

## CHILD WELFARE ACT AMENDMENT BILL

### *Leave to Introduce*

**THE HON. W. F. WILLESEE** (North-East Metropolitan—Minister for Community Welfare) [5.18 p.m.]: In order to assert and maintain the undoubted rights and privileges of this House to initiate legislation, I move, without notice—

For leave to introduce a Bill for an Act to amend section twenty of the Child Welfare Act, 1947-1970.

Question put and passed; leave granted.

### *Introduction and First Reading*

Bill introduced, on motion by The Hon. W. F. Willesee (Minister for Community Welfare), and read a first time.

## GOVERNOR'S SPEECH

### *Distribution of Copies*

**THE PRESIDENT** (The Hon. L. C. Diver) [5.19 p.m.]: I have to announce that for the sake of accuracy I have obtained copies of His Excellency's Speech which will now be distributed to members.

## ADDRESS-IN-REPLY: FIRST DAY

### *Motion*

**THE HON. R. T. LEESON** (South-East) [5.21 p.m.]: I move—

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency:—

May it please Your Excellency: We the Members of the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Western Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our most Gracious Sovereign and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech you have been pleased to deliver to Parliament.

**THE HON. S. J. DELLAR** (Lower North) [5.24 p.m.]: I formally second the motion.

Debate adjourned, on motion by The Hon. A. F. Griffith (Leader of the Opposition).

*House adjourned at 5.25 p.m.*

# Legislative Assembly

Tuesday, the 16th November, 1971

## MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY

The Legislative Assembly met at 3.00 p.m.

### PROCLAMATION

The Clerk of the Assembly (Mr. J. C. Bartlett) read the proclamation of His Excellency the Governor (Major-General Sir Douglas Anthony Kendrew, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.) summoning the second session of the Twenty-seventh Parliament.

## OPENING PROCEEDINGS

### *Message from the Governor's Commissioner*

A Message from His Excellency's Commissioner (His Honour Mr. Justice Lavan) requested the attendance of members of the Legislative Assembly in the Legislative Council Chamber. Members accordingly proceeded to that Chamber; and, having heard the Commission to do all things necessary for the opening of Parliament, returned to the Legislative Assembly Chamber.

## SWEARING-IN OF MEMBER

His Honour, Mr. Justice Lavan, Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Western Australia, having been commissioned by His Excellency The Governor, entered the Chamber and was conducted to the Chair. The Commission to swear-in members having been read, the Clerk produced the writ for the by-election for the electoral district of Ascot, held on the 13th November, 1971, showing that from the returns thereto it appeared that Mr. Malcolm John Bryce had been duly elected.

The honourable member took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance and signed the Roll.

The Commissioner then retired from the Chamber.

## ELECTION OF SPEAKER

The Clerk (Mr. J. C. Bartlett) announced that it was his duty to inform the House that owing to the death on the 8th October, 1971, of The Hon. John Mervin Toms, member for the electoral district of Ascot, the office of Speaker had become vacant.

**MR. J. T. TONKIN** (Melville—Premier) [3.21 p.m.]: The House being duly constituted, I move—

That Mr. Daniel Norton do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

**MR. T. D. EVANS** (Kalgoorlie—Minister for Education) [3.22 p.m.]: I second the motion.

**MR. NORTON** (Gascoyne) [3.23 p.m.]: I submit myself to the will of the House.

There being no other nomination, Mr. Norton was conducted to the Chair by the mover and seconder of the motion.

**THE SPEAKER** (Mr. Norton) [3.24 p.m.]: I thank members for the signal honour they have conferred on me and I now assume the Chair of Speaker of this Assembly.

**MR. J. T. TONKIN** (Melville—Premier) [3.25 p.m.]: Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to congratulate you on your elevation to this most important and honourable office in the Legislative Assembly. Many illustrious Speakers before you have set an excellent example. Your immediate pre-

decessor, although not having a long time in which to occupy that office, demonstrated a capacity which augured well to enable him to fulfil the requirements of this office. We have every confidence that you will be able to do likewise.

During the time you have been a member of this House you have shown considerable diligence in attending to the work of the Parliament. I have noted you over the years and have had the greatest admiration for the sincerity with which you have directed yourself to the various tasks entrusted to you.

I am satisfied that members of this Assembly will continue, with justification, to have complete confidence in your judgment and your ability to conduct the affairs of this House with dignity and with credit to yourself and to members who sit herein.

**SIR DAVID BRAND** (Greenough—Leader of the Opposition) [3.26 p.m.]: Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join with the Premier in expressing on our behalf congratulations on your elevation to this very high office in Parliament. I think it is fair to say that when one joined this House, no matter how long ago, one hardly imagined achieving elevation to the Speakership or any other high office.

As the Premier has said, you have been a hard and diligent worker for your electorate, and in the office of Chairman of Committees you have shown real interest and dedication to the job you accepted. Under the present circumstances you have a very real responsibility. The position is a sort of dictatorship in one sense. At least you will be left to make all the very awkward decisions, but I am certain that having regard for the system under which we work you will do your best to ensure this House operates to the best advantage of the people of the State and that under your chairmanship the very good reputation of the House will be maintained.

By and large over the years we have established for the Western Australian Parliament quite a reputation for being able to get on together and for being able to leave our differences behind in this Chamber. I hope that as far as you are concerned, anyhow, you will do all you can to ensure this reputation continues. I take the opportunity to wish you all the very best in your office and all the happiness which one from our side can wish you in this regard. Congratulations once again, Sir.

**MR. NALDER** (Katanning) [3.28 p.m.]: Mr. Speaker, I join with the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition in conveying to you my congratulations and good wishes in the responsible position you have undertaken in the Parliament of Western Australia. I concur with all that has been said as to the dedication and interest you

have shown as a private member and also as Chairman of Committees. I am sure your experience over a long number of years will stand you in good stead.

You have taken a very active interest in the debates which have taken place both in the House and in Committee, and I am sure you fully appreciate the importance of the high office to which you have now been appointed. I can assure you of our full co-operation and assistance in every way, and I trust you will have a very happy experience in the position. I offer you our very best wishes for the future in the Chair of this Parliament.

**THE SPEAKER** (Mr. Norton) [3.29 p.m.]: The Hon. the Premier, The Hon. the Leader of the Opposition, and The Hon. the Leader of the Country Party: I thank you very much for your congratulations and the sentiments you have expressed. I also wish to thank other members of this House for having elected me to this high office. It is a position one does not expect to attain when one enters Parliament.

I am well aware of the very high standards which have been set by my predecessors and were being set by the late Mr. Toms. I will do my utmost to uphold the decorum and honour of this House and I trust that I will be able to do so with the dignity and decorum members desire.

#### PRESENTATION OF SPEAKER

**MR. J. T. TONKIN** (Melville—Premier) [3.30 p.m.]: I desire to announce that His Excellency the Governor will now be pleased to receive the Speaker-elect and such members as desire to accompany him.  
*Sitting suspended from 3.31 to 4.30 p.m.*

**THE SPEAKER** (Mr. Norton) [4.30 p.m.]: I desire to report that I have submitted myself to His Excellency the Governor, and that His Excellency has been pleased to express his satisfaction at the choice of the Assembly in the following terms:—

Mr. Speaker:

It is with much pleasure I learn that you have been elected by the Members of the Legislative Assembly to the high and honourable office of Speaker of that House.

I have every confidence that you will fill the office in a worthy and dignified manner.

(Sgd.) Douglas Kendrew,  
Governor.

#### SUMMONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

The Speaker and members, in response to summons, proceeded to the Legislative Council Chamber and, having heard His Excellency deliver the opening Speech (*vide* Council report *ante*), returned to the Legislative Assembly Chamber.

## CONDOLENCE

*The Late Hon. J. M. Toms, M.L.A.:  
Motion*

**MR. J. T. TONKIN** (Melville—Premier) [4.43 p.m.]: I move, without notice—

That this House desires to place upon record its profound sense of the loss sustained in the passing of the late Hon. John Mervin Toms, Speaker of this House at the time of his death, and that an expression of the sincerest sympathy of Members be conveyed to his widow and family by Mr. Speaker.

The late John Mervin Toms entered Parliament as the member for Maylands on the 7th April, 1956, and he immediately demonstrated he was the type of person who went about his work quietly and efficiently. Amongst those who knew him well, it was not unexpected that he became well liked among his constituents and rendered them excellent service. In 1962 the name of his electorate was altered to Bayswater, although the area he represented was almost the same. Following a redistribution of seats in 1966, the Bayswater seat was abolished and the late Mr. Toms stood for the new seat of Ascot in 1968. He was returned as the member for Ascot and continued to hold the seat until his death.

Mr. Toms' death was most unexpected to me as I was unaware that he had experienced signs of some physical difficulty for a few years previously. It was typical of the man that he kept this knowledge to himself. He was an uncomplaining man and very few people outside his immediate family were aware that his health was not as good as many of us believed it was. It was a tremendous surprise to me to learn that he had not been in the best of health during his term as Speaker.

Mr. Toms demonstrated his fitness for the position of Speaker very quickly. He was able to bring to bear upon the problems which faced him careful attention to detail and scrupulous fairness. His decisions were clear-cut and made with a full sense of his responsibility.

On this side of the House we very much regret his passing; we have lost a colleague and a friend and the House is the poorer for having lost a Speaker who showed such promise in the position. However, this is something over which we have no control. We accept it when it comes but we cannot help feeling a tremendous sense of loss. This is especially experienced on this side of the House and we would like his widow and family to know how much we appreciate the services Mr. Toms rendered to our party, to Parliament, and to the people of his constituency.

These occasions occur, and many of them have occurred since I have been in the House. There is always a feeling of a deep sense of loss and profound regret that one of us is no longer here.

Mr. Speaker, it is with the greatest regret that I move this motion. However, it affords us an opportunity to place on record our deep and sincere feelings for one who is no longer with us.

**SIR DAVID BRAND** (Greenough—Leader of the Opposition) [4.48 p.m.]: I wish to associate our party with the motion just moved by the Premier. Without any doubt the late Mr. Mervin Toms, Speaker of this House, endeared himself to all members within a relatively short time of coming here.

He was a very well-respected citizen of the community, and a respected member of Parliament. This was evident during the service at the crematorium, where no higher tribute could have been paid to anyone than that paid by the clergyman. I believe this gentleman expressed the feelings of everyone in respect of the citizen, Mervin Toms.

During the campaign which was recently fought in his electorate, people, irrespective of their politics, were very ready to pay tribute to him.

On his elevation to the Chair which you now occupy, Mr. Speaker, Mervin Toms made it very clear that he wished to make fair decisions, having regard to his responsibility in that position.

It is not an easy situation, but I am sure that whatever errors of judgment he made—and we all make them—everyone understood and we were prepared to overlook them. I believe Mervin Toms was a fine example of a citizen and a member of Parliament, and we, too, wish that our feelings could be conveyed to his wife and to members of his family, and we extend to them our deepest sympathy in their great loss.

**MR. NALDER** (Katanning) [4.51 p.m.]: I wish to associate myself with the tributes that have already been made to the late Mervin Toms. I do so on behalf of all members of the Country Party. I think everyone who had anything to do with Merv Toms would say that he was a very approachable, likeable, and level-headed man. On every occasion when one discussed any matter with him he was always down to earth. This attribute was a great credit to him and an important one in the very high office to which he was elected and to which he gave dedicated service.

It was obvious to all who had anything to do with him that he worked very conscientiously for his electorate. He also made an extremely valuable contribution to local government in which he had wide experience over a long period of years. I understand it was some 27 years. This record of service he gave unstintingly to the people of his district.

I join with other speakers in expressing our very sincere sympathy to Mrs. Toms and members of the family.

Question passed, members standing.

**QUESTIONS (5): WITHOUT NOTICE****1. KWINANA-BALGA POWER LINE***Route*

Mr. THOMPSON, to the Minister for Electricity:

- (1) Was he correctly reported in the article on the front page of *The West Australian* today regarding the proposed S.E.C. power line through the Darling Range?
- (2) If so, will he table drawings indicating the four alternatives being considered by the Government and the S.E.C.?
- (3) How does duplication of the route enable a reduction of the height of the pylons?
- (4) Will he say definitely that the decision on the power line proposals will be announced no later than Tuesday, the 23rd November, 1971?

Mr. MAY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question, the answer to which is as follows:—

- (1) The report is substantially correct.
- (2) No, not at this stage.
- (3) One of the alternative routes being considered would require a reduction in the height of some pylons for a small portion of the route. This requirement is outside the jurisdiction of the State Electricity Commission.
- (4) This will be dependent on the investigations currently being made by the Minister for Environmental Protection.

