

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES (HANSARD)

Second Session of the Fortieth Parliament (1971)

Parliament, which adjourned on April 8, 1971, was prorogued by proclamation dated May 6. By proclamation dated June 10, it was summoned to meet on Tuesday, July 13, and the Second Session began on that date.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tuesday, July 13, 1971

The PRESIDENT (Hon. Sir Lyell McEwin) took the Chair at noon.

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT

The Clerk read the proclamation by His Excellency the Governor (Sir James Harrison) summoning Parliament.

GOVERNOR'S SPEECH

His Excellency the Governor, having been announced by Black Rod, was received by the President at the Bar of the Council Chamber and by him conducted to the Chair. The Speaker and 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. This State was honoured by a short visit by His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh in March this year.

3. It is with much regret that I have to recall the untimely death, since you were last called together, of a number of gentlemen who served with distinction as members of this Parliament. Among them were the Hon. Sir Collier Robert Cudmore, who served as a member of the Legislative Council for 26 years; the Hon. Colin Davies Rowe, LL.B., who served as a member of the Legislative Council for 22 years and as a Minister of the Crown from 1955 to 1965; Mr. Samuel James Lawn, who served as a member of the House of Assembly since March, 1950, until his death this year and as Chairman of Committees and Deputy Speaker from 1965 to 1968 and again from 1970 until his death; and Mr. John Lancelot Cowan, who served as a member of the Legislative Council from 1949 to 1959. In recording our appreciation of the services rendered by these gentlemen to this State I feel sure that you will join me in expressing our sympathy to their families.

4. I also record with regret that Sir Norman Lane Jude resigned as a member of the Legislative Council for the Southern District as from June 7, 1971, after a distinguished record of service to this State. He was first elected a member of the Legislative Council in 1944

and served continuously as a member of this Parliament until his resignation. He was a Minister of the Crown from 1953 to 1965.

5. The Government is actively pursuing its policy to promote development of industry within the State. Agencies of the Government have been appointed in Tokyo, Singapore, Hong Kong and Djakarta, as well as a roving trade officer in each of the Northern European and South-East Asian zones. A programme of promotion of export of South Australian products is being undertaken in these areas. A full-time Director of Industrial Development will shortly take up duty as head of the Industrial Development Branch of the Premier's Department. Within the policy of assistance to industry under the Industries Development Act, the South Australian Housing Trust has expended more than \$1,600,000 on industrial premises during the year ended June 30, 1971, compared with an expenditure of \$940,000 in the previous year. Negotiations in hand provide for a programme of expenditure of at least \$3,000,000 during the year 1971-72.

The Industries Assistance Corporation has commenced to function and inquiries already received indicated the great need that has existed for assistance to small industrial undertakings not catered for by previously existing financial institutions. My Ministers recognize the importance of the tourist industry to South Australia. The Minister of Development and Mines is proceeding with a policy designed to promote significant and unique features within the State to ensure that we attract large numbers of visitors both from interstate and from overseas. My Ministers report the successful completion of an expanded housing programme for the year ended June 30. Despite the fact that the South Australian Housing Trust erected 2,200 houses and flats during the year, an increase of 500 over the previous year or a percentage increase in production of 28.5 per cent, housing remains in short supply with a lengthy list of applicants for rental housing. This is indicative of growth within the State. The programme for 1971-72 will be maintained at the highest possible level having regard to the financial resources which the Government can make available to the trust.

6. Tenders have been called for the construction of the new Government Printing Office which is to be built at Netley. Building is scheduled to commence during the 1971-72 financial year.

7. My Government is aware that many problems associated with pollution, conservation and our environment, can be solved by sound town and regional planning. The State Planning Authority will continue with the preparation of development plans for towns and regions throughout the State and my Government proposes to introduce legislation to amend the Planning and Development Act. The Foreshore and Beaches Committee has made recommendations concerning the establishment of a Beach Protection Authority with adequate staff and finance. A new Department of Environment and Conservation will be created and a Director of Environment will be appointed who will be responsible to the Minister for Conservation. My Government will consider introducing appropriate legislation during this session to give effect to these policies.

8. The value of minerals produced in South Australia for the year 1970 exceeded \$104,000,000, which is an all-time record, the increase over the previous year being 6 per cent. In addition, natural gas sales which commenced early in the year exceeded \$6,000,000 in value. Exploration for minerals is still proceeding at an unprecedented rate. On the petroleum side the successful negotiation of an agreement to supply the Sydney gas market is a major development. The Bill for a new Mining Act which was introduced in the previous session will be again submitted to Parliament.

9. Agreement has now been reached with the Commonwealth Government for the connection of Adelaide to the Sydney-Perth standard gauge rail system, and my Government intends introducing a Bill to ratify the agreement.

10. The Metric Measurements Advisory Committee has been engaged in investigating the problems associated with metric conversion of Government activities and is in course of preparing a plan for the conversion of the whole administrative system of the Public Service commencing early in 1972. The legislative programme of amendments in this matter is extensive and it is planned that Bills will be introduced in stages over the next three years. Actually, Parliament has already dealt with some of these Bills.

11. It is planned to introduce legislation later in this session to provide for the Weights and Measures Branch of the Department of Lands to assume responsibility for the administration of the whole of the Weights and

Measures Act. It is proposed that the Bill provide for the establishment of an advisory council to advise the Minister of Lands on weights and measures matters. It is also planned to introduce legislation to strengthen the Packages Act and to close loop-holes which were disclosed in recent court proceedings against an interstate manufacturer for selling short-weight goods in this State.

12. It is proposed that the combined Department of Social Welfare and Aboriginal Affairs will be renamed the Department for Community Welfare. The Government has approved plans for the reorganization and revitalization of the welfare services of the State. In carrying out these plans the department will promote and provide welfare services to the community on a decentralized basis from community welfare centres situated in various parts of the metropolitan area and in country towns. More than 20 community welfare centres are planned and some will be established this year.

A special branch of the department, to be known as the Aboriginal Resources Branch is being formed and will provide specialist resources in the fields of education, housing, health, employment, mining, anthropology, arts and industrial development for the benefit of the Aboriginal people in the community. This branch will be responsible for project and policy recommendations in such fields, and will have close liaison with the Commonwealth Office of Aboriginal Affairs. It will be an active research group pressing for cohesion in long-term policy matters which support and develop Aboriginal people within its own department and other Commonwealth and State departments. A number of advisory bodies will be set up to advise the Minister and the department on matters relating to community welfare. Legislation will be introduced to give effect to these policies and to make the department responsible for the licensing and supervision of child minding centres. Legislation will also be introduced to give effect to the Government's policy for the reform of methods of treatment of juvenile offenders.

13. After the enactment of the new Workmen's Compensation Act in the last session of Parliament, my Government turned its attention to the task of the prevention of accidents at work. A Select Committee of the House of Assembly has been appointed to examine what legislative measures are desirable to make proper provision for the safety, health and welfare of persons employed in industry

and commerce in this State. In addition to the legislative provisions, consideration is being given to other measures, such as more adequate training, which can be adopted to make a further reduction in the number of accidents which occur in the course of employment. The Government proposes to introduce legislation during this session to amend the industrial relations provisions of the Industrial Code, and to reintroduce a Bill concerning the safe design, maintenance and operation of cranes.

14. Measures to make periodical reviews of the training given to apprentices because of technological changes taking place in industry, and also to ensure that more adequate training is given to apprentices by employers in their own establishments, are being discussed with employer associations and trade unions.

15. The Government is conscious of the problems affecting the rural section of the community and will continue to take steps to find solutions to these problems. Legislation will be introduced for the establishment of a board, and to provide for the orderly marketing of oats.

16. The protection and maintenance of existing forests on the level of previous years will be continued. Log production from departmental forests will be approximately 280,000,000 super feet. Land suitable for afforestation will be purchased as it becomes available.

17. During the year the Public Actuary's Department reviewed the Police Pension Fund and suggested a method whereby it could be improved. Legislation to this effect will go before Parliament in the next session. This legislation will provide for pensions automatically related to salary and for the continual revision of pensions after retirement in accordance with the cost of living.

18. An Act to amend the Building Societies Act will be introduced in the session if time permits along with one to amend the Friendly Societies Act. The required amendment to the Building Societies Act will strengthen the supervision of this sector of the financial world, which is growing in importance in South Australia.

19. During the current financial year work on improving the State's water supplies will be continued and a number of new projects will be commenced. The Government intends extending and improving the sewerage schemes serving various areas and providing sewerage schemes for other areas.

20. Legislation will be introduced for the control of powered pleasure craft.

21. The Government intends extending the operation of the Cottage Flats Act by providing for the balance remaining in the Home Purchase Guarantee Fund, amounting to \$371,354, to be paid to the South Australian Housing Trust over the period of five years ending on June 30, 1976, at a rate not exceeding \$75,000 a year, for the purpose of assisting the trust to build cottage flats to be let to persons in necessitous circumstances.

22. It is the intention of my Government to implement further steps and introduce legislation for the further protection of purchasers of goods and services. The proposed legislation will deal with sales of used motor cars and door-to-door sales. The Government also has in hand a revision of the law relating to consumer credit and a number of law reform measures.

23. In order to assist further the orderly marketing of citrus fruits by the Citrus Organization Committee the Government proposes a further amendment of the appropriate Statute varying the manner in which the committee is authorized to make levies.

24. My Government will introduce a Bill to amend the Companies Act, the main purpose of which is to give effect to recommendations made by the Company Law Advisory Committee which was appointed by the Standing Committee of Attorneys-General to inquire into the adequacy of legislation designed to protect the investing public.

25. A review of the Superannuation Fund to provide for pensions to be automatically related to the cost of living and for contributions to be a fixed percentage of salary will commence during the year following the completion of the valuation of the assets and liabilities of the fund.

26. My Government will introduce a Bill to continue the operation of the Prices Act.

27. New legislation dealing with the valuation of land will also be introduced. This legislation will co-ordinate in one measure valuations for rating and taxing which at present are dealt with under several Acts and are governed by different procedures. My Government also intends to introduce a short amendment to the Land Tax Act to authorize a special revaluation of primary producing land as at June 30, 1971, to form the basis for current land tax levies, in lieu of the out-dated 1970 valuation.

28. In consequence of the appointment of the Minister for Conservation and Minister Assisting the Premier a number of Acts will

need amendment to achieve better administration within new departments to be created within the Public Service. The Government will introduce the legislation necessary for this purpose.

29. My Government intends introducing amendments to the Harbors Act and Marine Act to raise the penalties for offences under those Acts to bring them into line with current money values.

30. In consequence of agreement recently reached between the Commonwealth and the States, my Government intends introducing legislation to impose a payroll tax on employers, subject to certain exemptions.

31. My Government will seek to restore to the Notice Paper the Bill to amend the Electoral Act to provide for adult franchise and compulsory voting for the Legislative Council and will re-introduce a Bill to abolish capital and corporal punishment. The Government is also considering the introduction of legislation based on the report of the Royal Commission on the Moratorium demonstration that took place in Adelaide in September, 1970. Legislation will also be introduced to protect the right of privacy of citizens, to revise the law governing the activities of land agents, to amend the Trustee Companies Acts and to make extensive amendments to the Licensing Act. A Bill will also be introduced to provide a more satisfactory system for the licensing and regulation of bailiffs and inquiry agents and for extending the categories of persons requiring to be licensed.

32. My Government has expanded the level of expenditure on school buildings to a record sum in 1970-71. A further increase in expenditure from the Loan Works Programme is proposed for the 1971-72 financial year. While the national survey of educational needs for the period 1971-75 was completed in May of last year, no decision has yet been reached by the Commonwealth Government on the conclusions of that survey. The rate of progress in the replacement of substandard school buildings is limited at the present time because the necessary finance has to be provided largely from State sources.

33. The report of the Karmel Committee of Inquiry into Education in South Australia was published in March this year. The report has far-reaching implications for the future of education in this State. A number of the committee's recommendations have been implemented and detailed consideration is being given to the remaining proposals of the committee. My Government has decided to

develop all South Australia's teachers colleges as autonomous institutions governed by their own councils under the general supervision of a Board of Advanced Education. In addition, the School of Art will be incorporated with Western Teachers College in a new educational complex to be located at Underdale. Legislation will be introduced in the session to give effect to these decisions. My Government considers it to be of the greatest importance that every effort is made to ensure that standards of education in our schools are improved as quickly as the available resources permit. In the last year the development of services ancillary to those of the professional teacher has been expanded. Teacher aides have been appointed to a series of selected schools on a pilot basis. These schools were chosen because of their special difficulties arising from a high concentration of migrants or disadvantaged children. In addition, library aides are being appointed to schools where library resource centres are being built. The provision of other ancillary staff has been expanded. The number of guidance officers and social workers in the Psychology Branch of the Education Department has been increased and several senior masters and mistresses have been appointed as student counsellors in secondary schools as a preliminary trial.

The South Australian Technician Certificate Board will shortly be formed to approve courses and award certificates to technicians. During the coming year further extension to country apprentices of full day-time training will occur as accommodation can be made available. The first grants to independent primary schools to be distributed among the schools on a needs basis were made this year on the recommendation of the committee set up to investigate needs. This overall approach to assistance for independent schools has proved successful and will continue to form the basis of Government policy on this matter. Work is currently proceeding on a comprehensive revision of the Education Act as well as a new Act for the South Australian Institute of Technology and other legislative proposals I have already mentioned.

34. The Revenue Budget presented to Parliament in September last forecast a deficit of \$4,896,000 for the year ending June 30, 1971. Because of increases in salary and wage awards it appeared early in 1971 that the deficit would be increased substantially even after taking account of the effect of higher wage levels through the statutory formula in raising the level of Commonwealth financial

assistance grants. However, late in the year the Commonwealth agreed to make special supplementary grants to assist the States, and the statutory financial assistance grants, in consequence of increased wage levels, proved to be greater than earlier estimated. As a result of increased grants and special revenue measures by the State itself, the year 1970-71 has recorded a small surplus of about \$21,000 after providing \$500,000 towards retrospective salary increases under a teachers' award due and payable before June 30, 1971.

The Loan Budget presented in August last contemplated works expenditures of \$113,220,000 and some decrease during the year in the balance of funds held on Loan Account. Because expenditures in total fell a little short of estimate, while repayments of previous expenditures and other recoveries were greater than expected, the balance of Loan funds on hand actually increased by about \$1,780,000 over the past year.

In the light of the very heavy increases in costs which the Government will have to meet during the forthcoming year as a consequence of recent increases in wages and salaries, and because of the necessity to expand and improve essential social services beyond what can be accomplished out of revenues presently in sight, the Government will feel bound to submit to Parliament some further measures for the securing of additional revenues.

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

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

The President again took the Chair and read prayers.

NEW MEMBER FOR SOUTHERN DISTRICT

The Hon. Martin Bruce Cameron, to whom the Oath of Allegiance was administered by the President, took his seat in the Council as member for the Southern District in place of the Hon. Sir Norman Jude (resigned).

DEATH OF FORMER MEMBERS

The PRESIDENT: It is with profound regret that I draw the attention of honourable members to the recent deaths of Mr. S. J. Lawn, M.P., Chairman of Committees in the House of Assembly, and the Hon. Sir Collier Cudmore and Mr. John L. Cowan, former members of this Council. Mr. Lawn's membership of the House of Assembly as the member for Adelaide

extended over 21 years, during which period he served in several capacities. He was Chairman of Committees at the time of his death, had been a member of the Parliamentary Committee on Land Settlement for 2½ years, and Labor Party Whip for five years. In addition, he had been a State and Federal Secretary of the Vehicle Builders Union and a past President of the Trades and Labor Council and of the South Australian Branch of the Australian Labor Party. Affectionately known as "Sammy", he will be remembered as one who spoke his mind with conviction.

The Hon. Sir Collier Cudmore served the Legislative Council with distinction for nearly 26 years and was recognized as the Leader of his Party in the Chamber for 15 years. As a member colleague for 25 years, I can say that the title of "Honourable Gentleman" was well merited. He was a tenacious debater and had a keen appreciation of his obligation as a member of a House of Review. He was elected by this Council as its representative on the council of the University of Adelaide for the period 1933 to 1953, which I think would be a record, and he was the Chairman of the first Parliamentary Committee on Land Settlement in 1945-46. Sir Collier studied law in the universities of Adelaide and Oxford, was called to the bar in 1910 and practised law from 1912 to 1955. In the First World War he served in France from 1915 to 1918 and was twice wounded. He was an officer in the Volunteer Defence Corps during the Second World War, and was an active worker in ex-servicemen's welfare organizations. While at Oxford he was a distinguished oarsman, and he was an Olympic gold medallist with the British fours in the 1908 Games.

Mr. John L. Cowan was a member for the Southern District in the Council from 1949 to 1959. For many years he was a member of the Mobilong District Council, and he was a past President of the South Australian Local Government Association. During the First World War he served in the A.I.F. with the Ninth Light Horse, and in recent years he was chairman of the trustees of the Sailors and Soldiers Distressed Fund. It is appropriate that we place on record the Council's appreciation of the outstanding public service rendered by these three deceased honourable gentlemen and extend the sympathy of members to their relatives. I ask members to stand in silence as a tribute to their memory.

Honourable members stood in their places in silence.

[*Sitting suspended from 12.59 to 2.30 p.m.*]

QUESTIONS

VIRGINIA WATER SUPPLY

The Hon. M. B. DAWKINS: I seek leave to make a short statement before addressing a question to the Minister of Agriculture.

Leave granted.

The Hon. M. B. DAWKINS: My question may also have some reference to the Minister of Works and the Minister of Mines. It refers to the underground water supply in the Adelaide Plains, and in particular to the very difficult situation at Virginia. I think it has been made abundantly clear that the Virginia area is most suitable for growing vegetables, and a great investment has been made there. We have previously made representations about the use of reclaimed water in this area, where the underground water basin is in a parlous state. I have been informed that further investigations by the Minister's department may take as long as three years. In view of the urgent situation there, the great investment involved and the danger to the livelihood of many market gardeners, who will find it very difficult to take further cuts in underground water supplies, has the Minister any plans to expedite the investigations? If not, will he do his utmost to bring this matter to a head so that it can be further considered and a decision reached quickly, as it is a particularly urgent matter?

The Hon. T. M. CASEY: I point out to the honourable member that the Soils Division of the Agriculture Department is conducting experiments into soil fertility under the reclaimed waters scheme, and these will take a long time. There is nothing I know of that will speed up the experiments at present taking place, but I will have words with the Minister of Works and the Minister of Mines to see exactly what the present situation is. If I bring something back to the honourable member, I am sure he will appreciate the present situation.

RURAL ASSISTANCE

The Hon. R. A. GEDDES: I direct my question, which is in two parts, to the Minister of Lands; it concerns rural reconstruction. First, how many primary producers have sent in applications for assistance under the rural reconstruction scheme, as passed in this Chamber last session? Secondly, many farmers are worried that, unless their particular lending authority refuses them future credit, they will not be in a position to apply for rural reconstruction aid. Can the Minister clarify the situation?

The Hon. A. F. KNEEBONE: I am pleased that the honourable member asked this question, as I intended to issue a press release on the matter this afternoon. Regarding the first part of the honourable member's question, the Commonwealth Government stipulates that, in order to be eligible for assistance under the rural reconstruction scheme, a farmer must have been refused carry-on or other types of finance by accepted financial institutions. Of the 133 farmers who have so far applied for rural reconstruction assistance, seven have been refused; 15 are being considered by the Rural Industry Assistance Committee; and 111 applications that have yet to be considered by that committee are now being processed in the department. A total of 16 applicants had applied for a protection certificate to stop action by creditors, seven of whom have been refused. For the remaining nine applications for the issue of a protection certificate, the committee has been able to negotiate with the creditors for the deferment of proceedings without having to grant a protection certificate while it processes the applications for debt readjustment under the scheme.

Over 90 per cent of all applications have been for debt readjustment. Only six applications have so far been received for farm build-ups. A total of 127 applications have been made for debt readjustment or carry-on finance, or both. It is obvious from these figures that most farmers are more concerned with stabilizing their debt situation than with expanding their farm holdings. I am surprised at the small number of applications so far received. Although I realize that the scheme is in some ways restrictive regarding the nature of assistance available to farmers, and that the application form is a lengthy and complicated document to complete, farmers should not pre-judge their own chances of obtaining assistance under the scheme, as this could lead to many farmers who may be eligible not receiving assistance.

I urge honourable members to notify their constituents who are considering applying for assistance to do so immediately. I hope that many more applications are made in the coming weeks, as I consider that the number of applications received so far is not a true reflection of the serious financial position that many South Australian farmers find themselves in. If we are to convince the Commonwealth of the need to expand and improve the assistance available to farmers, then the State must be able to put before the Commonwealth a comprehensive and detailed analysis of the

financial needs of South Australian farmers. This can be done only if an adequate number of farmers apply for assistance. True, the application form is a lengthy one and requires many details to be given. However, this is the only way in which an assessment can be made of the assistance that can be given to farmers and in which the true position of the applicant can be determined. I urge all farmers who need assistance to apply therefor. Having applied, a farmer may not be granted assistance as a result of the recommendation made to me by the committee because he is in a hopeless position and there is no chance of his property becoming viable in a reasonable time. If, as a result of action taken by his creditors, the farmer is forced off his farm, he will not be eligible for retraining under the Commonwealth scheme unless he has applied for assistance under the Act; nor will he be eligible for re-establishment under the scheme. Therefore, even if such a person thinks he is in a hopeless position and has no chance of obtaining assistance under the scheme, he should still apply and let the committee decide whether he is eligible for assistance because, even though he may not be eligible for this type of assistance, he may qualify for some other assistance under the scheme. We hope that, as a result of the applications that may come in and the failure of the scheme to assist many people, we may be able to get the Commonwealth Government to come to the party and provide a less restrictive scheme, so that these people can be helped. I apologize for the length of my reply but, because the honourable member has asked such an important question, I believe my reply should be as explicit as possible.

ABATTOIRS

The Hon. L. R. HART: I seek leave to make a short statement before asking a question of the Minister of Agriculture.

Leave granted.

The Hon. L. R. HART: Because the Metropolitan and Export Abattoirs Board had great difficulty in handling the number of lambs submitted for slaughter during the peak period last year, primary producers are concerned at present as to whether the abattoir will be able to handle the lambs submitted to it for slaughter during the peak period this year. Consequently, can the Minister say what the killing capacity of the abattoir was during the peak period last year, and can he say what its estimated killing capacity is this year, particularly with regard to the peak delivery period?

The Hon. T. M. CASEY: I will obtain a reply for the honourable member as soon as possible.

POLLUTION

The Hon. G. J. GILFILLAN: I seek leave to make a short statement before asking a question of the Minister representing the Minister of Works.

Leave granted.

The Hon. G. J. GILFILLAN: During a debate on the disallowance of regulations in this Council last session, a Ministerial statement was requested regarding the policy of the Engineering and Water Supply Department with regard to controls over the watershed area and along the Murray River. Because that session ended before there was time for such a statement to be prepared, can the Minister say whether such a statement is available and, if it is not available, can he say whether it will be made available as soon as possible?

The Hon. T. M. CASEY: I will refer the honourable member's question to my colleague and bring back a reply as soon as possible.

SITTINGS AND BUSINESS

The Hon. L. R. HART: Can the Chief Secretary say whether, because the Premier will be overseas for about a fortnight until the end of this month, Parliament will sit during the whole period of the Premier's absence and, if it will not sit during that period, can the Chief Secretary say for what period Parliament will not be sitting?

The Hon. A. J. SHARD: Parliament will continue sitting during the period of the Premier's absence.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- Naracoorte Primary School,
- Para Vista High School,
- Roll-On-Roll-Off Steel Handling Berth, Port Adelaide,
- Seacombe High School (Additional Wing),
- Taperoo Primary School (Replacement).

SESSIONAL COMMITTEES

Sessional Committees were appointed as follows:

Standing Orders: The President, the Hons. R. C. DeGaris, A. F. Kneebone, Sir Arthur Rymill, and A. J. Shard.

Library: The President, the Hons. D. H. L. Banfield, M. B. Dawkins, and H. K. Kemp.

Printing: The Hons. R. A. Geddes, L. R. Hart, A. F. Kneebone, A. J. Shard, and V. G. Springett.

ADDRESS IN REPLY

The PRESIDENT having laid on the table a copy of the Governor's Speech, the Hon. A. J. SHARD (Chief Secretary) moved:

That a committee consisting of the Hons. D. H. L. Banfield, T. M. Casey, R. C. DeGaris, A. J. Shard, and C. R. Story be appointed to prepare a draft Address in Reply to the Speech delivered this day by His Excellency the Governor and to report on the next day of sitting.

Motion carried.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION

The Hon. A. J. SHARD (Chief Secretary) moved:

That the Hon. H. K. Kemp be appointed one of the representatives of the Council on the Joint Committee on Subordinate Legislation in place of the Hon. Sir Norman Jude (resigned).

Motion carried.

JOINT HOUSE COMMITTEE

The Hon. A. J. SHARD (Chief Secretary) moved:

That the Hon. V. G. Springett be appointed one of the representatives of the Council on the Joint House Committee in place of the Hon. Sir Norman Jude (resigned).

Motion carried.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON CAPITAL TAXATION

The Hon. R. C. DeGARIS (Leader of the Opposition) moved:

That the Select Committee on the Effect of Capital Taxation upon Business and Industry in South Australia, appointed on August 26, 1970, have power to continue its sittings during the present session and report on Tuesday, August 31, 1971.

Motion carried.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELIEF

The Hon. A. J. SHARD (Chief Secretary) moved:

That the Select Committee on the Plight and Needs of certain Pensioners and Others in Distress, appointed on November 4, 1970, have power to continue its sittings during the present session and report on Tuesday, August 31, 1971.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2.59 p.m. the Council adjourned until Wednesday, July 14, at 2.15 p.m.