

THE HON. R. S. HAYNES: I move that the question be now put.

THE CHAIRMAN (Hon. Sir G. Shenton): I think the Hon. Mr. Parker was on his feet first.

THE HON. S. H. PARKER: I move that it be a request to the Legislative Assembly to omit item 152. I make this motion with a view to obtaining information. I know there is a bridge at the 13-Mile, but I do not know that it is necessary to have a bridge at Kelmscott.

Motion put and negatived.

THE HON. S. H. PARKER: I move that it be a request to the Legislative Assembly to omit item 154 from the schedule. I do so again with the view to obtaining information.

THE HON. F. T. CROWDER: I move that progress be reported.

The Committee divided with the following result:—

Ayes	10
Noes	4
Majority for ...	6

AYES.

- The Hon. W. Alexander
- The Hon. H. Briggs
- The Hon. D. K. Congdon
- The Hon. F. T. Crowder
- The Hon. D. McKay
- The Hon. S. H. Parker
- The Hon. H. J. Saunders
- The Hon. F. M. Stone
- The Hon. J. H. Taylor
- The Hon. W. Spencer

(Teller).

NOES.

- The Hon. R. G. Burges
- The Hon. J. W. Hackett
- The Hon. R. S. Haynes
- The Hon. C. E. Dempster

(Teller).

Question put and passed.

Progress reported accordingly.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House, at 11 o'clock, p.m., adjourned until Friday, 23rd October, 1896, at 4:30 o'clock, p.m.

Legislative Assembly,

Thursday, 22nd October, 1896.

Question: Civil Servants and Life Assurance—Delay of a Bigamy Trial—Messages (3) from Legislative Council—Adjournment.

THE SPEAKER took the chair at 4:30 o'clock, p.m.

PRAYERS.

QUESTION—CIVIL SERVANTS AND LIFE ASSURANCE.

MR. SOLOMON, by leave and without notice, asked the Premier whether it was the intention of the Government during the recess to consider the advisability of civil servants assuring their lives?

THE PREMIER (Hon. Sir J. Forrest) said the Government would be glad to consider the question.

DELAY OF A BIGAMY TRIAL.

MR. MORAN, by leave, said he had been requested by some influential persons in Fremantle, connected with two of the principal churches, to ask the Attorney General whether it was true that a certain individual named Thomas Libbis, who had been returned for trial at Fremantle on a charge of bigamy, was not to be tried; and if not, why not? The omission to try him on the charge upon which he had been returned at Fremantle was an encouragement of crime.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (Hon. S. Burt), in reply, said such a case had been returned at Fremantle for trial; but there was a difficulty in proceeding, and the matter had not altogether been disposed of. The difficulty was as to procuring the evidence necessary to prove the alleged offence. The evidence necessary in this case had to be obtained from Victoria, and he could not at present say whether the evidence would be obtainable; but an endeavour was being made to ascertain whether the required evidence would be forthcoming.

MESSAGES FROM LEGISLATIVE
COUNCIL.

After members had waited for messages expected from the Legislative Council, three messages were received and read; two of them reporting the Council's concurrence in amendments made by the Assembly in Bills, and one their concurrence in the Assembly's further amendment made in the Council's amendment upon the Assembly's original resolution re "Hansard" reporting.

ADJOURNMENT.

On the motion of the PREMIER, the House adjourned at 7.55 p.m., until next day.

Legislative Council,

Friday, 23rd October, 1896.

Australasian Federation Enabling Bill: third reading—
Loan Estimates, 1896-7—Bankruptcy Act, 1892, Amendment Bill: laid aside—Lands Resumption Act, 1894, Amendment Bill: second reading; committee—Jury Act, 1871, Amendment Bill: committee—Public Health Act, 1886, Amendment Bill: committee—Kalgoorlie-Menzies Railway Bill: second reading; Message to Legislative Assembly—York-Greenhills Railway Bill: second reading; committee—Bills of Sale Bill: second reading—Kalgoorlie-Kanowna Railway Bill: second reading; committee—Perth Racecourse Railway Bill: second reading; committee—Width of Tires Act, 1895, Amendment Bill: laid aside—Aborigines Protection Board: Legislative Assembly's Message—Goldfields Act, 1895, Amendment Bill: second reading; committee—Church of England School Lands (private) Bill: second reading; committee; third reading—Adjournment.

THE PRESIDENT (Hon. Sir G. Shenton) took the chair at 4.30 o'clock, p.m.

AUSTRALASIAN FEDERATION
ENABLING BILL.

THIRD READING.

This Bill was read a third time and passed.

LOAN ESTIMATES, 1896-7.

THE MINISTER FOR MINES (Hon. E. H. Wittenoom): I find, when I made a statement yesterday in connection with the Loan Estimates, that I made a mistake. I was under the impression that the Hon. Mr. Parker was asking for some superfluous information, and I said I would not lay it on the table. As I say, I find I was wrong, and I have since procured copies which will be handed round to hon. members. I further propose to postpone the consideration of the Appropriation Bill until hon. members have had an opportunity of considering the paper which I now lay on the table.

BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1892, AMENDMENT
BILL.

THE HON. R. S. HAYNES: I move that this Order of the Day be discharged.

THE HON. F. T. CROWDER: I second this motion with regret. Some amendment of the law is required by the commercial community, but I am forced to the conclusion that this Bill is not necessary. If the Order of the Day be discharged, an opportunity will be given to the Chambers of Commerce of Perth and Fremantle to fully consider the matter and prepare a Bill which can be introduced next session.

Question put and passed.

Order of the Day discharged.

Bill laid aside.

LANDS RESUMPTION ACT, 1894.
AMENDMENT BILL.

SECOND READING

THE MINISTER FOR MINES (Hon. E. H. Wittenoom): This is a short Bill setting forth the methods to be adopted where land is resumed for railway or other purposes. It is provided that notice shall, after being published in the *Gazette*, be served on the owners and occupiers of the land, who must, within 60 days, send in their claim. Where no notice has been served, but published in the *Gazette* only, the claims must be sent in within four months. If no claim is sent in, the Minister may then appoint a sole arbitrator. In the event of the man making an offer, and no reply being received within a month, it will be taken that that offer has been accepted. It has