

The other problem we cannot control, although we can assist in its alleviation, concerns wheat. There is enough wheat in store throughout the world to feed for more than a year all those who normally eat wheat, and there is a harvest under way in the Northern Hemisphere. Soon we in Australia will also be harvesting a large crop. The pattern of the market is similar to that of 1929—full silos, and a harvest pressing on Government-supported prices. It was in a situation almost identical with the present that Russia started to export at the beginning of the last depression. If Russia were to ship 1,000,000 bushels of wheat to markets normally available to the western world, the effect on our economy would be as great as an A-bomb, and there is no massive retaliation possible. This was the opening move of the last depression. A fall in wheat prices, no matter how caused, would usher in a down-turn in world economics possibly steeper than that relating to the last depression.

The foolish policies of anti-progressive governments in England, U.S.A., and Australia have laid the whole world open to economic disaster, and put the ideal weapon for the destruction of the western way of life into the hands of our avowed enemies. There is only one possible remedy—planning—not only of the wheat industry, but of all vulnerable factors in the economy, like credit, time-payment in particular, prices, wages and employment, to ensure that our standards are maintained and to provide absolute certainty that the unemployed, the aged, the widow, and all children are always maintained above the minimum civilised standard, no matter who above that level suffers.

Let us use this session fruitfully in establishing a just basis for those plans which obviously must be implemented in the near future.

MR. O'BRIEN (Murchison): I formally second the motion.

On motion by Hon. Sir Ross McLarty, debate adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT—SPECIAL.

THE PREMIER (Hon. A. R. G. Hawke—Northam): I move—

That the House at its rising adjourn till 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

House adjourned at 4.13 p.m.

Legislative Council

Tuesday, 9th August, 1955.

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The PRESIDENT took the Chair at 4.30 p.m., and read prayers.

NORTHERN TERRITORY.

Opening of New Legislative Council Chamber.

The PRESIDENT: I have to advise members that the new Legislative Council Chamber for the Northern Territory was opened by His Excellency the Governor General, Sir William Slim, on the 25th March, 1955. I took the opportunity of conveying the good wishes of this Council to the President and members and now have pleasure in reading the following reply:—

Legislative Council
Building,
Darwin, N.T.,
13th April, 1955.

My Dear Mr. President,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of congratulations upon the occasion of the first meeting of the Legislative Council for the Northern Territory in its new Chamber.

It was most gracious of you to think of us on this day—one made memorable by the presence of Their Excellencies, Sir William and Lady Slim, and the inaugural speech by His Excellency.

The Council was also honoured by the presence of the Honourable Paul Hasluck, Minister of State for Territories, and a delegation from the Commonwealth Parliament, headed by Mr. Speaker of the Senate and Mr. Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Your message was very welcome and its receipt has been recorded in the minutes of that sitting.

Will you kindly accept yourself and convey to all your members, the thanks and hearty good wishes of the members of the Legislative Council for the Northern Territory.

Yours sincerely,

F. J. S. WISE.

President of the Legislative Council.

AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT.

Section "B", 1954.

The PRESIDENT: I have received from the Auditor General a copy of Section "B" of his report on the Treasurer's statement of the Public Accounts for the financial year ended the 30th June, 1954. It will be laid on the Table of the House.

QUESTIONS.

GASCOYNE RIVER.

Report and Recommendations of Government Geologist.

Hon. C. W. D. BARKER asked the Minister for the North-West:

Will he lay on the table of the House the report and recommendations of Mr. Ellis, the Government Geologist, in reference to the Gascoyne River?

The MINISTER replied:

Yes. The papers will be tabled for a period of two weeks.

DELINQUENT GIRLS.

Specialised Training Centres.

Hon. R. F. HUTCHISON asked the Chief Secretary:

Will the Government provide similar training centres for the specialised training of delinquent girls to those being provided for boys?

The CHIEF SECRETARY replied:

In the overall plan now being developed for training of delinquent children, provision will be made for a training school for girls.

INDICTABLE CHILDBIRTH CASES.

Summary Trial.

Hon. R. F. HUTCHISON asked the Chief Secretary:

Can he advise the House whether any decision has been made with regard to my question asked last session, as to whether steps would be taken to have indictable childbirth cases concerning unmarried mothers tried summarily instead of by the Criminal Court?

The CHIEF SECRETARY replied:

The question of providing for a new offence of infanticide is under consideration. It is questionable, however, whether

such an offence, where a woman by a wilful act or omission causes the death of her child, should be dealt with other than by a judge and jury.

HOUSING.

Native Homes, Wyndham.

Hon. C. W. D. BARKER asked the Minister for the North-West:

Will he give early consideration to the building of native homes in Wyndham, as the local authorities inform me that a further 20 are urgently needed?

The MINISTER replied:

The number of homes to be erected is limited by available funds, but consideration is now being given to a building programme for native homes throughout the State.

MOTIONS—CONDOLENCE.

(a) Late Hon. C. H. Henning, M.L.C.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY (Hon. G. Fraser—West) I move—

That this House place on record its sincere appreciation of the services rendered to the State by the late Hon. Charles Harriott Henning, who, at the time of his passing was a member for the South-West Province, and express its deep sympathy with his widow and the members of his family on the irreparable loss they have sustained by his decease; and that the President be asked to convey the foregoing to his widow and family.

It is with sincere regret that I move this motion because, although the late Mr. Henning was a member of this Chamber for only a few years, he was here long enough for us to get to know him and to appreciate greatly his outstanding qualities. I am sure that every member will join with me when I say that Mr. Henning's passing is a definite loss to the State, and especially to the country people. During debates that were held in this Chamber on matters dealing particularly with the dairy industry, Mr. Henning, with his extensive knowledge and great experience of that industry, was able to place before members many aspects of the disabilities and difficulties suffered by the people engaged in it. In his contribution to the debates he was able to point out to us a way of looking at the question which, without his assistance, would have been foreign to us.

Apart from his services rendered in this Chamber, the late hon. member, prior to coming here, gave good service in local government. For many years he was a member of the Drakesbrook Road Board and, for some years, he was chairman of that board. He was also a past president of the Waroona branch of the R.S.L. So we can say that right throughout the life

of the hon. member he was one of those valuable citizens who have rendered excellent service on behalf of their fellow men, and I very much regret having to move a motion of this description.

HON. C. H. SIMPSON (Midland): I join with the Chief Secretary in the sentiments expressed by him regarding our colleague, the late Mr. Henning. This is one of the occasions in this Chamber when the party outlook is forgotten and we remember common humanities; and in speaking of our late colleague, I think I can say that all of us held him in high esteem. We appreciated his good qualities, and looked forward to his being amongst us for many years to come, and therefore the news of his passing came as a great shock to us. Not only was he well equipped to give advice on matters such as the Chief Secretary mentioned, but also he was willing, ready and happy to give that advice to anyone who cared to ask for it. We will sadly miss his presence in this Chamber.

Perhaps one of the most poignant features of his passing was the fact that he had been looking forward next year to taking a well-earned rest overseas. He had made arrangements for the booking of his passage and for accommodation at the spot he proposed to visit and intended taking members of his family with him. That would have been some measure of recompense for the hard work that he had done; but, unfortunately, he was denied the privilege of enjoying it. So, Mr. President, I join with the Leader of the House in extending our condolences to his widow and his family.

HON. H. HEARN (Metropolitan): I, too, would like to join the Chief Secretary in associating myself with the motion before the Chair. It was my great privilege to know the late Mr. Henning for many years before he entered this Chamber, and when he did arrive here I sat next to him during his first session. I am sure that all of us recognised in Mr. Henning a man who was enthusiastic in his quest for knowledge and who made rapid strides in the esteem of his fellow parliamentarians; and I am sure that ultimately he would have been Leader of this House.

In other spheres he distinguished himself. He served his country during two world wars and, as the Minister said, he also had very great experience in local government. Sometimes when we see a man of his description being taken so suddenly we wonder whether it is the correct thing; and yet we know that, according to the overriding Providence, his work must have been finished. However, if that be so, I suggest that he has left to us, and to others who will follow, a worthy example; and I wish to join in the expression of deep sorrow that is to be conveyed to his widow and family.

