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LEGISLATURE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Governor:

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C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., D.F.C.

Lieutenant-Governor:

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Minister for Justice, and Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council	The Hon. NEIL McNEILL, B.Sc. (Agric.), M.L.C.
Minister for Transport, Minister for Police, Minister for Traf- fic, and Minister for Traffic Safety	The Hon. RAYMOND JAMES O'CONNOR, M.L.A.
Minister for Education, Minister for Cultural Affairs, and Minister for Recreation	The Hon. GRAHAM CHARLES MacKINNON, M.L.C.
Chief Secretary, and Minister for Conservation and Environ- ment, and Minister for Fish- eries and Fauna	The Hon. MATTHEW ERNEST STEPHENS, M.L.A.
Minister for Labour and Industry, Minister for Consumer Affairs, Minister for Immigration, and Minister for Tourism	The Hon. WILLIAM LEONARD GRAYDEN, M.L.A.
Minister for Industrial Develop- ment, Minister for Mines, Minister for Electricity, and Minister for Fuel and Energy	The Hon. ANDREW MENSAROS, M.L.A.
Minister for Local Government, and Minister for Urban Development and Town Plan- ning	The Hon. EDGAR CYRIL RUSHTON, M.L.A.
Minister for Lands, Minister for Forests and Minister for North-West	The Hon. KEITH ALAN RIDGE, M.L.A.
Minister for Health, and Minister for Community Welfare	The Hon. NORMAN ERIC BAXTER, M.L.C.

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

TWENTY-EIGHTH PARLIAMENT—First Session

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Chairman of Committees and Deputy President: Hon. JACK HEITMAN

Deputy Chairmen of Committees: Hon. CLIVE EDWARD GRIFFITHS, Hon. RICHARD JOHN LLOYD WILLIAMS, B.A., and Hon. LYLA DAPHNE ELLIOTT

Member	Province	Year of Election	Year of Retirement	Party
Abbey, Hon. Charles Roy	West	1971	1977	Lib.
Baxter, Hon. Norman Eric	Central	1971	1977	C.P.
Berry, Hon. George William	Lower North	1974	1980	Lib.
Claughton, Hon. Roy Frederick, B.A.	North	1974	1980	A.L.P.
	Metropolitan			
Cooley, Hon. Donald Walter, J.P.	North-East	1974	1980	A.L.P.
	Metropolitan			
Dans, Hon. Desmond Keith	South	1971	1977	A.L.P.
	Metropolitan			
Dellar, Hon. Stanley James	Lower North	1971	1977	A.L.P.
Elliott, Hon. Lyla Daphne	North-East	1971	1977	A.L.P.
	Metropolitan			
Ferry, Hon. Victor Jasper, D.F.C.	South-West	1971	1977	Lib.
Gayfer, Hon. Harry Walter	Central	1974	1980	C.P.
Griffith, Hon. Arthur Frederick	North	1971	1977	Lib.
	Metropolitan			
Griffiths, Hon. Clive Edward	South-East	1971	1977	Lib.
	Metropolitan			
Heitman, Hon. Jack	Upper West	1971	1977	Lib.
Knight, Hon. Thomas	South	1974	1980	Lib.
Leeson, Hon. Ronald Thomas	South-East	1971	1977	A.L.P.
Lewis, Hon. Alexander Ashley	Lower Central	1974	1980	Lib.
MacKinnon, Hon. Graham Charles	South-West	1974	1980	Lib.
Masters, Hon. Gordon Edgar	West	1974	1980	Lib.
McAleer, Hon. Margaret	Upper West	1974	1980	Lib.
McNeill, Hon. Neil, B.Sc. (Agric.)	Lower West	1971	1977	Lib.
Medcalf, Hon. Ian George, E.D., LL.B.	Metropolitan	1974	1980	Lib.
Perry, Hon. Thomas Oswald	Lower Central	1971	1977	C.P.
Pratt, Hon. Ian George	Lower West	1974	1980	Lib.
Stubbs, Hon. Robert Henry Claude	South-East	1974	1980	A.L.P.
Thompson, Hon. Ronald	South	1974	1980	A.L.P.
	Metropolitan			
Tozer, Hon. John Carmichael	North	1974	1980	Lib.
Vaughan, Hon. Grace Sydney, M.Soc. Wk., B.A., Dip. Soc.	South-East	1974	1980	A.L.P.
	Metropolitan			
Williams, Hon. Richard John Lloyd, B.A.	Metropolitan	1971	1977	Lib.
Withers, Hon. William Robert, J.P.	North	1971	1977	Lib.
Wordsworth, Hon. David John	South	1971	1977	Lib.

