

consumed. The effect is less severe with the consumption of light wines or beer, but it would be greater if plonk were consumed.

I suppose it is left to the individual to decide whether he drinks beer or wine. This State is now trying to promote industries, and an effort should be made to promote the wine industry by permitting the sale of wine on the goldfields on Sundays rather than restrict sales to beer.

Progress

Progress reported and leave given to sit again, on motion by Mr. Runciman.

LAND ACT AMENDMENT BILL

Returned

Bill returned from the Council without amendment.

MOTOR VEHICLE (THIRD PARTY INSURANCE) ACT AMENDMENT BILL

Receipt and First Reading

Bill received from the Council; and, on motion by Mr. Nalder (Minister for Agriculture), read a first time.

House adjourned at 6.10 p.m.

Legislative Council

Tuesday, the 31st October, 1967

The PRESIDENT (The Hon. L. C. Diver) took the Chair at 4.30 p.m., and read prayers.

ACTS (4): ASSENT

Message from the Governor received and read notifying assent to the following Acts:—

1. Evidence Act Amendment Act.
2. Justices Act Amendment Act.
3. Town Planning and Development Act Amendment Act.
4. Country High School Hostels Authority Act Amendment Act.

QUESTIONS (6): ON NOTICE INSTRUMENTALITIES

Pension Schemes: Government Contributions

1. The Hon. J. J. GARRIGAN (for The Hon. R. H. C. Stubbs) asked the Minister for Mines:
 - (1) How many instrumentalities receive Government financial contributions or assistance to pension,

superannuation, or any other retiring allowance schemes?

- (2) What is the amount involved in each of the categories referred to in (1)?
- (3) How much is contributed in each case by the Government and under what circumstances?
- (4) What does this amount to *per capita*?

The Hon. A. F. GRIFFITH replied:

- (1) Other than the Government pension funds, the only pension scheme which receives subsidy from the State is the Coal Mine Workers' Pensions Scheme.
- (2) and (3) \$80,000 per annum. The Government subsidises the Coal Mine Workers' Pensions Scheme because the bulk of coal production in Western Australia is utilised by the Government. A precedent also existed in that other States introduced pension schemes for coalminers as an incentive for the maintaining of coal supplies.
- (4) \$61.49 at the 30th June, 1967.

MIDDLETON ROAD

Widening between Northcliffe and Shannon

2. The Hon. V. J. FERRY asked the Minister for Mines:
 - (1) Has the Main Roads Department programmed construction work, involving widening, on the Middleton Road between Northcliffe and Shannon early in 1968?
 - (2) If the answer to (1) is "Yes"—
 - (a) what will be the width of the widened road?
 - (b) what is the estimated cost of this work?
 - (c) what amount has the Main Roads Department provided to the Manjimup Shire Council for routine maintenance work on this road?

The Hon. A. F. GRIFFITH replied:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) (a) An 18-foot wide gravel pavement with two four-foot wide shoulders.
- (b) \$20,000 has been provided in the 1967-68 programme of works.
- (c) \$550.

NOISE IN INDUSTRY

Deafness: Coverage by Workers' Compensation

3. The Hon. J. J. GARRIGAN (for The Hon. R. H. C. Stubbs) asked the Minister for Health:

Due to the hearing loss by miners and other people in industry, caused by excessive noise in connection with their work, will the Minister give urgent and favourable consideration during this session of Parliament—

- (a) either by proclamation; or
- (b) by amendment to the Workers' Compensation Act to extend—
 - (i) the third schedule to include industrial deafness as being compensable; and
 - (ii) the second schedule to provide the amount of compensation payable where this has occurred?

The Hon. G. C. MacKINNON replied:

Compensation for disability due to industrial deafness is one of a number of matters submitted for consideration by a deputation from the Trades and Labour Council to the Minister for Labour on the 30th August, 1967. The requests are still under review.

ROADS

South Northcliffe: Funds for Construction

4. The Hon. V. J. FERRY asked the Minister for Mines:

- (1) Has the Main Roads Department provided the Manjimup Shire Council with funds to allow construction of access roads to new land settlement areas at South Northcliffe?
- (2) If the answer to (1) is "Yes," what is the amount provided for this work?

The Hon. A. F. GRIFFITH replied:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) \$8,000.

