

Votes

New South Wales.

No. 1.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE THIRTY-EIGHTH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 10 APRIL, 1956.

1. OPENING OF PARLIAMENT:—The House met at Twelve o'clock at Noon, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the twenty-first day of March, 1956, of which a copy was read by Harry Robbins, Esquire, M.C., Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, as follows:—

By His Excellency Sir JOHN NORTHCOTT, 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, 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.

"New South Wales,
to wit,
(L.S.)
J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

"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 Tuesday, the tenth day of April, 1956, at 12 o'clock noon, in the buildings known as the Legislative Council Chambers, in Macquarie-street, in the City of Sydney; and Members of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, respectively, are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

"Given under my Hand and Seal, at Sydney, this twenty-first day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-six, and in the fifth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

"By His Excellency's Command,

"J. J. CAHILL.

"GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!"

2. WRITS OF ELECTION:—The Clerk announced that he had received, through the Honourable the Colonial Secretary, a correct list, without any omission, certified by His Excellency the Governor, of the names of the several persons returned for the Electoral Districts set against such names, respectively, at the General Election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, which was held on the 3rd day of March, 1956, and further certifying that the several Writs of Election, being ninety-four in number, were duly returned before the day on which they were legally returnable:—

Table with 2 columns: Names of Members returned, Electoral Districts for which returned. Rows include Armstrong, Thomas; Askin, Robin William; Beale, Jack Gordon; Black, Ivan Carlisle; Booth, George; Kahibah; Collaroy; South Coast; Neutral Bay; Kurri Kurri.

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Brain, George William	Willoughby.
Bruxner, Michael Frederick	Tenterfield.
Cahill, Frederick Joseph	Young.
Cahill, John Joseph	Cook's River.
Campbell, George Glover	Hamilton.
Chaffey, William Adolphus	Tamworth.
Chapman, William Leslie	Nepean.
Clough, James Arthur	Parramatta.
Coady, Reginald Francis John	Leichhardt.
Connor, Reginald Francis Xavier	Wollongong-Kembla.
Crabtree, William Frederick Farrar	Kogarah.
Crawford, Geoffrey Robertson	Barwon.
Crook, John William	Cessnock.
Cross, Douglas Donald	Georges River.
Cutler, Charles Benjamin	Orange.
Darby, Evelyn Douglas	Manly.
Deane, Bernard Sydney Llewellyn	Hawkesbury.
Dickson, Samuel Douglas	Temora.
Downing, Francis George	Ryde.
Earl, Clarence Joseph	Fairfield.
Easter, Jack Stuart	Lismore.
Ellis, Kevin	Coogee.
Enticknap, Ambrose George	Murrumbidgee.
Evatt, Clive Raleigh	Hurstville.
Ferguson, William John	Waverley.
Fitzgerald, Raymond Leo	Gloucester.
Fowles, Howard Thomas	Illawarra.
Fraser, Donald Stewart	Gordon.
Freeman, John Stanley	Blacktown.
Gamack, Radford Baird	Raleigh.
Gollan, William McCulloch	Randwick.
Graham, Edgar Hugh	Wagga Wagga.
Green, Frederick	Redfern.
Griffith, Ian Ross	Sutherland.
Hawkins, Francis Harold	Newcastle.
Hearnshaw, Eric	Eastwood.
Heffron, Robert James	Maroubra.
Hills, Patrick Darcy	Phillip.
Hughes, Davis	Armidale.
Hunter, David Benjamin	Croydon.
Jackson, Harold Ernest	Gosford.
Jackson, Rex Frederick	Bulli.
Jordan, Leslie Charles	Oxley.
Kelly, Christopher Augustus	Bathurst.
Kelly, Robert Joseph	East Hills.
Lamb, William Henry	Granville.
Landa, Abram	Bondi.
Lawrence, Walter Richard	Drummoyne.
Lawson, Joseph Alexander	Murray.
McCaw, Kenneth Malcolm	Lane Cove.
McGrath, John Francis	Rockdale.
McMahon, John Michael Alfred	Balmain.
Maher, Ray Septimus	North Sydney.
Mallam, Heathcote Clifford	Dulwich Hill.
Mannix, Norman John	Liverpool.
Morris, Milton Arthur	Maitland.
Morton, Philip Henry	Mosman.
Murden, Richard William	Ashfield.
Murphy, Thomas Patrick	Concord.
Nott, Leo Mervyn	Mudgee.
Nott, Roger Bede	Liverpool Plains.
O'Sullivan, Maurice	Paddington.
Padman, Dudley Gordon	Albury.
Parr, Leslie James Albert	Burwood.
Pelly, Blake Raymond	Wollondilly.
Powell, Arthur Thomas	Bankstown.
Purdue, Frank Outen Jensen	Waratah.
Renshaw, John Brophy	Castlereagh.
Robertson, Clarence Gordon	Dubbo.

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Robinson, Ian Louis	Casino.
Robson, Ewan Murray	Vaucluse.
Robson, James Hutchins	Hartley.
Rose, D'Arcy	Upper Hunter.
Ryan, Phillip Norman	Marrickville.
Ryan, Thomas Vernon	Auburn.
Seiffert, John Wesley	Monaro.
Sheahan, William Francis	Burrinjuck.
Simpson, James Brunton	Lake Macquarie.
Sloss, Albert Ross	King.
Stephens, Stanley Tunstall	Byron.
Storey, Sydney Albert Dawson	Hornsby.
Tonge, Arthur	Canterbury.
Treatt, Vernon Haddon	Woollahra.
Tully, Laurence John	Goulburn.
Wattison, William Ernest	Sturt.
Weiley, William Robert	Clarence.
Wetherell, Ernest	Cobar.
Willis, Eric Archibald	Earlwood.
Wyatt, Stanislaus	Lakemba.

