

# PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES

## (HANSARD)

### Third Session of the Twenty-Third Parliament

*Parliament was prorogued on the 5th July, 1961, to the 3rd August, 1961, when it met for the despatch of business.*

*Parliament was opened by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor and Administrator.*

#### OPENING OF PARLIAMENT

### Legislative Council

Thursday, the 3rd August, 1961

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### LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH

#### *Delivery*

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor and Administrator; (the Honourable Sir John Patrick Dwyer, K.C.M.G.) entered the Council Chamber at 3.5 p.m.; and, the members of the Legislative Assembly having also attended in the Chamber, obediently to summons, His Excellency was pleased to deliver the following speech:—

*Mr. President and Honourable Members of the Legislative Council:*

*Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:*

You are gathered for the Third Session of the Twenty-Third Parliament.

I know that you will wish to join me in recording our profound regret at the untimely passing of the late Viscount Dunrossil, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia. Although he occupied that high office for so short a time, Viscount Dunrossil was able to visit this State and meet a large number of people, who were impressed with his quiet dignity and charm of manner. We extend our sympathy to his widow and the members of his family.

I also wish to refer with regret to the passing of Mr. H. D. Andrew who rendered valuable service to the State as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

#### Commonwealth Games

The news that His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh will visit Perth to open the VIIIth British Empire and Commonwealth Games has been warmly welcomed

#### MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The Legislative Council met at 3 p.m.

The PRESIDENT (The Hon. L. C. Diver) took the Chair.

#### PROCLAMATION

The Clerk of Parliaments (Mr. J. B. Roberts) read the Proclamation of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor and Administrator (Sir John Dwyer) summoning the third session of the Twenty-third Parliament.

throughout the State and the presence of His Royal Highness will add even greater significance to this important occasion. Enthusiasm for the Games is mounting and preparations are well advanced. Steps are being taken to ensure that the State will receive the maximum benefit from the selection of Perth as the host city for this outstanding event.

#### Signs of Progress

The outlook for Western Australia is extremely bright. Primary industry is prosperous and expanding and seasonal prospects are excellent. There is world wide interest in our extensive mineral resources. Secondary industry is responding to an active campaign of encouragement and many new and substantial projects are in train.

#### Unemployment

The State has weathered the recent difficult economic conditions much better than the rest of Australia. Although there has been some increase in unemployment, this has been less than elsewhere. In recent months we have shared with only one other State the lowest unemployment percentage in the Commonwealth. Measures already taken, combined with works about to commence, should soon absorb many who are in need of employment.

#### Revenue and Expenditure

*Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:*

Revenue for 1960-61 totalled £69,332,710 and expenditure £70,537,286, leaving a deficit of £1,204,576.

Higher Loan expenditure of £20,356,000 has enabled further progress to be made in the provision of schools, hospitals, harbour works, town and country water supplies, and other important services.

#### Land Settlement

*Mr. President and Honourable Members of the Legislative Council:*

*Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly:*

A vigorous policy of land settlement and pastoral development is being continued. In a little over two years the Government has released over two and one quarter million acres in the South-West Land Division and the Esperance district for the purpose of agricultural development. In addition, sixteen million acres have been made available for pastoral purposes.

Areas in the Tone River project recommended for release by the Crown Lands Tribunal are now being surveyed and will soon be available for selection.

Development of the former Chase Syndicate land at Esperance is proceeding in accordance with the agreement ratified by Parliament.

All qualified applicants for War Service Land Settlement have been allotted farms, making a total of 1,007. The reconstruction programme initiated in the south project areas is nearing completion and should ensure adequate carrying capacity on these properties.

#### Agricultural and Pastoral Production

Record production was achieved last year in grain, wool, meat and apples, and the present season has commenced favourably in all agricultural areas with early and substantial rains.

The total area under cereal crops is expected to reach approximately 7,000,000 acres, and the weight of wool production should further increase to 200 million pounds from 19.4 million sheep. As a result of favourable seasonal conditions, the prospects for the dairying industry appear extremely good.

A Royal Commission will be appointed to enquire into the handling and marketing of apples and pears.

#### Bush Fires

Disastrous bush fires occurred in the South-West of the State during the recent summer. Firefighters worked with unselfish devotion and it is a tribute to those involved that there was no loss of human life. The generosity of the population enabled relief to be accorded to those who suffered hardship. The report of the Royal Commission appointed to enquire into bush fires is awaited.

#### Fishing Industry

The value of fish caught in 1960 rose to £3,449,000 mainly due to the increased export price for crayfish tails. Scientific research on the growth rate and age of crayfish will commence this year.

#### Industrial Development

There is greatly increased interest in the Eastern States and abroad in the State's industrial development. The increased strength and confidence of Western Australian secondary industry has been most noticeable in recent months when all sections of Australian industry have experienced difficulties.

The following agreements made by the Government will be presented to Parliament for ratification—

with Laporte Industries Ltd., for establishing a £4 million titanium oxide pigment plant at Bunbury;

with Western Aluminium N.L., for mining bauxite and establishing an alumina refinery at Kwinana, with an initial capital outlay of £5 million;

with Mineral Mining and Exports (W.A.) Ltd., for an iron ore processing industry to produce sponge iron and other forms of upgraded

iron ore in the Scott River area near Augusta, and involving an initial capital outlay of £5 million.

A favourable decision by the Commonwealth Government on the State's railway standardisation proposals would enable work to proceed under the agreement ratified last session with the Broken Hill Proprietary Company Ltd., for an integrated iron and steel industry.

Much time and effort has also been given to the expansion of existing local industry and particularly the increased sale of locally made products and services. Additional appointments of experienced personnel are being made to seek out and encourage new markets both in Australia and abroad.

#### Mineral Production

The value of mineral production for the year 1960 was £21,825,000. Gold production totalled 853,690 fine ounces. The value of minerals other than gold and coal reached a record figure of over £6,000,000.

The increased activity in our minerals is reflected in the number of important mining companies and organisations which have become interested in Western Australia.

Proposals for the export of limited quantities of iron ore are being actively pursued. Japanese steel firms have indicated their interest in purchasing iron ore and, following a visit by the Minister for Mines to Japan, have sent a technical mission to the State for discussions with the Government. Tenders have been called for the mining and export of iron ore from the deposits at Tallering Peak and Mount Goldsworthy. To encourage the search for further deposits of iron ore, prospecting rights have been allocated in the form of temporary reserves covering large areas of the State.

New coal contracts have been entered into by the Railway Department and the State Electricity Commission. The considerable saving in the cost of coal has enabled a reduction to be made in the price of electricity.

Exploration of vanadium deposits is being undertaken by an American Company and results so far have proved encouraging. The Government has appointed a Committee to investigate the availability of copper suitable for agricultural purposes.

Keen Australian and overseas interest is being displayed in the progress and new developments proceeding in the Northern part of the State. The Premier has recently completed an extensive official tour of these areas.

#### Ord River Dam

All major contracts connected with the Ord River diversion dam project have been let and work on the dam has commenced. Construction of the modern township of Kununurra is well advanced.

A contract with Northern Developments (Ord River) Pty. Ltd., to assist in gaining farming experience while the Ord River Dam construction work is proceeding, is proving a valuable supplement to the work of the Kimberley Research Station. It is expected that the first farms to take advantage of irrigation from water stored by the Dam will be prepared and occupied in time to sow a dry season crop in 1963.

Experimental crops of cotton at the Kimberley Research Station have shown great promise and an intensified programme of work is planned to meet problems concerning harvesting and insect control. Successful rice yields have been obtained from a crop in the West Kimberley.

#### North-West Roads and Ports

Expenditure on North-West roads in 1961-62 is expected to exceed £2,000,000. Particular attention is being given to the construction of suitable roads in the Kimberleys to assist beef production.

Construction of the new Wyndham Jetty has been completed. The many problems associated with the other deep water ports in the North-West are receiving attention.

#### Relief for Flood and Cyclone Victims

Prompt relief has been given by the Government to those affected by the serious floods at Carnarvon and the cyclone damage at Onslow this year. An insurance scheme has been agreed to by the Carnarvon banana growers to assist them in future disasters of this nature.

A concentrated and co-ordinated drive to control vermin in the Pilbara district is being initiated as part of a rehabilitation programme.

#### Investigation of North-West Shipping Needs

The new passenger-cargo vessel being built in Brisbane is expected to be delivered to the State Shipping Service in September next year. The Government has arranged for the Chairman of the Australian National Shipping Commission (Captain J. P. Williams) to investigate the operations of the State Shipping Service and to make recommendations regarding the type of fleet and methods of operation best suited to future needs.

The Wyndham Meatworks expect to treat 30,000 head of cattle this season.

#### Electricity and Metropolitan Water Supplies

Provision is being made for the State's future electric power requirements. The fourth unit at the Bunbury station is being commissioned and tenders have closed for many of the major items required for the Muja station.

Investigations concerning future sources of metropolitan water supply are proceeding. The Serpentine main dam has been

completed and an additional 54-inch pipeline from the dam to the city is under construction.

Improved sewage treatment process is now in operation at the Subiaco Treatment Works and a new outfall to the ocean is operating.

#### Improvement in Roads

For this financial year £8,820,000 has been allocated from Commonwealth Aid Roads Funds for road improvement. Substantial work on the Eyre Highway is planned, and in the metropolitan area planning for the West Road is proceeding.

#### Development of Outports

Work is continuing on improvements to the State's outports. A major extension to the breakwater at Bunbury will be commenced shortly and a land backed berth is being planned. Additional improvements are in progress at Albany Harbour, and at Busselton the jetty is being lengthened. Hydrographic surveys are being made at other ports.

#### Extension of Country Water Supplies

Following on the refusal of the Commonwealth Government of further assistance to extend the modified comprehensive water supply scheme, some extensions will be undertaken from State funds.

Water supply improvements are being effected in a number of country and North-West towns. Preliminary works for a dam on Logue Brook to provide additional irrigation water have been completed.

#### Improved Railway Finances and Services

The Railway Department for the second year in succession has improved its financial results. A much higher standard of service is being given. Both the "Australind" and the "Albany Progress" trains have been modernised. The "Westland" and "Kalgoorlie Express" and the passenger train to Mullewa are to be similarly improved. New de luxe omnibuses have been introduced on two routes and express freight trains on the three major lines.

#### Sale of State Building Supplies

Negotiations were completed for the sale of State Building Supplies to the United Kingdom Hawker Siddeley Group. Care has been taken to give the maximum protection to those employees who elect to become employees of the new owner, in respect of accumulated benefits. It is hoped that the transfer of this concern to a successful industrial group will open up new timber trade opportunities and will be the means of encouraging the Hawker Siddeley Group to develop further industrial interests in Western Australia.

#### Road Services

Special attention has been given by the Transport Board towards securing more efficient and economical road services, and

services have been introduced which not only avoid the necessity for Government subsidies but also offer reduced charges.

#### Education

Government primary and secondary school enrolments now exceed 124,000 and next year a further increase of 3,400 students is expected. Marked improvement has been made in reducing the size of classes. Last year's expenditure of £2,500,000 on school buildings constituted a record.

Further building progress has been made at the University, the Engineering School and the first stage of the new School of Chemistry having been completed. The new School of Physics is now under construction.

A report by a special committee set up to review the hospital requirements of the metropolitan region in conjunction with the needs of the Medical School, is now being closely examined.

#### Hospitals

New hospitals at Albany, Port Hedland and Osborne Park will be opened during this financial year and substantial additions to the King Edward Memorial Hospital and the hospitals at Narrogin, Kalgoorlie, Carnarvon and Harvey will be completed.

Mental Health legislation, which it is hoped to introduce this session, is being prepared.

Clinical services at the Perth Dental Hospital are being further developed. A new mobile dental clinic is being built for service in country areas.

#### Housing

During 1960-61 capital expenditure under the State Housing Act, the Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement Act, and the War Service Homes Act was £7,700,000, of which £975,000 was allocated to Building Societies.

A block of flats completed in South Perth will give much needed housing assistance to widows. A housing plan has been launched in conjunction with the Rural and Industries Bank which will be of additional assistance to young couples.

Bills will be introduced to ratify extension of the Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement and to amend the Building Societies Act and the Housing Loan Guarantee Act.

#### Care of Natives

Amendments to the Natives (Citizenship Rights) Act are proposed. Additional hostels for native children will be provided and the housing of natives will be extended.

It is intended to introduce legislation which will give authority for the granting of monetary assistance through the Child Welfare Department to persons in need

and which will provide for the recovery of moneys from those with the legal obligation of maintaining their dependants.

#### Police Buildings

Tenders have been called for the erection of police buildings at Cannington, Hilton Park, Kalamunda and Kununurra where new police stations are to be opened.

The newly formed Industrial Safety Committee is taking active measures to promote industrial safety.

#### Local Government Act

The Local Government Act passed last session has been proclaimed to operate as from 1st July this year. Uniform building by-laws applying to all municipalities in the metropolitan area and all town councils outside the metropolitan area are now operating.

