

car numbers, had 846 accidents for 15 fatal accidents. In that year, Perth had 1,095 accidents for 109 fatal accidents.

The appointment of a committee to investigate traffic problems is a sound move, and we must congratulate Cabinet for bringing this about. It should clear up a lot of misunderstanding, and it could lead to a more uniform standard by shire councils, which, at the present moment, are restricted by legislation to the amount they can spend on traffic; that is, to the base year of 1958-59. Inspectors' appointments are not on a State basis, as the authority of a shire inspector ceases at the shire boundary. Taking into account the vast road system of Western Australia and the difficulties which confront either the police or the shires in effective supervision, and comparing those difficulties with what obtains in the compact metropolitan network, it reflects great credit on the shire councils' appreciation of their responsibilities.

It is because of these facts that shire councils are resentful of the inference that their administration is the cause of country accidents. It would be equally ridiculous to say that poor control by the police is responsible for the high accident rate in the city. Let the shire councils and the police co-operate in a concerted effort to keep the high road toll within bounds.

Before I conclude I would like to refer to the great development which is taking place in the north of this vast State, particularly the Ord River scheme, which all Western Australians are anxious to see taken to a successful conclusion. A foundation stone has been laid which will, as time goes by, develop into a tremendous, thriving project and cause future generations to look back on it much as we look back on the goldfields water scheme—a courageous long-sighted engineering feat which has led to the comprehensive water scheme. The value of the Ord to the beef industry in the Kimberley area could be immense, especially in drought years; and the regeneration of badly denuded areas from erosion will be of national benefit.

The danger of soil erosion over the whole of Western Australia is serious. Once-thriving areas of the world which are now arid should serve as a constant reminder that we cannot overstock our land, and that we must protect our trees and natural vegetation. If we forget these things we will be squandering our national asset, the soil, and become a poor nation, instead of a rich one supporting millions of people. All avenues of water conservation must be explored from the Ord River south.

Some idea of our water needs can be gauged by the new Muja power station, which requires 2,400,000 gallons of water per hour. Much of this will be recirculated,

but 40,000 gallons per hour will be lost in evaporation. It takes 65,000 gallons of water to produce one ton of steel. If we take into account all the major projects planned, even without the domestic requirements of an ever-increasing population, we can see that water conservation will be one of our most necessary and costly needs. Australia, with an average of 16.5 inches of rain, as against a general average of 26.5 inches, is the driest continent in the world.

Finance is the key to most of the projects I have mentioned, and it is always difficult to find sufficient to adequately service the dreams of our ideals. We must guard every pound jealously, making it do its full share, and not wasting it on bad planning or bad workmanship. We should consolidate on our expansion and make sure there is sufficient finance forthcoming to service the necessities that go with development.

In conclusion I would like to take this opportunity to thank members of all parties, who have been most generous in their willingness to assist in every way to make the new members welcome; and to all officers and their staff I extend my thanks for their consideration and guidance. It speaks well for the spirit that exists in this Parliament.

THE HON. V. J. FERRY (South-West)
[4.11 p.m.]: I formally second the motion.

Debate adjourned, on motion by The Hon. F. J. S. Wise (Leader of the Opposition).

House adjourned at 4.12 p.m.

Legislative Assembly

Thursday, the 29th July, 1965

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MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY

The Legislative Assembly met at noon.

PROCLAMATION

The Clerk of the Assembly (Mr. F. E. Islip) read the Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor (Sir Douglas Kendrew) summoning the first session of the Twenty-fifth Parliament.

OPENING PROCEEDINGS

Message from the Governor's Commissioner

A Message from His Excellency's Commissioner (His Honour Mr. Justice Negus) requested the attendance of members of the Legislative Assembly in the Legislative Council Chamber. Members accordingly proceeded to that Chamber; and, having heard the Commission to do all things necessary for the opening of Parliament, returned to the Legislative Assembly Chamber.