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 has been pleased to cause a Commission "to be issued under the Great Seal of the State, constituting us Commissioners to do on behalf of Her 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:—

"Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, Australia and Her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

"To all to whom these presents shall come,—

"Greeting:

"Whereas by Proclamation made on the twenty-first day of March, 1956, His "Excellency Sir JOHN NORTHCOCK, Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Commander of "Our Royal Victorian Order, Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of "the Bath, Lieutenant-General on the Retired List of Our Australian Military "Forces, 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 Tuesday, "10th April, 1956, 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 William Edward Dickson, President of the said "Legislative Council, the Honourable Robert Reginald Downing, Attorney-General, Minister of Justice and Vice-President of Our Executive Council "of Our said State, and the Honourable Ernest Gerard Wright, Chairman "of Committees, Members of the Legislative Council, do, with the advice "of Our Executive Council of Our said State, give and grant by the tenor of "these presents unto the said William Edward Dickson, Robert Reginald "Downing, and Ernest Gerard Wright, or any two of them, full power in

10 April, 1956.

"Our name to open and hold the said Session of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly on the said tenth day of April, 1956, 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 Parliament, that to the said William Edward Dickson, Robert Reginald Downing, and Ernest Gerard Wright, 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 Public Seal of Our said State to be hereunto affixed.

"Witness Our trusty and well-beloved Sir JOHN NORTHCOTT, Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Commander of Our Royal Victorian Order, Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-General on the Retired List of Our Australian Military Forces, Our Governor of Our State of New South Wales and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, at Sydney, in Our said State, this fifth day of April, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-six, and in the fifth year of Our Reign.

"J. NORTHCOTT,
"Governor.

"By His Excellency's Command,
"J. J. CAHILL."

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 being 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 Sir JOHN NORTHCOTT, 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, 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.

"To all to whom these Presents shall come,

"Greeting:

"In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, Sir JOHN NORTHCOTT, as Governor of the State of New South Wales, do, with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, hereby authorise the Honourable JOHN JOSEPH CAHILL, M.L.A., Premier and Colonial Treasurer, the Honourable ROBERT JAMES HEFFRON, M.L.A., Deputy-Premier and Minister for Education, and the Honourable CHRISTOPHER AUGUSTUS KELLY, M.L.A., Colonial Secretary, Minister for Immigration and Minister for Co-operative Societies, or any one or more of them, to administer to all or any Members or Member of the Legislative Assembly of the said State the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen, 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 fifth day of April, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-six, and in the fifth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

"J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

"By His Excellency's Command,
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5. MEMBERS SWORN:—The Honourable John Joseph Cahill took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance himself and administered the same to the two other Commissioners, the Honourable Robert James Heffron and the Honourable Christopher Augustus Kelly, and then the Commissioners respectively signed the Roll of the House, and administered the Oath to all 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:—

Thomas Armstrong, Esquire.	The Honourable Robert James Heffron.
Robin William Askin, Esquire.	Patrick Darcy Hills, Esquire.
Jack Gordon Beale, Esquire, A.S.T.C., Mech. Eng., A.M.ASCE., M.A.S.M.E., A.M.I.E. (Aust.).	Davis Hughes, Esquire, B.Sc.
Ivan Carlisle Black, Esquire, LL.B.	David Benjamin Hunter, Esquire.
George Booth, Esquire.	Harold Ernest Jackson, Esquire.
George William Brain, Esquire, F.C.A. (Aust.).	Rex Frederick Jackson, Esquire.
Lieut.-Colonel the Honourable Michael Frederick Bruxner, D.S.O.	Leslie Charles Jordan, Esquire, LL.B.
Frederick Joseph Cahill, Esquire.	The Honourable Christopher Augustus Kelly.
The Honourable John Joseph Cahill.	Robert Joseph Kelly, Esquire.
George Glover Campbell, Esquire.	William Henry Lamb, Esquire.
William Adolphus Chaffey, Es- quire.	The Honourable Abram Landa, LL.B.
William Leslie Chapman, Esquire.	Walter Richard Lawrence, Es- quire.
James Arthur Clough, Esquire.	Joseph Alexander Lawson, Es- quire.
Reginald Francis John Coady, Esquire.	Kenneth Malcolm McCaw, Esquire.
Reginald Francis Xavier Connor, Esquire.	The Honourable John Francis McGrath.
William Frederick Farrar Crabtree, Esquire.	John Michael Alfred McMahon, Esquire.
Geoffrey Robertson Crawford, Esquire, D.C.M.	Ray Septimus Maher, Esquire, B.A.
John William Crook, Esquire.	Heathcote Clifford Mallam, Es- quire.
Douglas Donald Cross, Esquire.	Norman John Mannix, Esquire.
Charles Benjamin Cutler, Esquire.	Milton Arthur Morris, Esquire.
Evelyn Douglas Darby, Esquire, B.Ec.	Philip Henry Morton, Esquire.
Bernard Sydney Llewellyn Deane, Esquire.	Richard William Murden, Esquire.
Samuel Douglas Dickson, Esquire.	Thomas Patrick Murphy, Esquire.
Francis George Downing, Esquire.	Leo Mervyn Nott, Esquire.
Clarence Joseph Earl, Esquire.	The Honourable Roger Bede Nott, Maurice O'Sullivan, Esquire.
Jack Stuart Easter, Esquire.	Dudley Gordon Padman, Esquire.
Kevin Ellis, Esquire, LL.B., B.Ec.	Dr. Leslie James Albert Parr, M.B., Ch.M.
The Honourable Ambrose George Enticknap.	Blake Raymond Pelly, Esquire, O.B.E., M.A. (Cantab.).
The Honourable Clive Raleigh Evatt, Q.C., LL.B.	Arthur Thomas Powell, Esquire.
William John Ferguson, Esquire.	Frank Outen Jensen Purdue, Esquire.
Raymond Leo Fitzgerald, Esquire.	The Honourable John Brophy Renshaw.
Howard Thomas Fowles, Esquire.	Clarence Gordon Robertson, Esquire.
Donald Stewart Fraser, Esquire, M.J.I.	Ian Louis Robinson, Esquire.
John Stanley Freeman, Esquire.	Lieut.-Colonel Ewan Murray Rob- son, D.S.O., B.A., LL.B.
Radford Baird Gamack, Esquire.	James Hutchins Robson, Esquire, M.M.
The Honourable William McCul- loch Gollan.	D'Arcy Rose, Esquire.
The Honourable Edgar Hugh Graham.	Phillip Norman Ryan, Esquire.
Frederick Green, Esquire.	Thomas Vernon Ryan, Esquire.
Ian Ross Griffith, Esquire.	John Wesley Seiffert, Esquire.
The Honourable Francis Harold Hawkins.	The Honourable William Francis: Sheahan, Q.C., LL.B.
Eric Hearnshaw, Esquire, M.M., B.Ec., Dip.Pub.Ad.	The Honourable James Brunton Simpson.
	Albert Ross Sloss, Esquire.
	Stanley Tunstall Stephens, Esquire.

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Sydney Albert Dawson Storey, Esquire.	William Ernest Wattison, Esquire.
Arthur Tonge, Esquire.	William Robert Weiley, Esquire.
The Honourable Vernon Haddon Treatt, M.M., Q.C., M.A., B.C.L.	The Honourable Ernest Wetherell.
Laurence John Tully, Esquire, B.A., LL.B.	Eric Archibald Willis, Esquire, B.A., F.R.G.S.
	Stanislaus Wyatt, Esquire.

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

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

Mr. Morton, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), moved, That Eric Archibald Willis, Esquire, B.A., F.R.G.S., do take the Chair of this House as Speaker,—which motion was seconded by Lieut.-Col. Bruxner.

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

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 52.

Mr. Armstrong	Mr. Green	Mr. Renshaw
Mr. Booth	Mr. Hawkins	Mr. Robertson
Mr. Fred Cahill	Mr. Heffron	Mr. J. H. Robson
Mr. Cahill	Mr. Hills	Mr. Ryan
Mr. Campbell	Mr. Rex Jackson	Mr. T. V. Ryan
Mr. Coady	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Seiffert
Mr. Connor	Mr. R. J. Kelly	Mr. Sheahan
Mr. Crabtree	Mr. Lamb	Mr. Simpson
Mr. Crook	Mr. Landa	Mr. Sloss
Mr. Downing	Mr. McGrath	Mr. Tonge
Mr. Earl	Mr. McMahon	Mr. L. J. Tully
Mr. Enticknap	Mr. Mallam	Mr. Wattison
Mr. Evatt	Mr. Murphy	Mr. Wetherell
Mr. Ferguson	Mr. Nott	Mr. Wyatt
Mr. Fowles	Mr. Leo Nott	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Freeman	Mr. O'Sullivan	Mr. Maher
Mr. W. McC. Gollan	Mr. Powell	Mr. Mannix
Mr. Graham	Mr. Purdue	

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Mr. Askin	Mr. Stewart Fraser	Dr. Parr
Mr. Jack Beale	Mr. Gamack	Mr. Pelly
Mr. Black	Mr. Griffith	Mr. Robinson
Mr. Brain	Mr. Hearnshaw	Lieut.-Col. Robson
Lieut.-Col. Bruxner	Mr. Hughes	Mr. Rose
Mr. Chaffey	Mr. Hunter	Mr. Stephens
Mr. Chapman	Mr. H. E. Jackson	Mr. Storey
Mr. Clough	Mr. Jordan	Mr. Treatt
Mr. Crawford	Mr. Lawrence	Mr. Weiley
Mr. Cross	Mr. Lawson	Mr. Willis
Mr. Cutler	Mr. McCaw	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Darby	Mr. Morris	Mr. Easter
Mr. Deane	Mr. Morton	Mr. Ellis
Mr. Dickson	Mr. Murden	
Mr. Fitzgerald	Mr. Padman	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

And thereupon sat down in the Chair.

Mr. Cahill congratulated Mr. Speaker.

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

Mr. Speaker left the Chair at Ten minutes before Two o'clock p.m., until Fifteen minutes before Four 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 being 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 of which His Excellency had readily assented.

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

8. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Cahill informed the House that on 15th March, with a view to reconstructing the Ministry, he submitted his resignation as Premier, Colonial Treasurer and Member of the Executive Council to His Excellency the Governor, an action which involved the resignation of the whole of his colleagues. His Excellency immediately commissioned him to form a new Ministry, and on the same date, the following gentlemen had been appointed by His Excellency as Members of the Executive Council and to the offices indicated:—

The Honourable John Joseph Cahill, M.L.A., Premier and Colonial Treasurer.

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

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

The Honourable Christopher Augustus Kelly, M.L.A., Colonial Secretary, Minister for Immigration, and Minister for Co-operative Societies.

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

The Honourable William Francis Sheahan, Q.C., LL.B., M.L.A., Minister for Health.

The Honourable Francis Harold Hawkins, M.L.A., Minister for Child Welfare and Minister for Social Welfare.

The Honourable John Brophy Renshaw, M.L.A., Minister for Local Government and Minister for Highways.

The Honourable Ambrose George Enticknap, M.L.A., Minister for Transport.

The Honourable Abram Landa, LL.B., M.L.A., Minister for Housing.

The Honourable John Francis McGrath, M.L.A., Secretary for Public Works.

The Honourable Ernest Wetherell, M.L.A., Minister for Conservation.

The Honourable William McCulloch Gollan, M.L.A., Minister without Portfolio.

The Honourable Roger Bede Nott, M.L.A., Secretary for Lands and Secretary for Mines.

The Honourable James Joseph Maloney, M.L.C., Minister for Labour and Industry.

The Honourable James Brunton Simpson, M.L.A., Minister without Portfolio.

Mr. Cahill also informed the House that the Minister for Health would represent the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice in this House and the Minister for Labour and Industry would be represented by the Minister for Housing. He also said that the responsibility for the State's Emergency Services and Civil Defence Organisation had been transferred from the Chief Secretary to the Minister for Education, and the Milk Board, from the Minister for Health to the Minister for Agriculture. The Department of Main Roads would come under the administration of the Minister for Highways.

9. LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION:—Mr. Morton informed the House of his re-election as Leader of the Opposition and of the re-election of Mr. R. W. Askin as Deputy-Leader.

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10. LEADER OF THE COUNTRY PARTY:—Lieut.-Col. Bruxner informed the House of his re-election as Leader of the Country Party and of the re-election of Mr. S. D. Dickson as Deputy-Leader.
11. GOVERNMENT WHIP:—Mr. Cahill informed the House that Mr. Frederick Green had been re-elected Government Whip.
12. OPPOSITION WHIP:—Mr. Morton informed the House that Mr. G. W. Brain had been re-elected Opposition Whip.
13. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—
- (1.) URGENCY:—Mr. Cahill 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. Cahill moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude consideration forthwith of a motion for the appointment of a Chairman of Committees of the Whole House.
- Question put and passed.
- (3.) Mr. Rex Jackson moved, That George Booth, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House,—which Motion was seconded by Mr. Crabtree.
- Question put and passed.
- Whereupon Mr. Booth made his acknowledgments to the House.

14. THE SERJEANT-AT-ARMS:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a Commission in favour of Mr. Ronald Edward Ward, who had been appointed by His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, Serjeant-at-Arms of the Legislative Assembly, in the room of Mr. Hubert St. Pierre Scarlett, who had been transferred to the Joint Staff and appointed House Secretary and Parliamentary Accountant. Mr. Speaker added that His Excellency the Governor had already administered to Mr. Ward the Oaths of Allegiance and of Office, respectively, as Serjeant-at-Arms of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

Mr. Speaker intimated to the House that during the absence of the Clerk-Assistant, Mr. Pickering, Mr. Vidler would be Acting Clerk-Assistant, Mr. Ward would be Acting Second Clerk-Assistant, and Mr. Mahony would be Acting Serjeant-at-Arms.

15. 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.) Coal Industry (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 1.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act relating to the tenure of office of Francis Heath Gallagher as the Coal Industry Tribunal and Member of the Industrial Commission of New South Wales; for this purpose to amend the Coal Industry Act, 1946, and the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1940, 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 Her 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.) Commonwealth and State Housing Agreement Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 2.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to approve and ratify an Agreement for the variation of the Agreement entered into between the Commonwealth and the States in relation to housing; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been

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presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(3.) Housing (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 3.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend the powers of The Housing Commission of New South Wales in certain respects; to ease the restriction imposed by the Housing Act, 1912-1949, on the sale of or other dealing with dwelling-houses and land; for these and other purposes to amend that Act and the Housing Act, 1941-1947, in certain respects; to validate certain matters; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(4.) Newcastle and Northumberland Benevolent Society Dissolution Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 4.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the dissolution of the Newcastle and Northumberland Benevolent Society; to vest the assets of the said Society in trustees for sale and realisation; to define the powers, authorities, duties and functions of such trustees; to provide for the disposition of the proceeds of sale and realisation; 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 Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 29th November, 1955.*

(5.) Port Kembla Inner Harbour Construction and Agreement Ratification Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 5.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction and to provide for the construction and equipment of an inner harbour at Port Kembla; to authorise the construction of a railway from Coniston Marshalling Yards to the port boundary of that harbour; to ratify a certain Agreement made between The Broken Hill Proprietary Company Limited of the first part Australian Iron & Steel Limited of the second part and the Minister for Public Works for and on behalf of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of the third part with respect to the exchange of lands, with respect to the granting to those Companies of an exclusive right to construct wharves on certain lands and with respect to certain other matters; to provide for the carrying into effect of that Agreement; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, 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 Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(6.) Sydney Turf Club (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 6.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to remove the restrictions on borrowing and the acquisition and sale of land by the Sydney Turf Club; to abolish the Racing Compensation Fund established by the Sydney Turf Club Act, 1943; for these and other purposes to amend the said Act; and for purposes connected therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and

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Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her 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, 29th November, 1955.

(7.) Interest Reduction (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 7.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to repeal Part IV of the Interest Reduction Act, 1931, and the Interest Reduction Amendment (Preference Shares) Act, 1932; 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 Her 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, 2nd December, 1955.

(8.) Church of England Clergy Provident Fund (Sydney) Amendment Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 8.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the Church of England Synod of the Diocese of Sydney to make Ordinances changing the name of The Clergy Provident Fund (Sydney) and providing for the admission of certain persons to membership of that Fund; for this purpose to amend the Church of England Clergy Provident Fund (Sydney) Act, 1908-1941, 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 Her 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, 13th December, 1955.

(9.) Crown Lands Amendment (Home Sites) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 9.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision with respect to conditions of residence attaching to and the erection of dwellings upon home-sites provided out of Crown lands; to remove the restrictions on the transfer of certain holdings in certain circumstances; for these and other purposes to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, 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 Her 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, 13th December, 1955.

(10.) Dairy Industry (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 10.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make certain provision in relation to the amount of table margarine that may be manufactured under license; for this purpose to amend the Dairy Industry Act, 1915-1951, 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 Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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(11.) Local Government, Motor Traffic and Transport (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,

Governor.

Message No. 11.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the constitution of parking advisory committees and to define their powers, authorities, duties and functions; to confer certain powers on councils with respect to the installation of parking meters in public roads and public reserves and with respect to the provision, control and regulation of parking stations; to amend the Local Government Act, 1919, the Motor Traffic Act, 1909, the Transport Act, 1930, 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 Her 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, 13th December, 1955.

(12.) Local Government (Regulation of Flats) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,

Governor.

Message No. 12.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable residential flat buildings to be provided out of certain existing buildings; for this purpose to amend the Local Government Act, 1919, 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 Her 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, 13th December, 1955.

(13.) Mines Rescue (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,

Governor.

Message No. 13.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision in relation to the conditions of employment of members of permanent rescue corps established at central rescue stations and in relation to the staffing of those stations; for these purposes to amend the Mines Rescue Act, 1925, 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 Her 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, 13th December, 1955.

(14.) Private Inquiry Agents Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,

Governor.

Message No. 14.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the licensing and control of private inquiry agents and their subagents; 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 Her 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, 13th December, 1955.

(15.) Public Parks and Reserves Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,

Governor.

Message No. 15.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision relating to the powers of trustees of public parks and areas reserved or dedicated for public purposes; for these and other purposes to amend the Public Parks Act, 1912, the Public Trusts Act, 1897, the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, the Sydney Sports Ground and Sydney Cricket Ground Amalgamation Act, 1951,*

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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 Her 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, 13th December, 1955.

(16.) War Service Land Settlement and Closer Settlement (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 16.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to make further provision in relation to the assessment or determination of the value of land to be acquired for the purposes of settlement; to extend the class of improvements on closer settlement leases to be paid for by an incoming tenant; to make provision for the distribution of costs of improvements effected on land acquired for settlement; for these and other purposes to amend the Closer Settlement Acts, the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, the War Service Land Settlement Act, 1941, and certain other Acts in certain respects; to validate certain matters; and for purposes connected therewith,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her 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, 13th December, 1955.

(17.) Police Regulation (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 17.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to amend sections fifteen and seventeen of the Police Regulation Act, 1899, as amended by subsequent 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 Her 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, 22nd December, 1955.

(18.) Governor's Salary (Amendment) Bill:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 18.

In pursuance of the provisions of the 33rd section of the Act 5 and 6 Victoria Cap. 76, the Governor hereby signifies to the Legislative Assembly that the Bill passed by the Parliament of New South Wales in 1955, intituled "An Act to make provision for an increase in the salary of the Governor of New South Wales; for this purpose to amend the Governor's Salary Act, 1901, the Constitution Act, 1902, and certain other Acts in certain respects; and for purposes connected therewith,"—has been laid before Her Majesty in Council and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same by Order in Council on the 1st December, 1955.

His Excellency has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment in the manner required by law. Her Majesty's assent to this Act will be duly notified by Proclamation in the *Government Gazette*.

Government House,
Sydney, 30th December, 1955.

16. *Pro Formâ* BILL—LAW OF EVIDENCE BILL:—Mr. Cahill 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.

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17. 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.

18. ELECTION OF A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF NEW SOUTH WALES:—

- (1.) Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from His Excellency the Governor:—

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Message No. 19.

In pursuance of section seven of the Constitution (Legislative Council Elections) Act, 1932-1937, the Governor desires to inform the Legislative Assembly that he has this day, with the advice of the Executive Council, issued under that Act a Writ for the election of a Member of the Legislative Council to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the Honourable Peter Fallon.

The Writ is directed to Brigadier John Rowstone Stevenson, C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D., Clerk of the Parliaments of the State of New South Wales, Returning Officer for the Election of Members of the Legislative Council of New South Wales.

This Message is accompanied by a copy of the Writ.

In order that both Houses of Parliament may be duly informed of the issue of the Writ, a like Message is this day being addressed by the Governor to the President of the Legislative Council.

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Sydney, 10th April, 1956.

Mr. Speaker announced that the Message was accompanied by a copy of the Writ.

Mr. Speaker then directed the Clerk to read the Writ, which was as follows:—

WRIT FOR THE ELECTION OF A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF
NEW SOUTH WALES.

*“Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, Australia
“and Her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Common-
“wealth, Defender of the Faith.*

*“To BRIGADIER JOHN ROWLSTONE STEVENSON, C.B.E., D.S.O., E.D., Clerk
“of the Parliaments of the State of New South Wales, Returning Officer
“for the Election of Members of the Legislative Council of Our State of
“New South Wales.*

“Greeting:

*“Whereas the Honourable PETER FALLON was duly elected a Member of the
“Legislative Council with a term of service expiring at the end of twelve
“years from the twenty-third day of April, one thousand nine hundred and
“forty-nine: And whereas the seat of the said the Honourable PETER FALLON
“has become vacant by reason of his death on the ninth day of February,
“one thousand nine hundred and fifty-six: Now therefore, We, with the
“advice of the Executive Council and by virtue of the powers vested in
“Us, do in and by this Our Writ direct you, JOHN ROWLSTONE STEVENSON,
“to conduct in the manner by law provided an election of a Member to Our
“Legislative Council to fill the seat which has thus become vacant.*

*“And We do hereby appoint the nineteenth day of April, one thousand
“nine hundred and fifty-six as the day on or before which all nominations
“of candidates at the election shall be made and the second day of May,
“one thousand nine hundred and fifty-six as the day upon which sittings of
“the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly shall be held for
“the purpose of taking the votes: and that the taking of votes at such sittings
“shall commence at ten o'clock in the forenoon and shall terminate at one
“o'clock in the afternoon.*

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"And We do further direct and appoint that this Our Writ shall be returnable to Our Governor upon the seventh day of May, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-six.

"In testimony whereof, We have caused this Our Writ to be sealed with the Public Seal of Our said State.

"Witness Our Trusty and Well-beloved SIR JOHN NORTHCOTT, Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Commander of Our Royal Victorian Order, Companion of Our Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-General on the Retired List of Our Australian Military Forces, Our Governor of Our State of New South Wales and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, at Sydney, in Our said State, this tenth day of April, in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifty-six, and in the fifth year of Our Reign.

"J. NORTHCOTT,
"Governor.

"By His Excellency's Command,
"J. J. CAHILL."

(2.) Mr. Speaker directed that the taking of the votes of Members in the Legislative Assembly for the Election of a Member of the Legislative Council be set down as an Order of the Day for the day of the ballot appointed in the Writ mentioned in His Excellency's Message of 10th April, 1956, viz., 2nd May, 1956.

Mr. Speaker intimated that on such day the taking of the votes would take precedence of all other business.

19. PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table a Report from the Auditor-General together with copy of Executive Council Minute informing Parliament that by the authority of the Governor, in terms of section 34 of the Audit Act, 1902, as amended, an amount of £8,846 2s. 6d., being the unexpended balance at 31st December, 1955, of an appropriation of £10,385 under the head "Minister for Labour and Industry and Minister for Social Welfare—State Emergency Services, 1955-56," was applied to supplement the appropriation under the head "Colonial Secretary, Minister for Immigration and Minister for Co-operative Societies—Head Office."

20. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Cahill (*by consent*) moved, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House at its rising This Day, do adjourn until Wednesday, 2nd May, 1956, at Five minutes before Ten o'clock, a.m., unless Mr. Speaker, or, if Mr. Speaker be unable to act on account of illness or other cause, the Chairman of Committees, shall, prior to that date, by telegram or letter addressed to each member of the House, fix an earlier day and/or hour of meeting.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

21. PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, in accordance with section 16 of the Audit Act, 1902, as amended, he had received from the Colonial Treasurer the nominations of,—

Mr. Brain,
Mr. Connor,
Mr. Freeman,
Mr. Murphy, and
Mr. Rose,

for election and appointment as Members of the Public Accounts Committee, constituted under that Act, and he proposed on this occasion, because of the brevity of the Session, to submit these names, forthwith, one by one, in alphabetical order, to the House for decision by open voting.

