

**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.**

Tuesday, March 23, 1954.

**OPENING OF PARLIAMENT BY HER  
MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II.**

The House met at 11.40 a.m. pursuant to proclamation, the Speaker (Hon. Sir Robert Nicholls) presiding.

The Clerk read the proclamation by His Excellency the Governor (Air Vicé-Marshal Sir Robert George), summoning Parliament.

After prayers read by the Speaker the House, in accordance with Standing Order No. 35A, proceeded at 11.47 a.m. to the Legislative Council Chamber to hear the Opening Speech by Her Majesty the Queen. Honourable members returned to the Assembly Chamber at 12.20 p.m. and the Speaker resumed the Chair.

**NEXT DAY OF SITTING.**

The Hon. T. PLAYFORD (Premier and Treasurer) moved—

That the House at its rising adjourn until Thursday, April 15, at 2 p.m.

Motion carried.

**THE QUEEN'S SPEECH.**

The SPEAKER—I have to report that the House this day attended in the Legislative Council Chamber, where Her Majesty the Queen was pleased to make a speech to both Houses of Parliament, of which I have obtained a copy which I now lay upon the table.

Ordered to be printed and incorporated in Votes and Proceedings.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE'S  
REPORTS.**

The SPEAKER laid on the table the following reports of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (together with minutes of evidence):—Northfield water supply extension, Port Pirie uranium treatment plant water supply and Salisbury water supply extension.

**KANGAROO ISLAND DEVELOPMENT.**

The SPEAKER laid on the table the final report of the Parliamentary Committee on Land Settlement on Kangaroo Island Development, Settlement E.

**SESSIONAL COMMITTEES.**

Sessional committees were appointed as follows:—

Standing Orders—The Speaker and Messrs. Geoffrey Clarke, Macgillivray, and O'Halloran.

Library—The Speaker and Messrs. Riches, Stephens, and Travers.

Printing—Messrs. Brookman, John Clark, William Jenkins, Jennings, and Michael.

The Legislative Council notified its appointment of sessional committees.

**PETITIONS, QUESTIONS, ETC., AND  
PAPERS.**

The Hon. T. PLAYFORD moved—

That Standing Order No. 94 relating to conduct of ordinary business—petitions, questions, etc.—and Standing Order No. 408 relating to papers to be referred to the Printing Committee, be suspended.

Motion carried.

**PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS.**

The Hon. T. PLAYFORD (Premier and Treasurer) moved—

That it be an order of this House that all papers and other documents ordered by the House during the session, and not returned prior to the prorogation, and such other official reports and returns as are customarily laid before Parliament and printed, be forwarded to the Speaker in print as soon as completed, and if received within two months after such prorogation, that the Clerk of the House cause such papers and documents to be distributed amongst members and bound with the Votes and Proceedings; and as regards those not received within such time, that they be laid upon the table on the first day of next session.

Motion carried.

**ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HER  
MAJESTY'S SPEECH.**

The Hon. T. PLAYFORD moved—

That a committee consisting of Messrs. Dunnage, O'Halloran, Stott, and Frank Walsh and the mover be appointed to prepare a draft Address to Her Majesty the Queen in reply to Her Majesty's Speech on opening Parliament, the committee to report this day.

Motion carried.

Later:

The Hon. T. PLAYFORD—I bring up the following report of the committee and in doing so thank the Opposition and Independent members for participating in its preparation:—

We, Your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, the members of the House of Assembly of South Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire to thank Your Majesty for the gracious Speech which Your Majesty has addressed to both Houses of Parliament.

We are conscious of the great honour conferred upon this State by the visit of Your Majesty and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

We re-affirm our deep and abiding loyalty and devotion to the Crown and Person of Your Majesty.

We earnestly join in the prayer of Your Majesty for the Divine blessing upon this Parliament.

The Hon. T. PLAYFORD (Premier and Treasurer)—I value highly the privilege of moving the adoption of the Address in Reply on this occasion. The opening of the South Australian Parliament by Her Majesty in person is of great significance, for it reminds us that Her Majesty is a part of our Legislature, and that in legislative matters coming before us we are her advisers. The Address will convey to Her Majesty our gratitude for her gracious Speech, our appreciation of the honour of her presence, and the abiding loyalty of each of us to Her Throne and Person. We have indeed great cause to be grateful to Her Majesty, not only for opening Parliament but for all that she is doing during her stay among us. Her visit is giving immense pleasure to our citizens. It could hardly have been imagined that it was in the power of any one person to give so much happiness to so many. Her Majesty has not spared herself in her endeavour to see as much of our State as possible and to gratify the desire of our people to see their Queen. By her modest charm and her kindness and consideration towards all Her Majesty has endeared herself more than ever to the whole community. The Royal tour is a notable example of that devotion to the service of her people to which she pledged herself in her memorable broadcast on her twenty-first birthday.

Her Majesty's presence in this Parliament reminds us in a vivid way of the meaning of our loyalty. It includes, of course, those feelings of affection, admiration and gratitude which we entertain towards our Sovereign personally. It means also that we cherish and support the Monarchy as a vital part of our system of government, under which—with the full concurrence of the Sovereign—the Royal powers are used for the welfare of the subjects. This form of government—so happy a blend of monarchy and democracy—has long been dear to the hearts of British people everywhere; but nowhere is it more firmly supported than in South Australia. Our loyalty to the Throne implies also that we are loyal to the other countries of the British Commonwealth. Our Queen is our Queen; and therefore we accept it as our duty to co-operate with them for mutual protection and benefit, to stand beside them in times of trouble, to promote their welfare and, if necessary, to make sacrifices for that purpose.

Her Majesty's visit reminds us, too, of how much the Mother Country has contributed to those fundamental principles on which our way of life is built. We have inherited from Great Britain many good things—responsible government; British justice with its complete honesty and scrupulous care for the individual; free speech; religious liberty; and high standards of conduct in public life. In all these things Britain still sets a noble example to the world. We honour Her Majesty as the symbol and the upholder of everything good in the British tradition. I know that it is the earnest hope of every member of this House that Her Majesty may be blessed with continued health and strength and may long reign over us, happy in the knowledge that she enjoys in the highest degree the esteem and love of her subjects. I move the adoption of the Address in Reply.

Mr. O'HALLORAN (Leader of the Opposition)—As Leader of the Opposition, I join the Premier in expressing the thanks of this House of the South Australian Parliament for the Speech with which Her Majesty has opened the session. I also take the opportunity to express our loyalty to the Throne and Person of Her Majesty. This is the first occasion in the 97 years of our Parliament's history on which a reigning monarch has performed the opening ceremony. There can, of course, be only one first time; but we sincerely hope and trust that there will be other occasions in the years to come.

We can assure Her Majesty that we will continue to do everything in our power to preserve our characteristically British Parliamentary institution and to use its forms and practices for the promotion of the peace and welfare of the people. In doing so, we shall be mindful of the necessity of co-operating with other parts of Her Majesty's widespread dominions to maintain the strength of the British Commonwealth of Nations and to increase its capacity to serve the cause of humanity. I second the motion.

*Address in Reply adopted.*

The SPEAKER—I have to inform the House that Her Majesty the Queen will be prepared to receive the House for the purpose of the presentation of the Address in Reply at 12.48 p.m. this day.

At 12.40 p.m. the Speaker and members proceeded to Government House.

On returning at 1.2 p.m.

The SPEAKER—I have to inform the House that, accompanied by the mover and seconder of the Address in Reply to Her Majesty's Opening Speech and by other honourable members, I proceeded to Government House and there presented to Her Majesty the Queen the Address adopted by the House this day, to which Her Majesty was pleased to make the following reply:—

I thank you sincerely for your Address in Reply to the Speech with which I opened the Second Session of the thirty-fourth Parliament.

I have received with great pleasure your expressions of loyalty and devotion and your kind remarks concerning the visit of my husband and myself to your State.

I am confident that you will give earnest consideration to all matters placed before you; and I pray that God's blessing may rest upon your labours.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

At 1.5 p.m. the House adjourned until April 15, at 2 p.m.

Honourable members rose in their places and sang the first verse of "God Save the Queen."

## Committees, Etc.:

### Legislative Council—

**STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.**—The President, the Chief Secretary, the Hons. F. J. Condon, C. R. Cudmore and C. D. Rowe.

**LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**—The President, the Hons. K. E. J. Bardolph, J. L. S. Bice and Sir Wallace Sandford.

**PRINTING COMMITTEE.**—The Hons. S. C. Bevan, J. L. Cowan, A. A. Hoare, N. L. Jude and F. T. Perry.

**COURT OF DISPUTED RETURNS.**—The Chief Secretary and the Hons. K. E. J. Bardolph, L. H. Densley and A. A. Hoare.

### House of Assembly—

**STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE.**—The Speaker, Messrs. Geoffrey Clarke, Macgillivray and O'Halloran.

**LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**—The Speaker, Messrs. Riches, Stephens and Travers.

**PRINTING COMMITTEE.**—Messrs. Brookman, John Clark, Wm. Jenkins, Jennings and Michael.

**COURT OF DISPUTED RETURNS.**—Hon. B. Pattinson and Messrs. Dunstan, Teusner and Frank Walsh.

### Public Works Standing Committee—

Mr. A. W. Christian, M.P. (Chairman); Hon. J. L. S. Bice, M.L.C.; Hon. F. J. Condon, M.L.C.; Messrs. J. Fletcher, M.P.; H. H. Shannon, M.P.; H. L. Tapping, M.P.; and Fred Walsh, M.P. Secretary, Mr. J. P. Steele.

### The Parliamentary Committee on Land Settlement—

Mr. H. D. Michael, M.P. (Chairman); Hon. E. H. Edmonds, M.L.C.; Hon. A. A. Hoare, M.L.C.; Messrs. C. L. Davis, M.P.; R. S. Goldney, M.P.; G. S. Hawker, M.P.; and W. Macgillivray, M.P. Secretary, Mr. A. R. G. Bleckly.

### Joint Committee on Subordinate Legislation—

Hon. E. Anthony, M.L.C. (Chairman); Hon. S. C. Bevan, M.L.C.; Hon. W. W. Robinson, M.L.C.; Mr. John Clark, M.P.; Mr. J. A. Heaslip, M.P.; Mr. B. H. Teusner, M.P.

### Joint House Committee—

The Speaker of the House of Assembly (Chairman); the President of the Legislative Council; Hon. E. Anthony, M.L.C.; Hon. K. E. J. Bardolph, M.L.C.; Hon. Sir Wallace Sandford, M.L.C.; Mr. Geoffrey Clarke, M.P.; Mr. C. D. Hutchens, M.P.; Mr. Frank Walsh, M.P.