

**NORFOLK ISLAND
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
20 OCTOBER 1999**

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1 The Legislative Assembly met at 10.03 am. The Speaker (Hon G C Smith) took the chair and read the Prayer

2 **CONDOLENCES**

Mr Buffett recorded the death of -

Florence Joan Nola

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

3 **NEW MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

The Speaker welcomed back Mr Ron Nobbs MLA as a Member of the Legislative Assembly and tabled for the record the following:

Papers:

- **The Return to the Writ declaring that Ronald Coane Nobbs was elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly;**
- **A copy of my authority from the Administrator to administer oaths and affirmations under section 32 of the Norfolk Island Act 1979;**
- **The oath of allegiance and the oath of office sworn by Mr Ron Nobbs before me on 14 October 1999; and**
- **The Attestation by me as Speaker to the swearing of these oaths**

4. **GIVING OF NOTICES**

Mr Buffett gave notice of his intention at a future sitting of the House to bring forward a motion, or amendment to legislation if appropriate, to limit the time frame for appeals in the electoral process to achieve a realistic association between the time of the election and any difficulties it may hold and the time of any appeal

5 **QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

Acting Deputy Speaker Bates took the Chair at 10.15 am

The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 10.24 am

6 **LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR MR JOHN BROWN MLA**

Leave from the sitting was unanimously extended to Mr Brown

7 VISITORS TO THE PUBLIC GALLERY

The Deputy Speaker welcomed to the Chamber Members of the Norfolk Island Youth Assembly who were accompanied by School Teachers Mr Peter Langley and Mrs Trish Magri. The Norfolk Island Youth Assembly is a newly formed body made up of representatives from Years 7 through to 10 at the Norfolk Island Central School who have a particularly keen interest in Norfolk Island environmental issues. It is proposed the Youth Assembly will meet once a month during School term in the Assembly Chamber

8 PRESENTATION OF PAPERS

The following papers were presented to the House:

- 1) Mr Robertson (Minister for Tourism and Commerce) - Inbound Passenger Statistics September 1999
Mr Robertson moved –

THAT the House take note of the paper

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

- 2) Mr Smith (Chief Minister) –
 - Financial indicators as at June 1999
 - Financial indicators as at September 1999

9 STATEMENTS

- 1) Mr Robertson (Minister for Tourism and Commerce) reported that the Satellite Landing System SLS-2000 commissioned in 1998 was now installed and ready to operate at the Norfolk Island Airport, subject to completion of the formal approval processes by Airservices Australia. The Norfolk Island Airport is the world's first International Airport to make operational use of the Satellite Global Positioning System to assist aircraft with precision landings.

Mr Nobbs moved –

THAT the House take note of the statement

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

- 2) Mr Smith (Chief Minister) briefed the House on the current position with the new transmission services for FM radio and Channel 7 television

10 MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Deputy Speaker reported **Message 151** from the Administrator advising that on 29 September 1999 he declared his assent to the Customs Amendment Act 1999, Statutes Amendment (Fees) (No. 2) Act 1999, Firearms Amendment (No. 2) Act 1999, Bookmakers Amendment Act 1999 and the Gaming Amendment Act 1999

11 COURT OF PETTY SESSIONS ACT 1960 – APPOINTMENT OF PERSON FOR PURPOSES OF SECTION 73 OF ACT

Mr Gardner (Minister for Health), pursuant to notice, moved -

THAT this House approves, for the purposes of section 73 of the *Court of Petty Sessions Act 1960*, the appointment of Patricia Cowles as the person to whom will be transmitted all information, examinations, depositions, statements, recognisances and other documents sworn, taken or acknowledged in a case

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

12 EMPLOYMENT ACT 1988 – INTENTION TO RE-APPOINT A PERSON TO EMPLOYMENT CONCILIATION BOARD

Mr Robertson (Minister for Tourism and Commerce), pursuant to notice, moved –

THAT for the purposes of section 65 of the *Employment Act 1988*, this House resolves to re-appoint John Hughes to the Employment Conciliation Board for the period 19 November 1999 to 18 November 2001

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

13 STATUTES AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL 1999 - DECLARATION OF URGENCY

The Deputy Speaker reported that the Business Committee under standing order 158 had determined that the Bill be dealt with through all stages

14 STATUTES AMENDMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL 1999

Mr Smith (Chief Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Firearms Act 1997* and the *Interpretation Act 1979* and moved –

THAT the Bill be agreed to in principle

Debate ensued

Question put

Bill agreed to in principle on the voices

Leave granted to dispense with the detail stage

Mr Smith moved –

THAT the Bill be agreed to

Question put

Bill agreed to on the voices

15 SOCIAL SERVICES ACT 1980 – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

Mr Gardner (Minister for Health), by leave, moved –

THAT for the purposes of section 5(1) of the *Social Services Act 1980*, this House resolves to choose Ronald Coane Nobbs as a Member of this House to be a member of the Norfolk Island Social Services Board

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

16 GAMING SUPERVISION AMENDMENT (NO. 2) BILL 1999

At the request of Mr Gardner (Minister for Health), leave granted to not call on this order of the day

17 CONVEYANCING AMENDMENT BILL 1999

Debate resumed (Mr Smith, Chief Minister) on the question – That the Bill be agreed to in principle

Question put

Bill agreed to in principle on the voices

Leave granted to dispense with the detail stage

Mr Smith moved –

THAT the Bill be agreed to

Question put

Bill agreed to on the voices

18 STATUTES (FEES REMISSION) BILL 1999

Debate resumed (Mr Smith, Chief Minister) on the question – That the Bill be agreed to in principle

Question put

Bill agreed to in principle on the voices

Leave granted to dispense with the detail stage

Mr Smith moved –

THAT the Bill be agreed to

Question put

Bill agreed to on the voices

Acting Deputy Speaker Gardner took the Chair at 11.52 am

19 PUBLIC SECTOR MANAGEMENT BILL 1999

Debate resumed (Mr Smith, Chief Minister) on the question – That the Bill be agreed to in principle

Mr Nobbs moved –

THAT the debate be adjourned and the resumption of debate made an Order of the Day for a subsequent day of sitting

Question put

The House voted –

AYES, 5	NOES, 3
Mr Smith	Mr Robertson
Mr Buffett	Mr Gardner
Mr Bates	Mr Ion-Robinson
Mr McCoy	
Mr Nobbs	

Motion agreed to

- 20 STATUTES AMENDMENT (PUBLIC SECTOR MANAGEMENT) BILL 1999**
Debate adjourned (Mr Smith, Chief Minister) on the question - That the Bill be agreed to in principle

- 21 FIXING OF NEXT SITTING DAY**

Mr Nobbs moved -

THAT the House at its rising adjourn until Wednesday 17 November 1999 at 10 am

Debate ensued

Mr Ion-Robinson (Minister for Immigration and Resource Management) moved –

THAT the date be changed to 3 November 1999

Question put

The House voted –

AYES, 3	NOES, 5
Mr Smith	Mr Buffett
Mr Robertson	Mr Bates
Mr Ion-Robinson	Mr Gardner
	Mr McCoy
	Mr Nobbs

Amendment negatived

Question – That the motion be agreed to – put and agreed to on the voices

- 22 ADJOURNMENT**

Mr Bates moved -

THAT the House do now adjourn

Debate ensued, Mr Ion-Robinson and Mr Smith participating

Question put and agreed to on the voices

AND THEN the House 1.34 pm adjourned until Wednesday 17 November 1999 at 10 am

Robin-Eleanor Adams
Clerk to the Legislative Assembly

Members Present: All Members were present Mr Brown, by leave