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

TWENTY-EIGHTH PARLIAMENT—First Session

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Member	Constituency	Party
Barnett, Michael	Rockingham	A.L.P.
Bateman, Thomas Henry	Canning	A.L.P.
Bertram, Ronald Edward, A.A.S.A.	Mt. Hawthorn	A.L.P.
Blaikie, Barry Roy	Vasse	Lib.
Brand, Hon. Sir David, K.C.M.G.	Greenough	Lib.
Bryce, Malcolm John, B.A.	Ascot	A.L.P.
Burke, Brian Thomas	Balga	A.L.P.
Burke, Terence Joseph	Perth	A.L.P.
Carr, Jeffrey Phillip, B.A.	Geraldton	A.L.P.
Clarko, James George, B.A., Dip.Ed., M.A.C.E., J.P.	Karrinyup	Lib.
Court, Hon. Sir Charles Walter Michael, O.B.E.	Nedlands	Lib.
Cowan, Hendy John	Merredin-Yilgarn	C.P.
Coyne, Peter Joseph Aloysius	Murchison-Eyre	Lib.
Craig, Margaret June	Wellington	Lib.
Crane, Albert Victor	Moore	C.P.
Dadour, Gabriel Thomas	Subiaco	Lib.
Davies, Hon. Ronald	Victoria Park	A.L.P.
Evans, Hon. Hywel David, B.A.	Warren	A.L.P.
Evans, Hon. Thomas Daniel	Kalgoorlie	A.L.P.
Fletcher, Harry Arthur	Fremantle	A.L.P.
Grayden, Hon. William Leonard	South Perth	Lib.
Grewar, Geoffrey Royden, B.Sc. (Agric.), J.P.	Roe	Lib.
Harman, John Joseph	Maylands	A.L.P.
Hartrey, Thomas Augustine, B.A., LL.B.	Boulder-Dundas	A.L.P.
Hutchinson, Hon. Ross, D.F.C.	Cottesloe	Lib.
Jamieson, Hon. Colin John	Welshpool	A.L.P.
Jones, Peter Vernon	Narrogin	C.P.
Jones, Thomas Henry	Collie	A.L.P.
Laurance, Ian James, B.A.	Gascoyne	Lib.
May, Hon. Donald George	Clontarf	A.L.P.
McIver, Kenneth Finlay	Avon	A.L.P.
McPharlin, Hon. Walter Raymond	Mt. Marshall	C.P.
Mensaros, Hon. Andrew	Floreat	Lib.
Moller, James	Mundaring	A.L.P.
Nanovich, Michael	Toodyay	Lib.
O'Connor, Hon. Raymond James	Mt. Lawley	Lib.
Old, Richard Charles	Katanning	C.P.
O'Neil, Hon. Desmond Henry	East Melville	Lib.
Ridge, Hon. Keith Alan	Kimberley	Lib.
Rushton, Hon. Edgar Cyril	Dale	Lib.
Shalders, Richard Steele	Murray	Lib.
Sibson, John	Bunbury	Lib.
Skidmore, John Edward	Swan	A.L.P.
Sodeman, Brian	Pilbara	Lib.
Stephens, Hon. Matthew Ernest	Stirling	C.P.
Taylor, Hon. Alexander Donald, B.A.	Cockburn	A.L.P.
Thompson, Ian David	Kalamunda	Lib.
Tonkin, Arthur Raymond, B.A., Dip.Ed.	Morley	A.L.P.
Tonkin, Hon. John Trezise	Melville	A.L.P.
Watt, Leon Harold	Albany	Lib.
Young, Raymond Laurence, F.C.A.	Scarborough	Lib.

COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Standing Orders.—The President, the Chairman of Committees, Hon. R. Thompson, Hon. Clive Griffiths, and Hon. R. J. L. Williams.

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House.—The President, Hon. J. Heitman, Hon. Clive Griffiths, Hon. D. K. Dans, and Hon. R. T. Leeson.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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Library.—The Speaker, Dr Dadour, and Mr Bryce.

House.—The Speaker, Mr O'Neil, Mr Old, Mr Bateman, and Mr Taylor.

Printing.—The Speaker, Mr Coyne, and Mr Fletcher.

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OFFICERS OF PARLIAMENT

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Clerk of Papers (Assembly)	D. S. Green
House Controller	B. Edmondson

GENERAL REVIEW OF SESSION

The first session of the Twenty-eighth Parliament commenced on the 22nd May, 1974, when a preliminary sitting was held for the purpose of electing Presiding Officers and to enable Members to take the Oath of Allegiance or Affirmation. A total of 24 new Members commenced their Parliamentary careers which was the highest number since 1901. The session was formally opened by His Excellency the Governor on the 25th July, 1974.

The first session finally adjourned on Friday 29th November, 1974.

SUMMARY OF SESSION

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY EIGHTH PARLIAMENT, 1974

PROCLAMATION TO SUMMON PARLIAMENT	....	....	....	1st May, 1974
PRELIMINARY SITTING	....	....	....	22nd May, 1974
OPENING OF SESSION	....	....	....	25th July, 1974
LAST DAY OF SITTING	....	....	....	29th November, 1974

Month	No. of Sitting Days		Total Hours from Meeting to Adjournment			
	Legislative Council	Legislative Assembly	Legislative Council		Legislative Assembly	
			Hrs.	Mins.	Hrs.	Mins.
May, July	3	3	9	43	15	41
August	10	13	36	48	72	15
September	9	9	31	51	52	23
October	15	15	77	45	90	39
November	8	10	69	28	98	09
	45	50	225	35	329	07

BILLS STATISTICS, 1974

BILLS INTRODUCED

New Bills Introduced in Legislative Council ..	....	....	....	....	....	....	13
New Bills Introduced in Legislative Assembly ..	....	....	....	....	....	....	77
							<hr/> 90

Lost in Legislative Assembly	1
Lapsed in Legislative Council	1
Passed in both Houses	88
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SYNOPSIS OF LEGISLATION, 1974

The following synopsis of legislation introduced during the first session of the Twenty-eighth Parliament is intended only to give a brief outline of the main features of each Bill and to indicate the ultimate stage reached by the Bill.

*Clause 2 provides for the Act to come into operation on a date or dates to be fixed by proclamation.

ACTS AMENDMENT (JUDICIAL SALARIES AND PENSIONS) BILL

The purpose of this Bill is to raise the salaries of Judges by 20% from the 1st July, 1974.

(Act No. 23 of 1974—assented to 23rd October, 1974)

***ACTS AMENDMENT (ROAD TRAFFIC) BILL**

This Bill is complimentary to the Road Traffic Bill.

(Act No. 58 of 1974—assented to 3rd December, 1974)

***AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS ACT AMENDMENT BILL**

This Bill seeks to make several minor admendments to the Act of an adminstrative nature with the object of stabilising the local fruit market.

(Act No. 82 of 1974—assented to 10th December, 1974)

***ALCOHOL AND DRUG AUTHORITY BILL**

This Bill is intended for the purposes of constituting a body corporate with the functions of providing treatment, management, care, and rehabilitation of persons who are suffering from the consumption or use of alcoholic or other intoxicating liquors or drugs to excess; promoting and subsidising research and educational facilities directed at prevention and treatment of alcohol and drug abuse, and with further functions related thereto, and for incidental and other purposes.

(Act No. 32 of 1974—assented to 4th November, 1974)

ALUMINA REFINERY AGREEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL

The purpose of this Bill is to establish a workable basis for the escalation of royalties payable by Alcoa of Australia (WA) Ltd. under the provisions of Clause 9 of the Alumina Refinery Agreement.

(Act No. 34 of 1974—assented to 6th November, 1974)

APPROPRIATION BILL (CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND) 1974-75

This Bill seeks to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and from the Public Account certain sums to make good the supplies granted for the service of the year ending the 30th day of June, 1975, and to supplement grants made by the previous Parliament during the Fourth Session in adjustment of the Vote "Advance to Treasurer, 1973-74", for charges during the year ended 30th day of June, 1974; and to approve of certain expenditure under section forty-one of the Forests Act, 1918-1969.

(Act No. 88 of 1974—assented to 10th December, 1974)

APPROPRIATION BILL (GENERAL LOAN FUND) 1974-1975

This Bill seeks to appropriate and apply from the General Loan Fund certain sums to make good the supplies granted for service of the Year ending the 30th day of June, 1975, and to supplement grants made by the previous Parliament during the Fourth Session in adjustment of the Vote "Advance to Treasurer, 1973-74," for charges during the Year ended the 30th day of June, 1974.

(Act No. 86 of 1974—assented to 10th December, 1974)

ART GALLERY ACT AMENDMENT BILL

The purpose of this Bill is to amend the principal Act to enable the W.A. Art Gallery Board to raise loans and to invest money in authorised trustee investments.

(Act No. 38 of 1974—assented to 15th November, 1974)

***ASSISTANCE TO DECENTRALIZED INDUSTRY BILL**

This Bill is to enable financial assistance to be granted in respect of businesses carried on in certain areas of the State and for other purposes.

(Act No. 71 of 1974—assented to 9th December, 1974)

***BEEF INDUSTRY COMMITTEE BILL**

This Bill seeks to establish a Beef Industry Committee and for incidental and other purposes.

(Act No. 80 of 1974—assented to 10th December, 1974)

***BULK HANDLING ACT AMENDMENT BILL**

This Bill provides for a charge to be made on all grain and seed producers for 1973-74 harvest and for a similar charge in a future season subject to the Governor being assured that the provisions of the Act have been complied with. These charges are to finance the eradication of skeleton weed.

(Act No. 64 of 1974—assented to 9th December, 1974)

CITY OF PERTH ENDOWMENT LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL

(Hon. R. F. CLAUGHTON)

This Bill seeks to create an 'A' class reserve of the area surrounding Reabold Hill.

(Lapsed in the Legislative Council)

COMMONWEALTH PLACES (ADMINISTRATION OF LAWS) ACT AMENDMENT BILL

This Bill seeks to remove the time limiting provision of its operation but only as a tentative legislation procedure pending the discussion of this problem which is included on the agenda of the plenary session of the Constitutional Convention.

(Act No. 37 of 1974—assented to 6th November, 1974)

CONSTITUTION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL

The purpose of this Bill is to increase the salary of the Governor from \$17 000 to \$25 000 with effect from 1st May, 1974.

(Reserved for Royal Assent.)

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION BILL

This Bill relates to delegates to the Australian Constitutional Convention and to incidental and other matter. Under the Bill delegates are entitled to be paid an allowance in connection with meetings of the convention.

(Act No. 10 of 1974—assented to 27th September, 1974.)

***CONVICTED INEBRIATES REHABILITATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL**

This Bill is complimentary to the Alcohol and Drug Authority Bill. Its principal purpose is to replace the existing Inebriates Advisory Board by appointing the member of the Alcohol and Drug Authority to undertake the duties of the Board.

(Act No. 33 of 1974—assented to 4th November, 1974.)

COUNTRY AREAS WATER SUPPLY ACT AMENDMENT BILL

This Bill provides for Section 65 of the Country Areas Water Supply Act to be amended by adding after sub-section (1) a new sub-section which will enable the Minister from time to time by notice published in the Gazette to determine a maximum amount of water rate to be paid in respect of holdings classified as domestic purposes. In those cases where the water rate computed on the estimated net annual value of a holding classified as domestic purposes, is in excess of the rate determined by the Minister, then the water rate shall be fixed at the rate determined. Domestic ratepayers whose rates come to less than \$20.00 at the 7.5 cents in the dollar valuation would be charged the lower figure.

