

# Legislative Council

Tuesday, the 7th August, 1979

The PRESIDENT (the Hon. Clive Griffiths) took the Chair at 4.30 p.m., and read prayers.

## ADDRESS-IN-REPLY

### *Presentation to Governor: Acknowledgment*

**THE PRESIDENT** (the Hon. Clive Griffiths): I have to announce that I have, in company with several members, waited on His Excellency the Governor, and presented the Address-in-Reply to His Excellency's Speech, agreed to by this House, and that His Excellency has been pleased to make the following reply—

Mr President and honourable members of the Legislative Council: I thank you for your expressions of loyalty to Her Most Gracious Majesty The Queen, and for your Address-in-Reply to the Speech with which I opened Parliament.

## BILLS (11): ASSENT

Messages from the Governor received and read notifying assent to the following Bills—

1. Supply Bill.
2. Metropolitan Water Supply, Sewerage, and Drainage Act Amendment Bill.
3. Collie Coal (Western Collieries) Agreement Bill.
4. Evaporites (Lake MacLeod) Agreement Act Amendment Bill.
5. Justices Act Amendment Bill.
6. Dairy Industry Act Amendment Bill.
7. Aboriginal Communities Bill.
8. Acts Amendment and Repeal (Road Maintenance) Bill.
9. Road Traffic Act Amendment Bill.
10. Wundowie Charcoal Iron Industry Sale Agreement Act Amendment Bill.
11. Iron Ore (Mount Newman) Agreement Act Amendment Bill.

## STANDING ORDERS AMENDMENT

### *Approval by Governor*

**THE PRESIDENT** (the Hon. Clive Griffiths): I wish to advise that the following letter, addressed to the Clerk of the Council and Clerk

of the Parliaments, has been received from Government House—

Dear Sir,

I am enclosing the amendment made to the Standing Orders of the Legislative Council on Wednesday, 16th May, 1979, which has been approved by His Excellency the Governor in accordance with Section 34 of the Constitution Act, 1889.

Yours faithfully,

Vincent E. Hart  
OFFICIAL SECRETARY

## PERTH RACECOURSE

### *Location: Statement by President*

**THE PRESIDENT** (the Hon. Clive Griffiths): Question 113 on the notice paper has been incorrectly printed. I accept full responsibility for this, and I wish to apologise to the Hon. N. E. Baxter and assure him that it will not happen again. The question will appear on tomorrow's notice paper.

## ACTS AMENDMENT (MASTER, SUPREME COURT) BILL

### *Second Reading*

Debate resumed from the 17th May.

**THE HON. D. K. DANS** (South Metropolitan—Leader of the Opposition) [4.51 p.m.]: The Opposition has examined this Bill and has read with care the second reading speech of the Attorney General. As he pointed out, the purpose of the Bill can be stated in brief terms as reconstituting the Supreme Court so that it includes the master. This will have the effect of making him a judicial officer.

Other provisions in the Bill deal with the requirements necessary to protect officers in respect of superannuation, and with the naming of the principal registrar and other registrars as may be required.

I commend the Bill to the House.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

### *In Committee, etc.*

Bill passed through Committee without debate, reported without amendment, and the report adopted.

*House adjourned at 4.55 p.m.*