

**NORFOLK ISLAND
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
NINTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
20 JUNE 2001**

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1 The Legislative Assembly met at 10.05 am. The Speaker (Hon D.E. Buffett) took the Chair and read the Prayer

2 **CONDOLENCES**

Mr McCoy recorded the passing of-

**Jack Bernard Huckstep
Frederick James Needham**

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

3 **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Leave of absence from the sitting was extended to Mr Brown and Mr Cook QC

4 **PERSONAL EXPLANATION BY MR NOBBS**

Mr Nobbs (Chief Minister) by leave, publicly apologised to Mr Gardner for inadvertent offence during a recent radio broadcast by the Chief Minister

5 **MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE – LIQUIDATION OF FLIGHT WEST AIRLINES**

Mr Smith (Minister for Tourism and Commerce) raised as a matter of public importance the liquidation of Flight West Airlines announced last Monday
Mr Gardner moved –

THAT the House take note of the Statement

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

6 **QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

On the motion of Mr Bates, time for questions without notice was extended by 30 minutes

Acting Deputy Speaker, Mr Gardner, took the Chair at 11.56 am

On the motion of Mr Bates, time for questions without notice was extended for a further 10 minutes

Acting Deputy Speaker, Mr Bates, took the Chair at 12.04 am

7 **PRESENTATION OF PAPERS**

The following papers were presented to the House –

- 1) Mr Buffett (Minister for Immigration and Community Services) tabled the Road Traffic (Bus Registration and Safety) Amendment Regulations 2001

- 2) Mr Smith (Minister for Tourism and Commerce) tabled the Inbound Passenger Statistics for May 2001 and moved –

THAT the House take note of the paper

Debate ensued
Question put and agreed to on the voices

- 3) Mr Nobbs (Chief Minister) tabled the Census and Statistics Regulations 2001
- 4) Mr McCoy (Minister for Health and Environment) tabled the Pasturage and Enclosure (Fees) Amendment Regulations 2001
- 5) Mr Nobbs (Chief Minister) tabled the Financial Indicators for May 2001 and moved –

THAT the House take note of the paper

Debate ensued
Question put and agreed to on the voices

8 STATEMENTS

- 1) Mr McCoy (Minister for Health and Environment) –
- a) Provided a response to a question asked at an earlier sitting whether planning approvals are required to operate the can crusher at the airport
Mr Gardner moved –

THAT the House take note of the statement

Debate ensued
Question put and agreed to on the voices

- b) Provided a response to a question asked at an earlier sitting whether there is a requirement by regulation for dogs to be on a leash whilst at the Beach and if so, the consequences of non compliance
Mr Gardner moved –

THAT the House take note of the statement

Debate ensued
Question put and agreed to on the voices

- c) Provided an update on the Joint Land Review Task Force – Norfolk Island Government and Commonwealth Government Land Initiative
- 2) Mr Buffett (Minister for Immigration and Community Service) –
- a) Spoke to the Government initiative to restrict the size of buses which can be imported and/or registered
- b) Gave an update on the development of Immigration Guidelines

9 MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

Acting Deputy Speaker Mr Bates reported Message No 18 from the Administrator advising that on 31 May 2001 he reserved for the pleasure of the Governor-General the South Pacific Games Bill 2001

10 RECOMMENDATION TO EXECUTE WRITTEN AGREEMENT FOR APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Mr. Nobbs (Chief Minister and Minister for Finance and Government Services), tabled a written agreement relating to the proposed terms and conditions of appointment of the person recommended by the House to the Chief Executive Officer's position and pursuant to notice, moved –

THAT this House, in accordance with section 40 of the Public Sector Management Act 2000, recommends that the responsible executive member executes a written agreement in the form tabled before the House at this meeting, as the terms and conditions of appointment of the person recommended by the House to the Chief Executive Officer's position at the May meeting

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices, Mr Buffett abstaining

11 NORFOLK ISLAND HOSPITAL ACT 1985 – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Mr McCoy (Minister for Health and Environment) pursuant to notice, moved –

That for the purposes of subsection 12(1) of the Norfolk Island Hospital Act 1985, this House resolves that:

- 1. Jeanine Ellen Brown be re-appointed by the Executive Member as a Member of the Board of Management for the period 20 June 2001 to 30 September 2002;**
- 2. Warren Sidney Langman and James Arnsby Selby be appointed by the Executive Member as Members of the Board of Management for the period 20 June 2001 to 30 June 2003; and**
- 3. Colleen Victoria Evans and Sheila Mary Grimshaw be appointed by the Executive Member as Members of the Board of Management for the period 20 June 2001 to 19 June 2004**

Debate ensued

Question put and agreed to on the voices

12 CUSTOMS ACT 1913 – EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF CUSTOMS DUTY

Mr Nobbs (Chief Minister), pursuant to notice, moved –

THAT, under subsection 2B(4) of the *Customs Act 1913*, this House recommends to the Administrator that the goods specified in the first column of the Schedule imported by the person specified opposite, and on the conditions mentioned, in the second column of the Schedule be exempted from duty –

Column 1 Goods	SCHEDULE	Column 2 Importer/Conditions
Mobile Kitchen Trailer - Amount of duty applicable \$974.00		Rotary Club of Norfolk Island Conditions – Nil
Baby Capsules and Car Seats - Amount of duty applicable \$453.29		Norfolk Island Police Conditions – Goods be donated to the Norfolk Island Hospital Enterprise
Ambulance Mobile Stretcher - Amount of duty applicable \$754.00		St John Ambulance Conditions – Nil
Twenty Tents - Amount of duty applicable \$274.75		Norfolk Island Cadet Unit Conditions – Nil

Debate ensued
Question put and agreed to on the voices

13 DECLARATION OF URGENCY

Acting Deputy Speaker Mr Bates reported that the Business Committee had determined the Customs (Vehicle Size Limits) Amendment Act 2001 to be an urgent Bill and that its passed should be expedited

14 CUSTOMS (VEHICLE SIZE LIMITS) AMENDMENT BILL 2001

Mr Nobbs (Chief Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Customs Act 1913 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 Nobbs moved –

THAT the Bill be agreed to

Question put
Bill agreed to on the voices

15 DECLARATION OF URGENCY

Acting Deputy Speaker Bates reported that the Business committee had met and declared the Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2001 to be an urgent Bill

16 MESSAGE FROM OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

Acting Deputy Speaker Bates reported Message No. 16 from the Administrator recommending to the Legislative Assembly the enactment of the proposed law entitled “An Act to authorise expenditure from the Public Account for the year ending on 30th June 2002”

17 SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 2001

Mr Nobbs (Chief Minister) pursuant to notice presented a Bill for an Act to authorise expenditure from the Public Account for the year ending 30 June 2001 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 Nobbs moved –

THAT the Bill be agreed to

Question put
 Bill agreed to on the voices

18 APPROPRIATION BILL 2001

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

Question put
 Bill agreed to in principle on the voices

19 MESSAGE FROM OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

Acting Deputy Speaker Bates reported Message No 17 from the Administrator recommending to the Legislative Assembly the proposed detail stage amendment to the Appropriation Bill 2001

Detail Stage

Mr Nobbs moved –

THAT the detail stage amended dated 19 June 2001 be taken as read and agreed to

Debate ensued
 Question – That the amendment be agreed to – put and agreed to on the voices
 Question – That the Schedule as amended be agreed to – put and agreed to on the voices
 Question – That the remainder of the Bill be agreed to – put and agreed to on the voices

Mr Speaker resumed the Chair at 3.46 pm

Mr Nobbs moved –

THAT the Bill as amended be agreed to

Debate ensued
 Question put
 Bill as amended agreed to on the voices

20 STATUTE AMENDMENT (GAMING FEES) BILL 2001

Debate resumed (Mr McCoy, Minister for Health and Environment) on the question – That the Bill be agreed to in principle

PAPER Mr McCoy tabled proposed detail stage amendment dated 19 June 2001

Mr McCoy moved –

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

Question put and agreed to on the voices

21 NORFOLK ISLAND BROADCASTING AUTHORITY BILL 2001

Debate resumed (Mr Smith, Minister for Tourism and Commerce) on the question – That the Bill be agreed to in principle

Question put

Bill agreed to in principle on the voices

Mr Brown joined the Sitting at 4.06 pm

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

22 FIXING OF NEXT SITTING DAY

Mr Gardner moved –

THAT the House at its rising adjourn until Wednesday 18 July 2001 at 10 am

Question put and agreed to on the voices

23 ADJOURNMENT

Mr Bates moved –

THAT the House do now adjourn

Debate ensued, Mr Gardner participating

Question put and agreed to on the voices

AND THEN the House at 4.16 pm adjourned until Wednesday 18 July 2001 at 10 am

Robin-Eleanor Adams
Clerk to the Legislative Assembly

Members Present: All Members were present except Mr Cook QC, by leave