

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

NO. 9

THIRD ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 1983

1 The Assembly met at 10.04 a.m. Mr. President (Hon. D.E. Buffett) took the Chair and read the Prayer.

2 BUSINESS

Mr. Bates (Minister for Finance) moved -

"That this meeting of the House should not deal with any business other than condolences, messages from the office of the Administrator, the report of the Committee appointed to compile detail to make representation to the task force conducting a review of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 and any motions arising out of that report, the next day of sitting and adjournment".

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

3 MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATOR

Messages were reported from the office of the Administrator as follows -

- that on 4 November 1983 the Administrator assented to the Customs (Amendment) Act 1983;
- that on 4 November 1983 the Administrator reserved for the Governor-General's pleasure -
 - the Medical Practitioners Registration Bill 1983
 - the Immigration Bill 1980
 - the Immigration (Consequential Amendments) Bill 1983.
- that on 3 November 1983 the Governor-General assented to -
 - the Departure Fee (Amendment) Act 1983
 - the Public Works Levy (Amendment) Act 1983
 - the Public Works Levy (Amendment)(No. 2) Act 1983
 - the Absentee Landowners Levy (Amendment) Act 1983.

4 PRESENTATION OF REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO COMPILE DETAIL TO MAKE REPRESENTATION TO THE TASK FORCE CONDUCTING A REVIEW OF THE RACIAL DISCRIMINATION ACT 1975

Mr. Jackson (Minister for Immigration and Lands) tabled the report of the Committee appointed to compile detail to make representation to the task force conducting a review of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975.

Mr. Jackson (Minister for Immigration and Lands) moved -

"That this House approves the draft submission tabled by the Minister for Immigration and Lands as a submission to be made by that Minister on behalf of this House to the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Task Force on Human Rights in relation to the Racial Discrimination Act 1975".

Debate ensued.

Mr. Brown moved -

"That debate be adjourned until 2 p.m. on 15 November 1983".

Question put.
The House voted -

Ayes, 1

NOES, 7

Mr. Brown

Mr. D. Buffett
Mr. Bates
Mr. Page
Miss Buffett
Mr. Jackson
Mr. A. Buffett
Mr. Sanders

Motion negatived.

Mr. Brown moved -

"That the draft report be amended by deleting the following words from page 1 paragraph 1 of the report -

'It is sufficient for present purposes to accept that it is a Territory under the authority of the Commonwealth of Australia (Norfolk Island Act 1979 s.5)'."

Debate ensued.

Question, that the amendment be agreed, put.

The House voted -

AYES, 1

Mr. Brown

NOES, 7

Mr. D. Buffett
Mr. Bates
Mr. Page
Miss Buffett
Mr. Jackson
Mr. A. Buffett
Mr. Sanders

Amendment negatived.

Mr. Brown moved -

"That the draft report be amended on page 6 by adding, after paragraph 6, a new paragraph headed 'Addendum' as follows -

'The Assembly is aware that the Society of Descendants of the Pitcairn Settlers intends making a submission to the Task Force and that such submission includes an opinion dated 4 November 1983 from Mr. R.K.R. Alston of Owen Dickson Chambers Melbourne. The Assembly requests that the Task Force give its earnest attention to the opinion and to the Society's submission' ".

Debate ensued.

Question, that the amendment be agreed, put.

The House voted -

AYES, 2

Mr. A. Buffett
Mr. Brown

ABSTENTIONS, 1

Mr. Bates

NOES, 5

Mr. D. Buffett
Mr. Page
Miss Buffett
Mr. Jackson
Mr. Sanders

Amendment negatived.

Question, that the motion be agreed, put.

The House voted -

AYES, 4

Mr. D. Buffett
Mr. Bates
Miss Buffett
Mr. Jackson

ABSTENTIONS, 1

Mr. A. Buffett

NOES, 3

Mr. Page
Mr. Brown
Mr. Sanders

Motion agreed.

5 DAY OF NEXT SITTING

Miss Buffett (Minister for Social Services and Primary Industry) moved -

"That this House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday, 7 December 1983 at 10 a.m."

Question put.
Motion agreed to unanimously.

6 LEAVE OF ABSENCE - MRS REED

Leave of absence was granted for Mrs Reed (Minister for Community Services) to be absent from this sitting of the House.

7 ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Jackson (Minister for Immigration and Lands) moved -

"That the House do now adjourn".

Debate ensued.
Question put.
Motion agreed to unanimously.

AND THEN the House at 12.07 p.m. adjourned until Wednesday 7 December 1983 at 10 a.m.

(ROBIN E. GRAHAM)
Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MEMBERS PRESENT: All members, except Mrs Reed, by leave, were present.