Before proceeding with the election of Members to serve on the Public Accounts Committee, Mr. Speaker read to the House subsection (6) of section 16 of the Audit Act, 1902, as amended, which lays down the procedure to be adopted in the election and appointment of Members of the Committee.

(1.) Question,—That George William Brain, Esquire, be appointed a Member of the Public Accounts Committee,—put and passed.

(2.) Question,—That Reginald Francis Xavier Connor, Esquire, be appointed a Member of the Public Accounts Committee,—put and passed.

(3.) Question,—That John Stanley Freeman, Esquire, be appointed a Member of the Public Accounts Committee,—put and passed.

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- (4.) Question,—That Thomas Patrick Murphy, Esquire, be appointed a Member of the Public Accounts Committee,—put and passed.
- (5.) Question,—That D'Arcy Rose, Esquire, be appointed a Member of the Public Accounts Committee,—put and passed.
22. MANAGING TRUSTEES OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY MEMBERS PROVIDENT FUND:—
Mr. Cahill (*by consent*) moved, That, in accordance with the provisions of the Legislative Assembly Members Superannuation Act, 1946-1954, the following Members of the Legislative Assembly be and are hereby appointed, as Managing Trustees of the Legislative Assembly Members Provident Fund, as from the commencement of the present Parliament:—
- The Honourable Francis Harold Hawkins.
William Frederick Farrar Crabtree, Esquire.
John Michael Alfred McMahon, Esquire.
William Ernest Wattison, Esquire.
George William Brain, Esquire, and
Joseph Alexander Lawson, Esquire.
- Question put and passed.
23. DEATH OF ARTHUR REDVERS BADEN POWELL, ESQUIRE, FORMERLY A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES:—Mr. Cahill (*by consent*) moved,—
- (1.) That this House desires to place on record its sense of the loss this State has sustained by the death of Arthur Redvers Baden Powell, Esquire, formerly a Member of this House.
- (2.) That Mr. Speaker be requested to communicate to the relatives of the deceased the above resolution together with an expression of the sympathy and sorrow of the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in the loss they have sustained.
- The Motion having been seconded by Mr. Morton and supported by Lieut.-Col. Bruxner, Mr. Fowles and Mr. Connor,—
- Question put and carried unanimously,—Members and Officers of the House standing.
24. DEATH OF WILLIAM DAVIES, ESQUIRE, A FORMER MINISTER OF THE CROWN:—Mr. Cahill (*by consent*) moved,—
- (1.) That this House desires to place on record its sense of the loss this State has sustained by the death of William Davies, Esquire, a former Minister of the Crown in the State of New South Wales.
- (2.) That Mr. Speaker be requested to communicate to Mrs. Davies and the family of the deceased the above resolution together with an expression of the sympathy and sorrow of the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in the loss they have sustained.
- The Motion having been seconded by Mr. Morton and supported by Lieut.-Col. Bruxner, Mr. Booth, Mr. Fowles and Mr. Connor,—
- Question put and carried unanimously,—Members and Officers of the House standing.
25. DEATH OF THE HONOURABLE SIR COLIN ARCHIBALD SINCLAIR, K.B.E., A FORMER MINISTER OF THE CROWN:—Mr. Cahill (*by consent*) moved,—
- (1.) That this House desires to place on record its sense of the loss this State has sustained by the death of the Honourable Sir Colin Archibald Sinclair, K.B.E., a former Minister of the Crown in the State of New South Wales.
- (2.) That Mr. Speaker be requested to communicate to Lady Sinclair the above resolution together with an expression of the sympathy and sorrow of the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in the loss she has sustained.
- The Motion having been seconded by Mr. Morton and supported by Lieut.-Col. Bruxner,—
- Question put and carried unanimously,—Members and Officers of the House standing.
26. DEATH OF ARTHUR HENRY MOVERLY, ESQUIRE, FORMERLY A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES:—Mr. Cahill (*by consent*) moved,—
- (1.) That this House desires to place on record its sense of the loss this State has sustained by the death of Arthur Henry Moverly, Esquire, formerly a Member of this House.

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(2.) That Mr. Speaker be requested to communicate to the family of the deceased the above resolution together with an expression of the sympathy and sorrow of the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in the loss they have sustained.

The Motion having been seconded by Mr. Morton and supported by Lieut-Col. Bruxner, Mr. W. McC. Gollan, Mr. Murden and Mr. Cross,—

Question put and carried unanimously,—Members and Officers of the House standing.

27. DEATH OF EDGAR PERCY DRING, ESQUIRE, MEMBER FOR AUBURN:—Mr. Cahill (*by consent*) moved,—

(1.) That this House desires to place on record its sense of the loss this State has sustained by the death of Edgar Percy Dring, Esquire, Member for Auburn.

(2.) That Mr. Speaker be requested to communicate to Mrs. Dring and the family of the deceased the above resolution together with an expression of the sympathy and sorrow of the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in the loss they have sustained.

The Motion having been seconded by Mr. Morton and supported by Lieut.-Col. Bruxner, Mr. Nott, Mr. T. V. Ryan and Dr. Parr,—

Question put and carried unanimously,—Members and Officers of the House standing.

28. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Cahill moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at Seven o'clock, p.m., until *Wednesday, 2nd May, 1956*, at Five minutes before Ten o'clock, a.m., unless an earlier day and/or hour be fixed in accordance with the terms of the Resolution adopted at this Sitting.

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION OF THE THIRTY-EIGHTH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 2 MAY, 1956.

The House met pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Speaker offered the Prayer.

1. ELECTION OF A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN PLACE OF THE HONOURABLE PETER FALLON, DECEASED—TAKING OF THE VOTES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:—Mr. Speaker directed the Clerk to read the Order of the Day. The Order of the Day having been read, the Clerk duly displayed the ballot-box.

And it being Ten o'clock, a.m., the hour appointed in the Writ dated 10th April, 1956, for the commencement of the taking of the votes of Members, Mr. Speaker declared the ballot open, and the taking of the votes of Members thereupon commenced.

