

# Legislative Assembly

Thursday, 14 October 1982

The SPEAKER (Mr Thompson) took the Chair at 10.45 a.m., and read prayers.

## MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT: FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION

### *Personal Explanation*

MR McPHARLIN (Mt. Marshall) [10.49 a.m.]: I seek leave of the House to make a personal explanation.

Leave granted.

Mr McPHARLIN: I am extremely concerned about the inferences that have been drawn from remarks made by me on Tuesday last when speaking on the third reading of the Acts Amendment (Mining) Bill.

Following carefully studied consideration of the matter, and in a sincere desire to maintain the high regard in which I feel this House should be held by the community, I feel obliged to say that I did not intend to impute anything improper or illegal on the part of members of the House. If I have misled the House into an impression that I have evidence of a breach of parliamentary privilege or an offence under the Criminal Code, I claim that such an impression was given unwittingly. I am not prepared to use the privilege of the House to produce evidence of any such of-

fences, nor do I desire to have a prolonged inquiry either by a Parliamentary Select Committee—

Mr Tonkin: I bet you don't! You don't want an inquiry at all.

Mr McPHARLIN: —or by any other body. If any member of this House considers his reputation has been injured by my statement, I desire to withdraw and apologise. I made the remarks off the cuff, and at no time did I claim that any member had accepted any financial considerations; and I realise that different interpretations can be placed on my comments.

It is my sincere hope that now I have withdrawn and apologised, the House will accept my explanation in my sincere desire to act as a statesman, and will take no further action.

Government members: Hear, hear!

## ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE

### *Hansard Staff: Late Sitting*

MR O'CONNOR (Mt. Lawley) [10.52 a.m.]: In accordance with the discussion I had with the Leader of the Opposition this morning, it had been brought to my notice that the *Hansard* staff were working all night until seven o'clock this morning and because there is some difficulty with their carrying on during the day, I move—

That the House do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

*House adjourned at 10.53 a.m.*

