

**NORFOLK ISLAND
ELEVENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2005**

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1. Legislative Assembly met at 2.01 pm, the Speaker, Hon David E. Buffett AM, took the Chair and read the Prayer

2 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Mr Gardner, Chief Minister, moved –

THAT so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the House from only dealing with the matters listed on the Programme

Question put and agreed to on the voices in accordance with Standing Order 244, Mr John Brown and Mr Tim Brown being absent from the sitting

3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR MR NEVILLE CHRISTIAN MLA

Leave from attending the sitting was unanimously extended to Mr Neville Christian MLA

Mr John Brown and Mr Tim Brown joined the meeting

4 PROPOSAL TO AMEND STANDING ORDERS

Mr Gardner, Chief Minister, pursuant to notice, moved -

THAT this House resolves as follows:

1. That the motion of the House of 10 November 2004 appointing a Committee of Privileges be rescinded;
2. That Standing Order 18 be deleted and the following substituted:

“18. A Committee of Privileges shall be appointed as soon as practicable after the opening of a new House to –

- a) inquire into and report upon complaints of breach of privilege which may be referred to it by the House; and
- b) inquire into and report upon any matter referred to it under the Legislative Assembly (Register of Members' Interests) Act 2005.

The Committee to consist of three permanent members and an alternate member to act when a permanent member is unavailable due to illness; is off Island; or nominates to be absent due to a conflict of interest or some other reason.”.

3. That Standing Order 212 be amended by adding at the end –

“and when it is receiving evidence under the Legislative Assembly (Register of Members' Interests) Act 2004.”.

4. That Standing Order 213 be amended by adding at the end –

“except when the Committee is receiving evidence under the Legislative Assembly (Register of Members' Interests) Act 2004.”.

5. That Standing Order 214 be replaced by the following –

“The Committee may exclude Members, other than Members of the Committee, when –

- a) the House so authorises; or**
- b) It is receiving evidence under the Legislative Assembly (Register of Members' Interests) Act 2004.”**

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices, Mr John Brown abstaining

5 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES

Mr Gardner, Chief Minister, pursuant to notice, moved -

THAT this House pursuant to Standing Order 18 appoints –

**Geoffrey Robert Gardner
David Ernest Buffett
Timothy Sheridan,**

to be members of the Committee of Privileges Committee, and

Neville Charles Christian

as the alternate member

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices, Mr John Brown abstaining

6 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (REGISTER OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS) ACT 2004 – TABLING OF SPEAKER'S REPORT UNDER S. 11(11)

Under section 11(11) of the Legislative Assembly (Register of Members' Interests) Act 2004, the Speaker reported that nil complaints under the Act had been received in the 12 months to 30 June 2005

Paper: The Speaker tabled the Report

7 FIXING OF THE NEXT SITTING DAY

Mrs Jack moved -

THAT the House at its rising adjourn until Wednesday 19 October 2005 at 10 am

Question put and agreed to on the voices

8 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Sheridan moved -

THAT the House do now adjourn

Debate ensued with Chief Minister and Minister for the Environment participating

Question put and agreed to on the voices

AND THEN the House at 2.14 pm adjourned until Wednesday 19 October 2005 at 10 am

Robin-Eleanor Adams
Clerk to the Legislative Assembly

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present except Mr Christian, by leave