**2. POINT PERON***Leases*

Mr. RUSHTON, to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Did the Government refer to or discuss with the Shire of Rockingham and the Metropolitan Region Planning Authority the extension of leases at Point Peron to 1993 prior to the announcement by the Premier?
- (2) If not, why not, having regard for the undertaking by the Government earlier in this Parliament to confer with the shire before making such a decision?
- (3) Who are the present lessees in the following groupings:—
  - (a) Original lessees prior to transfer of Point Peron to State control;
  - (b) Charitable organisations; and
  - (c) Social organisations?

- (4) Which organisations and persons have made representations for extensions of the leases?
- (5) Will he explain the Government's reason for disregarding the recommendations of the Shire of Rockingham, which represents the local people and the Warnbro Sound Conservation Committee, that a large portion of Point Peron be available for use by the general public?
- (6) Has the Shire of Rockingham's town planning scheme supported by the Metropolitan Region Planning Authority provided for a large portion of Point Peron being reserved for public use?
- (7) Did the Shire of Rockingham and the M.R.P.A. recommend that the leases of the social organisations should expire in 1982?
- (8) If "Yes," why has the Government overruled these responsible authorities' recommendations and plans?

Mr. T. D. EVANS replied:

I thank the honourable member for giving adequate notice of this question, the answer to which is as follows:—

- (1) No, as the views of the Shire of Rockingham and the M.R.P.A. were already on record.
- (2) The undertaking by the Government was that the shire would be notified. This has been done, and comment invited, by letter dated the 1st November. No response has been forthcoming.
- (3) (a) R.S.L. Western Australian Branch.  
R.S.L. Safety Bay and Rockingham Sub-branch.  
Aviation, Interior and Works (A.I.W.) Recreation Centre.  
National Fitness Council of Western Australia.
- (b) and (c) The National Fitness Council sub-leased areas to 29 organisations, of which 18 have been developed, and will therefore be eligible for further sub-leases for 21 years from the 1st November, 1972. The organisations generally have both charitable and social aspects.
- (4) The approach was submitted through the lessees' representative on the Greater Peron Development Committee.

- (5) and (6) A large part of the peninsula will be available for public use. The new lease to be granted will reserve the right to the Crown to provide through the leased area any additional roads necessary to ensure public access to the beach.
- (7) and (8) The decision reached has regard for all the factors involved, and took into account the views of the various authorities, and the amount of time and capital invested in the various areas by the charitable institutions, employee organisations, and youth groups concerned.

3. **RESEARCH ASSISTANT TO  
PREMIER**  
*Appointment*

Sir DAVID BRAND, to the Premier:

- (1) Did he see the 24th October, 1971 issue of *The Sunday Times* in which it was stated on the front page, "Mr. Tonkin hires a trouble shooter?"
- (2) What is the name of the employee and what is his salary?
- (3) What is the nature of the work of this so-called trouble shooter?

Mr. J. T. TONKIN replied:

I thank the Leader of the Opposition for ample notice of this question the reply to which is as follows:—

- (1) Yes, but the designation was that of the newspaper and not mine.
- (2) Mr. Alan Fletcher Cant, who has been seconded from the Counselling Service of the Education Department. His salary is \$7,812 per annum.
- (3) Mr. Cant is employed as a research assistant to provide factual information as I may require.

4. **BENTLEY HIGH SCHOOL**  
*Suspension of Pupils*

Mr. MENSAROS, to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Is it a fact that three pupils from the Bentley High School were charged with offences involving an alleged bomb hoax?
- (2) What was the magistrate's comment re possible penalty if they were to be found guilty?
- (3) What was the amount of bail and/or surety set when the accused were remanded?
- (4) Has the principal recommended to the Director of Secondary Education the suspension of these pupils?

- (5) What was the director's decision?
- (6) If the Director of Secondary Education suspended these pupils, were these suspensions subsequently lifted by the Director-General of Education?
- (7) Whether suspensions were lifted or never decided upon, what were the reasons for this final decision, especially in the cases where the pupils pleaded guilty in court?
- (8) As this is a serious matter of utmost public interest, will he acquaint the House of all the circumstances involved?

Mr. T. D. EVANS replied:

I thank the member for Floreat for giving adequate notice of his question, the answer to which is—

- (1) to (3) The Children's Court cannot publicly divulge information of any such nature.
- (4) Yes.
- (5) The suspension was approved whilst the matter was being reviewed by the Director-General of Education under Education Regulation 35.
- (6) Yes.
- (7) As one of the students had pleaded not guilty, the case against all three was postponed until a later date. The imposition by the Education Department of a penalty under such circumstances was not considered to be correct.
- (8) As the matter has not yet been heard before a court, the request cannot be approved.

