

1986
NORFOLK ISLAND
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
NO. 24
WEDNESDAY 7 MAY 1986

1 The Assembly met at 10.02 a.m. Mr. President (Hon. D.E. Buffett) took the Chair and read the prayer.

2 CONDOLENCES

Mrs Reed (Deputy President) referred to the death of-

Thomas Ferguson Patterson
Charlotte Bailey
Amy Joycelin

As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all members stood in silence.

3 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

4 PAPERS

The following papers were presented to the House:

(a) Mr. Bates (Minister for Finance) - Financial report for Minister for Finance for nine months ended March 1986 and Financial Report for quarter ended 31 March 1986.

Mr. Howard moved -

THAT the House take note of the paper.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

(2) Mr. Page (Minister for Tourism and Lands) - Norfolk Island Government Tourist Bureau - Tourist arrivals - April 1986.

5 STATEMENTS, BY LEAVE

(1) Mrs Reed (Minister for Community Services) made a statement in respect of the water and sewerage proposal.

Mr. Howard moved -

That the House take note of the statement.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

- (2) Mr. Page (Minister for Tourism and Lands) made a statement concerning shipping services to Norfolk Island including matters under consideration by the Maritime Committee, including the proposal to commission the construction of a new launch.
- (3) Mr. D. Buffett (Chief Minister) made a statement regarding computerisation within various branches of the Norfolk Island Administration.
- (4) Mr. D. Buffett (Chief Minister) made a statement in respect of the Enactments Reprinting programme currently being undertaken by the Norfolk Island Administration.
- (5) Mr. D. Buffett (Chief Minister) made a statement advising of proposed activities in respect to the Norfolk Island National Park and Phillip Island rabbit eradication and flora regeneration programme.

Mr. Brown moved -

THAT the House take note of the statement.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

- (6) Miss Buffett (Minister for Social Services & Primary Industry) made a statement concerning proposed increases in pensioner related benefits.

Mr. Sanders moved -

THAT the House take note of the statement

Debate ensued.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

6 EMPLOYMENT BILL 1986

Resumption of debate on question - That the Bill be agreed to in principle.

Debate resumed.

Mr. Sanders moved -

THAT the debate be adjourned.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

7. STATUTE LAW (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS)(NO. 1) BILL 1986

Resumption of debate on question - That the Bill be agreed to in principle.

Question put.

Bill agreed to in principle unanimously.

Leave granted to dispense with the detail stage.

Mrs Reed (Minister for Community Services) moved -

THAT the Bill be agreed to

Question put.

Bill agreed to unanimously.

8. STATUTE LAW (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS)(NO. 2) BILL 1986

Resumption of debate on question - That the Bill be agreed to in principle.

Question put.

Bill agreed to in principle unanimously.

Leave granted to dispense with the detail stage.

Mrs Reed (Minister for Community Services) moved -

THAT the Bill be agreed to

Question put.

Bill agreed to unanimously.

9. STATUTE LAW (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS)(NO. 3) BILL 1986

Resumption of debate on question - That the Bill be agreed to in principle.

Question put.

Bill agreed to in principle unanimously.

Leave granted to dispense with the detail stage.

Mrs Reed (Minister for Community Services) moved -

THAT the Bill be agreed to

Question put.

Bill agreed to unanimously.

10. POLICE OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986

Resumption of debate on question - That the Bill be agreed to in principle.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

Bill agreed to unanimously.

Detail stage:

- . Clauses 1 to 3 inclusive - agreed to unanimously.
- . Schedule:
 - . Proposed amendment to section 9 - debate ensued. Amendment agreed to.
 - . Proposed amendments to sections 10, 18, 20(2), 20(3), 21, 22, 23 and 24 agreed to unanimously.
 - . Proposed amendment to section 24A(1) - debate ensued. Amendment put and agreed to unanimously.
 - . Proposed amendment to section 24A(2) agreed to unanimously.
 - . Proposed amendment to section 25 - debate ensued. By leave, Mr. Brown moved -

THAT the proposed amendment to section 25 be omitted and the following substituted:

"Omit '\$10', substitute '3.75 penalty units'"

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House voted -

AYES, 3

Miss Buffett
Mr Howard
Mr Brown

NOES, 6

Mr D. Buffett
Mrs Reed
Mr Bates
Mr Page
Mr A. Buffett
Mr Sanders

Motion negatived.

Remainder of Schedule agreed to (Mr Howard and Mr Brown dissenting).

Remainder of Bill agreed to.

Mrs Reed (Minister for Community Services) moved -

THAT the Bill be agreed to.

Question put.

The House voted -

AYES, 7

Mr D. Buffett
Mrs Reed
Mr Bates
Mr Page
Miss Buffett
Mr A. Buffett
Mr Sanders

NOES, 1

Mr Howard

ABSTENTIONS, 1

Mr Brown

11. REGISTRATION OF BULLS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986

Resumption of debate on question -

THAT the Bill be agreed to in principle.

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

THAT the debate be adjourned.

Question put.

Motion agreed to unanimously.

12. DEPARTURE FEE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986

Resumption of debate on question -

THAT the Bill be agreed to in principle.

Question put.

Bill agreed to in principle unanimously.

DETAIL STAGE:

Clauses 1 and 2 - agreed to unanimously.

Proposed amendment to Clause 3 agreed to unanimously.

Clause 3 as amended agreed to unanimously.

Bill as amended agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

Bill as amended, agreed to (Mr Page dissenting).

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mr A. Buffett moved -

THAT this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

Motion agreed unanimously.

AND THEN the House at 1.32 pm adjourned.

ROBIN GRAHAM
Clerk to the Legislative Assembly

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present.