

months leave of absence. I am about to visit England; I hope to be sailing on Monday next. I wish to assure members that Parliament cannot be summoned without my knowing it. The moment a decision is arrived at to summon Parliament, or should anything occur enabling Parliament to be called together before the expiration of the six months, I shall return immediately. In ordinary circumstances it is extremely unlikely that Parliament will meet before the usual time. However, in these unsettled days one cannot tell what might happen, but I shall be prepared to return to the State as fast as possible immediately upon receiving a cable message to the effect that Parliament is being summoned. While I am away members may rest assured that I shall not forget Western Australia, and that anything I can possibly do to advance its interests will be done readily and willingly. I owe a great deal to the State, and I feel that anything I can do would not repay the debt of gratitude I owe to it.

Question put and passed.

House adjourned at 2.57 p.m. (Friday).

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

QUESTION—WORKERS' HOMES BOARD.

Employment of Carriers.

Mr. SEWARD asked the Premier: 1, Is it a fact that the Workers' Homes Board employed a York carrier to transport a dismantled worker's home from the site it formerly occupied to the Pingelly railway