HON. H. L. ROCHE (South): I wish to associate myself with the motion of sympathy which has been moved by the Chief Secretary on behalf of this House. I knew and had been friendly with the late Mr. Henning for nearly 30 years; and during practically all that time he was a man who contributed his full meed of public service, not only in his own district, but also wherever the opportunity presented itself. To me it is somewhat ironic that his passing should occur so suddenly, but we cannot question the way of Divine Providence in these things and how it operates; and so; unfortunately, Mr. Henning has been taken from us comparatively early in his parliamentary life.

It is a credit to that gentleman that, whilst he had strong views on certain matters, he was never ashamed to express himself as he thought fit, honestly and fearlessly. On his passing from us he would be able to claim that every one of the 30 members of this House was his friend. That in itself is an indication of the type of man he was. We shall be all the poorer for his passing, as will the public and the State of Western Australia.

HON. W. R. HALL (North-East): I desire, but have much sorrow in so doing, to support the motion moved by the Chief Secretary. I associate myself with the remarks passed in regard to the late Mr. Henning. Charlie Henning was a very likeable chap, very fair in his outlook, a keen debater, and one who rendered great service to the public in local government affairs and in this Parliament. I have often wondered why it is that a man of such fine physique as the late hon. member should have been taken from us so suddenly. It was a shock to most of us to hear of his passing, and this House will be all the poorer by that event. It is with sincere regret that I join with other members in supporting the motion of condolence to his widow and family.

HON. SIR CHARLES LATHAM (Central): I wish to associate myself with the remarks that have been made. One cannot rise on such an occasion without some feeling of loneliness and sadness that the late Mr. Henning should have been taken away from us so suddenly. I had known him for many, many years and had been closely associated with him, not only in this Chamber, but outside. He was a very keen critic and was not afraid to say what he thought was right, irrespective of whether it pleased others or not. He served his district and this State extraordinarily well. As has been mentioned, in his earlier days he served his country in two wars. This State can ill afford to lose a man like him, and in his passing I am sure we all feel a great loss. I sometimes wonder whether such a loss can be filled.

My sympathy goes out to his widow, whom I know very well, and to his family. I know exactly how Mrs. Henning feels at present. They had planned to go away together on a holiday and he had looked forward to it. On my return from London, he asked me of the arrangements that he had to make; now his widow has to go by herself. There is always a touch of sadness associated with such a loss, especially in the case of a man who is liked. The late Mr. Henning was such a man. Everyone in this House who had the privilege of knowing him must feel as lonely as I do.

HON. J. MURRAY (South-West): I would like to join with other members in this motion of condolence to Mrs. Henning and her family. The late hon. member was elected to this House in 1951, at the same time as myself, as a result of two by-elections held in that year. As the Chief Secretary has said, that happened after he had had a very full life in local government affairs, at which time he was also chairman of the Drakesbrook Road Board. It must give joy to his wife and family to realise that after that long service in a voluntary capacity in local government affairs, he did achieve one of his great ambitions—to represent in this House that portion of the State which he loved so well.

To me his passing is a definite personal loss. The late Charles Henning and I had been associated over many years, even before he came into this House. Both here and outside I came to rely on him for advice on those matters which he knew so well. I frankly admit they are out of my sphere. They are matters relating to farming and are very closely tied up with the province I represent. So it is with much feeling of regret that I join in this motion of condolence.

HON. J. McI. THOMSON (South): My association with Mr. Henning extended back only to the time when he became a member of this House; but in that period a very deep friendship arose between us. I regret his passing and associate myself with the motion of condolence to his wife and family. This State has lost a very able and conscientious legislator; at the same time this House has lost a very loyal and sound counsellor. We have all lost a very close friend whom we will find hard to replace.