MANJIMUP-PEMBERTON ROAD

Bituminising

5. The Hon. V. J. FERRY asked the Minister for Mines:

- (1) Is it the intention of the Main Roads Department to seal the 2.3 mile section of the Manjimup-

Pemberton road between 191.2 and 193.5 miles in the near future?

- (2) If the answer to (1) is "Yes"—
 - (a) when will the section of road be sealed?
 - (b) what is the estimated cost of this work?

The Hon. A. F. GRIFFITH replied:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) (a) Early March 1968.
(b) \$9,000.

WARREN DISTRICT HOSPITAL

Geriatric Ward and Nursing Aides Training

6. The Hon. V. J. FERRY asked the Minister for Health:

In regard to expansion of services and facilities at the Warren District Hospital at Manjimup—

- (a) what progress has been made in the planning for the establishment of a new geriatric ward unit;
- (b) how many beds will the unit contain;
- (c) what progress has been made in the planning for the establishment of a nurses aide training school;
- (d) what additional buildings are envisaged for the establishment of the school, and what is the estimated cost;
- (e) how many nursing aides will the school be capable of training during each course; and
- (f) what additional nursing staff will be required to tutor nursing aides in training?

The Hon. G. C. MacKINNON replied:

- (a) Preliminary sketches have been drawn.
- (b) 20 beds.
- (c) and (d) Plans are still under consideration and envisage additional accommodation for trained nurses in the first instance thus providing accommodation for the student nursing aides. The training school building will provide for—

Tutors office.

Classroom.

One-bed demonstration ward.

Library/study room.

An estimate is not available. It should be appreciated that tenders will need to be invited.

- (e) Maximum of 20.
- (f) Two.

ELECTORAL*Congratulations to New Member:
Personal Explanation*

THE HON. W. F. WILLESEE (North-East Metropolitan—Leader of the Opposition) [4.42 p.m.]: Mr. President, I desire to make a personal explanation under Standing Order 383, if that is permissible.

THE PRESIDENT: The honourable member may proceed.

The Hon. W. F. WILLESEE: During the debate on the Supply Bill (No. 2) opportunity was taken by the Leader of the House to congratulate Mr. White on his election as a member of this House. As I had already spoken I was not able to extend my best wishes, and I feel this would be an opportune time for me to offer my congratulations, and those of the members of my party, to Mr. White on his election to this Chamber. We wish him well in his parliamentary career and we assure him that we appreciate his presence and hope he enjoys every success.

SUPPLY BILL (No. 2)*Third Reading*

Bill read a third time, on motion by **The Hon. A. F. Griffith** (Minister for Mines), and passed.

CREMATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL*Second Reading*

Debate resumed from the 26th October.

THE HON. W. F. WILLESEE (North-East Metropolitan—Leader of the Opposition) [4.44 p.m.]: This is a very small measure which amends the principal Act, that Act having been introduced in 1929. Since that time it has been amended on only two occasions and this small amendment seeks to allow the administrator of an estate, or an outside authority, to take direct control of the ashes of a deceased person without the necessity of having, in the words of the Minister, to go through an exercise in red tape.

Up till now the law has required that a permit must be obtained from the Public Health Department for the cremated remains of an individual to be taken from the precincts of a cemetery. All the Bill proposes is to allow for a direct approach to be made to the person in charge of a cemetery instead of to the Public Health Department.

I was interested to learn that the Minister had viewed a cremation and he assured us that the system in use at present is a most efficient and modern one. He advised us that the provision now in the Act had been based on English legislation because of the doubt and suspicion, in earlier times, of the effectiveness of the

apparatus employed. I see no point whatever in delaying the passage of the Bill and I give it my support.

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.

**DISCHARGED SERVICEMEN'S
BADGES BILL***Second Reading*

THE HON. H. K. WATSON (Metropolitan) [4.48 p.m.]: I move—

That the Bill be now read a second time.

The Bill is a timely reminder that this Parliament is one of the few in the world where a back-bencher, or a private member, can initiate a measure and have it considered, and either passed or rejected, with virtually the same facility and despatch as a Bill introduced by the Government. For that I would say, long may it continue so to be.

The immediate purpose of the Bill is to make it an offence for an unauthorised person to wear the badge of either of two nominated discharged soldiers' associations; namely, the Totally and Permanently Disabled Soldiers' Association of Australia (W.A. Branch) Inc., and the Limbless Soldiers' Association of W.A. (Inc.).

