

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, June 14, 1955.

The **PRESIDENT** (Hon Sir Walter Duncan) took the Chair at 2 p.m. and read prayers.

ADDRESS IN REPLY.

The **PRESIDENT**—I have to inform members that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor will be pleased to receive them for the presentation of the Address in Reply at 2.15 p.m.

At 2.5 p.m. the President and honourable members proceeded to Government House. They returned at 2.20 p.m.

The **PRESIDENT**—I have to report that, accompanied by honorable members, I attended at Government House and there presented to His Excellency the Address in Reply adopted by the Council on June 1. His Excellency was pleased to make the following reply:—

I thank you for your Address in Reply to the Speech with which I opened the present session of Parliament on May 19. I feel confident that you will give full and careful attention to all matters placed before you and I pray that God's blessing may crown your labours.

QUESTIONS.**PARLIAMENTARY PRIVILEGE.**

The Hon. F. J. CONDON—Mr. President, last Friday two men were called before the Bar of Federal Parliament on a matter of Parliamentary privilege and were imprisoned. What would be the position here under a similar set of circumstances? If you have not considered this matter, would you do so in order that members will know the position.

The **PRESIDENT**—I have very little doubt, if any, that the powers and privileges of this House are identical with those of the Federal House. So far as I know, our methods are the same. A similar case occurred in South Australia in which an individual was imprisoned for a week. As far as I know, in all other cases an apology was accepted. I take it that under the Constitution Act this Council has the same powers as the Federal House.

COUNTRY SEWERAGE SCHEMES

The Hon. L. H. DENSLEY (on notice)—

1. Is it the intention of the Government to refer the proposed £1,200,000 sewerage scheme for the new town near Salisbury to the Public Works Standing Committee?

2. If so, will priority be given that scheme over those country schemes which have been before the committee for a very long time?

The Hon. Sir LYELL McEWIN—The replies are:—

1. This project is part of a comprehensive water supply and sewerage scheme for the new town north of Salisbury, which was referred to the Public Works Standing Committee on September 13, 1954. The Committee has presented a progress report recommending the provision of a water supply but the sewerage scheme, in which provision was made for the eventual drainage of Gawler, Salisbury and the new town into the existing sewage treatment plant at Penfield, has not yet been reported upon.

2. Next year's Loan programme has not yet been formulated.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The **PRESIDENT** laid on the table reports of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works on Hawkers Creek reclamation, Hendon and Thebarton infants schools, and Oakbank Area school (new workshop block), together with minutes of evidence.

DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

The Hon. Sir LYELL McEWIN (Minister of Health), having obtained leave, introduced a Bill for an Act to amend the Dangerous Drugs Act, 1934.

Read a first time.

SUPPLY BILL (No. 1.).

Read a third time and passed.

ADJOURNMENT.

At 2.36 p.m. the Council adjourned until Wednesday, June 15, at 2 p.m.