

# SOUTH AUSTRALIA

## PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES (HANSARD)

### SECOND SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SIXTH PARLIAMENT (1960)

Parliament, which adjourned on December 4, 1959, was prorogued by proclamation dated December 22. By proclamation dated March 10, 1960, it was summoned to meet on Thursday, March 31, and the Second Session began on that date.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday, March 31, 1960.

The PRESIDENT (Hon. Sir Walter Duncan) took the Chair at noon.

#### OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

The Clerk read the proclamation by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor (Sir Mellis Napier), summoning Parliament.

#### LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, having been announced by Black Rod, was received by the President at the bar of the Council Chamber and conducted by him to the Chair. Members of the House of Assembly having entered the Chamber in obedience to his summons, His Excellency read his opening speech as follows:—

Honourable Members of the Legislative Council and Members of the House of Assembly:

1. I have called you together for the dispatch of business.

2. It was with great joy that South Australians, in common with the peoples of the Commonwealth of Nations, hailed the recent birth of a son to Her Gracious Majesty the Queen, whose love of and devotion to family life are an inspiration to all. It is our earnest hope that the new Prince will enjoy a long, happy and useful life.

3. We rejoice, too, in the recent engagement of Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret to whom and whose fiancée we offer our sincere congratulations and good wishes for a happy future.

4. On behalf of Government and people I pay a warm tribute to Sir Robert and Lady George. Sir Robert was Governor of our State for some seven years and during the whole of his term of office he performed his functions with great distinction. Both he and Lady George travelled widely and frequently. Their friendly interest in the lives and activities of Her Majesty's loyal subjects throughout the State, their support of all good causes and their personal warm-heartedness, won them respect and affection from all sections of the community. It was indeed with regret that we bade them farewell.

5. My Ministers and I deeply regret the very recent and untimely death of Mr. George Hambour, an esteemed member of the House of Assembly since 1956 and I am sure that you would desire that I record our sorrow at his passing. The late Mr. Hambour was a prominent worker in all civic affairs and rendered valuable service not only to his own district, but to the State as a whole. His sound ability, devotion to duty, and high principles, not least of all his kindly disposition, won him respect and affection from all. We extend our sympathy to the members of his family.

6. The past season was one of the driest that the State has ever experienced. Even so, cereal yields were considerably better than those recorded in 1914, and fruit production has been maintained at a high level. Although the adverse conditions have had a severe impact on the livestock industry of the State, it is noteworthy that we have been able to carry a greater number of stock than would have been possible only a few years ago even in the best

of seasons, while a drought of the order of the past year would, not so long ago, have led to a major catastrophe. In March last year the number of sheep in the State had reached the record of 15,500,000—an indication of what has been achieved by constant attention to the development of our resources.

7. My Government continues its policy of research and assistance to agriculture. During the current financial year a wheat improvement programme financed by the Wheat Industry Research Fund, a State-wide programme for better weed control and a new service designed to double the rate of increase in fleece weight of sheep have been initiated. Considerable progress has been made in the fruit-fly campaign and no further outbreaks have occurred to date. Unfortunately the disease of infectious rhinitis has been diagnosed for the first time in Australia; every effort has been and is being made to contain the disease by quarantine measures.

8. Work continues on the development of land for war service land settlers. Although the Commonwealth has discontinued the acquisition of additional land, there is still a large area in Kangaroo Island to be completely developed and in the South-East the initial establishment of war service properties has been completed.

9. Some 39,000 acres of land in the South-East, developed under the Crown Lands Development Act, were subdivided during the year and an area of 1,400 square miles was allotted under pastoral lease conditions. The Government is undertaking an underground water survey in this area.

10. The encouragement of the development of the valuable mineral industry in the State is a matter to which my Government attaches the greatest importance and it is gratifying to note the interest which its active policy has stimulated among the principal mining companies throughout Australia. The Government has undertaken considerable exploration in all fields, but the most striking operations have centred around the search for oil, almost the entire area of the State being under examination by seven separate companies. The Government is assisting in the search and will itself undertake large scale geophysical and geological surveys of the Great Artesian Basin during 1960.

11. Drainage works in the western division of the South-East were continued during the year and the first stage of the scheme for the drainage of land in the eastern division has commenced. Careful attention has been given to the maintenance and operation of irrigation

areas and all water requirements for irrigation purposes have been met. The electrification of pumping plants was almost completed with the official opening of the new station at Berri in August last. The installation of a comprehensive drainage scheme for the Cooltong division of the Chaffey irrigation area should be completed during the current financial year.

12. New plantings in the State's forests during the current financial year exceeded 5,600 acres and log production is expected to exceed 153,000,000 super feet. The State saw-mill at Mount Gambier is in full production and the timber preservation plant is operating. The Particle Board Company of Australia will shortly commence the manufacture of a building board to be made from timber from Government forests in the Mount Gambier district and, under an agreement with Apcel Limited, 20,000,000 super feet of log timber will be supplied to the tissue paper factory near Snuggery.

13. By the end of June last it became apparent that steps to safeguard the metropolitan water supply would be necessary and full capacity pumping commenced on the Mannum-Adelaide pipeline in that month. Other emergency measures, including the installation of additional pumps and pumping stations, were also adopted. Farsighted planning and speedy execution of these measures enabled my Government to provide sufficient water to meet all needs in spite of depleted reserves and practically no intake from natural catchment for almost 12 months. Approximately 85 per cent of the water supplied throughout the whole State during the last nine months has been delivered through pumping schemes, either from the River Murray or from underground sources. Works on the Mannum-Adelaide pipeline and South Para Reservoir are almost completed. Progress is being made on construction of the Onkaparinga Valley system and Myponga Reservoir and pipeline as well as the pipelines in adjoining districts. Sewer construction has kept pace with the development of the metropolitan area. A scheme for proposed new works in the vicinity of Bolivar has been referred to the Public Works Committee and land is being acquired for treatment works to serve other areas. Other new works being considered include duplication of the Morgan-Whyalla pipeline, steps to increase the capacity of Mount Bold Reservoir, augmentation of the Tod River supply and development of the Lincoln Basin. Proposals will also be referred to the Public Works Committee for an undertaking to provide an

assured supply of River Murray water between Tailem Bend and Keith.

14. My Government is alive to the urgent necessity for constant investigation and planning of new sources of water supply to keep pace with the rapid development of the State. Among other things, it is watching world-wide research into the question of desalting saline and sea water. But it is obvious that, for the time being at any rate, we are and will continue to be, to an increasing extent, dependent upon the River Murray for our permanent water supply. The River Murray Waters Agreement was varied in 1958 in order to place the rights of the State beyond doubt, but a proposed major alteration in the design of the Snowy-Murray development works may mean some reduction in the benefits to be derived. The most determined efforts will be continued to safeguard the interests of the State and press its claims. In the meantime my Government is actively investigating the possibility of establishing on the Upper Murray additional storage facilities. A scheme for the improvement and development of Lake Bonney has been examined, but a more satisfactory scheme for the construction by the River Murray Commission of a major dam on the Murray below the Murray-Darling junction is being considered. My Government has asked the Commonwealth for assistance in this most important project.

15. The total estimated expenditure on road improvement and maintenance during the current financial year is £9,500,000, and this figure will probably be exceeded next year. Work has continued on the widening of the South-Eastern main road and Victor Harbour road and it is expected that, by the end of June next, duplication of the Main North Road between Gepps Cross and Smithfield and the reconstruction and sealing of the Lincoln Highway will be completed. Reconstruction between Port Wakefield and Balaklava and between Warnertown and Gladstone has been completed and the McIntosh Way between Meningie and Coonalpyn was constructed and sealed within the district council district of Meningie. Construction has commenced on the road to the oil refinery from the Main South Road. My Government has in hand further reconstruction works throughout the State, especially in country areas.

16. The Electricity Trust of South Australia continues to expand and a record sum is being spent on the connection of country consumers, to whom power can be made available by use

of the single-wire system of high voltage supply first used by the trust in March, 1958. The first of the 60,000 kilowatt turbo alternators of the Port Augusta "B" power station is expected to commence operation in May of this year. While this will itself involve an increase in coal requirements from Leigh Creek, further increases up to 2,000,000 tons per annum will be necessary when all four alternators are in operation. The coal field is now operating at a profit and is contributing royalties to Government revenue. Leigh Creek coal is cheaper than any imported fuel and its increasing use has been one of the most important factors in maintaining the stability of electrical charges. The Mount Gambier station is operating completely on waste wood and the trust is constructing a further wood-burning station at Nangwarry. Major extensions of power supplies are taking place in the South-East. An investigation is being made into the possibility of providing for future power demands by means of a storage hydro-electric scheme utilizing sea water. A geological examination has already been made of alternative possible sites south of Adelaide and the data collected is now being examined.

17. During the year 1959 the rate of increase in employment in South Australian industries was much higher than that in any other State. The increase in numbers in civilian employment was 3.9 per cent as compared with 2.6 per cent for the whole of Australia and in factories 4.9 per cent compared with 3.5 per cent. The number of persons receiving unemployment benefit has been the lowest of any of the mainland Australian States, representing only three-tenths of one per cent of the estimated workforce. The loss in working time caused by industrial accidents now exceeds by far that caused by industrial disputes and efforts to reduce accidents have met with encouraging results, employers and trade unions generally co-operating with governmental activities in this field. A Government-sponsored industrial safety convention held last November attracted over 400 delegates and did much to arouse interest in the existence of the problem and methods for its solution.

18. Government guarantees under the Homes Act, funds available under the Advances for Homes Act, Loans to Producers Act and Commonwealth and State Housing Agreement, continue to provide valuable aid to home purchasers and home-owners, over 10,500 persons having been assisted. The South Australian Housing Trust continues to operate successfully. Progress continues at Elizabeth

where the population now exceeds 15,000 and community life is being developed. The trust continues to devote a great part of its activities to housing in country areas.

19. My Government continues to meet the challenge of its education programme and even last year's figures will be exceeded in 1960. Nine new secondary schools and seven new primary schools have been opened during the year and four more new primary schools will be opened in the next six months. Over 500 classrooms were erected in 1959. There are now nearly 6,000 full-time and over 1,000 part-time teachers employed in our State schools. While the number of teacher trainees is increasing the department is still labouring under staff shortages. Bus services for the convenience of country children are being maintained and a new scheme is being introduced to provide for the transport of mentally or physically handicapped children in the metropolitan area to special classes. Book and boarding allowances have been increased. The total expenditure by the Government for all educational purposes in the present financial year is estimated at nearly £17,500,000, a substantial increase over that of last year, in itself an indication of the great importance which my Government attaches to education.

20. Since the completion of the programme for immunizing children against poliomyelitis, vaccination of adults of up to 45 years of age has been proceeding. Only one case of poliomyelitis was reported in 1959. The second complete chest X-ray survey commenced during the year is continuing. The first survey led to the discovery of more than 450 tuberculosis patients, all of whom were treated and the vast majority restored to health and returned to normal activities.

21. During the current financial year major works at hospitals and a new block at the Supreme Court have been completed. The Cadell Training Centre and the Security Block at the Magill Boys' Training Centre are nearly completed. New works under consideration include a proposed new police headquarters building in the city, police and court house buildings in various country centres and additions and alterations at the various gaols, construction of a new gaol at Port Lincoln and new Government offices at Loxton.

22. The Aborigines Protection Board, in continuance of its general policy, has intensified its welfare activities. In addition to houses erected on reserves and missions, forty-three houses constructed by the board are occupied by aboriginal families who are being accepted

into the general life of the community. In settled districts many aborigines have been placed in employment and, where homes are available, the board has continued its policy of making advances for the purchase of essential household equipment. In the field of education, some 300 children attending primary schools are maintained by the board in homes or institutions or with foster parents, while a further 38 are maintained and accommodated for secondary education purposes. Considerable financial assistance has been granted to various church missions and other institutions. The Campbell House Farm School for the accommodation of boys was opened by Sir Robert George during the year. The Government will, through the board, continue its policy of fostering aboriginal care and welfare.

23. Although extensive additions and alterations have been made to the institutions under the control of the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Department, the increase in the population of the State, particularly in those under 18 years of age, has inevitably resulted in an increase in the work of the department and needs for institutional accommodation. Certain interim measures have been taken and a proposal for the complete rebuilding of the Boys' Reformatory at Magill is at present under consideration by the Public Works Committee. For over a century it has been the policy to place children brought under official care in private homes, rather than in large institutions, but insufficient private homes are available. In an endeavour to meet this difficulty, the department has itself acquired a suburban house suitable as a cottage home, where some nine children can be accommodated. Efforts to secure further cottage homes will be continued. It is proposed also to establish cottage homes grouped on a new site for neglected and destitute children.

24. The day-to-day work of the Prices Branch continues to benefit the public and my Ministers are satisfied that the increasing inflationary pressure warrants the retention of the prices legislation for a further period of 12 months. A Bill to extend the existing Act will be laid before you in due course.

25. It is also the view of my Ministers that the economic situation will warrant a further extension of the Landlord and Tenant (Control of Rents) Act and a measure for this purpose will be laid before you.

26. Substantial progress in connection with the law relating to road traffic was made during the last session by the enactment of a Motor

Vehicles Act replacing the administrative and machinery sections of the Road Traffic Act. A measure to consolidate and amend the remaining portions of that Act will be introduced during the current session.

27. My Government has under consideration the amendment and consolidation of the bush fires legislation which requires bringing up to date. It is hoped that a consolidating Bill will be laid before you during the session.

28. My Ministers attach great importance to the Hire Purchase Agreements Bill introduced during the last session. It is their intention to move at an early date for its restoration to the stage reached during the previous session.

29. In September of last year my Treasurer presented a budget of expenditure and revenue indicating a prospective deficit for the current financial year of £791,000. As a result of the extremely dry season, heavy additional expenditure has been necessarily incurred, particularly in connection with the pumping of water from the River Murray and my Ministers now expect that the deficit for the current financial year will be of the order of between £1,800,000 and £2,000,000. To finance this larger deficit necessary reductions have been made in the less urgent items and in the loan programme. The estimated gross loan expenditure as originally approved by Parliament was £29,000,000; the revised figure will be of the order of £27,000,000. Credits approximating £3,500,000 will bring the net loan expenditure to a little over £23,500,000.

Members of the House of Assembly:

30. Supplementary Estimates for additional expenditure for the current financial year and Estimates of Expenditure for 1960-61 will be laid before you.

Honourable Members of the Legislative Council and Members of the House of Assembly:

31. A Supply Bill appropriating £18,000,000 for the maintenance of the Public Service for the State will be laid before you forthwith. The increase over last year's appropriation of £9,000,000 derives from the facts that you have been called together at an earlier date than has been usual in recent years and that it is anticipated that Parliament will be in recess during the first six weeks of the next financial year.

32. A substantial programme of legislation is being considered by my Ministers. Among matters under consideration, other than those which I have already mentioned, are Bills to amend the Swine Compensation Act, Soil Conservation Act, Real Property Act, Lifts Regulations Act, Justices Act and Compulsory Acquisition of

Land Act, Bills to consolidate and amend the law relating to prisons and to consolidate and amend the law relating to juvenile courts, some amendments to enable the Housing Trust to undertake certain necessary activities in connection with the general development of the State, a Bill to amend the Town Planning Act and other matters of law reform. Although I believe that it will not be possible to introduce during the current session of Parliament a consolidation and amendment of the law relating to companies, I mention that the subject of a uniform Companies Act is being actively considered by Commonwealth and State Ministers and officials. It would be the intention of my Ministers to introduce any necessary legislation to give effect to any uniformity that might be agreed upon.

33. I now declare this session open and trust that your deliberations may be guided by Divine Providence to the advancement of the welfare of the State.

The Lieutenant-Governor retired from the Chamber and the members of the House of Assembly withdrew.

The President again took the Chair and read prayers.

#### DEATH OF MR. G. HAMBOUR, M.P.

The Hon. Sir LYELL McEWIN (Chief Secretary)—I move—

That the Legislative Council expresses its deep regret at the death of Mr. George Hambour, former Member for Light in the House of Assembly, and places on record its appreciation of his public services and that, as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Member, the sitting of the Council be suspended until half past two o'clock.

We were all deeply shocked at the sudden death of the member for Light last week. He was a man comparatively young in years, and although his period in Parliament was not a long one—a matter of four or five years—he had, during that period, earned the respect and affection of all associated with him. Always genial in approach, a hard worker for his electoral district and for the things in which he believed, he certainly was one who will be missed by all of us, and his memory long revered.

He was first elected to Parliament on February 15, 1956, as the member for Light, and re-elected on March 7, 1959, for a further term, and he was a member of the Joint House Committee from June 9, 1959. He was active in all charitable work in his district and served as chairman of the District Council of Eudunda,

the district hospital, the Eudunda Racing Club, and the Eudunda Club, the school committee, and community pictures. He was also a member of the South Australian Country Hospitals Council for a number of years and occupied all positions in the local football club.

I had known Mr. Hambour for many years through his activities in the Country Hospitals Association, an organization for which he did a great deal, and in the interests of hospitals throughout the State. The same enthusiasm which he practised in the activities of that association he followed throughout his Parliamentary career. I am sure that we all express our deepest sympathy for his wife and family in the bereavement that has fallen upon them.

The Hon. F. J. CONDON (Leader of the Opposition)—On behalf of the Opposition I express regret at the necessity to have to second this motion and I endorse all that the Chief Secretary has said. I had not the pleasure of being associated with the late George Hambour before he entered Parliament except once, on the occasion of a visit by the Public Works Standing Committee to the district in connection with the area school. He took a very great interest in school activities, and played an important part in all school matters and charitable works, sporting and racing interests, and all other activities in his district. No mention has been made of his cricket interests, but if ever there was a man who played the game it was the late George Hambour.

He was outspoken and fearless in advocating what he thought was right; a fair fighter and a man of high principles who would not bear animosity towards anybody opposed to him. We who are assembled here this afternoon have personal affection for each other and naturally we feel it when, by death, one of our colleagues is suddenly removed from us. The shock was severe to all of us, but what must it have been to his dear loved ones. George Hambour's Parliamentary life was brief, but let it be some compensation to his loved ones to know that the late member was loved and respected by each of his Parliamentary colleagues.

The Hon. Sir FRANK PERRY (Central No. 2)—On behalf of members of the Liberal and Country League in this Chamber I desire to be associated with this motion which expresses our regret at the passing of the late Mr. Hambour, who was a member of another place. He served Parliament and the people and his Party well. To me he was a very refreshing character; he drew his ideas from his own knowledge and experience and expressed them

both fearlessly and well, and I think Parliament is the poorer for his passing. I regret his death and know that all members associate themselves with this motion which expresses the regret of this Chamber.

Members carried the motion by standing in their places.

[*Sitting suspended from 12.50 until 2.30 p.m.*]

#### BIRTH OF ROYAL PRINCE.

The PRESIDENT—I have received the following message from the Speaker of the House of Assembly:—The House of Assembly informs the Legislative Council that it has passed the following resolution and requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council thereto:—

That a Joint Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor praying His Excellency to transmit to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen the following Address:—

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty—May it please Your Majesty:

We, the members of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, desire to convey to Your Majesty and His Royal Highness Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, our warmest congratulations on the birth of your second son Prince Andrew. This happy event has been an occasion for great rejoicing by the people throughout South Australia. We take this opportunity of reaffirming our loyalty and devotion to the Throne and person of Your Majesty.

The Hon. Sir LYELL McEWIN (Chief Secretary)—I move that the resolution be agreed to. I am sure that it is one with which not only members of Parliament but all citizens of South Australia will be glad to be associated. South Australia holds a very keen and loyal affection towards the Monarchy. Through visits of the Royal Family, including the Queen herself and the Queen Mother, our loyalty has become more and more a personal matter, as well as one of national expression. We look back with pride on the occasion when Her Majesty the Queen attended at the official opening of this Parliament. Today we rejoice in the birth of a son and assure Her Majesty of our unfailing loyalty to the Royal Family. It is more than 100 years since a child was born to a reigning Sovereign. The intervening years have brought very much closer the relationship of the Crown to the people. Through many tribulations the position of the Crown has stood firm, and the hold on the respect and affection of the people toward the Crown has never been stronger than it is today. We offer our best wishes for a long and happy

life for the new Prince, as well as our congratulations to the Royal parents. We are happy that Her Majesty and Prince Philip are fortified with the blessing of a happy and fruitful married life.

The Hon. F. J. CONDON (Leader of the Opposition)—I second the motion on behalf of the Opposition. It gives me added pleasure because I had the honour to be decorated by Her Majesty at Government House when she was in South Australia. I heartily endorse the appropriate terms mentioned by the Chief Secretary in moving the resolution. The universal enthusiasm, excitement and rejoicing on the birth of a second son to the Queen is one more proof of the profound affection and loyalty felt for Her Majesty, her husband and the Royal Family.

Her Majesty can be sure that the great personal and domestic happiness which the birth of a child brings her is fully reflected in the hearts of her people. We offer our best wishes for a long and happy life to the new Prince, as well as congratulations to his Royal parents. We equally rejoice that in discharging their heavy duties Her Majesty and Prince Philip are fortified by the incomparable blessing of a happy and fruitful married life.

The Hon. Sir FRANK PERRY (Central No. 2)—On behalf of the Liberal and Country members of this Chamber I gladly support the resolution and in doing so endorse the sentiments expressed by the mover and seconder. Her Majesty stands very high in the affections and loyalties of the people of this State. That interest extends particularly to the personnel of the Royal Family, and the birth of a son to Her Majesty and Prince Philip gives us the opportunity to express our loyalty and affection. I have much pleasure in supporting the resolution.

Motion carried.

The PRESIDENT—I have to announce that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor has fixed the hour of 3 o'clock this afternoon for receiving the address to Her Majesty the Queen for the presentation of which a resolution has just been carried. I ask members to accompany me to Government House for the purpose of presenting it.

At 2.48 p.m. the sitting was suspended to enable the President and honourable members to proceed to Government House.

On returning at 3.10 p.m.—

The PRESIDENT—I have to inform the Council that accompanied by honourable members of this Council and by the Speaker and

members of the House of Assembly I proceeded to Government House and there presented to His Excellency the Joint Address adopted by both Houses this day, to which His Excellency was pleased to make the following reply:—

To Mr. President and honourable members of the Legislative Council and Mr. Speaker and members of the House of Assembly:

I thank you for your message of congratulations addressed to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty on the occasion of the birth of a second son to Her Majesty and the Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. I join with you in your rejoicings and your reaffirmation of loyalty and devotion to the Throne and person of Her Majesty. It will be my pleasing duty to forward your message for submission to Her Majesty the Queen.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The Hon. F. J. CONDON—We have started off with a bad mark. Ministers are now laying papers on the table. Is it not usual to have questions first?