5. **MAXIMUM SECURITY  
PRISON**

*Site*

Mr. THOMPSON, to the Minister representing the Chief Secretary:

- (1) Will he say what sites will be considered for the proposed new maximum security prison to be built in the outer metropolitan area?
- (2) Is it true that the prison may be built at Wooroloo?

Mr. TAYLOR replied:

I thank the honourable member for notice of this question, the answer to which is—

- (1) The Department of Correction, the Metropolitan Region Planning Authority, and the Public Works Department are to hold discussions concerning a suitable site. Until these discussions are finalised no decision can be made.
- (2) Highly unlikely.

# **INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)**

## *Leave to Introduce*

**MR. J. T. TONKIN** (Melville—Premier) [5.14 p.m.]: In order to preserve the privilege of the House to initiate legislation, I move, without notice—

For leave to introduce a Bill for an Act to repeal subsection (2) of section one hundred and forty-six of the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912-1971. Question put and passed; leave granted.

## *Introduction and First Reading*

Bill introduced, on motion by Mr. J. T. Tonkin (Premier), and read a first time.

## **CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES**

### *Appointment*

**MR. J. T. TONKIN** (Melville—Premier) [5.15 p.m.]: I move—

That the member for Canning (Mr. Bateman) be appointed Chairman of Committees.

Question put and passed.

## **DEPUTY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES**

### *Appointment*

**THE SPEAKER** (Mr. Norton): I wish to announce that I have appointed the member for Mirrabooka (Mr. A. R. Tonkin), the member for Bunbury (Mr. Williams), and the member for Roe (Mr. W. G. Young) to be Deputy Chairmen of Committees during the present session.

## **GOVERNOR'S SPEECH**

### *Distribution of Copies*

**THE SPEAKER** (Mr. Norton) [5.16 p.m.]: Accompanied by members of this Chamber, I attended His Excellency the Governor in the Legislative Council Chamber to hear the Speech which His Excellency was pleased to deliver to members of both Houses of Parliament. For the sake of greater accuracy, I have caused printed copies of the Speech to be distributed amongst members of this Chamber.

## **ADDRESS-IN-REPLY: FIRST DAY**

### *Motion*

**MR. MOILER** (Toodyay) [5.17 p.m.]: I move—

That the following Address-in-Reply to His Excellency's Speech be agreed to:—

May it please Your Excellency: We the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of the State of Western Australia in Parliament assembled, beg to express loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech you have been pleased to address to Parliament.

We have assembled today after a pro-rogation of some five weeks following the death of the previous Speaker, The Hon. John Mervin Toms. At this stage I would

like to join with previous speakers and offer a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Toms. I should like to pay tribute to the dedication he showed and to his devotion to the people in the various electorates he represented during his term in Parliament, to the State of Western Australia, and to the Australian Labor Party. He set an example which new members, such as myself, could well afford to endeavour to emulate. I should also like to extend my sympathy to his wife and family.

I also extend sympathy to the family of a former member of this House Mr. E. O'Brien, who was once member for Murchison.

The untimely death of Mr. Toms has made it necessary for you, Mr. Speaker, to accept the high office you now hold. As the Premier has already stated, we are quite confident you will continue the good work initiated by Mr. Toms in the few months during which he was Speaker of this House. I am sure you will continue to control the House, as he did, with decorum and impartiality.

To the new member for Ascot I, too, would like to offer my congratulations on his victory in the recent election. I have known the member for Ascot for some years now and, consequently, I can speak from experience when I say I am sure he will represent the people of his electorate with all the dedication and ability which I know he has.

The recent by-election was won by the member for Ascot with an absolute majority over four other candidates; he gained 53 per cent. of the votes cast. Further, the previous State general election was won by the Labor Party, which is now the Government of this State, by a majority that clearly indicated the people of Western Australia want a Labor Government. I make a plea now to members opposite, and also to Opposition parties in another place. The people of Western Australia have indicated they want the present Government and I ask the Opposition to concede that this is the wish of the people and to allow this present Government to get on with the job of governing Western Australia.