(Act No. 78 of 1974—assented to 10th December, 1974.)

DAMPIER SOLAR SALT INDUSTRY AGREEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL

This Bill seeks ratification of an Agreement varying the terms of the original agreement in respect of the boundary of the production site specified in that Agreement to enable the Company to be issued with an appropriate lease.

(Act No. 50 of 1974—assented to 26th November, 1974.)

DAYLIGHT SAVING BILL

This Bill seeks to promote the earlier use of daylight in a certain period; to repeal the Daylight Saving Act, 1946; to provide for a referendum of the question whether standard time within the State should be altered to promote the earlier use of daylight for certain further periods on a permanent basis; to provide, if a majority of the electors answers the question in the affirmative, that standard time throughout the State should be so altered during those certain further periods; and for incidental and other purposes.

(Act No. 13 of 1974—assented to 27th September, 1974.)

DEATH DUTY ASSESSMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL

This Bill seeks to repeal paragraph (O) and its associated subsections which relate to "Life Governor" shares. The Bill also contains other consequential amendments.

(Act No. 79 of 1974—assented to 10th December, 1974.)

DISTRESSED PERSONS RELIEF TRUST ACT AMENDMENT BILL

The purpose of this Bill is to increase the number of trustees from four to five.

(Act No. 36 of 1974—assented to 6th November, 1974.)

DONGARA-ENEABBA RAILWAY BILL

The purpose of this legislation is to authorise the construction of a railway commencing at a point near Dongara on the Guildford-Greenough flats railway and terminating in the Eneabba area.

(Act No. 24 of 1974—assented to 23rd October, 1974.)

***EDUCATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL**

This Bill proposes to make minor amendments to sections 3, 11, 12 and 13 of the Act and together with complementary legislation to amend the Pre-School Education Act, is designed to facilitate the Governments proposal to establish pre-primary centres to accommodate children in the fifth year entering the education system.

Act No. 61 of 1974—assented to 9th December, 1974.)

***EVIDENCE ACT AMENDMENT BILL**

This Bill seeks to make further provision with respect to the taking of evidence by or for Courts or Persons acting Judicially, to amend the Evidence Act, 1906-1971, and for other purposes.

Act No. 18 of 1974—assented to 16th October, 1974.)

EXPLOSIVES AND DANGEROUS GOODS ACT AMENDMENT BILL

This Bill seeks to remove certain anomalies from the parent Act and to add provisions which will make this legislation paramount in its control of explosives and dangerous goods.

Act No. 15 of 1974—assented to 16th October, 1974.)

***FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT AMENDMENT BILL**

This Bill provides for more flexible trading hours in recognised tourist resorts in country districts.

(Act No. 51 of 1974—assented to 26th November, 1974.)

***FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL**

This Bill contains three major areas of amendments. These relate to the limited entry fisheries concept, fish farming and aquatic reserves. There are also other amendments of lesser importance.

(Act No. 72 of 1974—assented to 10th December, 1974.)

***FORESTS ACT AMENDMENT BILL**

This Bill seeks to provide powers to enable areas of State forest to be quarantined and to permit regulations for the control procedures necessary to achieve effective quarantine.

(Act No. 77 of 1974—assented to 10th December, 1974.)

***FUEL, ENERGY AND POWER RESOURCES ACT AMENDMENT BILL**

This Bill makes provision for the securing of present and future sources of fuel, energy and power and of services relating thereto, for the protection of the community in cases of emergency, and for purpose connected there-with.

(Act No. 22 of 1974—assented to 17th October, 1974.)

***HIRE-PURCHASE ACT AMENDMENT BILL**

This Bill seeks to repeal and re-enact section 2 of the Hire-Purchase Act Amendment Act, 1973, and to amend sections 23E, 23K, 23N, and 40A of the Hire-Purchase Act, 1959-1973. The Hire-Purchase Act Amendment Act No. 107 of 1973 was passed in the concluding stages of the 1973 Parliament and although it received Governor's Assent shortly afterwards, it has not yet come into force. This Bill enables the framing of regulations to overcome the problem of bringing all parts of the previous Act into operation.

(Act No. 5 of 1974—assented to 19th September, 1974.)

HOUSING AGREEMENT (COMMONWEALTH AND STATE) ACT AMENDMENT BILL

The purpose of the Bill is three-fold.

- (1) To permit an increase in the total amount in advances to this State in this financial year, of approximately \$12½ million.
- (2) To allow for a variation in the present maximum of 30% in total advances which may be made to terminating building societies through the home builders account.
- (3) To delete any reference to overtime being part of an applicants earnings when calculating his eligibility for a loan from terminating building societies.

(Act No. 35 of 1974—assented to 6th November, 1974.)

***INDECENT PUBLICATIONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL**

This Bill seeks to enable Police to tackle the problem of obscene literature at the source namely the publisher and distributor rather than the retailer.

(Act No. 39 of 1974—assented to 15th November, 1974.)

***JUNIOR FARMERS' MOVEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL**

This Bill seeks to change the name of the Junior Farmers' Movement Act to Rural Youth Movement Act.

(Act No. 19 of 1974—assented to 16th October, 1974.)

LAKE LEFROY SALT INDUSTRY AGREEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL

This Bill seeks ratification of an Agreement between the State and Lefroy Salt Pty. Ltd. for the purchase by the State of a substantial part of the Company's railway spurline extending from Widgiemooltha to Lake Lefroy.

(Act No. 49 of 1974—assented to 26th November, 1974.)

LAND AGENTS ACT AMENDMENT BILL (MR. BERTRAM)

This Bill seeks to reduce to 18 years the age for a person who shall be eligible to apply for or to be the holder of a license under the Act.

(Act No. 55 of 1974—assented to 3rd December, 1974.)

LIBRARY BOARD OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA ACT AMENDMENT BILL

This Bill seeks to amend the parent Act to provide for the custody and management of the State Archives by the Library Board and for other purposes.

(Act No. 29 of 1974—assented to 29th October, 1974.)

LIQUOR ACT AMENDMENT BILL

This Bill seeks to increase liquor license fees paid by hotels and clubs from 5½% of liquor purchases made by the licensee in the previous year to 7% and the fee for stores and taverns from 7½% to 8%.

(Act No. 44 of 1974—assented to 18th November, 1974.)

LOAN BILL

This Bill seeks to authorise the raising of a sum of Sixty Million and Four Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars by loan for the construction of certain Public Works and for other purposes.

(Act No. 87 of 1974—assented to 10th December, 1974.)

***LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL**

This Bill contains a considerable number of amendments which up-date the Act in accordance with the annual practice of keeping the Act in step with changes in Local Government.

The amendments are as a result of representations from several organisations.

(Act No. 65 of 1974—assented to 9th December, 1974.)

***MACHINERY SAFETY BILL**

This Bill seeks to provide for the safe design, construction, installation, and operation of machinery, for the inspection of machinery and the conditions under which it is used, and for the safety of persons; to repeal the Inspection of Machinery Act, 1921-1969; and for incidental and other purposes.

(Act No. 74 of 1974—assented to 10th December, 1974.)

MAIN ROADS ACT AMENDMENT BILL

This Bill seeks to continue the procedures for annual road grants to be made by State Government to Western Australian local authorities. As the source of these funds is largely from Federal road grants, this Bill is necessary in order that the proposed system of grants conforms with the provisions and requirements of the Road Grants Act 1974 of the Federal Government.

(Act No. 28 of 1974—assented to 29th October, 1974.)

MARKETING OF POTATOES ACT AMENDMENT BILL

This Bill seeks to implement the various recommendations made by the recent Select Committee of the Legislative Council and in the Lissiman Report.

(Act No. 26 of 1974—assented to 29th October, 1974.)

METROPOLITAN REGION TOWN PLANNING SCHEME ACT AMENDMENT BILL

The purpose of this Bill is to reduce from 21 to 12 the number of sitting days during which any substantial amendment to the Metropolitan Region Scheme must lie before each House of Parliament.

(Act No. 12 of 1974—assented to 27th September, 1974.)

***MINES REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL**

This Bill seeks generally to up-date the Act by including additional provisions for supervision, safety and health in modern mining operations, providing power to make regulations for quarries and other surface mining operations, railways on mines, dredging, treatment and processing works, special machinery developed for mining purposes, and the mining and treatment of radio-active ores for which there are no specific regulations.

(Act No. 63 of 1974—assented to 9th December, 1974.)

***MINISTERS OF THE CROWN (STATUTORY DESIGNATIONS) AND ACTS AMENDMENT BILL**

This Bill seeks to facilitate the alteration of the style and title of Ministers of the Crown and for purposes incidental thereto.

(Act No. 27 of 1974—assented to 29th October, 1974.)

***MONEY LENDERS ACT AMENDMENT BILL**

This Bill contains provisions to remove the specified rates of interest of 12½% and 15% and replace the statutory provisions with others which will allow appropriate rates of interest to be prescribed by regulation.

(Act No. 53 of 1974—assented to 26th November, 1974.)

NICKEL (AGNEW) AGREEMENT BILL

This Bill seeks to ratify an Agreement between the State of Western Australia and Western Selcast (Pty.) Limited and Mount Isa Mines Limited with respect to the mining and treatment of certain nickel ore reserves.

(Act No. 81 of 1974—assented to 10th December, 1974.)

NICKEL REFINERY (WESTERN MINING CORPORATION LIMITED) AGREEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL

The purpose of this Bill is to secure ratification of an agreement executed by Western Mining Corporation Ltd. and the State on the 29th March, 1974, to amend both the Nickel Refinery (Western Mining Corporation Limited Agreement of 1968 and the supplemented Agreement of 1970).

(Act No. 16 of 1974—assented to 16th October, 1974.)

***OFFICIAL PROSECUTIONS (DEFENDANTS' COSTS) ACT AMENDMENT BILL**

This Bill seeks to amend section 6 of the Act to remove anomalies examined by the Law Reform Commission and which agreed with the desirability of the entitlement to costs being included in the discretionary saving clause.

(Act No. 7 of 1974—assented to 19th September, 1974.)

***PAINTERS' REGISTRATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL**

This Bill seeks to correct a number of anomalies which have become apparent in recent years and to provide the Minister with a greater degree of flexibility in the setting of registration and examination fees.

