Leon Samuel Snider, and the Honourable John Alexander Weir to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees during the present Session of Parliament.

11. *Pro Formâ* BILL—LAW OF EVIDENCE BILL:—Mr. Downing, having presented a Bill and moved, That this Bill be now read a first time,—

Question put and passed.

And Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law of Evidence,*" read a first time.

12. PAPERS:—Mr. Maloney laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—

(1.) Conveyancing Act, 1919, as amended—Conveyancing Act Regulations, 1961, as amended—Amendment of Regulations 6, 47, 49, 50, 52 and 92, and First and Second Schedules—Division 1A—Regulations 52A to 52G inclusive.

(2.) Factories, Shops and Industries Act, 1962—

(a) Regulations under Part VI of the Factories and Shops Act, 1912, as amended, and deemed to be Regulations under the Factories, Shops and Industries Act—Substitution of Heading "Part VI of the Act" by Heading "Parts IV, V and IX of the Factories, Shops and Industries Act, 1962"—Amendment of Regulations 1, 3, 3c, 3d, 5, 6, 7 and Heading, 11, 13 (2) and 16—Amendment of Headings to Forms 1, 2, 4 (2), 4A, 5, 6, 7 and 8—Amendment of Forms 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6—Omission of Regulation 4—Regulation 18 and Heading, and Form 3A—Substitution of Form 3.

(b) Proclamation under Section 5 (3) of the Act exempting from such provisions of Section 11 as require the payment of a registration fee, all factories within the State of New South Wales occupied and carried on for the purposes of the Sunnyfield Association.

(3.) Government Railways Act, 1912, as amended—Statement of estimated expenditure in excess of Parliamentary Appropriation for the year ended 30th June, 1964.

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- (4.) Harbour and Tonnage Rates Act, 1920, as amended—Amendment of Schedules "A", "A A", "B" and "B A" to the Regulations.
- (5.) Hunter District Water, Sewerage and Drainage Act, 1938, as amended—
- (a) Amendment of By-law No. 2.
 - (b) By-law relating to the Williams River Catchment Area of the Grahamstown Water Supply Works.
 - (c) By-law relating to the Grahamstown Storage Reservoir Catchment Area of the Grahamstown Water Supply Works.
- (6.) Income Tax Management Act, 1941, as amended—Report of the Commissioner of Taxation on the working of the several Taxation Acts covering—
- (a) State Income Tax.
 - (b) Unemployment Relief Tax and Social Service Tax.
 - (c) Special Income Tax and Wages Tax.
- for the year ended 30th June, 1964.
- (7.) Industrial Arbitration Act, 1940, as amended—Regulations 91c and 91d—Amendment of Regulation 152.
- (8.) Justices Act, 1902, as amended—Amendment of—
- (a) Proviso to Regulation 3.
 - (b) Schedule 2 to the Regulations.
- (9.) Land Vendors Act, 1964—Land Vendors Regulations, 1964.
- (10.) Legal Practitioners Act, 1898, as amended—Barristers Admission Rules—Amendment of Rule 30.
- (11.) Maritime Services Act, 1935, as amended—Estimated expenditure for the period 1st July, 1964, to 30th September, 1964, from—
- (a) Maritime Services Board Fund.
 - (b) Maritime Services Board Renewals Fund.
- (12.) Metropolitan Water, Sewerage, and Drainage Act, 1924, as amended—
- (a) Amendment of By-law No. 3—Variation of water and stormwater drainage rates.
 - (b) Amendment of Regulation relating to "The Form of Rate Book".
- (13.) Mines Rescue Act, 1925, as amended—Amendment of Regulation 41.
- (14.) Mining Act, 1874—Return of Authorities to Mine under Section 28.
- (15.) Mining Act, 1906, as amended—Proclamations declaring certain lands to be private lands for the purposes of Part IV of the Act—
- (i) City of Greater Wollongong (3).
 - (ii) Shire of Tweed.
- (16.) Navigation Act, 1901, as amended—Notification under Section 173—Exemption from Rule 3 (a) of the Navigation (Collision) Regulations—N.S.W. of power-driven vessels of less than 40 tons (gross) in respect of which a Harbour or River Certificate has been issued by The Maritime Services Board of New South Wales.
- (17.) Police Regulation Act, 1899, as amended—Police Rules—Amendment of Sections IV and XII—Substitution of Section XIV.
- (18.) Public Service Act, 1902, as amended—
- (a) Copy of Executive Council Minute respecting the appointment, on probation, of the following to—
 - Department of the Attorney General and of Justice—2 persons.
 - Department of Public Health—9 persons.
 - Department of Technical Education—22 teachers.
 - Premier's Department—2 persons.
 - (b) Amendment of Regulation 129.
- (19.) Public Works Act, 1912, as amended—Blowering Dam Act, 1951—Notifications (4) of acquisition, appropriation and/or resumption of land for the construction of a dam across the Tumut River at Blowering and works incidental thereto—Shire of Tumut.
- (20.) Public Works Act, 1912, as amended—Burrendong Dam Act, 1946, as amended—Notification of acquisition, appropriation and/or resumption of land for the purpose of construction of a dam across the Macquarie River at Burrendong and works incidental thereto—Shire of Wellington.