Mr. Williams: We cannot stop you.

**MR. MOILER**: I suggest we should shed the hypocrisy—

Sir David Brand: You have had an open go.

**MR. MOILER**: —that is often evident in this House.

Sir David Brand: You have been well tutored.

**MR. MOILER**: Let us get on with the job that a responsible Parliament is here to do—

Mr. Williams: Was there not a swing in this by-election?

Sir David Brand: You could not have been here when we had a narrow majority.

**Mr. MOILER:**—to maintain the standard of living that the majority of people have enjoyed and to raise the standard of the minority of underprivileged people in this State.

During the previous session of Parliament a number of important Bills were introduced. One Bill which caused considerable discussion was the measure to establish an alumina works in the Upper Swan. Some of those who were opposed to the establishment of the works—not only those in this House—to bolster their opposition, suggested that the works could have a detrimental effect on the vineyards in the Upper Swan. I entirely disagree with that contention. I raise that matter now in order to lead to another point; that is, I believe there is a definite threat to the viticultural industry which is far greater than any supposed threat from an alumina works. I refer to the freight rates which have apparently been accepted by the Federal body of the Australian Apple and Pear Board.

Western Australian delegates to the Australian Apple and Pear Board walked out of a recent conference because of the attitude of the board. I believe the delegates were quite justified in acting as they did. I contend that Western Australia should be permitted to take advantage of its geographical position in relation to world markets and its improved loading facilities and the like. Western Australia should be permitted to take advantage of these developments and should not be hamstrung by Federal controls which, as I understand it, mean in effect that to some extent this State is subsidising other States.

Tasmania and other Eastern States have advantages which this State does not have. They have access to much larger local markets. Our fruit industry relies to a great degree on export markets and it should be allowed to capitalise on any benefit it can derive from its proximity to foreign markets.

Although the viticultural industry is not directly connected with the Australian Apple and Pear Board, freight rates for viticultural products are influenced by the decisions of that board. The grape industry has never received any subsidy or assistance from any Government, and it has recently had to suffer a further imposition by the Federal Government of 50c per gallon in excise duty on wine products. When most other agricultural pursuits were receiving subsidies from the Government, the viticultural industry received none. It has been able to maintain that position only because it is an efficient industry but it should not be loaded with additional costs such as increased freight rates when, if it were permitted, it could arrange cheaper freight rates through other negotiations.

I realise that it is not the wish of the Parliament to hear a lengthy address at

this stage. I know the Ministry is anxious to get stuck into the necessary work.

**Sir David Brand:** Are you sure that is right?

**Mr. MOILER:** I propose to take advantage of this opportunity to raise one more matter connected with the Toodyay electorate which I raised the first time I addressed this House. I refer to my proposal for the introduction of a daily commuter service from Northam and Toodyay to Perth. I do not recommend the establishment of this service solely for the benefit of the relatively small number of people who live in the areas of Northam and Toodyay. However, if we believe in decentralisation and orderly development, and if we want to arrest the flow of people from the country centres to the metropolitan area, then, as a Government, we must consider providing public transport to the centres lying 40 and 50 miles from Perth in order to encourage people to live in those centres.

Undoubtedly, a commuter service would run at a loss in the initial stages, but at present people will not live in a centre such as Toodyay because there is no public transport to the metropolitan area to enable them to commute daily to work.

**Mr. Hutchinson:** What does the Minister think about it?

**Mr. MOILER:** Because there are not enough people in Toodyay to use it, the department is not prepared to institute the service. It is therefore a case of which comes first—the chicken or the egg? I believe the Government has a responsibility to develop such centres by providing public transport, and I am sure this Government will at least take the step of investigating this proposal. The situation is not new; it has continued for years. I believe there are advantages in providing facilities for outlying areas so that the State of Western Australia can develop in an orderly fashion. If we accept the proposition that the provision of public transport will reduce the problem of pollution within the metropolitan area, then we must consider such steps as I have just mentioned. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. BROWN** (Merredin-Yilgarn) [5.29 p.m.]: I formally second the motion.

Debate adjourned, on motion by Sir David Brand (Leader of the Opposition).

#### ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE: SPECIAL

**MR. J. T. TONKIN** (Melville—Premier) [5.30 p.m.]: I move—

That the House at its rising adjourn until 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday, the 17th November.

Question put and passed.

*House adjourned at 5.31 p.m.*