(Act No. 68 of 1974—assented to 9th December, 1974.)

***PAY-ROLL TAX ACT AMENDMENT BILL**

This Bill proposes to raise the rate of pay-roll tax by $\frac{1}{2}\%$ from $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ to 5% .

(Act No. 2 of 1974—assented to 30th August, 1974.)

PERTH MINT ACT AMENDMENT BILL

This Bill provides for certain pension benefits to existing Perth Mint employees under the Superannuation and Family Benefits Act.

(Act No. 42 of 1974—assented to 18th November, 1974.)

PHOSPHATE CO-OPERATIVE (W.A.) LTD. BILL

This Bill proposes that the directors of the Co-operative shall pay to the Treasurer within 14 days of its passage all application moneys received in response to the first prospectus, and that the directors shall further supply to the Registrar of Companies the original forms of applications for shares so that copies thereof may be made and given to the Treasurer to identify the individuals on whose behalf he is holding moneys.

(Act No. 57 of 1974—assented to 3rd December, 1974.)

***PLANT DISEASES ACT AMENDMENT BILL**

This Bill provides for two amendments to the Act. The first deals with the deletion of the definition of "Under Secretary", a position which has not existed in the Department of Agriculture for quite a number of years. The second makes provision for a schedule to the Act prescribing the maximum charges which can be imposed each season by fruit fly baiting committees.

(Act No. 3 of 1974—assented to 19th September, 1974.)

POLICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL

This Bill seeks to make four amendments to the parent Act as follows—

- (1) Authority of the police to fingerprint and photograph arrested persons.
- (2) Repealing of a section of the Act relating to discrimination against Aborigines.
- (3) Costs relating to false statements.
- (4) Validity of an analyst's certificate as *prima facie* evidence in a Court of Law.

(Act No. 41 of 1974—assented to 15th November, 1974.)

PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL

The principle amendment contained in this Bill is to ensure that pre-primary centres may be established at a Government School under the Education Act without such centres coming under the provisions of the Pre-School Education Act and the control of the pre-School Education Board.

(Act No. 62 of 1974—assented to 9th December, 1974.)

PRESS COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA BILL (MR. A. R. TONKIN)

This Bill seeks to establish a Press Council for the purpose of preserving the freedom of the Press and of maintaining the character of the Press in accordance with the highest professional and commercial standards and for other purposes incidental thereto.

(Defeated in Legislative Assembly.)

PUBLIC AUTHORITIES (CONTRIBUTIONS) BILL

This Bill seeks to require certain Public Authorities to make contributions in aid of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and for incidental purposes.

(Act No. 43 of 1974—assented to 18th November, 1974.)

***RAILWAYS DISCONTINUANCE AND LAND REVESTMENT BILL**

This Bill authorises the discontinuance of certain railways and to revest in Her Majesty certain lands comprised therein and for incidental and other purposes.

(Act No. 25 of 1974—assented to 29th October, 1974.)

***REGISTRATION OF DEEDS ORDINANCE AMENDMENT BILL**

This Bill which is the first amendment to the Act since it came into force in 1856, seeks to alter the table of fees for the registration of deeds. Other minor amendments are also included.

(Act No. 17 of 1974—assented to 16th October, 1974.)

RESERVES BILL

This Bill proposes seven variations to reserves throughout the State.

(Act No. 60 of 1974—assented to 9th December, 1974.)

***RIGHTS IN WATER AND IRRIGATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL**

This Bill amends the parent Act to make further provision to control the discharge of effluent into waters and for purposes connected therewith.

(Act No. 48 of 1974—assented to 26th November, 1974.)

***ROAD TRAFFIC BILL**

This Bill seeks to consolidate and amend the law relating to road traffic; to repeal the Traffic Act 1919-1974 and for incidental purposes.

(Act No. 59 of 1974—assented to 3rd December, 1974.)

***RURAL AND INDUSTRIES BANK ACT AMENDMENT BILL**

The purpose of this Bill is to provide greater flexibility in the fixing of long service leave entitlements for employees of the Rural and Industries Bank.

(Act No. 52 of 1974—assented to 26th November, 1974.)

RURAL AND INDUSTRIES BANK ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)

This Bill provides for the Rural and Industries Bank to pay 50% of its net profit to the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

(Act No. 45 of 1974—assented to 18th November, 1974.)

***SALE OF LAND ACT AMENDMENT BILL**

This Bill proposes to regulate the advertising and the promotion of schemes for the sale of undivided shares in land.

(Act No. 70 of 1974—assented to 9th December, 1974.)

***SHEARERS' ACCOMMODATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL**

This Bill proposes amendments to the Act to provide for improvement in accommodation and facilities for shearers where they are required to live on properties throughout the State whilst shearing of sheep flocks is in progress.

(Act No. 75 of 1974—assented to 10th December, 1974.)

***SKELETON WEED (ERADICATION FUND) BILL**

This Bill seeks to impose a contribution on growers for the purpose of the establishment of a Fund for eradication of, and the prevention of the spreading of skeleton weed and for the payment of compensation to owners of grain, seed or crop destroyed in the course of steps taken to eradicate, or prevent the spread of skeleton weed.

(Act No. 76 of 1974—assented to 10th December, 1974)

***SMALL CLAIMS TRIBUNALS BILL**

This Bill provides for the constitution of Small Claims Tribunals, to define the jurisdiction of those tribunals and the powers of the persons constituting the same, and to provide for matters related thereto.

