

JOINT SITTING Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly

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FEDERAL SENATE VACANCY.

In accordance with the Standing Orders passed by both Houses of Parliament and approved by Executive Council, the members of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly met in joint sitting in the Legislative Council Chamber to fill the vacancy in the representation of Western Australia in the Senate of the Federal Parliament caused by the death of Senator Harrie Stephen Seward.

The President of the Legislative Council (the Hon. Sir Charles Latham), in accordance with the Standing Orders, took the Chair at 4.57 p.m. He was accompanied by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly (the Hon. J. Hegney).

Election.

The PRESIDENT: This joint sitting has been called for the purpose of electing a senator to the Senate in place of the late Senator H. S. Seward. I am now prepared to receive nominations.

The Hon. A. F. WATTS (Stirling): I propose—

That Thomas Charles Drake-Brockman, farmer, of Yericoin, be elected to fill the vacancy in the Federal Senate due to the death of Senator Harrie Stephen Seward.

I have Mr. Drake-Brockman's assurance that, if elected, he is prepared to act.

The PREMIER (The Hon. A. R. G. Hawke—Northam): The members supporting the Government believe in the principle of appointing to a vacancy in the Senate a person of the same party as the person whose death has caused the vacancy. Therefore, I have pleasure in seconding the motion.

The Hon. D. BRAND (Greenough): I wish to add support to the nomination made by the Leader of the Country Party. We, the members of the Liberal Party, support the principle of appointing a man of the same political faith as the member whose death has caused the vacancy in the Senate.

The PRESIDENT: Are there any further nominations? Having ascertained that there are no further nominations, I declare Mr. James Charles Drake-Brockman duly elected. That concludes the joint sitting.

The President left the Chair.

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

CONDOLENCE.

The Late Hon. Sir Harold Seddon.

THE MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS (The Hon. H. C. Strickland—North): I move—

That this House place on record its sincere appreciation of the services rendered to the State by the late Hon. Sir Harold Seddon, who represented the North-East Province from 1922 to 1954 and was President for seven years, 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.

I would like to add my thoughts to this motion. I remember when first coming to this House as a member and being introduced to the late Hon. Sir Harold Seddon, how very helpful he was to me during my first session. Frequently I spoke to Sir Harold in his office prior to the Council's meeting and he gave me some very good advice, particularly on procedure, and he educated me as to what a member might do and might not do in this Chamber. I certainly have a very high appreciation of the help that Sir Harold gave to me.

Sir Harold was born in Manchester, England, and was educated at the Manchester Technical Institute. He was then employed by the Electrical Department of the Great Central Railway of England. When he came to Western Australia he joined the Western Australian Government Railways,