

Mr. F. C. L. SMITH: If that is so, it is a recent development. I read an article in 1926 on the question of federation and finance by Professor Giblin, in a collection of addresses given at the Institute of Science in the Modern School, Perth, wherein he stated it was not so, and that the amount we were paying per head of the population was 25s. per head of the population at that time, through Customs and excise duties.

Mr. Lambert: Are you speaking of the per capita payments or the amount of duties we pay per head of the population?

Mr. F. C. L. SMITH: I am talking about the money which goes into the Federal coffers from this State through the payment of Customs and excise duties. I was discussing secession and the proposals of the Government to give effect to the will of the people as expressed in the recent referendum. However, I merely wish to give expression to my approval of the Government's attitude on this subject, and to my pleasure in perusing the reference to the matter in the Lieut.-Governor's Speech. In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, may I add my congratulations to those which have already been extended to you upon your elevation to the Chair.

On motion by Mr. Brockman, debate adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT—SPECIAL.

THE PREMIER (Hon. P. Collier—Boulder) [10.1]: I move—

That the House at its rising adjourn until 2.45 p.m. to-morrow (Thursday).

Question put and passed.

House adjourned at 10.2 p.m.

JOINT SITTING.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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In accordance with the Standing Orders passed by both Houses of Parliament and approved by Executive Council, the members of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly met in joint sitting in the Legislative Council Chamber, to fill the vacancy in the representation of Western Australia in the Senate of the Federal Parliament, caused by the resignation of Sir Hal Colebatch.

The **PRESIDENT** of the Legislative Council (Sir John Kirwan) took the Chair at 3 p.m., in accordance with the Standing Orders.

Election.

The **PRESIDENT**: I am ready to receive nominations for the vacancy in the representation of Western Australia in the Senate of the Australian Commonwealth.

Mr. LATHAM (M.L.A., York): I propose:

That Colonel Herbert Brayley Collett, Librarian, of 75 Guildford-road, Mt. Lawley, be elected to fill the vacancy in the Federal Senate, due to the resignation of Sir Hal Colebatch.

I have Colonel Collett's assurance that, if elected, he is prepared to act.

Hon. N. KEENAN (M.L.A., Nedlands): I beg to second the nomination of Colonel Herbert Brayley Collett.

The **PREMIER** (Hon. P. Collier, M.L.A., Boulder): I propose:

That Mr. Reginald Frederick Bourke, Secretary, of 58 Norfolk-street, North Perth, be elected to fill the vacancy in the Federal Senate, due to the resignation of Sir Hal Colebatch.

I have Mr. Bourke's assurance that, if elected, he is prepared to act.

The **MINISTER FOR WORKS** (Hon. A. McCallum, M.L.A., South Fremantle): I second Mr. Bourke's nomination.

The PRESIDENT: I have received two nominations, and as there are no others, I declare nominations closed. The two nominations I have received are those of Colonel Collett and Mr. Bourke. Members will now proceed to vote.

The ballot having been completed by members present from both Houses,

The PRESIDENT: It has been reported to me that every hon. member has received a duly certified ballot paper, and I presume that each member has voted. I therefore declare the ballot closed. Under Standing Order 18, governing the election of a Senator, I have to appoint a member of each House to act as a scrutineer with the Clerks of the two Houses. On behalf of the Legislative Council, I appoint the Hon. J. Cornell to be a scrutineer. I have consulted with my friend, the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly (Hon. A. H. Panton), and, at his suggestion, I appoint the member for Forrest (Miss Holman) to act as scrutineer on behalf of the Legislative Assembly.

The scrutineers, together with the Clerks, tallied the votes, and submitted the result of the ballot to the President.

The PRESIDENT: The result of the ballot is as follows:—

Mr. Bourke	35
Colonel Collett	40

I declare Colonel Herbert Brayley Collett, Librarian, of 75 Guildford-road, Mt. Lawley, duly elected to fill the vacancy in the Federal Senate caused by the resignation of Sir Hal Colebatch. That concludes the business of the joint sitting, and also the joint sitting of the two Houses.

The President left the Chair at 3.35 p.m.

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The PRESIDENT took the Chair at 2.45 p.m., and read prayers.

Sitting suspended during the joint sitting of both Houses to elect a Federal Senator (vide report ante) from 2.50 p.m. to 4 p.m.

FEDERAL SENATE—VACANCY FILLED.

The PRESIDENT: I have to report that as a result of a joint sitting of both Houses of the State Parliament, Colonel H. B. Collett was elected to fill the vacancy in the representation of Western Australia in the Federal Senate, caused by the resignation of Sir Hal Colebatch.

BILL—SUPPLY (No. 1), £1,500,000.

Second Reading.

Debate resumed from the previous day.

HON. V. HAMERSLEY (East) [44]: Since we met last year a general election has been held and we have had a change of Government. With others, I congratulate Mr. Drew and Mr. Kitson on the political change that has altered their status in this Chamber. At the same time, I wish to commiserate with Mr. Baxter, seeing that he is not now able to continue the control of the proceedings which he so ably carried out during the preceding three years. I regret that prior to the elections taking place, a redistribution of seats in the Legislative Assembly was not decided upon, for I am convinced that had such a redistribution been made, more seats would have been allocated to the goldfields. When the last redistribution was effected, I felt that an injustice had been done to the inland areas from which we derive so much of the revenue that the Government rely upon. I anticipate that the present Government will