(Act No. 69 of 1974—assented to 9th December, 1974.)

***SOIL CONSERVATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL**

This Bill seeks to achieve three main purposes. Firstly to cater for the appointment of a Deputy Commissioner of Soil Conservation, secondly for the appointment of a Deputy Chairman of the Soil Conservation Advisory Committee and thirdly to extend the membership of that Committee. In addition the Parliamentary Counsel has included some minor amendments to up-date certain references in the Soil Conservation Act.

(Act No. 40 of 1974—assented to 15th November, 1974.)

***STAMP ACT AMENDMENT BILL**

The purpose of this Bill is to give effect to uniform changes to the stamp duty imposed on credit and rental transactions, to vary the rates of duty imposed on bills of exchange and promissory notes; and to make a number of desirable administrative changes.

(Act No. 9 of 1974—assented to 27th September, 1974)

***STAMP ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)**

The main purpose of this Bill is to increase from 6 cents to 8 cents, the stamp duty payable on cheques and on bills of exchange or promissory notes payable on demand.

(Act No. 46 of 1974—assented to 18th November, 1974.)

STATE HOUSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL

The purpose of this Bill is to amend the definition of the term "worker" so as to include an applicant who is in receipt of income but is not employed, or in work in the ordinary sense of the term.

(Act No. 20 of 1974—assented to 17th October, 1974)

STOCK DISEASES (REGULATIONS) ACT AMENDMENT BILL

The intention of this Bill is to enable the Department of Agriculture to initiate eradication procedures at the earliest possible time after the detection of an exotic disease of animals.

(Act No. 54 of 1974—assented to 3rd December, 1974.)

***SUPERANNUATION AND FAMILY BENEFITS ACT AMENDMENT BILL**

This Bill is designed to enlarge the investment powers of the Board, to improve administrative machinery, and to correct certain anomalies.

(Act No. 47 of 1974—assented to 26th November, 1974.)

SUPPLY BILL

This Bill seeks to apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund the sum of Three Hundred and Fifteen Million Dollars and from Moneys to Credit of the General Loan Fund Thirty Million Dollars, to the Service of the Year ending 30th June, 1975, and to apply out of the Public Account the sum of Five Million Dollars for the purpose of temporary Advances to be made by the Treasurer.

(Act No. 1 of 1974—assented to 21st August, 1974.)

***SUPREME COURT ACT AMENDMENT BILL**

This Bill gives effect to a recommendation of the Chief Justice relating to the manner in which Supreme Court Judgments for the possession of land may be enforced.

(Act No. 56 of 1974—assented to 3rd December, 1974.)

TEACHER EDUCATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL

This Bill amends the Constitution of the Council of Western Australian Teacher Education Authority, to provide for the recognition of staff and student associations within the constituent colleges and to allow the constituent colleges to invest money not immediately required in authorised trustee investments.

(Act No. 21 of 1974—assented to 17th October, 1974.)

TEACHER EDUCATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)

This Bill amends section 38 of the principal Act which deals with the constitution of the college boards and also amends section 85 of the principal Act to preserve the rights of existing members of college boards.

The Bill provides for the inclusion on college boards of the Vice Principal and Deputy Vice Principal as the chief advisers to the principal on educational matters, fixing the number of members from the general community at four members instead an indefinite from two to four, the inclusion of a non-academic staff member on the board, and four members to be appointed by the Minister thus increasing the board from its present 9-12 to a new total of 17-18.

(Act No. 83 of 1974—assented to 10th December, 1974.)

THE PERPETUAL EXECUTORS, TRUSTEES AND AGENCY COMPANY (W.A.) LIMITED ACT AMENDMENT BILL

This Bill proposes amendments to the following sections of the principal Act;

- (1) Section 16 which governs the amount of commissions and fees.
- (2) Sections 21A and 21B which incorporate provisions for the creation, conduct and management of Common Trust Funds.

The proposed amendments to section 16 are primarily concerned with increasing the corpus commission rate from 4% to 6% and the income commission rate from 5% to 6% and to provide a minimum corpus commission of not less than \$100. Also included are proposals for additional minor ancillary charges for services rendered outside the direct administration of trusts and estates.

(Act No. 84 of 1974—assented to 10th December, 1974.)

THE WEST AUSTRALIAN TRUSTEE EXECUTOR AND AGENCY COMPANY LIMITED ACT AMENDMENT BILL

This Bill contains identical provisions to the Perpetual Executors Trustees and Agency Company (W.A.) Ltd. Act Amendment Bill.

(Act No. 85 of 1974—assented to 10th December, 1974.)

TOWN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL

This Bill contains two principal amendments. First, to increase the number of members on the Town Planning Board by one. Second, to rectify a situation which has come to light concerning the dedication to the public use of land required for road widening purposes.

(Act No. 14 of 1974—assented to 16th October, 1974)

***TRAFFIC ACT AMENDMENT BILL**

This Bill proposes to amend the parent Act to provide for an increase in vehicle and drivers' license fees and transfer fees. These increases average 60% for vehicle licence fees. Other minor amendments including the option of renewing licenses for a term of 3 years are contained in the Bill.

(Act No. 8 of 1974—assented to 19th September, 1974)

WAR SERVICE LAND SETTLEMENT SCHEME ACT AMENDMENT BILL

This Bill seeks to provide that routine documents may be processed quickly without the need for multiple handling and endorsement of the Minister.