And it being One o'clock, p.m., the hour appointed in the Writ for the termination of the taking of the votes at the Sitting, Mr. Speaker directed that the doors be locked. The doors having been locked, Mr. Speaker inquired whether there was any Member present who had not yet received a ballot-paper and desired to vote.

And there being no such Member desiring to vote, Mr. Speaker directed that the doors be unlocked.

And Members who had received their ballot-papers before the hour appointed in the Writ for the termination of the taking of the votes having completed before that hour the recording of their votes, Mr. Speaker declared the ballot closed.

2. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Heffron (*by consent*) moved, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House at its rising This day, do adjourn until Thursday, 17th May, 1956, at Eleven o'clock, a.m., unless Mr. Speaker, or, if Mr. Speaker be unable to act on account of illness or other cause, the Chairman of Committees, shall, prior to that date, by telegram or letter addressed to each Member of the House, fix an earlier day and/or hour of meeting.

Question put and passed.

3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Heffron moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at Three minutes after One o'clock, p.m., until *Thursday, 17th May, 1956, at Eleven o'clock, a.m., unless an earlier day and/or hour be fixed in accordance with the terms of the Resolution adopted at this Sitting.*

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. LAMB,
Speaker.





PROCLAMATION.

NEW SOUTH WALES, } By His Excellency Sir JOHN NORTHCOTT, Knight Commander
 TO WIT. } 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, Lieu-
 tenant-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.

(L.S.)
 J. NORTHCOTT,
 Governor.

WHEREAS the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of the State of New South Wales now stand adjourned to Thursday, the seventeenth day of May, 1956; Now, I, Sir JOHN NORTHCOTT, in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested as Governor of the said State, do hereby prorogue the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly to Tuesday, the twenty-second day of May, 1956: 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-second day of May, 1956, 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 ninth day of May, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-six, and in the fifth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. J. CAHILL.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNTS-OUT
AND RECORD OF PAIRS DURING THE
SESSION OF 1956.

Total number of Divisions in the House, 1; Divisions in Committee, Nil; Counts-out, Nil.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts- out.	Total Divisions attended.	Number of times paired.
Armstrong, Thomas, Esq.	1	...	...	1	...
Askin, Robin William, Esq.	1	...	...	1	...
Beale, Jack Gordon, Esq., A.S.T.C., Mech. Eng., A.M.ASCE., M.A.S.M.E., A.M.I.E. (Aust.)	1	...	...	1	...
Black, Ivan Carlisle, Esq., LL.B.	1	...	...	1	...
Booth, George, Esq. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>)	1	...	...	1	...
Brain, George William, Esq., F.C.A. (Aust.)	1	...	...	1	...
Bruxner, Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. Michael Frederick, D.S.O.	1	...	...	1	...
Cahill, Frederick Joseph, Esq.	1	...	...	1	...
Cahill, The Hon. John Joseph	1	...	...	1	...
Campbell, George Glover, Esq.	1	...	...	1	...
Chaffey, William Adolphus, Esq.	1	...	...	1	...
Chapman, William Leslie, Esq.	1	...	...	1	...
Clough, James Arthur, Esq.	1	...	...	1	...
Coady, Reginald Francis John, Esq.	1	...	...	1	...
Connor, Reginald Francis Xavier, Esq.	1	...	...	1	...
Crabtree, William Frederick Farrar, Esq.	1	...	...	1	...
Crawford, Geoffrey Robertson, Esq., D.C.M.	1	...	...	1	...
Crook, John William, Esq.	1	...	...	1	...
Cross, Douglas Donald, Esq.	1	...	...	1	...
Cutler, Charles Benjamin, Esq.	1	...	...	1	...
Darby, Evelyn Douglas, Esq., B.Ec.	1	1	...
Deane, Bernard Sydney Llewellyn, Esq.	1	1	...
Dickson, Samuel Douglas, Esq.	1	1	...
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Ellis, Kevin, Esq. LL.B., B.Sc.	1	1	...
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Evatt, The Hon. Clive Raleigh, Q.C., LL.B.	1	1	...
Ferguson, William John, Esq.	1	1	...
Fitzgerald, Raymond Leo, Esq.	1	1	...
Fowles, Howard Thomas, Esq. (<i>Temporary Chairman of Committees</i>)	1	1	...
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Gamack, Radford Baird, Esq.	1	1	...
Gollan, The Hon. William McCulloch	1	1	...
Graham, The Hon. Edgar Hugh	1	1	...
Green, Frederick, Esq.	1	...	...	1	...
Griffith, Ian Ross, Esq.	1	...	...	1	...
Hawkins, The Hon. Francis Harold	1	...	...	1	...
Hearnshaw, Eric, Esq., M.M., B.Ec., Dip. Pub. Ad.	1	...	...	1	...
Heffron, The Hon. Robert James	1	...	...	1	...
Hills, Patrick Darcy, Esq.	1	...	...	1	...
Hughes, Davis, Esq., B.Sc.	1	1	...
Hunter, David Benjamin, Esq.	1	1	...
Jackson, Harold Ernest, Esq.	1	1	...