The PRESIDENT—Questions come under the same heading. They are in order now, but I thought we would just dispose of the laying of papers first. Does the honourable member object?

The Hon. F. J. CONDON—No; it is of no use.

The PRESIDENT—I am glad the honourable member realizes it.

#### QUESTION.

##### FLOUR EXPORTS.

The Hon. F. J. CONDON—I ask leave to make a statement prior to asking a question.

Leave granted.

The Hon. F. J. CONDON—I am concerned about the allocation of flour exports from South Australia. I have been informed that we have been unfairly treated. Other States, apparently, seem to have a political pull. I was worried about information I received from other States. I have approached the Premier on several occasions and am aware that he has placed this State's point of view before those responsible while in other States. Can the Chief Secretary give the Council any information as to what progress has been made to see that South Australia receives a fairer allocation of the export trade?

The Hon. Sir LYELL McEWIN—About three weeks ago the Premier received a deputation from the local flour milling interests, which stated that the Wheat Board had recently altered the basis upon which flour orders obtained by the board overseas was

allotted to the States. This would result in a falling-off of orders to South Australian millers. Also, the deputation stated that Indonesia now bought flour through a limited number of agencies, and that the Australian Trade Commissioner in Indonesia had allotted the orders to interests in the eastern States. Representations on these matters have been made to the Prime Minister and a reply has been received that the Australian Wheat Board is to again consider the whole question.

#### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The PRESIDENT laid on the table the following final reports by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, together with minutes of evidence:—

- Angle Park Boys Technical High School.
- Automotive Trade School (Additions and Alterations).
- Coomandook Area School.
- Elizabeth Boys Technical High School.
- Elizabeth Girls Technical High School (Additional Buildings).
- Elizabeth Vale Primary School.
- Mitchell Park Boys Technical High School (Additional Buildings).
- Myponga Reservoir and Trunk Main (Modified Scheme).
- Vermont Girls Technical High School (Additional Buildings).
- Blackwood, Plympton, Taperoo and Willunga High Schools.
- Campbelltown, Elizabeth, Gilles Plains, Henley, Seacombe and Millicent High Schools.
- Magill Primary School (Additional Building).
- Penola High School.

#### LOXTON IRRIGATION AREA DRAINAGE SCHEME.

The PRESIDENT laid on the table the report by the Parliamentary Committee on Land Settlement, together with minutes of evidence, on a Comprehensive Drainage Scheme for the Loxton Irrigation Area.

#### ADDRESS IN REPLY.

The PRESIDENT having laid on the table a copy of the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech, the Honourable Sir Lyell McEwin (Chief Secretary) moved—

That a committee consisting of the Hons. F. J. Condon, G. O'H. Giles, Sir Frank Perry, F. J. Potter, and the Chief Secretary be appointed to prepare a draft Address in Reply to the speech delivered by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor this day and to report on the next day of sitting.

Motion carried.

#### SESSIONAL COMMITTEES.

The following sessional committees were appointed on the motion of the Honourable Sir Lyell McEwin (Chief Secretary):—

Standing Orders—The President, the Chief Secretary, the Hons. F. J. Condon, Sir Frank Perry and Sir Arthur Rymill.

Library—The President, the Hons. K. E. J. Bardolph, Jessie M. Cooper, and A. C. Hookings.

Printing—The Hons. S. C. Bevan, G. O'H. Giles, F. J. Potter, A. J. Shard, and R. E. Wilson.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

The Hon. Sir LYELL MCEWIN (Chief Secretary) moved—

That the Council at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, April 5, at 3 p.m.

Motion carried.

At 3.21 p.m. the Council adjourned until Tuesday, April 5, at 3 p.m.