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NORFOLK ISLAND

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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NO. 9  
WEDNESDAY, 9 APRIL 1980

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- 1 The Assembly met, at 2 p.m. Mr. President (Hon. D.R. Buffett) took the Chair and read the Prayer.
- 2 CONDOLENCES: Mr Blucher (Deputy Chief Minister) referred to the deaths of Mr Alan Owens, Mr Thomas Buffett and Mrs Gladys Buffett.  
As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, all Members stood, in silence.
- 3 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice being asked -  
Paper: Mr Ryves, by leave, presented the following paper:  
Discovering Lord Howe Island, by Jean Edgecombe and Isobel Bennett.  
Questions without notice concluded.
- 4 DISTINGUISHED VISITORS: The Deputy President drew attention to the presence in the gallery of Mr A.V. Smith, a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria, Australia, and Mrs Smith. On behalf of the Assembly, the Deputy President extended to the visitors a warm welcome.
- 5 ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE: Answers to questions on notice Nos. 1 to 4, were given.
- 6 PACIFIC ISLAND CONFERENCE - STATEMENT BY CHIEF MINISTER: Mr Buffett (Chief Minister), by leave, made a statement on his attendance at the 1980 Pacific Island Conference and the relative position of Norfolk Island within the Conference. A question was asked relating to the statement.

- 7 VISIT OF AUSTRALIAN MINISTERS AND OFFICIALS - STATEMENT BY CHIEF MINISTER: Mr Buffett (Chief Minister), by leave, made a statement on the forthcoming visit to Norfolk Island of Mr Ellicott (Minister for Home Affairs) in May, of Mr Hunt (Minister for Transport) on Anniversary Day in June and of officials from the Department of Transport during April to inspect the Norfolk Island airport.
- 8 ACCOMMODATION FOR TOURISTS - STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Howard, by leave, made a statement relating to tourist accommodation on Norfolk Island.  
Questions were asked relating to the statement.
- 9 VISIT OF OFFICERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS - STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Howard, by leave, made a statement relating to a public briefing session held with officers of the Department of Foreign Affairs on the status of Norfolk Island within the South Pacific Region.  
Questions were asked relating to the statement.
- 10 FISHING AND RESEARCH VESSELS IN NORFOLK ISLAND WATERS - STATEMENT BY MEMBER: Mr Mackenzie, by leave, made a statement relating to a recent visit to Norfolk Island of a tuna research vessel and an incident involving an United States of America fishing boat observed within the 200 mile fishing zone.  
Questions were asked relating to the statement.
- 11 ORDINANCES REVISION (EXECUTIVE MEMBERS) BILL 1980: Mr Buffett (Chief Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend certain Ordinances and to enact consequential saving provisions, and moved - That the bill be agreed to in principle.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Williams), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 12 REFERENDUM BILL 1980: Mr Howard, pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Referendum Ordinance 1964, and moved - That the bill be agreed to in principle.  
Debate adjourned (Mr Williams), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 INTERPRETATION BILL 1980: Resumption of debate on the question - That the bill be agreed to in principle - Debate resumed.  
Motion agreed to unanimously.  
Leave granted to dispense with the detail stage.  
Mr Buffett (Chief Minister) moved - That the bill be agreed to.  
Bill agreed to unanimously.
- 14 ANIMAL CONTROL - STATEMENT BY MEMBER - PAPER NOTED:  
Resumption of debate on the question - That the House take note of the paper, viz. -  
Animal control - Statement, 11 March 1980.  
Debate resumed.  
Motion agreed to unanimously.
- 15 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY BILL 1980: Resumption of debate on the question - That the bill be agreed to in principle - Debate resumed.  
Motion agreed to unanimously.

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Detail stage:

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole -

Mr Nunn moved - That the debate be now adjourned.

Question - put.

The Assembly voted -

AYES, 2

Mr Blucher

Mr Nunn

NOES, 6

Mr Buffett

Mr Howard

Mr Jackson

Mr Mackenzie

Mr Ryves

Mr Williams

Motion negatived.



Mr Williams, by leave, moved the following amendments together:

Page 4, clause 5, proposed sub-paragraph 20(3)(b)(i), omit the sub-paragraph, substitute the following sub-paragraph:

"(i) place a cross in the squares opposite the names of the candidates for whom he wishes to vote and, if 5 or more members are to be elected, place crosses in not less than 5 squares and not more than the number of candidates to be elected; and".

Page 5, clause 6, proposed paragraph 33(3)(a), after "is" insert ", in the case of a general election a minimum of 5 but no more than".

Page 9, sub-clause 12(1), proposed paragraph, omit the last sentence, substitute the following: "If 5 or more members are to be elected, you need not mark your ballot-papers for any more than 5 candidates but should you so desire you can mark your vote for as many candidates as are to be elected."

Page 9, sub-clause 12(2), proposed paragraph, omit the last sentence, substitute the following: "If 5 or more members are to be elected, you need not mark your ballot-papers for any more than 5 candidates but should you so desire you can mark your vote for as many candidates as are to be elected."

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Mr Howard), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

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DAY OF NEXT MEETING: Mr Mackenzie moved - That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday, 7 May 1980, at 2 p.m. Motion agreed to unanimously.

17       ADJOURNMENT: Mr Nunn moved - That the House do now  
          adjourn.

          Debate ensued.

          Motion agreed to unanimously.

And then the House, at 4.17 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday,  
7 May 1980, at 2 p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present except Mr McIntyre  
                  (on leave).

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J.W. PENDER  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly