

**NORFOLK ISLAND
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
NINTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
28 FEBRUARY 2000**

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- 1 The Legislative Assembly met at 10.00 am on 28 February 2000 for the dispatch of business pursuant to a notice (hereinafter set forth) from 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:

“I, Anthony John Messner, Administrator of Norfolk Island, under subsection 40(2) of the *Norfolk Island Act 1979*, do by this notice convene a meeting of the Legislative Assembly of Norfolk Island, being the first meeting of the Ninth Assembly, to be held at the Legislative Assembly Chambers, Kingston, on Monday 28 February 2000 at 10 am

Dated 25 February 2000.

Sgd A.J. Messner
Administrator”

2 **PRAYER**

Prayers were read by Reverend Ian Hadfield

3 **RETURN TO WRIT FOR ELECTION**

The Clerk read and laid on the Table the Return to the Writ for the election of the Legislative Assembly held on 23 February 2000 which showed that the following Members had been elected:

**Ronald Coane Nobbs
Geoffrey Robert Gardner
Adrian George Hingston Cook, QC
George Charles Smith
David Ernest Buffett
Alan John McCoy
Bruce Stanley Walker
Brian George Bates
John Terence Brown**

4 **OATHS BY MEMBERS**

The Members, whose names are set forth above, made and subscribed an oath of allegiance and an oath of office before His Honour the Administrator as required by law

5 ELECTION OF SPEAKER

Mr Cook, QC moved –

THAT David Ernest Buffett be chosen as Speaker and do now take the Chair

Mr Buffett informed the House that he accepted nomination

There being no further proposals, the Clerk declared Mr Buffett to have been elected Speaker

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

6 ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER

Mr Bates moved –

THAT Alan John McCoy be elected Deputy Speaker

Mr McCoy informed the House that he accepted nomination

There being no further proposals, the Speaker declared Mr McCoy to have been elected Deputy Speaker

7 ADDRESS BY HIS HONOUR THE ADMINISTRATOR

At the invitation of the Speaker, His Honour the Administrator addressed the Assembly

8 ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Speaker replied to the Address to the Assembly by His Honour the Administrator

The Administrator and the Speaker exchanged copies of their respective speeches

9 SUSPENSION OF SITTING

The Speaker suspended the sitting of the House and with His Honour the Administrator left the Assembly Chamber

10 RESUMPTION OF SITTING

The Speaker took the Chair and resumed the sitting.

11 MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Speaker reported the following Message from the Office of the Administrator:

Message No. 1 from the Administrator advising that on 11 February 2000 he declared his assent to the Legislative Assembly Amendment Act 2000, the Companies Amendment Act 2000, the Employment Amendment Act 2000 and the Employment Amendment (No. 2) Act 2000

12 EXECUTIVE OFFICES

Mr Nobbs moved –

THAT –

- 1. All previous resolutions under that section be revoked;**
- 2. There be 4 executive offices; and**

3. These offices have the following designations:

**Chief Minister and Minister for Finance and Government Services
 Minister for Health and Environment
 Minister for Immigration and Community Services
 Minister for Tourism and Commerce**

Mr Brown by leave moved the following amendment:

THAT the words “Chief Minister and” be deleted from paragraph 3

Debate ensued

Question – That the amendment be agreed to – put

The House voted –

AYES, 1

Mr Brown

NOES, 7

Mr Buffett

Mr Nobbs

Mr Cook

Mr McCoy

Mr Gardner

Mr Walker

Mr Smith

ABSTENTIONS, 1

Mr Bates

Amendment negatived

Question put and agreed to on the voices – Mr Brown abstaining

13` APPOINTMENT TO EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF CHIEF MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Mr Gardner moved –

THAT Ronald Coane Nobbs be chosen to be Chief Minister and Minister for Finance and Government Services and that the Administrator be advised accordingly

Mr Nobbs informed the House that he accepted nomination

Mr Brown moved –

THAT Brian George Bates be chosen to be Chief Minister and Minister for Finance and Government Services

Mr Bates informed the House that he accepted nomination

A ballot having been conducted in accordance with standing order 236, the Speaker declared that Mr Nobbs had been chosen to be Chief Minister and Minister for Finance and Government Services and that the Administrator was to be advised accordingly

Mr Gardner moved –

THAT the ballot papers be destroyed

Question put and agreed to on the voices

14 APPOINTMENT TO EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Mr Brown moved –

That Geoffrey Robert Gardner be chosen to be Minister for Health and Environment and that the Administrator be advised accordingly

Mr Gardner informed the House that he accepted nomination

Question put and agreed to on the voices

15 APPOINTMENT TO EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF MINISTER FOR IMMIGRATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Mr McCoy moved –

THAT Adrian George Hingston Cook, QC be chosen to be Minister for Immigration and Community Services and that the Administrator be advised accordingly

Mr Cook informed the House that he accepted nomination

Mr Brown moved –

THAT David Ernest Buffett be chosen to be Minister for Immigration and Community Services

Mr Buffett declined nomination

Mr Brown moved –

THAT George Charles Smith be chosen to be Minister for Immigration and Community Services

Mr Smith declined nomination

Mr Brown moved –

THAT Bruce Stanley Walker be chosen to be Minister for Immigration and Community Services

Mr Walker declined nomination

Mr Brown moved –

THAT Alan John McCoy be chosen to be Minister for Immigration and Community Services

Mr McCoy declined nomination

Debate ensued

Mr Brown moved the following amendment:

THAT the initials “QC” be deleted after Mr Cook’s name in the motion

Question – That the amendment be agreed to – put

The House voted –

AYES, 1
Mr Brown

NOES, 6
Mr Buffett
Mr Nobbs
Mr Bates
Mr Gardner
Mr Walker
Mr Smith

ABSTENTIONS, 2
Mr Cook
Mr McCoy

Amendment negatived

Question – That the motion be agreed to – put and agreed to on the voices, Mr Bates abstaining

The Speaker declared that Mr Cook had been chosen to be Minister for Immigration and Community Services and that the Administrator was to be advised accordingly

16 APPOINTMENT TO EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND COMMERCE

Mr Walker moved –

That George Charles Smith be chosen to be Minister for Tourism and Commerce and that the Administrator be advised accordingly

Question put and agreed to on the voices, Mr Bates dissenting and Mr Brown abstaining

17 PLANNING ACT 1996 – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE PLANNING BOARD

Mr Gardner moved –

THAT pursuant to section 49(1) of the *Planning Act 1996* this Legislative Assembly nominates Bruce Stanley Walker as its member of the Planning Board and requests the executive member to appoint Bruce Stanley Walker pursuant to section 50(1) of that Act

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

18 FIXING OF NEXT SITTING DAY

Mr Bates moved –

THAT the House at its rising adjourn until Wednesday 15 March 2000 at 10.00 am

Question put and agreed to on the voices

19 ADJOURNMENT

Mr McCoy moved -

THAT the House do now adjourn

Question put and agreed to on the voices

AND THEN the House at 11.01 am adjourned until Wednesday 15 March 2000 at 10.00 am

Robin-Eleanor Adams
Clerk to the Legislative Assembly

Members Present: All Members were present