

**NORFOLK ISLAND  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
5 JANUARY 2000**

**NORF'K AILEN  
DIISEM MENETS LARNEN WATHING HAEPN  
INAA  
IETH LEJESLIETEW 'SEMBLE  
5 JAENYUWERI 2000**

**1** The Legislative Assembly met at 4.03 pm The Speaker (Mr George Smith MLA) took the Chair and read the Prayer

**2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR MR DAVID E. BUFFETT AM MLA**  
Leave was unanimously extended to Mr Buffett AM, MLA.

**3 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**  
Mr Gardner (Minister for Health) moved -

**THAT so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the House from dealing only with the matters set out in the Programme**

Question put and agreed to on the voices

**4 TABLING OF REGULATIONS**  
Mr Gardner (Minister for Health), in accordance with section 41 of the Interpretation Act 1979, tabled the Bookmakers (RSL Race Days) Regulations 1999

**5 MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR**  
The Speaker reported Message No. 155 from the Administrator advising that on 30 December 1999 he declared his assent to the Bookmakers Amendment (No. 3) Act 1999 and the Telecommunications Amendment Act 1999

**6 REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO INQUIRE INTO ALLEGATIONS OF POLITICAL INTERFERENCE AND INTIMIDATION**  
Mr Gardner (Minister for Health) tabled the Report of the Committee and moved –

**THAT –**

- **The Report tabled by the Select Committee in the House on 5 January 2000 be printed**
- **The written evidence tendered to the Select Committee be printed and circulated to Members of the Legislative Assembly and to remain confidential to Members of the Legislative Assembly**
- **The transcript of proceedings remain in camera**

Debate ensued

Mr Gardner moved –

**THAT in accordance with Standing Order 72A strangers be excluded and broadcasting be suspended**

Question put

The House voted –

**AYES, 6**

**Mr Smith**

**Mr Bates**

**Mr Robertson**

**Mr Gardner**

**Mr McCoy**

**Mr Nobbs**

**NOES, 1**

**Mr Brown**

**ABSTENTIONS, 1**

**Mr Ion-Robinson**

Motion agreed to

Strangers were excluded and broadcasting was suspended

The Clerk circulated the Report of the Committee

Mr Gardner read into Hansard –

- The Chairman’s Foreword
- The Findings of the Committee

Debate ensued

**Acting Deputy Speaker Bates took the Chair at 4.35 pm**

Mr Brown moved the following amendment:

**THAT all words after “THAT” be deleted and the following substituted:**

- **The Report be noted**
- **Written evidence tendered to the Select Committee be printed and circulated to Members of the Legislative Assembly and to remain confidential to Members of the Legislative Assembly**
- **A copy of pages 8 to 11 inclusive of the Report be printed in the Norfolk Island Government Gazette**
- **Transcript of proceedings remain in camera**

Debate ensued

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

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

Mr Brown moved –

**THAT standing order 72A be suspended to allow discussion to continue in open forum**

Question put and agreed to on the voices

Broadcasting resumed and strangers were readmitted

Mr Robertson (Minister for Tourism and Commerce) moved –

**THAT the Chairman of the Select Committee read into Hansard pages 8 to 10 of the Select Committee's Findings so that the public is made aware of those Findings**

Question put and agreed to on the voices

The Chairman read the Committee's Findings at pages 8 to 10 inclusive of the Report.

**The Speaker took the Chair at 5.05 pm**

Mr Bates sought leave to move a motion in respect of the Recommendations of the Report of the Select Committee

Leave was denied on the voices

**7 FIXING OF NEXT SITTING DAY**

Mr McCoy moved -

**THAT the House at its rising adjourn until Wednesday 9 February 2000 at 10 am**

Mr Bates proposed that that the date and time be amended to Monday 10 January 2000 at 2.00 pm

Debate ensued

By agreement the motion of Mr McCoy was amended to reflect the date proposed by Mr Bates

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

**8 ADJOURNMENT**

Mr Robertson (Minister for Tourism and Commerce) moved –

**THAT the House do now adjourn**

Question put and agreed to on the voices

**AND THEN the House at 5.08 pm adjourned until Monday 10 January 2000 at 2.00 pm**

**Robin-Eleanor Adams**  
**Clerk to the Legislative Assembly**

**Members Present:** All Members were present except Mr Buffett, by leave