HON. A. F. GRIFFITH (Suburban): I would like to join the Minister and other members in their words of condolence to the late Mr. Henning's widow and family. I learnt of his death by telephone, and the news came to me as a tragic shock. It was difficult to believe that a man who had been so well in health during the time I had known him—and I had known him for quite a number of years—should have been taken away so suddenly. I am sure

it is perfectly true, as has been said by other members, that his death will be a very great loss to this House and to the State of Western Australia. I would like to class myself as a friend of the late Charlie Henning. I always found him to have the one redeeming quality which few of us possess to the same degree as he. I refer to the fact that he was absolutely trustworthy and positively reliable. In those terms I join with other members in this motion of condolence.

HON. N. E. BAXTER (Central): I must associate myself with the Chief Secretary and other members in this motion regretting the loss of a friend and an associate in the late Charles Henning. Although I did not know him very well until he became a member of this House, I had met him in 1931. For many years prior to that he was a very close friend of my late father who, in all those years, appreciated that friendship. I would say that the late Mr. Henning served the State as well as, if not better than, many other public men. As all members will agree, he spent much of his lifetime rendering service in the armed forces, in local government affairs, as a primary producer and, latterly, as a member of this House. I feel that I would be lacking in my duty if I did not associate myself with this motion and join others in expressing deep regret at his passing.

THE MINISTER FOR THE NORTH-WEST (Hon. H. C. Strickland—North): In joining with other members in associating myself with this motion of condolence, I should like to say that I was in Canberra with several other members from this State when the very sad news reached the party, and those members and Government officials received quite a shock and realised that it was very sad news indeed. During my brief career in this Chamber, I always found the hon. member most co-operative and most helpful. When I was handling agricultural Bills for the Minister for Agriculture, Charles Henning was always of great assistance to me by giving advice and sometimes by criticising or condemning various provisions of proposed legislation, on which he held views based on very sound judgment. I feel that the passing of Charles Henning will be a sad loss to this Chamber, and I in particular will certainly miss him during debates on agricultural matters.

HON. C. W. D. BARKER (North): I, too, would like to associate myself with the motion. I believe it is a well-known fact that, although members of this Chamber hold different political views, they are always personal friends, and by the passing of Mr. Henning we have lost a very good friend indeed. As other members have remarked, his presence here and his services to the State will be missed by all of us.

THE PRESIDENT: Before putting the motion, I desire to express my endorsement of the remarks made by the Chief Secretary and other speakers concerning the late Hon. Charles Henning and especially the reference to his association with the Legislative Council. I have lost a personal friend in the sudden death of Mr. Henning, and this Chamber will be the poorer for his passing. I ask members to show their sympathy by rising in their places.

Question passed; members standing.

(b) *Late Hon. R. J. Boylen, M.L.C.*

THE CHIEF SECRETARY (Hon. G. Fraser—West): I move—

That this House place on record its sincere appreciation of the services rendered to the State by the late Hon. Robert Joseph Boylen who, at the time of his passing, was a member for the South-East Province, and express its deep sympathy with his widow and the members of his family in the irreparable loss they have sustained by his decease; and that the President be asked to convey the foregoing to his widow and family.

In moving the motion, I express the hope that it will be many years before the Legislative Council is again asked to pass two motions of this description on the one day. We always feel a very great loss when one member with whom we have been associated and whom we have come to regard with high esteem is taken from us, but the tragedy is doubly appalling when we find that within the space of a week or so we have lost the services of two members who had proved themselves good citizens and had done good work on behalf of the State. Therefore, I say I hope it will be many years before such an occurrence is again experienced.

The late hon. member was elected to this House on the 1st February, 1947, as member for the South Province which, in 1950, was renamed the South-East Province. Thus, for a period of more than eight years, he was a member with us here. I had the greatest admiration for the hon. member. For a couple of years or so he was the Whip on my side of the House, and in that capacity saved me a considerable amount of worry. He was always anxious to do what was best in the interests of his province and of the State generally, and I feel that I have lost a very firm friend by his demise.

The late Bob Boylen was born and bred on the Goldfields, and we all agree that right from the discovery of gold here some of the best men of the State came from that area. They seem to have a manner of friendliness that is not always found in other people. Bob was a true goldfielder who had lived there all his life, a hail fellow well met, a man one

was prepared to accept on his own judgment; and his work as a member of the Boulder Municipal Council, on which he served for many years, and for the eight years during which he represented his province in this House, was something of which any member could be proud. I appreciate very much the assistance I received from him. His passing leaves a gap that will be hard to fill, and I am echoing the sentiments of every member when I say that we deeply regret his death.

HON. C. H. SIMPSON (Midland): I support the motion moved by the Chief Secretary and associate myself with the sentiments he has expressed. I particularly echo his hope that it will be seldom, if ever, when we have a repetition of today's experience in which we are deploring the loss of two valued members of the Council. All of us had a very soft spot for the late Bob Boylen. He was a very cheerful man with a winning personality, and he built himself a corner in the affections of all of us. Though we had differences of political opinion, he was always a clean and honourable fighter and invariably commanded our respect.

I listened to the speeches he delivered relating to his constituency with considerable interest, and at times have turned back to "Hansard" to read them again. In the compilation of those contributions to our debates, he showed that he had given each subject a great deal of thought. Undoubtedly he was well acquainted with the needs of his constituents, and in him they had a very able advocate. The hon. member had a specialised knowledge of his profession and was able to give the House the benefit of that knowledge, and we in turn were always ready and willing to accept his advice. We all mourn his passing, and I deeply regret that the occasion has arisen when it becomes our sad duty to support such a motion.

HON. L. A. LOGAN (Midland): I desire to support the motion of condolence. I agree with Sir Charles Latham that occurrences like this bring home a sense of sadness. At the end of last session, we left the late Bob Boylen and Charlie Henning vigorous, full of life and looking forward confidently to the future; but on our reassembling in this Chamber, we find their seats vacant, and that makes us fully realise the loss that has been sustained. The late Bob Boylen was of an entirely different temperament and make-up from Charlie Henning, but both were held in the highest esteem by every member of this House. Whenever I had to approach Bob Boylen in his capacity of Whip, his assistance was always readily given. We shall miss his contributions to the debates on those questions in which he was particularly interested. He was a man who had his point of view and endeavoured to make other members appreciate it. This

is something we can all admire, and I trust it is something that will always continue. When two deaths occur amongst members at the one time, one is apt to wonder why that should be.

HON. H. HEARN (Metropolitan): I should like to support the motion also. When I first entered this Chamber, I quickly realised the sterling worth of the late Mr. Boylen. During the period that I knew him, I formed a very firm and lasting friendship with him. He was a most friendly soul; and, though we differed on many things, we always had respect for each other's opinions. Particularly would I refer to his job as Whip for the Government during the two years he held that position; and I think members will agree that they could never wish to meet a more fairminded man or a man who was more ready to meet them on any sort of difficulty. He will long be remembered not only for his friendliness, but also for the fact that when he did speak, he was very definite in his views and left no illusion as to what he thought. Yet, after leaving the Chamber, there was that close friendship with him which I believe is one of the greatest heritages we can possess and enjoy. I believe that his passing will be felt in this Chamber for many years to come, and I trust that in these dark days his widow and children will be somewhat compensated by the fact that during his comparatively short existence, he lived a full and useful life.

HON. E. M. HEENAN (North-East) I desire to support the motion and to associate myself with the fine and well-deserved tributes that have been paid to the late Mr. Boylen. It was my privilege to have known him all his lifetime. I not only knew him, but I also had a close contact with him throughout a period of 40 or 50 years. I know that he was highly regarded and respected by all members in this House, and on the Goldfields he was held in equally high esteem. I think the reason was that people did not have to know Mr. Boylen for long before they realised that he was a most generous man; he was clean and decent in all his dealings, and broadminded. He exuded good fellowship, and we on the Goldfields will miss him terribly. His place will be hard to fill.

I am sure that the motion which has been moved, and the speeches that have been made in support of it, will be a great consolation to his widow and family. During the last few minutes I have thought of some words Shakespeare used in connection with one of his noble characters. I think they could be fittingly applied to the late Mr. Boylen, and to the best of my recollection the words are—

His life was gentle and the elements so mixed in him that Nature might stand up to all the world and say "This was a man."