(21.) Public Works Act, 1912, as amended—Glenbawn Dam Act, 1946—Notification of acquisition, appropriation and/or resumption of land and easements for the construction of a dam across the Hunter River at Glenbawn and works incidental thereto—Shire of Scone.

(22.) Public Works Act, 1912, as amended—Technical Education and University of New South Wales Act, 1949, as amended—Notification of acquisition, appropriation and/or resumption of land for the purpose of a technical college at North Wollongong—City of Greater Wollongong.

(23.) Public Works Act, 1912, as amended—Wyangala Dam (Strengthening and Enlargement) Act, 1961—Notification of acquisition, appropriation and/or resumption of land for the strengthening and enlargement of a dam across the Lachlan River known as the Wyangala Dam—Shire of Boorowa.

(24.) Stamp Duties Act, 1920, as amended—Co-operation Act, 1923, as amended—Copy of Minute recording a variation of Statute to allow exemption from Stamp Duty on receipts in respect of deposits paid to and withdrawals from any Credit Union registered under the Co-operation Act, 1923, as amended.

(25.) State Coal Mines Act, 1912, as amended—Proclamations setting apart certain Crown lands for coal mining operations under Section 2 (1) of the Act—

- (i) Shires of Muswellbrook and Patrick Plains and Municipality of Muswellbrook.
- (ii) Shire of Port Stephens and City of Newcastle.
- (iii) Shire of Sutherland.
- (iv) Shire of Wyong.

(26.) Supreme Court Rules—

- (a) Solicitors Admission Rules—Amendment of Rule 36.
- (b) General Rules of Court—Amendment of Second Schedule.

(27.) Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900, as amended—Sydney Harbour Rates Act, 1904, as amended—Maritime Services Act, 1935, as amended—Port of Sydney Regulations—Amendment to Schedule "A" and "B".

(28.) Technical Education and University of New South Wales Act, 1949, as amended—Report of the Council of the University of New South Wales for the year 1963.

(29.) Workers' Compensation Act, 1926, as amended—The New South Wales Workers' Compensation Fixed Insurance Premium Rates and Fixed Loss Ratio Scheme, 1945, as amended—Amendment Scheme No. 11 of 1964.

13. ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The President, having reported the Speech made this day by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, said,—As copies are available to Members, and as Members heard the Speech in person, with the consent of the House, I shall not ask the Clerk to read it.

Whereupon Mr. R. B. Marsh moved, and Mrs. E. Barron seconded the motion, That the following Address be presented by the Whole House to His Excellency the Governor in reply to the Speech which His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor had been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament, viz.:—

To His Excellency Sir ERIC WINSLOW WOODWARD, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, Knight of the Most Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Lieutenant-General on the Retired List of the Australian Military Forces, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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2. We beg to assure Your Excellency that our earnest consideration will be given to the measures to be submitted to us.

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3. We join in the hope expressed that, under the guidance of Divine Providence, our labours may be so directed as to conduce to the welfare and happiness of all sections of the community.

Motion made (*Mr. Hewitt*) and Question,—That the Debate of the Question be now adjourned until next Sitting Day,—put and passed.

14. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—

(1.) Mr. Downing moved, That this House, at its rising To-day, do adjourn until To-morrow, at Four-thirty o'clock, p.m., *sharp*.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Downing moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at Eleven minutes after Six o'clock, p.m., until To-morrow, at Four-thirty o'clock, p.m., *sharp*.

J. R. STEVENSON,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY

WEDNESDAY, 26 AUGUST, 1964

[MEMO.—*The House meet This Day at Four-thirty o'clock, p.m., sharp.*]

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

(1.) Mr. Downing to move,—

That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session consist of the following Members, viz.:—The President, Mr. Bridges, Mr. Cedric Cahill, Mr. Carter, Colonel Clayton, Major FitzSimons, Mr. Hewitt, Mr. Maloney, Mr. Wright and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment and authority to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Assembly.

