

The point I am emphasising is that we have a duty in the Parliament of Western Australia, and particularly in this Legislative Council, at all times to give full consideration—as I am sure has happened in the past—to all business before Parliament. With the accent on people, I have spoken of the influence of our Royal Family. From His Excellency the Governor we have just heard about the development of our State by people and the administration of our State by Parliament. Let us not forget that we as members of Parliament are also people.

THE HON. T. O. PERRY (Lower Central) [4.7 p.m.]: I formally second the motion.

Debate adjourned, on motion by The Hon. W. F. Willesee (Leader of the Opposition).

House adjourned at 4.8 p.m.

Legislative Assembly

Thursday, the 28th July, 1966

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MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY

The Legislative Assembly met at 3 p.m.

The **SPEAKER** (Mr. Hearman) took the Chair.

PROCLAMATION

The Clerk of the Assembly (Mr. L. P. Hawley) read the proclamation of His Excellency the Governor (Sir Douglas Kendrew) summoning the second session of the Twenty-fifth Parliament.

SUMMONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

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

QUESTIONS (7): WITHOUT NOTICE ORD RIVER SCHEME

Failure of Commonwealth Government to Make Available Additional Moneys

1. Mr. **HAWKE** asked the Premier:

- (1) What are the main reasons given by the Commonwealth Government for the failure so far to make additional moneys available for the Ord River irrigation scheme?
- (2) What efforts, if any, has the State Government made to obtain moneys for the scheme from overseas countries?

Mr. **BRAND** replied:

The Leader of the Opposition gave me some notice of this question, for which I thank him. The answers to his questions are as follows:—

- (1) Their desire to have further information and undertake additional studies of the economics of the scheme, and with particular reference to the practicability of cotton produced in the area competing without subsidy in export markets.
- (2) The State Government has not sought assistance from overseas. Representations have been made to the State Government to ascertain if it would be prepared to negotiate a proposal for development of the second stage of the scheme by private capital, partly from abroad and partly from within Australia. The State Government has made it clear that it prefers, at this juncture, to proceed with the project on the original concept of joint Commonwealth-State development of the basic facilities, and with the normal private development of the individual farms.

LEEDERVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Number of Children Enrolled, and School Grounds

2. Mr. **W. HEGNEY** asked the Minister for Education:

- (1) What is the approximate number of children enrolled at the Leederville Primary School?
- (2) What is the area of the school grounds, including buildings?
- (3) What is the minimum area sought by the Education department when a new primary school is required?
- (4) Has any discussion or negotiation taken place between the Perth City Council and any Government department relating to the proposed transfer of portion of the ground to the council?
- (5) Is he aware that the parents and citizens' association involved is gravely concerned at the reported transfer?

- (6) If the reply to (4) is "Yes", what is the present position regarding the proposal?
- (7) What is the width and area proposed to be transferred?
- (8) For what purpose is such land to be used by the council?
- (9) When can a reply to my letter of the 13th July on this subject be expected?

Mr. LEWIS replied:

I thank the member for Mt. Hawthorn for some notice of his questions, the answers to which are as follows:—

- (1) 357.
- (2) 4½ acres approximately.
- (3) 10 acres.
- (4) Yes.
- (5) Yes.
- (6) The Public Works Department is still negotiating with the Perth City Council, which has requested further discussion.
- (7) Width half a chain; area 1 rood 24 perches, approximately.
- (8) Access to rear of football grandstand.
- (9) Next week.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT TRUST *Improvement of Buses on South Perth Route*

3. Mr. GRAYDEN asked the Minister for Transport:

When is it expected that the M.T.T. will be able to improve buses on the South Perth route?

Mr. Hawke: Next Week!

Mr. O'CONNOR replied:

I thank the member for South Perth for some notice of this question. The M.T.T. is continually investigating improvements of buses, and during this week the first delivery of a new type bus, with a number of improved features, was made. This bus, the first of an order of 60, will be used on the South Perth route, and, as the balance are received, they will replace older type buses on the South Perth and other routes.

APPRENTICES

Subsidy Payments

4. Mr. HALL asked the Premier:

- (1) Has the Government any scheme in mind pertaining to subsidy payments to the normal wage income of apprentices?
- (2) If the answer to (1) is "No", will he agree to have the matter examined with a view to implementing subsidy payments to apprentices to stimulate the apprenticeship intake by way of wage stability.

Mr. BRAND replied:

- (1) and (2) I think the question should have been directed to the Minister for Labour. However, we will have the question examined.

SUPERPHOSPHATE

Premier's Statement Concerning Manufacture and Distribution

5. Mr. W. A. MANNING asked the Premier.

Will the Premier inform the House concerning the statement he made this morning regarding superphosphate?

Mr. BRAND replied:

I did make a statement this morning following certain discussions that took place. It was to the effect that in view of the general pressure for inquiries into problems concerned with the manufacture and distribution of superphosphate, I would undertake to call the people concerned together for a conference with a view to resolving these problems prior to entering into the rather costly and, I think, difficult situation of setting up a Royal Commission. However, if we cannot get satisfaction through these negotiations then it would appear that the Government would proceed with a Royal Commission.

STANDARD GAUGE RAILWAY

Significance of Route Changes Shown in Newspaper Map

6. Mr. EVANS asked the Minister for Railways:

I would refer the Minister to the map which appeared on the front page of this morning's issue of *The West Australian* newspaper showing proposed changes in the routes of the standard gauge railway line. Does the fact that the standard gauge line is shown to pass through Coolgardie indicate that the Government has at long last decided to comply with a large body of thought to the effect that this is the only logical route for such a line to follow; or does it merely indicate a telescoping of distance to enable it to fit into a small map?

Mr. COURT replied:

First of all let me say that the Government still considers the route approved by this Parliament to be the logical one. But I would point out that the map appearing in *The West Australian* is in fact taken from the one in Mr. Wayne's report. I have not had a chance to confer with the Minister for Transport or with Mr. Wayne on this question. I think, however, that there is a printer's error in

table 5 when the original standard gauge route was used showing a spur line to Koolyanobbing. There is no change in the route from Southern Cross through Koolyanobbing to Kalgoorlie.

TERTIARY AND HIGHER EDUCATION

Appointment of Special Committee

7. Mr. DAVIES asked the Premier:

Can the Premier tell me when the Government proposes to appoint the special committee which is to inquire into tertiary and higher education? This matter has been under consideration since the last election.

Mr. BRAND replied:

Although we have had great difficulty, and there has been some undue delay in respect of this matter, I hope that within the next two weeks an announcement can be made of the personnel of the committee and the points they will consider.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE ERADICATION FUND ACT AMENDMENT BILL

Leave to Introduce

MR. BRAND (Greenough-Premier) [3.52 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 Foot and Mouth Disease Eradication Fund Act.
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) [3.53 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. W. A. MANNING (Narrogin) [3.54 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 Legislative Assembly of the Parliament 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.

To the Premier and his Cabinet I would like to express my appreciation for this honour in being asked to move the Address-in-Reply. I would also like to express my regret that the member for Roe, who I know had prepared a speech for today, was not able to deliver it owing to illness. I think we all deeply regret his absence.

Today His Excellency was able to present a picture of very substantial progress over the last year. This covers many fields of activity too numerous to mention at this point of time. It does show, however, that the live people we have in Western Australia, given a sane progressive programme, can spring into activity in an all-out effort to lift our State into a position which is attracting attention not only in the other States of the Commonwealth but also overseas.

Economic development on the land, in both new development and in improved production, together with the advancement in mineral research and industrial development, generally, has brought about decentralisation to an extent which would not have been thought possible even two or three years ago. New towns, new ports, new railways and new roads, together with old towns which were brought to life with increased and more vigorous activity, were all seen by members of all parties in both Houses on a recent trip to the north. It was a trip of intense education with 4,000 miles of travel in five pressurised days, during which we visited scenes of activity in agriculture, mineral development, oil search, and scientific and communication development. I am aware of the fact that dire threats have been made to members who may decide to speak of their trip to the north. I will set an example, however, by keeping my references as short as possible.

Mr. Bickerton: They are well represented up there.

Mr. W. A. MANNING: I will not argue with that. Not only are these activities physical evidence of the progress that is being made, but there will be a continuing contribution by the north to the revenue of the entire State, and we will not now be faced with the prospect of the north being an area requiring costly services and shipping while providing comparatively little in return. The whole picture appears to be changing.

While progress spells satisfaction, there is no doubt that travelling at high speeds involves the necessity for reliability and good workmanship in cars, tyres, and roads, together with the necessity for physical fitness in the drivers of the vehicles. The State in its advance must look for quality and reliability in all its programmes for the welfare of the people.

These are important factors, and foremost among them is education at every level, with a growing emphasis on agricultural and technical training which in these days requires so much specialisation.

The Youth Council was mentioned by His Excellency. It is possible that this organisation has only recently got into its stride. We have seen pictures of our youth and have read about their activities at the airport. I do not know whether the pictures did much good, because it is very likely that these young people wanted to get their pictures in the paper. These activities, however, do reveal the necessity for some sort of action.

I will say that the activity of the youth recently referred to at the airport is not typical of our youth in Australia, because there are thousands who apply themselves to physical, moral, and educational activities and hobbies. More often than not these people are connected with church and other clubs. The task of the Youth Council, however, is to interest those who are at present not interested, and this is a real problem.

Perhaps the Youth Council could consider the introduction of "after school hours" leisure education, particularly in relation to social activities, in order to get the message over before it is too late.

I think I should mention native welfare, because this is perhaps one of our greatest problems; there are so many of these people who are unwilling to accept responsibility, and there is much work to do in this regard. Both inside the Department of Native Welfare and outside there are many dedicated men and women who are achieving something in their endeavours to help these people to help themselves.

