

**ADJOURNMENT—SPECIAL.**

**THE CHIEF SECRETARY** (Hon. J. M. Drew—Central) [5.22]: I move—

That the House at its rising adjourn to a date to be fixed.

.Question put and passed.

*House adjourned at 5.23 a.m. (Saturday).*

by the Council; the managers for the Assembly to be the Premier, Mr. Latham and the mover.

Question put and passed, and a message accordingly returned to the Council.

*Sitting suspended from 4.35 p.m. to 5.15 a.m.*

*Council's Further Message.*

Message from the Council received and read notifying that it had agreed to the request for a conference, had appointed Hon. W. H. Kitson, Hon. J. Nicholson and Hon. H. Seddon as managers, the President's room as the place for holding the conference, and the time forthwith.

*Sitting suspended from 1.53 p.m. to 5.15 a.m.*

**Legislative Assembly,**

*Friday, 2nd February, 1934.*

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

**BILL—FINANCIAL EMERGENCY.***Council's Message.*

Message from the Council notifying that it insisted upon its amendments, to which the Assembly had disagreed, now considered.

*In Committee.*

Mr. Sleeman in the Chair; the Minister for Works in charge of the Bill.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS: I move—

That the Committee continue to disagree with the amendments insisted upon by the Council.

Question put and passed; the Council's amendments again disagreed to.

[The Speaker resumed the Chair.]

Resolution reported, and the report adopted.

*Request for Conference.*

The MINISTER FOR WORKS: I move—

That the Council be requested to grant a conference on the amendments insisted upon

*Conference Managers' Report.*

The MINISTER FOR WORKS: I desire to report that the managers of this House have met the managers of the Legislative Council, and that the Bill in the form it was last approved by this House has been agreed to, with the addition of a new clause—I do not think I need read it at length—which provides that those 47 industrial awards or agreements which have been subject to orders of the Arbitration Court for cuts under the old Financial Emergency Act are now all open for review under the Arbitration Act itself. The new clause provides that the employer can make application to the Arbitration Court for a review without going through the usual preliminaries—that is, the creation of a dispute and awaiting the lapse of a given time before papers are filed. Under the new clause, by a letter to the Arbitration Court from an individual employer or a number of employers employing in the aggregate the majority of men in the industry, application can be made to the court to have the case heard without going through the usual preliminaries: and the court will hear the case, and the whole case and the decision shall be within the four corners of the Arbitration Act. So that Part V. of the Financial Emergency Act is gone altogether. The court and its powers and deliberations and decisions will be within the Arbitration Act, and not outside it. That, shortly, is the effect of the new clause. The new clause will merely save time for the employer in getting before the court. He is entitled to go to the court, and the new clause will expedite his getting there; but the decision will

be under the Arbitration Act, and the arrangement under Part V. will be gone. That is the only alteration in the Bill as last approved by this Chamber. I move—

That the report be adopted.

Question put and passed.

[For text of new clause, see Council's proceedings, ante.]

The MINISTER FOR WORKS: I move—

That a message be transmitted to the Legislative Council acquainting it accordingly.

Question put and passed.

### *Council's Further Message.*

Message from the Council received and read notifying that it had agreed to the conference recommendations.

## ADJOURNMENT—SPECIAL.

**THE PREMIER** (Hon. P. Collier—Boulder) [5.22]: I move—

That the House at its rising adjourn to a date to be fixed by Mr. Speaker.

Question put and passed.

*House adjourned at 5.23 a.m. (Saturday).*

## Legislative Council,

*Thursday, 19th April, 1934.*

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

## ELECTORAL—SWEARING-IN OF MEMBER.

The DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I have received the writ for the North-East Province election, showing that Charles George Elliott

has been elected. I am ready to swear him in now.

The Hon. C. G. Elliott took and subscribed the oath and signed the roll.

## CONDOLENCE—LATE HON. E. H. HARRIS, M.L.C.

**THE CHIEF SECRETARY** (Hon. J. M. Drew—Central) [4.40]: Since our last adjournment Death has again visited us. We have lost one of our most prominent and active members, one, too, who was held in general respect. I refer to Mr. Edgar Henry Harris, who passed away on the 13th February last. Mr. Harris' death did not come with the shock of suddenness, though a few months previously no one could have realised that his remaining term of life was to be so short. Up to a few weeks before the end, he had discharged his parliamentary duties with his accustomed vigour and diligence. It is true that late in the 1933 session he had an attack of illness. He speedily recovered, however, and took a leading part in our discussions. It was only for a brief period. He took ill again and left the House, never to return. The late Mr. Harris was born at Gawler, South Australia, and, at the time of his death, was in his 59th year. Nearly 40 years of his life had been spent in Western Australia, and he was a member of the Municipal Council of Kalgoorlie when he was elected to the Legislative Council in May, 1920, for the North-East Province, a seat which he retained to the end. We shall miss the late Mr. Harris. His attendance here was marked by scrupulous regularity, and he gave a close examination to every Bill that was placed before him. He had made a close study of industrial questions, and always gave the House the benefit of his knowledge. He never spoke on important measures without fortifying his arguments with relevant data, and if there were any weak spots in a Bill, he soon discovered them. He could be caustic in his criticism. He could give blows and take them with equanimity, but he avoided personalities, and so no scars were left behind. His death was a severe blow to his relatives, to whom he was deeply attached. We all feel for them in their sorrow, and it will comfort them to some extent if we offer them our condolences. I move—

That this House desires to place on record its sincere appreciation of the public service rendered to the State by the late Hon. E. H. Harris, a member for the North-East Pro-