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Jackson, Rex Frederick, Esq.	1	1	...
Jordan, Leslie Charles, Esq., LL.B.	1	1	...
Kelly, The Hon. Christopher Augustus	1	1	...
Kelly, Robert Joseph, Esq.	1	...	...	1	...
Lamb, The Hon. William Henry (<i>Speaker</i>)	1	...	...	1	...
Landa, The Hon. Abram, LL.B.	1	...	...	1	...
Lawrence, Walter Richard, Esq.	1	...	...	1	...
Lawson, Joseph Alexander, Esq.	1	...	...	1	...
McCaw, Kenneth Malcolm, Esq. (<i>Temporary Chairman of Committees</i>)	1	...	...	1	...
McGrath, The Hon. John Francis	1	...	...	1	...
McMahon, John Michael Alfred, Esq.	1	...	...	1	...
Maher, Ray Septimus, Esq., B.A.	1	...	...	1	...
Mallam, Heathcote Clifford, Esq.	1	...	...	1	...
Mannix, Norman John, Esq.	1	...	...	1	...
Morris, Milton Arthur, Esq.	1	...	...	1	...
Morton, Philip Henry, Esq.	1	...	...	1	...
Murden, Richard William, Esq.	1	...	...	1	...
Murphy, Thomas Patrick, Esq.	1	...	...	1	...
Nott, Leo Mervyn, Esq.	1	...	...	1	...
Nott, The Hon. Roger Bede	1	...	...	1	...
O'Sullivan, Maurice, Esq.	1	...	...	1	...
Padman, Dudley Gordon, Esq.	1	...	...	1	...
Parr, Dr. Leslie James Albert, M.B., Ch.M.	1	...	...	1	...
Pelly, Blake Raymond, Esq., O.B.E., M.A. (Cantab.)	1	...	...	1	...
Powell, Arthur Thomas, Esq.	1	...	...	1	...
Purdue, Frank Outen Jensen, Esq.	1	...	...	1	...
Renshaw, The Hon. John Brophy	1	...	...	1	...
Robertson, Clarence Gordon, Esq.	1	...	...	1	...
Robinson, Ian Louis, Esq.	1	...	...	1	...
Robson, Lieut-Colonel Ewan Murray, D.S.O., B.A., LL.B.	1	...	...	1	...
Robson, James Hutchins, Esq., M.M.	1	1	...
Rose, D'Arcy, Esq. (<i>Temporary Chairman of Committees</i>)	1	1	...
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Ryan, Thomas Vernon, Esq.	1	1	...
Seiffert, John Wesley, Esq.	1	1	...
Sheahan, The Hon. William Francis, Q.C., LL.B.	1	1	...
Simpson, The Hon. James Brunton	1	...	...	1	...
Sloss, Albert Ross, Esq.	1	...	...	1	...
Stephens, Stanley Tunstall, Esq.	1	...	...	1	...
Storey, Sydney Albert Dawson, Esq.	1	...	...	1	...
Tonge, Arthur, Esq.	1	...	...	1	...
Treatt, The Hon. Vernon Haddon, M.M., Q.C., M.A., B.C.L.	1	...	...	1	...
Tully, Laurence John, Esq., B.A., LL.B. (<i>Temporary Chairman of Committees</i>)	1	...	...	1	...
Wattison, William Ernest, Esq.	1	...	...	1	...
Weiley, William Robert, Esq.	1	1	...
Wetherell, The Hon. Ernest	1	1	...
Willis, Eric Archibald, Esq., B.A., F.R.G.S.	1	1	...
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

**BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
DURING THE SESSION OF 1956.**

1. New Writs issued									
2. Select Committees :—									
On Public Matters									
On Private Matters									
On Private Bills									
On Public Bills									
3. Standing Committees									4
4. Public Bills :—									
Originated in the Assembly—									
Received the Royal Assent									
Otherwise disposed of									
Brought from the Council—									
Received the Royal Assent									
Otherwise disposed of									
5. Private Bills :—									
Originated in the Assembly—									
Received the Royal Assent									
Otherwise disposed of									
Brought from the Council—									
Received the Royal Assent									
Otherwise disposed of									
6. Petitions received :—									
Printed									
Not Printed									
7. Divisions :—									
In the House									
In Committee of the Whole									
8. Sittings (for details see page 2) :—									
Number of Sittings									2
Days of Meeting									2
Hours of Sitting							10 hours 8 minutes.		
Hours of Sitting after Midnight									
Daily Average (actual hours per day of meeting)							5 hours 4 minutes.		
Adjourned for want of a Quorum—									
Before commencement of Business									
After commencement of Business									
9. Votes and Proceedings :—									
Entries in Votes and Proceedings—									
Of Business done								31	
Daily Average									15
Entries in Question Paper—									
Of Questions									
Daily Average									
Entries in Notice Paper—									
Of Notices of Motions									
Of Orders of the Day								1	
Daily Average									
10. Orders for Papers									
11. Addresses for Papers									
12. Other Addresses									
13. Papers laid upon the Table :—									
By Message									
By Command or Statute								1	
In Returns to Orders									
In Returns to Addresses									
Reports from Standing Committees									
Reports from Select Committees									
Reports from Council Select Committees (on Private Bills)									
Other Papers									1
Ordered to be Printed									
Not ordered to be Printed								1	

14. *Sittings of the House:—*

Return of the number of days on which the House sat in the Session of 1956, stating for each day, the date of the month and the day of the week, the hour of the meeting and adjournment, and the total number of hours occupied in the sittings of the House, and showing the total number of hours on which the House sat each day, and the number of hours after midnight, and the number of entries in the day's *Votes and Proceedings:—*

No.	Date.	Day.	House Met.	House Adjourned.	Hours of Sitting.		Entries in Votes.	New Motions.	New Orders.	New Questions.	Questions Answered.	Divisions.	No Quorum.	
					h. m.	h. m.							Before Commencement.	After Commencement.
	1956.													
1	10 April	... Tuesday ...	12-00 Noon	7-00 p.m.	7 0	...	28
2	2 May	... Wednesday	9-55 a.m.	1-03 p.m.	3 8	...	3	...	1
					10 8	...	31	...	1

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
NEW SOUTH WALES.

REGISTER OF PUBLIC BILLS ORIGINATED IN THE ASSEMBLY DURING THE SESSION OF 1956.

Short Titles.	By whom initiated.	Message from Governor recommending provision for.	Ordered.	Presented and read 1 ^o .	Preceded with under Standing Order.	Read 2 ^o and committed.	Recommitted.	Reported.	Report adopted.	Read 3 ^o , passed, and sent to Council for concurrence.	Agreed to by Council without Amendment.	Agreed to by Council with Amendment.	Council's Amendments agreed to.	Council's Amendments disagreed to.	Order of the Day discharged, and Bill withdrawn.	Bill dropped or laid aside.	Assent Reported.	No. of Act.	Remarks.
Law of Evidence	Mr. Cahill .....	.....	.....	1956. 10 April. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Pro forma Bill.

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Public Bills originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY shown on Register	1
Passed and assent reported	1
Passed—Assent not reported .....	.....
Reserved for Royal Assent .....	.....
Pro forma Bill	1
Not returned by Legislative Council
Stopped by Prorogation
Otherwise disposed of
Public. {
Private. {
Total. {

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