(2.) Mr. Downing to move,—

That the Library Committee of this House for the present Session consist of the following Members, viz.:—The President, Mr. Budd, Mr. Carter, Mr. Erskine, Brigadier Eskell, Major FitzSimons, Mr. Pratten, Mrs. Roper, Mr. Weir and Mr. Wright, with leave to sit during any adjournment and authority to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Assembly in accordance with the resolution of 7th August, 1862.

(3.) Mr. Downing to move,—

That the Printing Committee for the present Session consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Ahern, Dr. Bryon-Faes, Mr. Budd, Colonel Clayton, Mr. Colborne, Mr. Day, Mr. Erskine, Mr. Fuller, Mrs. Roper and Mr. Weir, with the following duties and powers, and to whom shall be referred all Petitions presented to the House, and all Papers laid upon the Table. It shall be the duty of such Committee to report from time to time which of the Petitions and Papers referred to them ought, in their opinion, to be printed, and whether in full or in abstract; and it shall be in the power of the Committee to order such Petitions or Papers, or abstracts thereof, to be prepared for the Printer by the Clerk in attendance upon such Committee, and such Papers or abstracts shall be printed, unless the House otherwise order.

(4.) Mr. Downing to move,—

That the House Committee for the present Session consist of the following Members, viz.:—The President, Mr. Ahern, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Dalton, Mr. Geraghty, Mr. Hewitt, Mr. Murray, Mr. O'Dea,

Mr. Spicer and Sir Edward Warren, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to act in matters of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Assembly.

(5.) Mr. Downing to move,—

That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of business at Four o'clock, p.m., on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in each week.

(6.) Mr. Downing to move,—

That Government Business shall take precedence of General Business on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and that General Business shall take precedence on Thursday in each week.

(7.) Mr. Cedric Cahill to move,—

(1.) That this House do appoint a Committee to be called the Committee of Subordinate Legislation.

(2.) That the Committee shall consist of five Members.

(3.) That the following Members shall comprise the Committee:—Mr. Bridges, Colonel Clayton, Mr. Coulter, Mr. Gleeson and the Mover.

(4.) That it shall be the duty of the Committee to consider all Regulations, Rules, By-Laws, Ordinances, Orders or Proclamations (hereinafter referred to as "the Regulations") which under any Act are required to be laid on the Table of this House, and which are subject to disallowance by resolution of either or both Houses of Parliament.

If the Regulations are made whilst the Council is sitting, the Committee shall consider the Regulations before the end of the period during which any motion for disallowance of those Regulations may be moved in the House.

If the Regulations are made whilst the Council is not sitting, the Committee shall consider the Regulations as soon as conveniently may be after the making thereof.

(5.) The Committee shall, with respect to the Regulations, consider,—

- (a) whether the Regulations are in accordance with the general objects of the Act pursuant to which they are made ;
- (b) whether the Regulations trespass unduly on personal rights and liberties ;
- (c) whether the Regulations unduly make the rights and liberties of citizens dependent upon administrative and not upon judicial decisions ;
- (d) whether the Regulations contain matter which in the opinion of the Committee should properly be dealt with in an Act of Parliament ;
- (e) whether the Regulations appear to make some unusual or unexpected use of the powers conferred by the Statute under which they are made ;
- (f) whether there appears to have been unjustifiable delay in the publication or the laying of the Regulations before Parliament ;
- (g) whether for any special reason the form or purport of the Regulations calls for elucidation.

(6.) If the Committee is of the opinion that any of the Regulations ought to be disallowed,—

- (a) it shall report that opinion and the grounds thereof to the House before the end of the period during which any motion for disallowance of those Regulations may be moved in the House ;
- (b) if the Council is not sitting, it may report its opinion and the grounds thereof to the authority by which the Regulations were made.

(7.) If the Committee is of the opinion that any other matter relating to any of the Regulations should be brought to the notice of the House, it may report that opinion and matter to the House.

(8.) The Committee shall have power to act and to send for persons, papers and records, and to examine witnesses, whether or not the Council is sitting, and all papers and documents referred to, and Minutes of the Proceedings, reports and records of the Committee of Subordinate Legislation appointed on 6th September, 1962, shall be referred to the Committee hereby appointed.

(9.) The proceedings of the Committee shall, except wherein otherwise ordered, be regulated by the Standing Orders of the Legislative Council relating to Select Committees.

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ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Address-in-Reply to Lieutenant-Governor's Opening Speech; resumption of the adjourned Debate of the Question, on the motion of Mr. Marsh, "That the following Address be presented by the Whole House to the Governor, in reply to the speech which His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor had been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament, viz.:—

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3. We join in the hope expressed that, under the guidance of Divine Providence, our labours may be so directed as to conduce to the welfare and happiness of all sections of the community." [Mr. Hewitt.]

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