

sented to our Agent General in London, and we shall have to make provision for their payment. Hence the urgency; hence it is the Agent General wires that the authorisation is anxiously expected, because he has engagements to meet; and as soon as the House pass the authorisation to borrow any sum they like to fix, then we shall be able to get an advance in London, and to carry things on pleasantly until we can get this loan properly floated. I have already mentioned the fact that January and July are the two months most favourable for borrowing; and that is confirmed by the strong telegram from the Agent General. The Government are quite prepared to make in the schedule any alteration which the House may think fit; and, moreover, so long as it is understood that the House are committed by passing the Bill to the three and a half millions of money, then we have no objection to an alteration in the amount. I think, however, that alteration would be unwise. I still contend that for the purposes of sound finance this Bill should be for an amount that will cover the works we propose to do, and that the Government should be in a position to avail themselves of the money market at any time that is most suitable for raising the money for the required works. I hope the House will pass the second reading, and then we can get into Committee. I want to get the Bill through to-night, and if we cannot pass it before the adjournment, we shall not be able to do so till August.

MR. W. J. GEORGE: It can be done before tea to-morrow.

THE COLONIAL TREASURER: Of course I can only advise the House, and I do not attempt to dictate to or control members in any shape or form. I give my opinion for what it is worth, and I say the duty we owe to the State at the present time in connection with our finances is to pass this Bill, which ought to have been passed a week ago at least, and the Government ought to be in a position to cable to London to-morrow night on this question. I strongly urge the Committee to sit if necessary all night, and to get the Bill through. I hope I have made my position clear.

MR. J. J. HIGHAM (Fremantle): I see no prospect of bringing the debate to

a conclusion to-night, and I therefore beg to move the adjournment of the debate.

THE COLONIAL TREASURER: No.

Motion for adjournment put, and a division taken with the following result:—

Ayes ... ..	21
Noes ... ..	18
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Majority for ...	3

AYES.	NOES.
Mr. Butcher	Mr. Daglish
Mr. Connor	Mr. Gregory
Mr. Diamond	Mr. Hastie
Mr. Doherty	Mr. Holmes
Mr. Ewing	Mr. Hopkins
Mr. George	Mr. Illingworth
Mr. Gordon	Mr. James
Mr. Harper	Mr. Kingsmill
Mr. Hayward	Mr. Leake
Mr. Hicks	Mr. McDonald
Mr. Higham	Mr. Nauson
Mr. Hutchinson	Mr. Reid
Mr. Jacoby	Mr. Reside
Mr. Piessé	Mr. Smith
Mr. Quinlan	Mr. Taylor
Mr. Reason	Mr. Wallace
Mr. Sayer	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Stone	Mr. Gardiner (Teller).
Mr. Throssell	
Mr. Yelverton	
Mr. O'Conaor (Teller).	

Motion thus passed, and the debate adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House adjourned at eight minutes past 10 o'clock, until the next day.

Legislative Council,

Wednesday, 17th July, 1901.

Message: Assent to Supply Bill—Paper presented—Leave of Absence (debate)—Loan Legislation, Remarks in anticipation; Sitting suspended—Adjournment.

THE PRESIDENT took the Chair at 4.30 o'clock, p.m.

PRAYERS.

MESSAGE—ASSENT TO SUPPLY BILL.

A Message from the Governor intimated His Excellency's assent to the Supply Bill, £1,250,000.

## PAPER PRESENTED.

By the MINISTER FOR LANDS :  
Amended Regulations under Elementary  
Education Act.

Ordered to lie on the table.

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

HON. R. G. BURGESS moved :

That leave of absence be granted to the  
Hon. C. E. Dempster for two months, on account  
of ill-health.

By the advice of doctors, Mr. Dempster,  
whose health was altogether breaking up,  
had left the State for three months ;  
and, from information received, he (Mr.  
Burgess) believed the hon. member in-  
tended to be present when the House  
met in August, or a few days afterwards.  
He did not altogether like asking for  
leave, because so many members were  
away just now ; but in the case under  
notice there was very little to com-  
plain of. Some members had seen Mr.  
Dempster not long ago in Melbourne,  
and those members would be able to say  
in what state of health Mr. Dempster  
was at that time. Mr. Dempster might  
not require the two months' leave of  
absence. In all probability he would be  
present when the House resumed at the  
end of August.

HON. G. BELLINGHAM seconded  
the motion. Three or four weeks ago he  
saw Mr. Dempster in the Eastern States,  
and the hon. member was then suffering  
from ill-health. Mr. Dempster was an  
old country member who was very regular  
in attendance, and every consideration  
should be given to any member who  
asked for leave of absence in consequence  
of illness.

Question put and passed.