#### Regional Planning

The Metropolitan Region Planning Authority is concentrating on finalising the Regional Plan as early as possible. The revenue from the Metropolitan Improvement Tax has been fully committed to the acquisition of property required for the purposes of the Plan.

With the conclusion of discussions between the Commonwealth and the States, uniform companies legislation will be introduced.

#### Tourism

The heightened interest in Western Australia is reflected in the rapid expansion of the travel industry. Record business from the Eastern States has followed the establishment of Tourist Bureau branches in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide. Improved tourist facilities in country areas to the value of over £100,000 have resulted from Tourist Development Authority subsidies. One major metropolitan beach improvement scheme has already been approved and another is under consideration.

#### Civil Defence

The extent to which Civil Defence is to be expanded still awaits a policy decision by the Commonwealth Government. Meanwhile planning is proceeding. The newly created State Emergency Service acquitted itself creditably during the cyclone and bush fire disasters early in the year and results are being studied with a view to effecting improvements in the organisation.

#### Legislation

Legislation to be placed before you, other than that already outlined, will include—

Bills to amend—

Judges' Salaries and Pensions Act;  
Administration Act;  
Mines Regulation Act;  
Fog Industry Compensation Act;  
Fire Brigades Act;  
Bank Holidays Act;  
Health Education Council Act;

A Bill to consolidate the law relating to registration of births, deaths and marriages;

A Bill to consolidate the law relating to explosives and dangerous goods;

A Bill relating to the construction and repair of dividing fences between certain lands;

A Bill relating to the intrastate carriage of passengers or cargo in aircraft.

I now declare this session of Parliament open and trust that Providence may bless your labours.

His Excellency and members of the Legislative Assembly then withdrew from the Chamber.

[The President resumed the Chair.]

#### DEATH OF VISCOUNT DUNROSSIL

*Message of Sympathy: Telegram in Reply*

**THE PRESIDENT** (The Hon. L. C. Diver): I wish to advise that, following the death of His Excellency the Governor-General, I forwarded a message of sympathy on behalf of the House to Viscountess Dunrossil. In reply to this message I received the following from the Official Secretary:—

The Honourable the President,  
The Legislative Council,  
Parliament House,  
Perth.

Lady Dunrossil sends her thanks to you and members of the Council for your kind message which she and her sons value very much.

Tyrrell, Official Secretary.

7th February, 1961.

#### GOLD BUYERS ACT AMENDMENT BILL

*Leave to Introduce*

**THE HON. A. F. GRIFFITH** (Suburban—Minister for Mines) [3.49 p.m.]: In order to assert and maintain the undoubted rights and privileges of the House to initiate legislation, I move, without notice—

That leave be given to introduce a Bill for "An Act to amend the Gold Buyers Act, 1921-1948".

**Question put and passed; leave granted.**

*Introduction and First Reading*

Bill introduced and read a first time.

#### LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S SPEECH

*Distribution of Copies*

**THE PRESIDENT** (The Hon. L. C. Diver): For the sake of greater accuracy, I have obtained from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor copies of the Speech he has been pleased to deliver to Parliament. These will be distributed amongst members.

**ADDRESS-IN-REPLY: FIRST DAY***Motion*

**THE HON. H. K. WATSON** (Metropolitan) [3.52 p.m.]: I move—

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor and Administrator in reply to the Speech he has been pleased to deliver to Parliament:—

May it please Your Excellency: We, the members of the Legislative Council of the State of Western Australia in Parliament assembled, beg to express loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech you have been pleased to deliver to Parliament.

I appreciate, Mr. President, the honour of being granted this opportunity to thank His Excellency and to initiate the debate on the Address-in-Reply. It is an occasion such as this which reminds us that the welfare and progress of the State is, or ought to be, the constant concern of every citizen of every age. The State's interest is his interest, and his interest is the State's interest. How to encourage and stimulate such widespread continuous study and thought is a very real problem which is worthy of examination.

Consider for a moment the contents of the Speech which His Excellency has been pleased to deliver to us this afternoon. It is a pity it could not be placed in the letterbox of every household, and seriously studied by every responsible person in the State. Since in its own way it is no less exciting than *Perry Mason* or *Tombstone Territory*, I would suggest that a greater use might be made of the powerful medium of television; because we do know that in the United Kingdom the whole of the Speech of the Queen as well as the proceedings are telecast almost throughout the length and breadth of the country.

His Excellency has told us that the number of students in Government schools amounts to 124,000. Since the evolution of the race is mirrored in the evolution of the child, I would leave this thought with the Government: It should be made an annual practice of the Education Department, of the various colleges, and of the university, at an appropriate stage in the life of senior students—say, upon their reaching a certain age or upon their leaving school—for a copy of the then current *Pocket Year Book of Western Australia*, and a copy of the then current Governor's Speech to be presented to all students.

If such a course inspired only one student to aspire to the leadership of his country, and accordingly to study and fit

himself for that purpose, it would, in my opinion, be well worth while; but I am satisfied that it would have a much wider and stronger impact than that. I mention the *Pocket Year Book of Western Australia*—and it is aptly described as a "pocket" year book—because being a compact history of Western Australia, it contains a vast fund of valuable, important, and up-to-date information concerning the political, financial, and economic circumstances of Western Australia.

The Speech which His Excellency has delivered to us this afternoon impels and compels us to take time off fully to realise and comprehend the really magnificent job of work which has been done by the Government during its two short years in office. It has been said that man does not live by bread alone but mainly by catch cries. I can see by the rather pained look on the face of my colleague, Mr. Mattiske, that he is afraid I might branch off into a homily as to what a good thing it would be for the wheatgrowers, the flourmillers, and the bakers if man did live by bread alone.

At this stage, however, I desire to refer to the question of slogans, and the slogan with which I have lived most of my life is this: "Less Government in business; more business in Government." That to me is the epitome of sound statesmanship. Although that has been a slogan for as long as I can remember, I think it only fair to say that under this Government it has ceased to be a mere slogan; it has become a truth and a reality. For example, the Government, as we have been informed this afternoon, has disposed of the State Building Supplies—we know that the Government has already disposed of the State Hotels—and that to me is a good illustration of less Government in business.

Then we have the spectacular illustrations of more business in Government which are readily furnished by the recent money-saving coal contracts and by the remarkable improvement in railway administration and finance, to which His Excellency made reference this afternoon.

On the industrial front—or the industrial break-through, as it has been aptly described—the immediate position is one which has never been paralleled before, and which is hardly likely to be repeated. In the last twelve months or so it seems to me that the Minister for Industrial Development has really crammed the equivalent of twelve years of hard work into negotiating the various agreements which have been made. I refer to the £10,000,000 BP project; the £4,000,000 Laporte project; the £4,000,000 Australian Paper Manufacturers project; the £500,000 Cable Makers and Metal Manufacturers project; the £5,000,000 refinery for bauxite; the £10,000,000 sponge iron industry in the

south-west; and the £40,000,000 B.H.P. project, with which is related the proposed £40,000,000 standardisation of the railway gauge from Kalgoorlie to Fremantle and Kwinana.

The list I have just read was the list as it stood at 3 o'clock this afternoon. I would not be surprised, however, if, in the hour that has passed since then, the Minister for Industrial Development has bagged a few more industries for Western Australia. The benefits and advantages to the State and its people of these mighty projects, along with the opening of new farmlands at the yearly rate of over a million acres, together with the greatest prospecting venture of all time in iron ore, are incalculable: they are advantages that will endure for ever.

What I have just said is subject to the hope and the reservation that these plans and projects are not thwarted or upset by the course of events which are quite beyond the control or influence of this Government and this Parliament. Quite apart from any adverse Commonwealth action, there are at least two other significant matters over which—like the rising and setting of the sun—we have no control, but which could seriously impair or retard the progress and prosperity of Western Australia. One is the question of Berlin and the other is the possible and prospective entry of Britain into the European economic community.

The last-mentioned item serves as a forcible reminder of the truth that nothing is permanent but change—bewildering change. This latest change of such historical importance to Britain, to Europe, and to us would be melancholy as it would be profound. In my opinion it could probably be summed up in the following lines—

Like the last rays of the setting sun  
Is an Empire with her travail done.

I can remember the time when the British Empire was the British Empire—a great and beneficent empire. Then came the Balfour Declaration of 1926 when it became the British Commonwealth of Nations. Within the next 20 years it weakened into the Commonwealth of Nations; and now there is the distinct possibility that within the next 10 or 20 years, or before the end of this century, it could completely disintegrate, both economically and politically.

That to me is a most disturbing prospect. Economically it would appear that the eruption is about to break upon us. What the result will be remains to be seen. But I fear it will perplex us for a long time and will test all our powers of statesmanship and business acumen to the utmost.