HON. W. R. HALL (North-East): It is with sincere regret that I support the motion of condolence moved by the Chief Secretary, and it is with some feeling that I pass these remarks, because I was closely and actively associated with the late Bob Boylen for a number of years. I travelled far and wide with him and spent many happy hours in his company, and I have some pleasant memories and recollections of our association. He rendered great service to the State as a member of this Chamber and in his capacity as a member for the South-East Province. People in Boulder have said that if they wanted the late hon. member to do anything he always did it without counting the cost. As the Whip of the party he represented, he was always anxious and willing to satisfy all members, irrespective of party. I can honestly say that I will miss him very much, and it is with sincere regret that I support the motion.

HON. A. R. JONES (Midland): I, too, wish to associate myself with the remarks made by previous speakers, and I would like to stress my personal feelings in regard to the passing of the late Bob Boylen. When I first came to this House all members extended the hand of friendship, but I felt that the late Bob Boylen's was the warmest hand. That proved to be true, when, some two years ago, I became ill and found that he was a firm friend to me. He offered me advice and tried to help me in many ways. I am sure that he will be sadly missed, particularly by me, because in the few years that I knew him he became a real, true friend; and I have no hesitation in supporting the motion moved by the Chief Secretary.

HON. G. BENNETTS (South-East) I wish to associate myself with the remarks that have been made. I knew the late Mr. Boylen for many years, and I knew his father before him. Bob and I, during the early stages of his parliamentary career, travelled up and down together between Kalgoorlie and Perth, and throughout the districts we represented. He was a jovial sort of chap, most likeable; and we had many good times together. The late hon. member was good-hearted, and, in my opinion, too good-hearted on occasions, because he neglected himself.

Bob Boylen lived for his family and spent a good deal on the education of his children. Those children are now showing the result of his thoughtfulness. He was a man who stuck to his Church and stuck up for its principles. He rendered valuable assistance to the people of Boulder, particularly the pensioners, and helped many of them when they did not have the ready cash to purchase medicines from his shop. They will miss him sadly.

During the past ten years, since I have been in this Chamber, there have been many changes, and each year we seem to lose one or two members. In this case we have lost two valuable members: each was an expert in his particular field and it was a pleasure to listen to them. I helped Mr. Boylen to be elected to this Chamber and, on occasions, we did house-to-house canvassing while it was 110 deg. in the shade. I am sorry that the necessity for this motion has arisen, but I would like to associate myself with the remarks that have been passed.

HON. J. J. GARRIGAN (South-East): I sincerely support the motion because to me the passing of Bob Boylen was a great loss. I would say that he was my greatest friend, and had it not been for him I would not now be a member of this Chamber. Bob set a standard of living which, if we could all achieve it, would make the world a happier place in which to live. He was a generous man and always placed himself last. I sincerely support the remarks that have been passed.

HON. A. F. GRIFFITH (Suburban): I wish to support this motion also. As members know, I have not been in this Chamber for many years, but during the past year I got to know Mr. Boylen very well in his capacity as a party Whip. I feel sure that everyone will agree that the late hon. member was a pleasant person. As other members have said, I always found that he would go out of his way to do what he could to help wherever possible. His word was his bond; and if Bob Boylen said that something would be all right, then one could rely implicitly upon that undertaking. I am certain that his loss to this Chamber, and to the State of Western Australia, will be great. I join with the Chief Secretary and other members in expressing sympathy to his widow and family.

HON. F. R. H. LAVERY (West): I would like to join other members in supporting this motion. I came into the Chamber on the morning that Parliament reassembled; and as I looked around and saw all our books set out on the tables, I realised that no matter what we may think, we all have to meet our Maker at some time or another. The late Mr. Henning's loss to the dairying industry will be as great as the late Mr. Boylen's loss will be to the industrial movement of this State.

When the shades lengthen, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life over and our work done,

Then, Lord, in Thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, holy rest and peace at the last . . .

