

move that the House do now adjourn. (Some laughter.)

MR. F. CONNOR: Is the hon. member (Mr. Leake) in order in speaking out of his place?

THE SPEAKER: No; he ought to be in his chair.

THE PREMIER (speaking from the Opposition side before members had all resumed their places): I beg to move that the House do now adjourn.

MR. LEAKE: Must not the hon. member move it from his own seat?

THE PREMIER: I will do so. [Resuming his regular seat:] I beg to move that the House do now adjourn.

Motion put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at six minutes to 6 o'clock, until the next day.

Legislative Council,

Wednesday, 18th December, 1901.

THE PRESIDENT took the Chair at 7:40 o'clock, p.m.

PRAYERS.

ADJOURNMENT.

HON. G. RANDELL (Metropolitan): As I understand there is a probability of the Legislative Assembly being adjourned until Friday, a motion to that effect having been made in the other place, I rise to move that the House at its rising do adjourn until Friday, at 5 o'clock p.m., if that will suit hon. members. I see no necessity for our meeting at half-past 4, under the circumstances; and supposing the motion in the other place is not carried to-night, there will be nothing for this House to do to-morrow in any case. It may be perhaps inconvenient to hon. members to sit on Friday, but that is the only course open to the House at the present moment. I move

that the House at its rising do adjourn until Friday at 5 o'clock.

HON. A. B. KIDSON (West): May I suggest, for the consideration of the hon. member (Mr. Randell), whether it would not be more convenient to meet at a quarter-past 5? Five o'clock would be very inconvenient to members from Fremantle, as they would have to come by the train leaving at half-past 3 to be here at that hour, that being an hour and a half before the time stated.

HON. H. BRIGGS: Make it 5:30.

HON. A. B. KIDSON supported the suggestion.

Question (5:30 o'clock) put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at seven minutes to 8 o'clock, until the next Friday, at 5:30 p.m.

Legislative Assembly,

Wednesday, 18th December, 1901.

Paper presented—Political Situation: Debate on Adjournment; Amendment passed—Assent to Supply Bill—Adjournment.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at 4:30 o'clock, p.m.

PRAYERS.

PAPER PRESENTED.

By the MINISTER FOR WORKS: Regulations of the Peak Hill Roads Board under Width of Tires Act.

Ordered to lie on the table.

POLITICAL SITUATION—DEBATE ON ADJOURNMENT.

Debate resumed from the previous day, on the motion (after Ministerial statement by the Premier) "That the House at its rising do adjourn until the 7th January."

MR. F. ILLINGWORTH (Cue): My object in moving the adjournment of the debate yesterday was to give the Premier