Earlier I mentioned national development, and now I ask this question: For what result are we building up the population of the State in our expansion of the State? Is it to eat foods, wear clothing, and use household articles made in other States? It seems to me that when we look at the statistics that is certainly the case. It certainly is to provide a ready market for Eastern States' producers from whom we bought last year—we have only the figures for 1964-65—\$343,000,000 worth of goods while in return we sold them only \$109,000,000. I think this is a very sad picture.

His Excellency has pointed out that much has been done by way of development, but surely there is a very wide field for enterprising Western Australians, not only to meet the needs of our own people in both primary and secondary production, but to take advantage of our geographical position and supply the markets in the north, such as India, the Persian Gulf, Malaya, all of South East Asia, and, perhaps now, even Indonesia. The huge populations of those areas would enable the stepping up of our production into quantities which would not be economic in regard to our own State population.

The rapid progress in the north has been noted because the change has been so quick, and those areas were previously so empty. But what of the more developed south? New land has been opened up to the tune of about 1,000,000 acres per year; and production per acre is being stepped up in an effort to meet rising costs. There is progress on every hand and this, in itself, has brought its problems, one of which is the supply of superphosphate. However, in view of what has been done today I do not intend to enlarge on that particular point, because I hope that action will result in a solution of the many problems that have arisen in recent times in connection with the supply of superphosphate. As a matter of fact, I hope a solution will be found that will be effective for a long time to come.

Another problem is that of transport. Here again, we find in this morning's *The West Australian* a summary of what Mr. Wayne has recommended. I do not intend to go into a lot of details on this subject, but it is one that requires a lot of attention and a lot of thought.

Mr. Graham: Like painting the buses blue instead of green. That will be good!

Mr. W. A. MANNING: I do not know what colour scheme the honourable member would prefer.

Mr. Hawke: Blue and black.

Mr. W. A. MANNING: I feel, Mr. Speaker, that you have your eye on me so that I will finish. However, before doing so I would like to say that in connection with the policy for this State, we should place the emphasis on decentralisation and the use of our outports. I am sure this will please you, Mr. Speaker, because I would stress that Bunbury is the port that should be used for imports and exports for the central great southern. Very shortly Bunbury will have two land-backed wharves; and there is no use in having modern facilities in a modern port unless they are used to the utmost. The central great southern is 40 to 60 miles closer to Bunbury than to any other port.

I would like to close on that point, because decentralisation and the use of our outports is something I would like to see executed, and I hope it is something that is in Mr. Wayne's report. If not, I would like to put it there.

MR. ELLIOTT (Canning) [4.4 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) [4.5 p.m.]: I move—

That the House at its rising adjourn until 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 2nd August.

Question put and passed.

House adjourned at 4.6 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 (4): ON NOTICE

HIGH SCHOOL AT EAST KIMBERLEYS Establishment

1. The Hon. W. F. WILLESEE asked the Minister for Mines:

In view of the increased population in the East Kimberleys, the subsequent growth in the number of children who are reaching junior high school level, and the need for parents to either send their children to other parts of the State for continued education, or to leave the area themselves with their families because of this necessity, has the Government, through the Minister for Education, given consideration to the establishment of a high school together with boarding facilities, for such pupils of the Wyndham, Kununurra, Halls Creek and general East Kimberley area?

The Hon. A. F. GRIFFITH replied:

Consideration is currently being given following a report from the director-general on his recent visit to the area.

GLASS SAND MINERAL CLAIMS

Readymix Group (W.A.) Pty. Ltd.

Application: Decision

2. The Hon. R. THOMPSON asked the Minister for Mines:

When does the Minister for Mines intend to give a decision on recommendations made by M. Harwood, Esq., Warden of the Warden's Court, on the 19th November, 1965, regarding applications by Readymix Group (W.A.) Pty. Ltd., for mineral claims 1074H-1079H for glass sand near Jandakot?

The Hon. A. F. GRIFFITH replied: I hope to be in a position to make a decision within 14 days.

STANDARD GAUGE RAILWAY

Transhipment of Grain: Capital and Cost

3. The Hon. N. E. BAXTER asked the Minister for Mines:

- (1) Who is providing, or has provided the capital funds for—
 - (a) the receival and storage bins; and
 - (b) the machinery; to be used for the transhipping of grain on the standard gauge railway line?
- (2) To what proportion, from what means, and by whom, is the amortisation of this capital being met?
- (3) Will the W.A.G.R. be paying all transhipping costs, including operating and administration expenses of the grain facilities?

The Hon. A. F. GRIFFITH replied:

- (1) Co-op Bulk Handling Limited.
- (2) The W.A. Government Railways will amortise this capital over a period of 30 years.
- (3) Yes; subject to an adjustment of charges where, to meet their requirements, C.B.H. use the facilities for receipt of local grain or for storage as distinct from transhipment.

WATER SUPPLIES AT SALMON GUMS *Record of Bores*

4. The Hon. R. H. C. STUBBS asked the Minister for Mines:

- (1) What records exist at the appropriate department in regard to bores that were sunk in search of water in the Salmon Gums district?
- (2) In what year was each bore sunk?
- (3) What is the depth and situation, and what was the analysis of each?