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NORFOLK ISLAND

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

NO. 11

WEDNESDAY, 4 JUNE 1980

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- 1 The Assembly met, at 2 p.m. Mr President (Hon. D.E. Buffett) took the Chair and read the Prayer.
 - 2 QUESTIONS.
 - 3 PAPERS: Mr Buffett (Chief Minister) presented the following papers:
 - Visit of the Minister for Home Affairs, the Hon. R.J. Ellicott, Q.,C.,M.P. - Transcript of meeting with Members of the Legislative Assembly, 5 May 1980.
 - Management plan - Kingston and Arthurs Vale Historic Area, Norfolk Island - Volumes 1 and 2.
 - 4 MESSAGES FROM ADMINISTRATOR: Messages from the Administrator, dated 2 June 1980, were reported -
 - (a) notifying assent to the Public Account Expenditure Bill 1980 (Act No. 5 of 1980) - Message No. 7;
 - (b) notifying assent by the Governor-General to the Ordinances Revision Bill 1980 (Act No. 6 of 1980) - Message No. 8, and
 - (c) notifying that the Legislative Assembly Bill 1980 and the Ordinances Revision (Executive Members) Bill 1980 had been reserved for the Governor-General's pleasure - Message No. 9.

- 5 MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATOR - PUBLIC ACCOUNT EXPENDITURE BILL 1980-81: Message No. 10, dated 3 June 1980, from the Administrator was announced recommending the making of a Public Account Expenditure Bill 1980-81. Mr Buffett (Chief Minister) presented a Bill for an Act to authorize Expenditure from the Public Account of Norfolk Island for the Financial Year ending on 30 June 1981, and moved - That the bill be agreed to in principle.
Debate ensued.
Paper: Mr Buffett presented the following paper:
Budget 1980-81 - Statement of proposed expenditure.
Debate adjourned (Mr Howard), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 6 CUSTOMS AMENDMENT BILL 1980: Mr Buffett (Chief Minister) presented a Bill for an Act relating to Customs, and moved - That the Bill be agreed to in principle.
Debate adjourned (Mr McIntyre), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 7 MOTOR VEHICLES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980: Mr Buffett (Chief Minister) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a fee for the transfer of registration of a motor vehicle, 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.
- 8 POST AND TELEGRAPH (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980: Mr Buffett (Chief Minister) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Post and Telegraph Ordinance 1957, and moved - That the Bill be agreed to in principle.
Debate adjourned (Mr Ryves), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 9 LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) ACT 1980: Mr Buffett (Chief Minister) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Liquor Ordinance 1960, and moved - That the Bill be agreed to in principle.
Debate adjourned (Mr Nunn), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 10 DEPARTURE FEE BILL 1980: Mr Buffett (Chief Minister) presented a Bill for an Act to impose a fee on certain persons departing from Norfolk Island, and moved - That the Bill be agreed to in principle.
Debate adjourned (Mr Mackenzie), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 11 PROBATE AND ADMINISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980: Mr Buffett (Chief Minister) presented a Bill for an Act relating to charges for the administration of the estate of deceased persons and moved - That the Bill be agreed to in principle.
Debate adjourned (Mr Ryves), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

- 12 COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980: Mr Buffett (Chief Minister) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Companies Ordinance 1926, and moved - That the Bill be agreed to in principle.
Debate adjourned (Mr McIntyre), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 13 LAND (SUB-DIVISION) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980: Mr Blucher (Deputy Chief Minister) presented a Bill for an Act to increase fees in respect of an application for approval to sub-divide land, and moved - That the Bill be agreed to in principle.
Debate adjourned (Mr Ryves), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 14 DOGS REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980: Mr Blucher (Deputy Chief Minister) presented a Bill for an Act to increase fees payable in respect of the registration of dogs, and moved - That the Bill be agreed to in principle.
Debate adjourned (Mr Nunn), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 15 CONVEYANCING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980: Mr Blucher (Deputy Chief Minister) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Conveyancing Ordinance 1913, and moved - That the Bill be agreed to in principle.
Debate adjourned (Mr Nunn), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 16 LANDS RETURN: Mr Williams, pursuant to notice, moved - That this House is of the opinion that the Executive should commence negotiations with the Department of Home Affairs to return to the Administration of Norfolk Island all lands purchased out of the Island's Revenue Fund.
Debate ensued.
Motion agreed to unanimously.
- 17 NORFOLK ISLAND GOVERNMENT TOURIST BUREAU BILL 1980:
Resumption of debate on the question - That the Bill be agreed to in principle -
Debate resumed.
Motion agreed to unanimously.

Detail stage:

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole -
Mr McIntyre, by leave, moved the following amendments together:
(1) Omit clauses 2 to 20, substitute new clauses 2 to 21 (as circulated to Members), and
(2) Omit the long title, substitute: "An Act to establish the Norfolk Island Government Tourist Bureau and for related purposes".

Mr Howard moved - That the debate be now adjourned.
 Motion agreed to - Mr McIntyre abstaining.
 Resumption of the debate made an order of the day
 for the next sitting.

- 18 PROBATE AND ADMINISTRATION 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 McIntyre moved - That the bill be agreed to.
 Bill agreed to unanimously.

- 19 DAY OF NEXT MEETING: Mr Jackson moved - That the House,
 at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday, 18 June 1980,
 at 2 p.m.
 Motion agreed to unanimously.

- 20 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Howard moved - That the House do now
 adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Motion agreed to unanimously.
 And then the House, at 3.47 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday,
 18 June 1980, at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present.

C.E. BORROWMAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly