

# JOINT SITTING. Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly.

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## FEDERAL SENATE VACANCY.

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 death of Senator Richard Harry Nash.

The President of the Legislative Council (Hon. Sir Harold Seddon) took the Chair at 5.45 p.m. in accordance with the Standing Orders. He was accompanied by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly (Hon. C. F. J. North).

### Election.

The PRESIDENT: This joint sitting has been called for the purpose of electing a senator to the Senate in place of the late Senator R. H. Nash. I am now prepared to receive nominations.

The PREMIER (Hon. D. R. McLarty—Murray): I propose—

That Mr. Joseph Alfred Cooke, clerk, of 115 St. Leonard's Avenue, Leederville, be elected to fill the vacancy due to the death of Senator Richard Harry Nash.

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

Hon. J. T. TONKIN (M.L.A., Melville): I am very pleased indeed to second the Premier's proposal and I congratulate him upon recognising the requirements of proportional representation, and doing the right thing in connection with this election.

Hon. H. S. W. Parker: He always does.

Hon. J. T. TONKIN: I must say that it is a rarity for the right thing to be done by this Government. Nevertheless, the Premier's nomination indicates that he knows how to do it and his nomination is an indication to us that the Government does not intend to have any nomination other than that of a Labour nominee. I repeat that that is a recognition of the requirements of proportional representation, and I think it is the right view to take. I am very pleased indeed to second the motion and trust that Mr. Cooke will be elected.

The PRESIDENT: Having ascertained that there are no further nominations, I declare Mr. J. A. Cooke duly elected.

*The President left the Chair.*

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The PRESIDENT took the Chair at 4.30 p.m., and read prayers.

## COMMISSIONERS.

His Excellency's Commissioners (His Honour Mr. Justice Wolff and His Honour Mr. Justice Virtue) having entered the Chamber at 4.32 p.m., a message was sent to the Legislative Assembly requesting the presence of members in the Council Chamber.

Members of the Legislative Assembly having arrived accordingly, His Honour Mr. Justice Wolff (Senior Commissioner) read the following statement:—

*Honourable members of the Legislative Council and members of the Legislative Assembly—*

His Excellency the Governor has entrusted me with a Message for delivery to members of both Houses and I propose to read it to you. It is as follows:—

The Governor informs the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly that he has officially learned, with the deepest regret, that our Most Gracious Sovereign, His Majesty King George VI, departed this life on the sixth day of