

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 159

FIRST SESSION OF THE THIRTY-NINTH PARLIAMENT

WEDNESDAY, 19 AUGUST 2015

1. Meeting of Assembly

The Assembly met at 12.00 noon pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker took the Chair.

Prayers were read.

2. Petition

TAB – Mrs G. Godfrey presented a petition from 83 persons asking the Legislative Assembly to ensure that any sale of the TAB does not proceed (P. 270).

3. Papers

The following papers were presented and ordered to lie upon the Table of the House –

By the Clerk –

Auditor General, Office of the – Follow-On: Managing Student Attendance in Western Australian Public Schools, Report 16: August 2015 (3218).

Conservation and Land Management Act 1984 – Lease No. 2046/100 Between the Department of Parks and Wildlife and Redbridge Pty Ltd for the Purpose of Operating the Matilda Bay Tearooms and Kiosk at Reserve No. 17375, Matilda Bay (3219).

4. Brief Ministerial Statements

Brief Ministerial Statements were made by –

The Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests on the Citizenship Thought Leadership Event, marking the launch of the Inaugural Scanlon Foundation Discussion Paper series.

The Minister for Youth on the 21st anniversary of Youth Focus, an independent not-for-profit organisation working to prevent youth suicide.

The Minister for Environment on the appointment of Dr Thomas Hatton as Chairman of the Environmental Protection Authority Board and the re-appointment of Mr Robert Harvey as the Deputy Chairman of the Board.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Commerce on the recent decision by BHP Billiton Iron Ore to jointly fund a round of the State Government's Industry Facilitation and Support Program.

5. Suspension of Standing Orders – Constitution Amendment (Recognition of Aboriginal People) Bill 2015

The Leader of the House, pursuant to notice, moved,

That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as is necessary to enable the *Constitution Amendment (Recognition of Aboriginal People) Bill 2015* to be debated, without interruption under Standing Order 61, both during time when Government Business and Private Members' Business has precedence.

Question put and passed.

6. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That Private Members' Business Order of the Day No 17 be next considered.

7. Constitution Amendment (Recognition of Aboriginal People) Bill 2015

The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate upon the second reading of the bill was read.

Debate resumed.

Debate interrupted by the Chair (Mr P.C. Tinley speaking) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

8. Questions

Questions without Notice were taken.

Questions on Notice Nos 4437 to 4441 were asked.

No Questions on Notice were answered.

9. Joint Standing Committee on the Commissioner for Children and Young People – Extension of Reporting Date

The Speaker advised the House that he had received a letter dated 19 August 2015 from the Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on the Commissioner for Children and Young People advising that the Committee had resolved to extend its reporting date to the House on its consideration of the review of the functions exercised by the Commissioner for Children and Young People to 7 April 2016.

10. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That consideration of Private Members' Business Order of the Day No. 17 be resumed.

11. Constitution Amendment (Recognition of Aboriginal People) Bill 2015

The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate upon the second reading of the bill was read.

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Leave was granted to proceed forthwith to the third reading of the bill.

Ms J. Farrer moved, That the bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time and forwarded to the Legislative Council for concurrence.

12. Fire and Emergency Services Amendment Bill 2015

Message No. 96 dated 19 August 2015 from the Legislative Council was reported agreeing to the bill without amendment.

13. Adjournment

The Leader of the House moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned accordingly at 6.38 p.m. until Thursday, 20 August 2015 at 9.00 a.m.

Members present during any part of the day's proceedings – All the members except Mr S. Love, Mr W.R. Marmion and Ms L. Mettam.

PETER J. McHUGH
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

HON. MICHAEL SUTHERLAND
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly