MR SPEAKER Good morning Honourable members, we commence with the Prayer of the Legislative Assembly -

Almighty God, we humbly beseech Thee to vouchsafe Thy blessings upon this House. Direct and prosper our deliberations to the advancement of Thy glory and the true welfare of the people of Norfolk Island, Amen.

MR SPEAKER Honourable Members, it is my intention unless the House directs me otherwise to suspend this morning's sitting until 12 noon Thursday 19 November 1998 to afford the Honourable Ric Ion-Robinson and the Honourable John Brown the opportunity to attend this sitting of the House. Both Ministers are unable to attend as their flight to the Island last evening from Sydney was diverted to Brisbane. They are expected to arrive later today.

AGREED

SPEAKER Honourable Members this House stands suspended until 12 noon on Thursday 19 November 1998