The Totally and Permanently Disabled Soldiers' Association, which is generally known as the T.P.I., is an organisation which operates throughout Australia and has approximately 1,000 members in Western Australia. I understand membership of that association entitles the members to rights for passes on buses and trains, a limited right of entry to certain sporting fixtures, and to a discount on goods purchased from a retailer.

It also has a general benefit in the nature of private sympathy and respect for a person wearing that badge. There have been occasions, however, where the badge has been worn by unauthorised persons, and the Federal body of the T.P.I. has, during the past few years, made representations to the Parliaments of the respective States asking that they adopt the principle which has been employed in New South Wales, where there is already legislation similar to that which is before the House, which protects the badges of authorised discharged ex-servicemen's associations.

The unauthorised use of the badge, it seems, can arise in various ways. A person may find a badge and decide to use it; he may come into possession of it by other illegal means; or he may even cease

to be a financial member of the association, and therefore be not entitled to wear the badge.

Similar circumstances seem to exist with respect to the members of the Limbless Soldiers' Association which, up to very recently, was known as the Maimed and Limbless Soldiers' Association. That association, I understand, has 200 members in this State and it has joined in this application for its badge to be protected in the manner I have indicated.

It may well be that there are some other worthy associations of ex-servicemen and women which may desire to have the provisions of this Bill extended to their respective associations and the members thereof. Accordingly, the Bill has been drafted in such a way that the names appear in the schedule to the Bill so that if, at a later date, other associations make representations of the nature I have just indicated the Governor may, by Order-in-Executive-Council, add the names of those additional associations to this legislation. The Bill relating to these two associations is not dissimilar to the Returned Servicemen's Badges Act, No. 21 of 1953, which relates to the R.S.L., and the provisions of which are even more stringent than those in the Bill which I now present to the House.

For example, the legislation relating to the R.S.L. makes it an offence for a person to wear, or even to possess, a badge if he is not entitled so to do. The Bill now before the House merely prevents the wearing of a badge without lawful excuse.

As a matter of mechanics the sponsor of the Bill did have a look at the possibility of including its provisions in the Act relating to the R.S.L., but that was found to be impracticable and it has therefore necessitated a special measure, but with the proviso—as I have already said—that if at a later date there are similar requests from other associations of this nature there will be no need for a separate Act; they can be conveniently incorporated in the Bill now before the House.

At the moment it appears that there are two similar associations which may well be entitled to have their names included in the schedule. These are the Air Force Association and the Legion of Ex-Servicemen and Women. Inquiries are being made at the moment in respect of these two associations to see whether they desire to be included in this legislation, and whether they are entitled to be included in the legislation.

For the present their respective names have been omitted from the schedule, but it is possible that if the Bill is not hurried through, there may be an opportunity for us between now and the Committee stage to make a few more inquiries to see whether it is desirable and practicable for

these two additional names to be added to the schedule. For the moment, however, I commend the Bill to the House.

Debate adjourned, on motion by The Hon. A. F. Griffith (Minister for Mines).

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL

Assembly's Amendment

Amendment made by the Assembly now considered.

In Committee

The Chairman of Committees (The Hon. N. E. Baxter) in the Chair; The Hon. L. A. Logan (Minister for Local Government) in charge of the Bill.

The CHAIRMAN: The amendment made by the Assembly is as follows:—

Clause 11, page 5, lines 20 to 24—
Delete the passage "the member of the Police Force or the clerk of the council is satisfied, from the information furnished by the owner, that".

The Hon. L. A. LOGAN: The City of Perth Parking Facilities Act, from which the words proposed to be struck out were copied, contains provision for modified penalties. As there is no such provision under this Act, the wording should not have been the same as it is in the other Act. By taking these words out of the clause the onus will be on the court instead of on members of the Police Force or the clerk of the council to decide whether an individual is the owner or not. I have no opposition to the amendment. Therefore, I move—

That the amendment made by the Assembly be agreed to.

Question put and passed; the Assembly's amendment agreed to.

Report

Resolution reported, the report adopted, and a message accordingly returned to the Assembly.

CHILD WELFARE ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)

Receipt and First Reading

Bill received from the Assembly; and, on motion by The Hon. H. K. Watson, read a first time.

ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL

Returned

Bill returned from the Assembly with amendments.

House adjourned at 5.3 p.m.