

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Thursday, July 29, 1971

The PRESIDENT (Hon. Sir Lyell McEwin) took the Chair at 2.15 p.m. and read prayers.

QUESTIONS

FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION

The Hon. V. G. SPRINGETT: Can the Minister of Health tell me the minimum age for girls to be allowed to receive treatment at clinics of the Family Planning Association?

The Hon. A. J. SHARD: There has been a change of opinion about the age at which a youth becomes an adult, etc. I should like to discuss this matter with my Cabinet colleagues. I know of no specific ruling or Cabinet policy but I will endeavour to find out and bring back a reply as soon as practicable.

OATS

The Hon. M. B. DAWKINS: Has the Minister of Agriculture an answer to a question I asked yesterday about oat marketing and the possible appointment of an oat board?

The Hon. T. M. CASEY: The General Secretary of the United Farmers and Graziers informed me this morning that his organization has not received any complaints from oatgrowers, and he has no knowledge of any resolutions passed at branch meetings expressing objections to the establishment in South Australia of an oat marketing board. I believe that a meeting between merchants and executive officers of the United Farmers and Graziers took place last Friday, when the whole matter of the orderly marketing of oats was discussed. I have told the merchants that draft legislation, when prepared, will be made available to them and to grower organizations for perusal and comments before a Bill is introduced in Parliament. I may add that this week, in a letter thanking me for the opportunity of a personal discussion on this matter recently, the Corn Trade Section of the Adelaide Chamber of Commerce assured me of its co-operation and willingness to furnish information and offer constructive comment on the proposed legislation in due course.

ABATTOIRS

The Hon. L. R. HART: I understand the Minister of Agriculture has a reply to my question of July 21 about the Metropolitan and Export Abattoirs.

The Hon. T. M. CASEY: The General Manager of the Metropolitan and Export

Abattoirs Board reports in reply to the honourable member's inquiry about an agreement between the board and the union, that in negotiations with the board in August, 1970, in respect of service payments, the union gave an undertaking not to make any direct demands on the board for a period of 12 months, at the same time reserving the right to submit any matters of an industrial nature falling within the ambit of the Abattoir Conciliation Committee to that authority for decision. In reference to his second question, I am advised that a four-hour stoppage of employees (other than those required for the manning of essential services) took place at the Gepps Cross works from noon on Wednesday, July 21, 1971, in support of the A.C.T.U.-T.L.C. demand for increased pensions.

LIFTS ACT AMENDMENT BILL

The Hon. A. F. KNEEBONE (Minister of Lands) moved:

That the Lifts Act Amendment Bill, 1971, be restored to the Notice Paper as a lapsed Bill, pursuant to section 57 of the Constitution Act, 1934-1970.

Motion carried.

CARRICK HILL VESTING BILL

Adjourned debate on second reading.

(Continued from July 28. Page 400.)

The Hon. Sir ARTHUR RYMILL (Central No. 2): I am joining in this debate because I feel that insufficient acknowledgement has been made of this truly magnificent gift. That is not said in criticism of anyone, but some backbencher like myself should join in what has been said and perhaps add to it. This gift of Sir Edward and the late Lady Hayward must be easily the greatest benefaction the State of South Australia has ever received and possibly is ever likely to receive. It is probably not generally known that the gift is of property worth literally millions of dollars.

Sir Edward Hayward is a very old friend of mine and, knowing him, I realize that he might not approve of what I am saying, because he is a man who has never sought the limelight or publicity for himself, but has done a tremendous amount of good. I speak for the record, because what I have to say should be recorded, and I may add that everything I say is said of my own knowledge and does not come from anyone else.

The real estate in this gift of about 96 acres of extremely valuable land, very close to the

heart of the city, and a magnificent house, is in itself a wonderful gift, but the gift also includes the contents of the house which comprise probably the finest private art collection in the whole of Australia; it is certainly of world standard. Sir Edward is and Lady Hayward was a connoisseur of art, and they chose their work superbly. If you care to name any great modern artist, perhaps from the French Impressionists onwards, I think you will find a fine example of his work in the collection. This, apart from the real estate, constitutes a tremendous gift for posterity.

Lady Hayward, who regrettably died recently, was herself an amateur artist of professional standard. She was a member of the Barr Smith family, and we all know the many benefactions that that family has given to the State. Sir Edward is a great South Australian. As a young man in his 20's, and I think in the late 1920's or early 1930's, he inaugurated John Martin's Procession, which has continued ever since. I think the last one was the thirty-third, and it has gladdened the hearts of hundreds of thousands of young South Australians. He is the head of that great South Australian company John Martins, which, under his leadership, has expanded and prospered so greatly.

But that is not all, because he is a man of many parts. After the Second World War, in which he finished as a Lieutenant-Colonel, he started a number of South Australian companies, including the South Australian Insurance Company, which ranks high among the Australian insurance companies today, and he was one of the founders of Finance Corporation of Australia, which is now South Australia's biggest finance company.

Sir Edward has been head of the St. John organization in South Australia for many years, and I know that he has spent a great deal of his time on it. He breeds stud Hereford cattle, and the country members will know that these have won the major prizes at all the leading shows, including Sydney and Melbourne as well as Adelaide. In his younger days he was a great sportsman. He played a leading part in such things as bringing to South Australia the cricketer Garfield Sobers, and even, Sir, the Beatles. He is at present overseas as World President of the Inter-Continental Group of Department Stores, which in itself is a very high honour.

Mr. President, this may sound a little like an obituary, but I did not see how in saying these things I could avoid it. I hope sincerely that it is very far from that. The gift is to

take effect on Sir Edward's death and, although all South Australians want to see this gift in the State's hands, I would not think any member would wish it to come too soon. In other words, I am sure we hope that Sir Edward enjoys many years to come and continues his great work for South Australia. It is a great pleasure to me to be able to join in this debate, to say these things, and to support the second reading of this Bill.

The Hon. A. J. SHARD (Chief Secretary): I thank members of the Council for their complete co-operation in this matter at what might have seemed to be very short notice. It is essential to get the Bill passed because certain action has to be taken by August 6 and, as we are not likely to be sitting next week, today is the last day to deal with it. I am pleased that Sir Arthur Rymill spoke of Sir Edward and the late Lady Hayward as he did today. I assure Sir Arthur and all other honourable members that the Government is fully aware of the magnificent benefaction to the State.

This benefaction has been acknowledged officially. Some members of Cabinet have visited Sir Edward at his home, and I think he appreciates the way the gift has been received and the way it has been acknowledged. I agree with Sir Arthur that Sir Edward would be the last person to want to have said about him the things that have been said this afternoon, for he is not that type. Whilst Sir Edward's walk of life and mine are as far apart as the poles, we have become quite firm friends. I have had contact with him for a number of years now through the organization of St. John, and I know that he applies himself to everything as wholeheartedly as he does to that work. I can only say that his worth and effort in connection with the St. John organization has been magnificent. It is little wonder that his career has been so successful.

I join with Sir Arthur in saying that we hope this gift will not take effect too soon, for, along with Sir Edward's many friends, I express the hope that he will be with us for many years to come. Whilst it is nice to know that the gift is coming, no-one wants it to come too soon.

Bill read a second time and taken through its remaining stages.

ADDRESS IN REPLY

The PRESIDENT: His Excellency the Governor having fixed 3 p.m. this day as the time for the presentation of the Address in Reply,

I ask the mover and the seconder of the motion for the adoption thereof and other honourable members to accompany me to Government House to present the Address. I inform honourable members that, because of the inclement weather, motor cars will be available to transport them to Government House at 2.45 p.m. The sitting of the Council is therefore suspended until the ringing of the bells.

[Sitting suspended from 2.38 to 3.10 p.m.]

The PRESIDENT: I have to inform the Council that, accompanied by the mover and seconder of the Address in Reply to His Excellency the Governor's Opening Speech, and

by other honourable members, I proceeded to Government House and there presented to His Excellency the Address adopted by the Council yesterday afternoon, to which 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 second session of the Fortieth Parliament. I am confident that you will give your best attention to all matters placed before you. I pray for God's blessing upon your deliberations.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3.12 p.m. the Council adjourned until Tuesday, August 10. at 2.15 p.m.