HON. J. D. TEAHAN (North-East): I would not like a motion such as this to be passed without rising to support it. I

claim to have known Bob Boylen longer than anyone else in this House; he was a school-mate of mine. Mr. Garrigan never spoke a truer word than when he said that Bob Boylen set a standard of life which it would do us all well to emulate; because he had the most excellent qualities and, to my knowledge, did not have an enemy. Everyone thought kindly of him; and if ever there was a good word to be said, he said it. Although Mr. Boylen was better circumstanced in life than the average man, his thoughts were always turned towards the man on the lower rung of the ladder; indeed the further down the man, the more ready he was to assist him. I would like to conclude with these few words of sympathy to his family. May the soil rest lightly on him.

HON. E. F. HUTCHISON (Suburban): May I ask members to permit me to associate myself with the expressions of sympathy on this sad occasion. I would like to express a woman's sympathy to the families of both members. For the short time I have been here I grew to respect them very much, and I would not like the motion to pass without expressing my sympathy for those whom the late Mr. Henning and the late Mr. Boylen left behind.

HON. N. E. BAXTER (Central): In associating myself with the motion moved by the Chief Secretary, and in joining with other members in expressing my sympathy to the families of the late Mr. Henning and the late Mr. Boylen, I would like to say that I first became associated with Mr. Boylen in 1950 when I came to this Chamber for the first time. From that time we became very firm friends. I do not think anyone could have met the late Bob Boylen without feeling on that meeting that there was a warmth and friendship existing in him that one did not always experience. That friendship seemed to come from his heart and soul. I am sure everybody has felt the same as I have towards the late Bob Boylen. He was a man's man. He had wonderful views on life, and was genuine and true. I feel one cannot praise too much the good qualities of the late Bob Boylen. As a good friend of his I would like to associate myself with other members in the remarks made, though I regret the necessity to have to do so. I support the motion.

HON. SIR CHARLES LATHAM (Central): I would like to associate myself with the motion to which the Chief Secretary has given us the opportunity of speaking. I remember the kindness of the late Mr. Boylen to me personally. He was a great fellow. He was a man who expressed himself feelingly, but never left the slightest sense of rancour. No matter how harshly he had expressed himself, one always found he was still one's friend. It

is a great thing to know that a man can be as hot-headed as he pleases outside, but when he comes to this place there is that touch of friendship which seems to be engendered here, and which certainly ought to be promoted. Some of us may have something to learn in that respect. Tolerance is a great virtue, and the two gentlemen who have left us were tolerant.

While I do not think that the late Mr. Boylen picked me out particularly, I will recall the occasions when I might have felt a bit off-colour and he would come to me, put his hand on my shoulder and say, "You had better go home, Charlie; I will find a pair for you." My deepest sympathy goes to his family, and I hope the sympathy of the members of this House will be some help in the great loss they have sustained.

THE PRESIDENT: Before putting the motion, I wish to associate myself with the remarks of the Chief Secretary, and those of the other speakers concerning the late Bob Boylen, especially with reference to his association with the members of this Chamber. This House has lost a great friend and a most valuable member through his sudden passing. I do appreciate very much the help given to me by the late hon. member in the conduct of the business of this House. I ask members to show their sympathy by rising in their places.

Question passed; members standing.

ADJOURNMENT.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY (Hon. G. Fraser—West): I move—

That as a mark of respect to the late Hon. C. H. Henning and the late Hon. R. J. Boylen the House do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

House adjourned at 5.36 p.m.

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The SPEAKER took the Chair at 4.30 p.m., and read prayers.

AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT.

Section "B," 1954.

Mr. SPEAKER: I have received from the Auditor General a copy of Section "B" of his report on the Treasurer's statement of the Public Accounts for the financial year ended the 30th June, 1954. It will be laid on the Table of the House.

CHAIRMEN (TEMPORARY) OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. SPEAKER: I wish to announce that I have appointed Mr. Hill, Mr. Moir and Mr. Brady to be temporary Chairmen of Committees for the session.