

NORFOLK ISLAND
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
5 MAY 1997

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- 1 The Legislative Assembly met at 10.00 am for the dispatch of business pursuant to notice by the Administrator, Robin Eleanor Adams, Clerk to the Legislative Assembly, and Rosemarie Gaye Evans, Deputy Clerk, attending according to their duty. The said notice was read by the Clerk as follows:

"I, Alan Gardner, Kerr, Administrator of Norfolk Island, under subsection 40(2) of the Norfolk Island Act 1979, convene a meeting of the Legislative Assembly of Norfolk Island, being the first meeting of the Eighth Assembly, to be held at the Legislative Assembly Chambers, Kingston, on Monday, 5 May 1997 at 10.00 am.

Dated this 1 day of May 1997:

Sgd A G Kerr
Administrator

- 2 Prayers were read by Reverend Peter Dillon

3 **RETURN TO THE WRIT FOR THE ELECTION**

The Clerk read and laid on the Table the return to the writ for the election of the Legislative Assembly held on 30 April 1997 which showed that the following Members had been elected:

George Charles Smith
David Ernest Buffett
John Terence Brown
James Gary Robertson
Cedric Newton Ion-Robinson
Geoffrey Robert Gardner
Ronald Coane Nobbs
Robert Eric Adams
Brian George Bates

4 **OATHS OR AFFIRMATIONS BY MEMBERS**

The Members present made and subscribed an oath or affirmation of allegiance and an oath or affirmation of office before His Honour the Administrator as required by law.

- 5 **ELECTION OF SPEAKER**
Mr Brown, addressing himself to the Clerk, moved -
THAT George Charles Smith be elected Speaker and do now take the Chair as Speaker.

Mr Smith informed the House that he accepted nomination

There being no further proposals the Clerk declared Mr Smith to be the Speaker

Mr Smith presented himself to His Honour the Administrator and took the Chair

- 6 **ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER**
Mr Robertson moved -

THAT David Ernest Buffett be elected to be Deputy Speaker

Mr Buffett informed the House that he accepted nomination.

There being no further proposals Mr Buffett was elected Deputy Speaker

- 7 **ADDRESS BY HIS HONOUR THE ADMINISTRATOR**
At the invitation of the Speaker, His Honour the Administrator addressed the Assembly and presented the original of his Address to the Speaker

- 8 **ADDRESS IN REPLY**
The Speaker replied to the Address to the Assembly by His Honour the Administrator and presented the original of his Reply to the Administrator

- 9 **SUSPENSION OF SITTING**
The Speaker suspended the sitting of the House and with His Honour the Administrator and Mrs Kerr left the Assembly Chamber

- 10 **RESUMPTION OF SITTING**
The Speaker took the Chair and resumed the sitting

- 11 **CONDOLENCES**
Mr Buffett recorded the death of -

David Francis Greenham

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

- 12 **MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR**
The Speaker reported the following Messages from the Office of the Administrator:

Message 112 dated 23 April 1997 from the Administrator advising that on 23 April 1997 he declared his assent to the Healthcare Amendment Act 1997

Message 113 dated 24 April 1997 from the Administrator advising that on 16 April 1997, His Excellency the Governor-General declared his assent to the Public Reserves Act 1997 and the Public Reserves (Consequential Provisions) Act 1997

13 EXECUTIVE OFFICES

Mr Bates moved -

That under section 12 of the Norfolk Island Act 1979 -

- a) all previous resolutions under that section be revoked;
- b) there be 4 executive offices; and
- c) these offices have the following designations:

Chief Minister and Minister for Finance and Strategic Planning;
Minister for Tourism and Commerce
Minister for Community and Resource Management
Minister for Health and Immigration

Question put and agreed to unanimously

14 APPOINTMENTS TO EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Mr Gardner moved -

THAT George Charles Smith be chosen to be Chief Minister and Minister for Finance and Strategic Planning and that the Administrator be advised accordingly

Question put and agreed to unanimously

Mr Robinson moved -

THAT John Terence Brown be chosen to be Minister for Health and Immigration and that the Administrator be advised accordingly

Question put and agreed to unanimously

Mr Nobbs moved -

THAT James Gary Robertson be chosen to be Minister for Tourism and Commerce and that the Administrator be advised accordingly

Question put and agreed to unanimously

Mr Gardner moved

THAT Cedric Newton Ion-Robinson be chosen to be Minister for Community and Resource Management and that the Administrator be advised accordingly

Question put and agreed to unanimously

15 **FIXING OF NEXT SITTING DAY**
Mr Bates moved -

**THAT the House at its rising adjourn until Wednesday 21 May 1997
at 10 am**

Question put and agreed to unanimously

16 **ADJOURNMENT**
Mr Smith moved -

THAT the House do now adjourn

Question put and agreed to unanimously

**AND THEN the House at 10.35 am adjourned until Wednesday 21 May 1997
at 10 am**

ROBIN ELEANOR ADAMS
Clerk to the Legislative Assembly

Members Present: All Members were present