

this Assembly; that at the earliest opportunity he will insist on giving to the electors an opportunity of having a voice in the matter, and on appealing to them to give their verdict on this important issue.

Mr. J. C. G. FOULKES rose to speak.

Mr. SPEAKER: I cannot permit any other member to speak. A motion for adjournment is not debatable; but it is a courtesy due to the Premier and to the Leader of the Opposition to allow them to make statements. The question is "That the House do now adjourn."

Question put, and negatived on the voices.

Division called for on the Ministerial side, and taken with the following result:—

Ayes	28
Noes	17
Majority for	11

AYES.	NOES.
Mr. Barnett	Mr. Angwin
Mr. Brebber	Mr. Bath
Mr. H. Brown	Mr. Bolton
Mr. Butcher	Mr. T. L. Brown
Mr. Cowcher	Mr. Collier
Mr. Daglish	Mr. Heilmann
Mr. Davies	Mr. Holman
Mr. Draper	Mr. Horan
Mr. Ewing	Mr. Hudson
Mr. Foulkes	Mr. Johnson
Mr. Gregory	Mr. Scaddan
Mr. Hardwick	Mr. Stuart
Mr. Hayward	Mr. Taylor
Mr. Keenan	Mr. Underwood
Mr. Layman	Mr. Walker
Mr. McLarty	Mr. Ware
Mr. Male	Mr. Troy (Teller).
Mr. Mitchell	
Mr. Monger	
Mr. N. J. Moore	
Mr. S. F. Moore	
Mr. Piesse	
Mr. Price	
Mr. Stone	
Mr. Veryard	
Mr. A. J. Wilson	
Mr. F. Wilson	
Mr. Gordon (Teller).	

Question thus passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at 4.47 o'clock, until the next day at 4.30 p.m.

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Prayers.

ASSENT TO BILLS (2).

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR entered the Chamber at 4.30 o'clock, and commanded the attendance of members of the Legislative Assembly, who accordingly arrived with their Speaker.

HIS EXCELLENCY gave assent to the following Bills, in addition to Bills assented to previously:—5. "*An Act to amend the Collie-Narrogin Railway Act, 1901.*" 6. "*An Act to authorise the construction of a railway from Port Hedland to Marble Bar.*"

PROROGATION.

HIS EXCELLENCY, in closing the Session of Parliament, was pleased to speak as follows:—

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly—

I have to thank you for the earnest attention which you have given to your public duties, and regret that the labours of the Session have been brought to an abrupt and unexpected termination.

In view of the rejection by the Legislative Council of a Bill providing for the imposition of Taxation on the Unimproved Value of Land, my Advisers deemed it to be their duty to tender

their resignations. Seeing, however, that the Government retains the full confidence of the Legislative Assembly, I did not feel justified in accepting the resignation, or in complying, under present circumstances, with a farther request made for a Dissolution.

I am confident in the hope that the proposals which will be presented to you on reassembling will secure that favourable consideration which any Financial Measure, endorsed emphatically by that branch of the Legislature in which all Financial Measures must be initiated, demands, and which my Advisers consider to be of vital importance to the financial stability and development of the State.

Under these circumstances I desire to relieve you for a short period from your duties, and accordingly declare this Parliament prorogued until Tuesday, the 8th day of October, then to meet for the despatch of business.

The Session then closed.

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The SPEAKER took the Chair at 4.30 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

PROROGATION.

Black Rod appeared at the Bar at 4.33 o'clock, and in the name of His Excellency the Governor commanded the attendance of members of the Legislative Assembly forthwith in the Legislative Council Chamber, to hear His Excellency's reasons for proroguing Parliament.

Mr. Speaker and hon. members proceeded accordingly to the Council Chamber, where His Excellency was pleased to give assent to two other Bills of the Session which had been completed and passed. His Excellency then delivered an Address, proroguing Parliament to Tuesday, the 8th October [*vide* Council proceedings, *ante*].

The Session then closed.