## LOAN LEGISLATION.

## STANDING ORDERS SUSPENSION.

Notice of motion having been pre-  
viously given by the Minister for Lands,

That so much of the Standing Orders be  
suspended as may be necessary to pass the  
Loan Bill through its several stages :

THE MINISTER FOR LANDS (Hon.  
C. Sommers) moved that the motion be  
postponed until the Loan Bill came on  
for consideration. The measure would  
be down to-night, and he asked hon.  
members to meet again at 8 o'clock. He  
was assured by the Government that the

Bill would be through the Assembly by  
that time. In view of the urgency of  
the matter, and the desire there was  
amongst members of this and another  
place that we should adjourn for the  
festivities, he trusted the House would  
assist the Government, so that the Bill  
could be discussed to-night.

HON. R. G. BURGESS : The Bill was  
not here.

THE PRESIDENT : It would be  
better to deal with the postponement of  
the motion first.

Motion for adjournment put and  
passed.

THE MINISTER FOR LANDS :  
There was a likelihood of the Loan Bill  
coming to this House to-night, and he  
asked members to agree to the suggestion  
to sit again at 8 o'clock.

HON. M. L. MOSS (West) : There was  
no certainty of the Loan Bill reaching  
this House to-night. Evidently a lengthy  
discussion was going on in another place,  
and we had no positive assurance that  
the Bill would be here for consideration  
at the time mentioned. Instead of  
waiting now, the Bill could be considered  
to-morrow. Living out of Perth, he was  
not disposed to remain here on the off-  
chance of the Bill coming on. There  
were other members situated as he was,  
and it was not reasonable for the Govern-  
ment to expect members to wait. Very  
few members in another place had dis-  
cussed this Bill, and, generally speaking,  
a Loan Bill was rather more than a  
formal matter in this House. As the  
authorisations asked for amounted to  
three and a-half millions of money, there  
was a possibility that the Bill was not  
going to slip through this House in the  
way the Minister for Lands would desire.  
Personally, he would like to see consid-  
erable debate in another place. The rush-  
ing of a Loan Bill through another  
Chamber ought to be deprecated.

HON. R. G. BURGESS (East) : After  
the opening Speech of His Excellency the  
Governor, in which so much caution was  
advised, it would be rather hasty on the  
part of the Government to bring down a  
Loan Bill and expect it to pass in one  
evening. From what he had heard there  
was a likelihood of the Bill being amended  
in another place. More time should be  
given for the consideration of such an  
important Bill when it covered such a

large amount of money as three and a-half millions. It was not fair at the commencement of a session to expect members to come to the House for half an hour, and then adjourn until 8 o'clock in the evening. The House could meet to-morrow, when there would be the whole of the sitting for the discussion of the Bill, and he believed there would be some discussion on the measure. He was not going to vote for the Bill unless it was altered considerably.

**THE MINISTER FOR LANDS:** There was no intention to burk discussion on the Bill, and it was not proposed to rush the measure through to-night, but seeing it was only possible to have one more sitting before we adjourned for the festivities, it would be well to begin the discussion this evening, and if it were not finished, members could come again and discuss it to-morrow. The Government had nothing to hide; they had been told by the Agent General that the present was a good opportunity for placing a loan on the English market, and the cablegrams on this matter had been read in another place last night. Personally, he could not guarantee that the Bill would reach the House to-night, but seeing there was only one more chance for a sitting day before the holidays, he asked members to come back. It might be that the Bill would come down. There would be considerable time for discussion to-night, and if the debate were not concluded, it could be finished to-morrow. Although the Bill authorised the raising of three and a-half millions of money, the Government did not intend to go to the market for more than one and a-half millions.

**HON. M. L. MOSS:** What did the Government put three and a-half millions in the Bill for?

**THE MINISTER FOR LANDS:** Because the Government did not want to place the works piecemeal before members. Although the Government would have power to raise the money, Parliament had the right to say how it should be spent. When the Loan Estimates came on, that was the proper time for members to discuss the items, and if members did not approve of the works, they could be struck out. On account of the state of the money market, the authorisation was asked for, and members had the assurance

of the Government that they did not intend to go to the market for a sum exceeding one and a-half millions. Personally, it did not matter whether we sat to-night or to-morrow, but he would be pleased if members could see their way to come back and give a little time to business to-night.

**HON. G. BELLINGHAM (South):** When a very important measure like the Loan Bill was coming on for discussion, he was sorry to see so few town members present. Out of the 13 members in the Chamber, seven were country members. It was very bad taste on the part of town members not to attend when such an important question as the Loan Bill was likely to come on.

