

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES.

FOURTH SESSION OF THE THIRTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

The Parliament was prorogued on the 20th December, 1928, to the 8th January, 1929. It was further prorogued to the 21st February, then to the 7th March, then to the 14th March, and again to the 21st March, when it met for the despatch of business.

Parliament was opened by His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor.

Legislative Council,

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OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

The Legislative Council met at 3 p.m.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY PRESIDENT.

The Clerk of Parliaments reported that, in the absence on leave of the President it would be necessary to appoint an hon. member to fill his place as Deputy President during the session, or such portion thereof as the President might be absent.

The CHIEF SECRETARY: I move—

That the Chairman of Committees (Hon. J. Cornell) be Deputy President during this session or such portion of it as the President may be absent.

Hon. Sir EDWARD WITTENOOM: I second the motion.

Question put and passed.

The Deputy President Elect, speaking from the steps of the President's dais, said: Hon. members, I am deeply sensible of the honour you have bestowed upon me.

PROCLAMATION.

The Clerk of Parliaments read the proclamation summoning the Fourth Session of the Thirteenth Parliament.

LIEUT.-GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH.

His Excellency the Lieuteneant-Governor (Sir Robert Furse McMillan) entered the Council Chamber at 3.5 p.m., and the members of the Legislative Assembly having also attended obediently to summons, His Excellency was pleased to deliver the following Speech:—

Mr. President and Honourable Members of the Legislative Council—

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly—

This special session of the Thirteenth Parliament of Western Australia has been rendered necessary by the passage last session of the Electoral Districts Act Amendment Act. Under that Act provision was made for the appointment of three Commissioners to revise the boundaries of electorates for the Legislative Assembly. The Commissioners were duly appointed and have submitted their report. Your duty will be to consider the provisions of that report in a Bill which will be placed before you.

You will also be asked to further consider the Bill to provide for hospital finance.

I therefore declare the Session open, and trust that Divine Providence will bless your labours.

(The Lieutenant-Governor then retired and the Deputy President resumed the Chair.)

BILL—WORKERS' HOMES ACT AMENDMENT.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY (Hon J. M. Drew—Central) [3.9]: 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 entitled An Act to amend Section 44 (b) of the Workers' Homes Act, 1911-28.

Leave given: Bill introduced and read a first time.

LIEUT.-GOVERNOR'S SPEECH, DISTRIBUTION.

THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT: For the sake of greater accuracy, I have obtained from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, copies of the Speech he has been pleased to deliver to Parliament. These will be distributed amongst members.

ADDRESS-IN-REPLY, ADOPTED.

HON. E. H. GRAY (West) [3.12]: I move—

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in reply to the Speech he has been pleased to deliver to us:—May it please Your Excellency: We, the members of the Legislative Council of the State 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.

HON. G. FRASER (West) [3.13]: I second the motion.

Question put and passed; the Address-in-reply adopted.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY (Hon. J. M. Drew—Central) [3.14]: I move—

That the Address-in-reply be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor by the Deputy President and such members as may desire to accompany him.

Question put and passed.

House adjourned at 3.15 p.m.

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MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY.

The Legislative Assembly met at 3 p.m. pursuant to proclamation by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, which proclamation was read by the clerk.

The **SPEAKER** took the Chair.

SUMMONS FROM THE LIEUT.- GOVERNOR.

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

LIEUT.-GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH.

Mr. SPEAKER: In company with hon. members of this Chamber, I attended His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor and Administrator in the Legislative Council Chamber to hear the Speech His Excellency was pleased to deliver to both Houses of Parliament. For greater accuracy and convenience I have had printed copies of the Speech distributed amongst members of this Chamber.

LAPSED BILLS.

Standing Orders Suspension.

THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (Hon. S. W. Munsie—Hannan-) [3.11]: I move—

That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as is necessary to enable a resolution to be passed requesting the Legislative Council to restore to its Notice Paper under the Standing Orders relating to lapsed Bills the Hospital Fund Bill and the Hospital Fund (Contributions) Bill before the Address-in-reply is adopted.