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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 The Hon. Sir Shane Paltridge, K.B.E.

The President of the Legislative Council (The Hon. L. C. Diver), in accordance with the Standing Orders, took the Chair at 4.40 p.m. He was accompanied by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly (The Hon. J. M. Hearman).

Election of Senator

THE PRESIDENT: This joint sitting has been called to choose a person to hold the place in the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia rendered vacant by the death of Senator the Hon. Sir Shane Paltridge, K.B.E., notification of which has been reported to each House by His Excellency the Governor. I now call for nominations to fill the vacancy.

MR. BRAND (Greenough—Premier): I move—

That Reginald Greive Withers, Solicitor of Spencer Street, Bunbury, be elected to fill the vacancy in the Federal Parliament due to the death of Senator the Honourable Sir Shane Paltridge, K.B.E.

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

MR. NALDER (Katanning—Minister for Agriculture): I second the motion.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any further nominations for the position? There being no further nominations, I declare that Reginald Greive Withers has been elected to hold the vacant place in the Senate. That concludes the joint sitting.

The President left the Chair.

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The **PRESIDENT** (The Hon. L. C. Diver) took the Chair at 4.30 p.m., and read prayers.

SENATE VACANCY

Governor's Message

Message from the Governor received and read transmitting a copy of a despatch received by him from the President of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia, notifying that a vacancy had occurred in the representation of the State of Western Australia, in the Senate, Senator Sir Shane Paltridge, K.B.E., having died on the 21st January, 1966.

Filling of Vacancy

THE HON. A. F. GRIFFITH (North Metropolitan—Minister for Mines) [4.35 p.m.]: I move—

That with reference to Message No. 1 from His Excellency the Governor, the Honourable the President be requested to confer with Mr. Speaker in order to fix a day and place whereon and whereat the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly, sitting and voting together, shall choose a person to hold the place of Senator whose place has become vacant.

Question put and passed.

THE PRESIDENT: With reference to Message No. 1 from His Excellency the Governor and in conformity with the Joint Standing Rules and Orders relating to the election of a Senator to the Federal Parliament, arrangements have been made whereby a sitting of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly will be held in the Legislative Council Chamber forth-