(Act No. 11 of 1974—assented to 27th September, 1974.)

***WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT AMENDMENT BILL**

This Bill seeks to make metric conversions, where necessary, in the principal Act.

(Act No. 4 of 1974—assentend to 19th September, 1974.)

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ACT AMENDMENT BILL

This Bill has seven main purposes as follows:—

- (1) Extend the definition of the word "prescribed" to include a rule made under a Statute.
- (2) Clarify the power of the Chief Executive Officer in relation to control and discipline within the Institute.
- (3) Delete the current requirement that the Council of Western Australian Institute of Technology seeks the approval of the Minister for Education of terms and conditions of appointment and employment of staff.
- (4) Provide for the use of a graduation seal on awards made by the Council of the Institute.
- (5) Clarify the authority of the Institute in matters relating to the internal government and enforcement of sanctions with the Institute, by clear prescription.
- (6) Authorise the practice of reporting financial results of the Institute Bookshop on the basis of financial periods ending on 30th June each year.
- (7) Validate previous actions of the Council of the Institute in making Statutes for the Determination of the manner in which disciplinary power may be exercised, penalties and the manner of enforcement.

(Act No. 31 of 1974—assented to 4th November, 1974.)

WHEAT DELIVERY QUOTAS ACT AMENDMENT BILL

This Bill seeks to make certain alterations which are consequential upon the Wheat Industry Stabilization Bill.

(Act No. 67 of 1974—assented to 9th December, 1974.)

WHEAT INDUSTRY STABILIZATION BILL

This Bill seeks to makes provision for the new wheat stabilization arrangements which are to operate for the period 1st October, 1974 until 31st October, 1979.

(Act No. 66 of 1974—assented to 9th December, 1974.)

WHEAT MARKETING ACT AMENDMENT AND CONTINUANCE BILL

The purpose of this Bill is to provide for the continuance of the Wheat Marketing Act for a further 5 years.

(Act No. 6 of 1974—assented to 9th September, 1974.)

WUNDOWIE CHARCOAL IRON INDUSTRY SALE AGREEMENT BILL

This Bill seeks to ratify an Agreement between the State and Agnew Clough Limited and Mt. Dempster Pty. Ltd. providing for the sale of the undertakings and business maintained and carried on, on behalf of the State at Wundowie; to amend the Wood Distillation and Charcoal Iron and Steel Industry Act, 1943-1972; and for purposes connected therewith.

(Act No. 73 of 1974—assented to 10th December, 1974.)

MOTIONS

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Address-in-Reply—The motion for the adoption of the Address-in-reply to the speech of His Excellency the Governor when opening Parliament on Thursday 25th July was moved by Hon. J. C. Tozer and seconded by Hon. H. W. Gayfer. The motion was adopted on 14th August, 1974.

Constitutional Convention-Appointment of Delegates (moved by Minister for Justice)—PASSED.

Rural Areas-Attitude of Federal Government (moved by Hon. A. A. Lewis)—PASSED.

State Forests-Revocation of Dedication (moved in Legislative Assembly)—PASSED.

MOTIONS

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Address-in-reply—The motion for the adoption of the Address-in-reply to the speech of His Excellency the Governor when opening Parliament on Thursday 25th July, was moved by Mrs. Craig and seconded by Mr. Cowan. The motion, following the defeat of two amendments, was adopted on 15th August, 1974.

Australian Constitutional Convention—Appointment of Delegates (moved by Premier)—**PASSED.**

Education Policies—Condemnation of Government (moved by Mr T. D. Evans)—**NEGATIVED.**

Education Policy—Age for graduation from primary to secondary school (moved by Mr T. D. Evans)—**MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED.**

Government Information—Unauthorised Access to (moved by Mr Laurance)—**LAPSED.**

Home Ownership—Royal Commission to inquire into (moved by Mr Barnett)—**NEGATIVED.**

Industrial Safety and Hygiene—Select Committee to inquire into (moved by Mr Harman)—**NEGATIVED.**

Meat Industry—Select Committee to investigate (moved by Mr Blaikie)—**LAPSED.**

Members of Parliament—Conflict of interests (moved by Mr A. R. Tonkin)—**NEGATIVED.**

Parks and Reserves—Declaration of a new park in vicinity of Reabold Hill (moved by Mr J. T. Tonkin)—**MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED.**

School Buildings—Community use of (moved by Mr A. R. Tonkin)—**NEGATIVED.**

Standing Committee on Conservation and Environment—Establishment (moved by Mr A. R. Tonkin)—**NEGATIVED.**

State Forests—Partial revocation (moved by Minister for Forests)—**PASSED.**

Unemployment—Want of confidence in Government (moved by Mr J. T. Tonkin)—**MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED.**

PETITIONS PRESENTED

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Bridgetown residents re removal of Railway depot at Bridgetown (presented by Mr H. D. Evans).

Denham residents re increases in water rates and charges (presented by Mr Laurance).

Extension of a reticulated water supply to the Dunsborough and Quindalup areas (presented by Mr Blaikie).

Kwinana Freeway extension—relocation of route to avoid Aquinas property (presented by Mr May).

Royal Commission to inquire into home ownership (presented by Mr Barnett).

Teachers Higher Certificate (presented by Mr Bateman).

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