**HON. M. L. MOSS:** It was not on the Notice Paper.

**HON. G. BELLINGHAM:** Every member knew that the Bill was coming to this House, and it was the duty of members to give due consideration to the Bill. In the present session, so far there had been very little work done, and the sittings had been very short; therefore it was not asking members a great deal to attend to their duty to-night. He had much pleasure in supporting the Government, and he hoped members would recognise it was their duty to come back to-night, and if the Bill did not come on, members had still done their duty.

**HON. J. M. SPEED (Metropolitan-Suburban):** It was pleasant to find our new Agent General was a prophet regarding financial matters.

**HON. G. RANDELL:** This was not the new Agent General, but Sir Edward Wittenoom.

**HON. J. M. SPEED:** Then it was unfortunate his services were; to be dispensed with, seeing he could so well forecast events. Still, the Loan Bill should be considered by this House in its place and in its turn. This loan of three and a half millions would last the country considerably more than a week, and should therefore be as seriously considered by this House as by another place, which could not be done if the Bill were passed to-night. Time must be given to read it through.

**HON. G. BELLINGHAM:** By considering it to-night, time would be saved.

**HON. J. M. SPEED:** For that reason, better adjourn till to-morrow, so that

to-night hon. members could read and consider the measure.

HON. B. C. O'BRIEN (Central) supported the motion. Ample time to consider the Loan Bill had been given by the notice of motion to suspend the Standing Orders. The object in sitting to-night was to give members more time to discuss the Bill, and it did not follow the measure would be rushed through, for the long discussion in another place would make hon. members here cautious.

THE MINISTER FOR LANDS (in reply): The Bill should be discussed to-night, so that full consideration might be given to any alterations made by the Assembly. The discussion, if unfinished to-night, could be continued to-morrow.

THE PRESIDENT: If there were reason to believe the Bill would come down to-night, certainly it would be most advantageous for the House to meet again at 8 o'clock. He was willing to take the Chair at any time hon. members might desire. He would put the motion that he leave the Chair until 8 o'clock.

Motion put, and a division taken with the following result:—

Ayes	...	...	...	10
Noes	...	...	...	5

Majority for ... .. 5

**AYES.**  
 The Hon. G. Bellingham  
 The Hon. H. Briggs  
 The Hon. J. D. Connolly  
 The Hon. J. W. Hackett  
 The Hon. R. S. Haynes  
 The Hon. A. Jameson  
 The Hon. W. Maley  
 The Hon. B. C. O'Brien  
 The Hon. C. Sommers  
 The Hon. A. G. Jenkins  
 (Teller).

**NOES.**  
 The Hon. M. L. Moss  
 The Hon. G. Randell  
 The Hon. J. E. Richardson  
 The Hon. J. M. Speed  
 The Hon. R. G. Burges  
 (Teller).

Motion thus passed, and the sitting suspended until 8 o'clock.

At 8 o'clock, Chair resumed.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

THE MINISTER FOR LANDS, in moving that the House do now adjourn, thanked members for their courtesy in reassembling. He understood some compromise was being arrived at in another place, but it was impossible for the Loan Bill to reach this Chamber within a reasonable time to-night to be discussed.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at 8:10 o'clock, until the next day.

**Legislative Assembly,**

Wednesday, 17th July, 1901.

Question: Health Board for North Perth—Question: Railway Administration, to inquire—Question: Apples Importation—Question: Railway Accident, to inquire—Question: Royal Visit, Address from Parliament—Message: Assent to Supply Bill—Loan Bill (No. 2), second reading, debate resumed; in Committee, adjourned—Adjournment.

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

**PRAYERS.**

**QUESTION—HEALTH BOARD FOR NORTH PERTH.**

MR. F. C. MONGER (for Mr. Speight) asked the Premier: When it was proposed to carry out the decision of a previous Parliament to grant a Local Board of Health to the North Perth Roads Board District.

THE PREMIER replied: As soon as the Roads Board signified its approval of the exclusion of the Block 884 and the approaches thereto, the Health Board would be gazetted.

**QUESTION—RAILWAY ADMINISTRATION, TO INQUIRE.**

MR. H. DAGLISH asked the Commissioner of Railways: Whether it was the intention of the Government to appoint a Commission, or to move for the appointment of a Select Committee of this House, to investigate the condition of the Railway Department, and submit a report respecting its organisation and management?

THE COMMISSIONER OF RAILWAYS replied: Yes; it is the intention of the Government to at once appoint a Royal Commission.

**QUESTION—APPLES IMPORTATION.**

MR. C. HARPER asked the Premier: 1, Whether any apples were landed at Fremantle shortly before the removal of the prohibition on the landing of the same. 2, If so, why the Shipping Company landing them has not been prosecuted for the breach of the laws. 3, Whether he will cause a report to be procured from the Inspector examining fruit at Fremantle as to the condition of each shipment of apples and pears landed under the amended regulations, describing