SWEARING-IN OF MEMBERS

His Honour Mr. Justice Negus, having been commissioned by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor (The Honourable Sir John Dwyer), entered the Chamber to administer to members the Oath of Allegiance to Her Majesty, and was conducted to the Chair. The Commission to swear-in members having been read, the Clerk produced the writs for the general election and the subsequent by-election for the Dale district, showing the names of the members returned. These members—with the exception of Mr. May (Collie), Mr. C. D. Nalder (Katanning), Mr. G. M. Cornell (Mt. Marshall), and Mr. J. J. Brady (Swan), who were absent—took and subscribed the Oath and signed the Roll.

The Commissioner then retired from the Chamber.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

MR. BRAND (Greenough—Premier) [12.45 p.m.]: The House being duly constituted, I move—

That Mr. John Merrifield Hearman do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

MR. LEWIS (Moore—Minister for Education) [12.46 p.m.]: I second the motion.

MR. HEARMAN (Blackwood) [12.47 p.m.]: I submit myself to the will of the House.

There being no other nomination, Mr. Hearman was conducted to the Chair by the mover and seconder of the motion.

THE SPEAKER (Mr. Hearman) [12.48 p.m.]: I thank honourable members for the signal honour they have conferred upon me, and I will now assume the Chair of Speaker of this Assembly.

MR. BRAND (Greenough—Premier) [12.49 p.m.]: I wish to congratulate you on being elected to this high office for the third time. A great responsibility devolves upon you in respect of the general decorum and conduct of this House; and I believe I can say that over the six years during which you have been in charge you have maintained order and that the atmosphere of the House has been, generally speaking, what we would like it to be.

I believe it is important that this standard and status of the House be maintained. I think it is very important—perhaps more important now than ever before—that we prove that our system of government, as we know it here, can be well adopted by other nations who have recently obtained independence.

I hope, Sir, that your period of office of about three years, for which you have been elected, will be a pleasing one to yourself and fruitful to all concerned.

MR. HAWKE (Northam—Leader of the Opposition) [12.53 p.m.]: I join with the Premier in offering congratulations to you, Sir, upon your re-election to the office of Speaker. It is undoubtedly a vote of confidence in you, and is all the more pleasing and satisfying to you, I would think, because it has been, in effect, unanimous. I wish you well in this period of Parliament.

THE SPEAKER (Mr. Hearman) [12.54 p.m.]: Mr. Premier, and the Leader of the Opposition, I would like to thank you both very much for the kind remarks you have been good enough to pass about me, and I am very conscious of the fact that the remarks you have made impose on me an additional responsibility: that of deserving those remarks for the next three years, or whatever the period of my term of office may be. I thank you both very much for the sentiments expressed.

PRESENTATION OF SPEAKER

MR. BRAND (Greenough—Premier) [12.55 p.m.]: I desire to announce that His Excellency the Governor will now be pleased to receive the Speaker-elect and such members as desire to accompany him.

Sitting suspended from 12.56 to 3 p.m.

THE SPEAKER (Mr. Hearman) [3.2 p.m.]: I desire to report that I submitted myself to His Excellency the Governor and, on behalf of the House, laid claim to its undoubted rights and privileges and prayed that the most favourable construction might be placed upon its proceedings; and that His Excellency has been pleased to express his satisfaction at the choice of the Assembly in the following terms:—

Mr. Speaker:

It is with much pleasure that I learn that you have been elected by the members of the Legislative Assembly to the high and honourable office of Speaker of that House. I have every confidence that you will fill the office in a worthy and dignified manner.

(Sgd.) Douglas Kendrew,
Governor.

SUMMONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

The Speaker and members, in response to summons, proceeded to the Legislative Council Chamber; and, having heard His Excellency deliver the opening speech (*vide* Council report *ante*), returned to the Legislative Assembly Chamber.

SWEARING-IN OF MEMBER

THE SPEAKER (Mr. Hearman) [3.43 p.m.]: I am ready to swear-in the member for Swan.

Mr. Brady took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the roll.

QUESTIONS (4): WITHOUT NOTICE

ROAD TRAFFIC

State-wide Control: Appointment of Investigating Committee

1. Mr. HAWKE asked the Premier:

- (1) Was the move to set up a committee to investigate the advisability of State-wide control of road traffic by the Police Department based upon a Cabinet decision?
- (2) If so, does the principle of collective responsibility apply in relation to each member of the Cabinet?

Mr. BRAND replied:

I thank the Leader of the Opposition for adequate notice of this question, and the answers are—

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Yes.

ELECTRICITY CHARGES

Legislation for Uniformity

2. Mr. HALL asked the Premier:

In the absence of the Minister for Electricity, will he advise whether it is the intention of the Government to bring down legislation, or amending legislation, this session of Parliament, to effect uniformity or equalisation of electricity charges as between city and country areas?

Mr. BRAND replied:

Not that I am aware of.

DARRYL BEAMISH CASE

Reopening

3. Mr. TONKIN asked the Premier:

- (1) Has he seen the report that the British Government will reopen the case of Timothy John Evans who was hanged 15 years ago for a murder which John Christie subsequently confessed to having committed?
- (2) Does he acknowledge that in some important aspects there is a marked similarity between the Evans case in England and that of Darryl Beamish in this State?
- (3) Is he aware that many people have strong doubts concerning the guilt of Darryl Beamish despite the legal processes which have been used and exhausted?
- (4) Will he obtain details from the British Government with a view to considering whether a similar procedure may, with compassion and justice, be followed here?

Mr. BRAND replied:

- (1) If the report referred to is that contained in *The West Australian* newspaper of the 23rd July, 1965, yes.
- (2) No. All the circumstances surrounding the Evans case are not known.
- (3) I am aware that in all decisions such as this, there are always some people who have doubts as to the judgments.
- (4) I am not prepared to give any undertaking. However, we will be interested in any action taken by the British Government.

PARLIAMENTARY SITTINGS

Introduction of Two Sessions

4. Mr. BICKERTON asked the Premier:

- (1) Has his Government given consideration to introducing two sessions of Parliament every year in Western Australia similar to the

procedure applying in the other State Parliaments and the Commonwealth Parliament?

- (2) If so, what decision, if any, has been reached?

Mr. BRAND replied:

- (1) and (2) Yes; we have given quite a deal of consideration to this question. As a matter of fact, I think this was a point raised by the Labor Party during the general election. We have decided—at least up to this point—that we will continue with the present system.

However, being an amenable sort of Government we are always prepared to review this question.

AUDIT ACT AMENDMENT BILL

Leave to Introduce

MR. BRAND (Greenough—Premier) [3.50 p.m.]: In order to assert and maintain the undoubted rights and privileges of this House to initiate legislation, I move, without notice—

That leave be given to introduce a Bill for an Act to amend the Audit Act, 1904-1957.

Question put and passed; leave granted.

Introduction and First Reading

Bill introduced, on motion by Mr. Brand (Premier), and read a first time.

GOVERNOR'S SPEECH

Distribution of Copies

THE SPEAKER (Mr. Hearman) [3.51 p.m.]: Accompanied by members of this Chamber, I attended His Excellency the Governor in the Legislative Council Chamber to hear the speech which His Excellency was pleased to deliver to members of both Houses of Parliament. For the sake of greater accuracy, I have caused printed copies of the speech to be distributed amongst members of this Chamber.

ADDRESS-IN-REPLY: FIRST DAY

Motion

MR. RUSHTON (Dale) [3.52 p.m.]: I move—

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

May it please Your Excellency: We, the members of the Legislative Assembly 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 address to Parliament.

As I now have the opportunity of saying a few words I would like to congratulate you, Mr. Speaker, on being re-elected to the high office which you hold. To the Premier and his Ministers I convey my appreciation for the privilege of moving the motion expressing our loyalty through His Excellency to Her Majesty the Queen. Naturally I am conscious of the honour of representing the electorate of Dale, and I thank the people of that electorate for the opportunity of representing them and Western Australia in this Parliament.

For the past 17 years my predecessor, Mr. G. P. Wild, with distinction represented Western Australia and my electorate, during which time tremendous growth has been accomplished. I am sure that all present here will join with me in wishing him every success in his work for Western Australia in London.

At the same time, in paying this tribute, I would like to include the late Sir Ross McLarty, Lady McLarty, and Mrs. Wild; they are all held in the very highest and fondest regard throughout the electorate.

In his speech today His Excellency made mention of the passing of Sir Winston Churchill. This is a great sadness to us all, but I feel we were all delighted at the ready response which our State gave to commemorate such a great man.

His Excellency also referred to the economic and industrial development and extension services that have been achieved in this State, and mentioned that these economic and industrial developments are to continue.

I am sure we are all conscious of the need—our State being one-third the area of Australia, and having seven per cent. of the people in Australia—for the rapid increase of population and the economic strengthening of our State. We all recognise this from the point of view of security. It is necessary not only for security but also for giving a diversity of interest to our people. It is not my intention to diminish or reduce the part played by our Premier and his Ministers in what they have accomplished up to the present time. I think all of us recognise the bold way they have increased the climate for all to respond to work on behalf of Western Australia, but today is not the time for me to prolong my comments or speak further on this point. At the same time I do recognise the part played by others in the development of this State. Anyone who walks along the corridors of this gracious building will be aware of the part played by those who have gone before us.

Because I represent the electorate which supplies the majority of Western Australians with water it is my intention to touch briefly on three related subjects—water conservation, our people, and the electorate of Dale. The importance of water conservation has been hammered home to all

of us whether we be developing the road eastward across the Nullarbor, increasing irrigation in the north or south, stepping up production of our farms, attracting factories, building homes for our people, or extending the services of sewerage, swimming pools, or bowling greens.

This brings back vividly to my mind a trip I took to the township of Trayning. On the way I passed by the swimming pools at Northam, Goomalling, and Wyalkatchem. Also on the way were seen many bowling greens which were fully occupied. It did bring joy to me to realise what great steps had been taken in extending this service to an increasing number of towns.

In the field of development and the people's welfare, the many miles of pipeline, the ever-increasing number of towns connected with water, the great work being done by our farming community in providing an increasing number of dams, and the main storage dams that have been built are, to my mind, monuments of the great service rendered by our planners and by our people.

His Excellency made mention today of the intention to extend the water service and referred to Morawa and Geraldton—two towns I have lived in. He also referred to the extension of water service at Rockingham. That is in my electorate and I am delighted to hear this. I would regard it as good business for Western Australia.

When we reflect upon the growth which was mentioned by His Excellency and realise that it is estimated to take 1,100 tons of water to grow one ton of wheat; 55,000 gallons to produce one ton of steel; and 40 gallons to grow the egg which we eat in the morning, I am sure we will realise what a great task our planners have ahead of them. I feel this is also a challenge to each one of us, because we are the ones who will help in financing these projects.

Last week I had the privilege and pleasure of attending a number of functions during the Local Government Week. Assembled there were in excess of 400 people representing 144 shires from as far north as Wyndham to Esperance in the south. These good people were an able demonstration of our strength; but when we consider the many thousands of voluntary workers in this field, and the many engaged in farming, in factories, and in industrial development, we see an added demonstration of our real strength.

The Minister for Local Government at one of those functions did mention that during the year he had presented 31 awards for meritorious service. The total years of those 31 people—which had been given voluntarily and unselfishly—amounted to 598 years.

As I indicated earlier, I am indeed proud to represent the electorate of Dale. This electorate truly reflects our progressive and rich State and our industrious people. That is not because of the geographical position only, but also because of the intelligent work carried out by the farmers of this community. The area is becoming increasingly important in providing food for our growing capital city.

The increasing production of bauxite at Jarrahdale—with its connecting line to Kwinana—is evidence of what has been accomplished in this State and certainly is an indication of what is to take place in the future.

Important new methods have been introduced in our brickworks, and wonderful results have been achieved. Timber milling is continuing in a progressive way. Increasing quantities of water are being used from the storage dams at Serpentine, Wongong, Churchman Brook, and Canning Dam.

His Excellency mentioned the importance of our tourist industry, and I am pleased to report that my electorate is playing a very important part in this venture. As honourable members will know, we have some beautiful scenes, and it should gladden the heart of anybody to drive from the hills, through the lush pasture lands, and down to the first-class ocean beaches. I am looking forward to the building of the scenic highway from Serpentine to National Park. It will be a matter of co-operation between the Government and local shires, and it will be a worth-while project when it is completed.

In the Shire of Rockingham-Safety Bay a lot of work has been carried out in beautification and the provision of facilities. This again amply demonstrates the close co-operation between the Government and the local shire. Looking forward one can see within the shire of Rockingham a growing city which will have a population in excess of 60,000 people. The area is situated ideally with safe clean beaches, and the nearby heavy industry at Kwinana provides an increasing avenue of employment.

Within the Shire of Armadale-Kelmscott another city is growing, and the expected population will be in excess of 30,000 people. This area is richly endowed with first-class building land, scenic beauty, and good facilities for people to live comfortable lives.

Further south in the Serpentine-Jarrahdale area there is a tremendous future in agricultural output, and the production of base materials. Altogether, these features add up to an impressive future. The communities in the areas I have mentioned are as old as our State and the progress made is a monument to our pioneers.

I could speak at length about our pioneers; but I feel that whatever praise I heaped upon them would not be enough, because I am sure they have left us a wonderful heritage. This spirit is continuing through my electorate, and I am sure it is continuing throughout the State.

I am looking forward to working with the shires and local voluntary organisations, and people in my electorate; and helping the electorate to progress in every way.

His Excellency mentioned the necessity for flood relief in the south-west and this brought to my mind the necessity for such relief in my own electorate. This problem will have my constant attention to see that in the flush years we are able to store some of that flood water. This will give us some relief.

In my growing electorate we are looking forward to improved transport—and this is natural when one considers the growth of our State—and also to an extension of employment, and an increase in facilities. In a growing State such as ours there is always constant need for improved drainage and the extension of services.

In my brief submission today it has been my intention to convey the thought that our future and strength is in our people; that we are all dependent one upon the other. We have a wonderful opportunity to enrich the lives of all by our continued growth through our enthusiastic and optimistic work for Western Australia and our continued wholehearted loyalty to the Crown.

MR. W. A. MANNING (Narrogin) [4.5 p.m.]: I formally second the motion.

Debate adjourned, on motion by Mr. Hawke (Leader of the Opposition).

ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE: SPECIAL

MR. BRAND (Greenough—Premier) [4.6 p.m.]: I move—

That the House at its rising adjourn until 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 3rd August.

Question put and passed.

House adjourned at 4.8 p.m.

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The PRESIDENT (The Hon. L. C. Diver) took the Chair at 4.30 p.m., and read prayers.

QUESTIONS (6): ON NOTICE

HOUSING AT MANJIMUP

Commission Homes

- The Hon. V. J. FERRY asked the Minister for Mines:
 - How many houses are there now under construction or contracts let for the building of new State Housing Commission houses in Manjimup?
 - What is the future building programme for State Housing Commission houses in Manjimup?

The Hon. A. F. GRIFFITH replied:

- Ten under construction.
- It is proposed to build a further 10 houses during 1965-66, and this number will be subject to review, depending on funds available and demand.

GREAT EASTERN HIGHWAY

Elimination of Winter Flooding

- The Hon. J. DOLAN (for The Hon. R. H. C. Stubbs) asked the Minister for Local Government:
 - Is it the intention of the Main Roads Department to place work in hand on the roads at Baandee,