The world—to quote from the classics—will little note nor long remember what is said here today; but if I may presume to

think aloud for a few moments I would say that floating around in the House of Commons, or its archives, there is a document to which the British Government may well turn, and which it might study, for at least one practical demonstration of the workings and the quirks of a common market. I refer to the Australian common market as established in 1900.

I know that the document is there, because I personally delivered it in London in 1934 by the direction and authority of this Parliament of Western Australia. Its substance is to be found in the 1934 volumes of our statutes, Act No. 2. That document makes it plain that it does not necessarily follow that all concerned will benefit if we put a protective tariff wall around a large geographical area of States or countries and have free trade everywhere within that area.

By joining the European Common Market, Britain's local market of 50,000,000 souls will be increased to a single market of up to 300,000,000 people; and that may appear to be an attractive proposition. But it does not necessarily follow that that will be the practical result. For example, the population of Australia is 10,000,000; but we know from hard practical experience that, in the main, producers and manufacturers in this State of Western Australia have not got 10,000,000, or even 1,000,000 Australians as a real common protected market.

I know that the English Channel is not as wide as the Nullarbor Plain, but I also understand that the industries of Western Germany, for example, are very sound, very efficient, and keenly competitive. Being separate countries, currency variations, standards of living, and labour and production costs, would be only some of the special circumstances which could upset the plans of men and mice. For example, who is going to interpret the Rome Treaty? Will that task fall to the International Court of Justice? If so, will its decisions be as unexpected and unforeseen as some of the High Court decisions on our Australian Commonwealth Constitutions? Dozens of other questions race through the mind.

It would be a rather remarkable phenomenon if Britain entered the European Common Market only to find ultimately that she was in a position not dissimilar to that of Western Australia within the Australian common market—with an external protection, which does not protect; and an internal free trade that is neither free nor fair.

Anyhow the decision is for Britain, and for Britain alone. But the effect of that decision upon our traditional overseas markets for our primary products could be disturbingly profound. A decision by

Britain to enter the European Common Market—with what appears to be the inevitable consequential disappearance of some of our United Kingdom markets—gives a new meaning and added force to the letter by which Captain Stirling ultimately prevailed upon the British Government to annex and settle Western Australia. That letter was addressed to the Colonial Office on the 30th July, 1828, and in it Stirling said this among other things:—

I represent it as the land out of all that I have seen in various quarters of the world that possesses the greatest natural attractions.

I pause here to pay tribute to the State's first tourist booster. Then Captain Stirling proceeds in his letter—

It cannot for long remain unoccupied . . . as by its position, it commands facilities for carrying on trade with India and the Malay Archipelago, as well as with China.

Above all, so it seems to me, the best way for us to meet our economic difficulties is to build up our local markets through increasing the population of Western Australia by accelerated immigration, and to encourage secondary industries as they are being encouraged by the Minister for Industrial Development. From an economic united states of Europe, it is not such a big step to a more or less political united states of Europe. The political consequences, to us, of such a move are matters on which all serious-minded citizens should now begin to ponder.

I notice that my time has almost gone. I would, however, again congratulate the Government on the report contained in His Excellency's Speech. Much has been done; much is being done; much remains to be done; and much is going to be done. What with its ever-increasing variety and multiplicity of responsibilities and duties, and its ever-increasing demands on the one hand, and almost continuous travel on the other, ministerial office these days is no sinecure; and it is my earnest wish that the Premier and his Ministers may be granted health and strength, firmness of mind, soundness of judgment, tenacity of purpose, and the accomplishment of their desires for the advancement of Western Australia, which, to myself and many others, is the land of our birth, and to thousands of others the land of their adoption, but which to all of us is the one spot in the world where we desire to live, work, and play as individuals, with a full sense of our responsibilities to the community.

As this afternoon's proceedings differ somewhat from ordinary proceedings, perhaps it may not be inappropriate if I were to close with the sentiments with which it is customary for you, Mr. President, to

open the daily sittings of our House on other days. Therefore, I would express these sentiments, not only for Western Australia, but for Australia and the world, namely: May all we do be done on the best and surest foundations; may peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety be established among us for all generations.

**THE HON. N. E. BAXTER** (Central)  
[4.12 p.m.]: I formally second the motion.

Debate adjourned, on motion by The Hon. H. C. Strickland (Leader of the Opposition).

*House adjourned at 4.14 p.m.*

## Legislative Assembly

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