

NEW SOUTH WALES

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Wednesday, 20 February, 1991

The House met at noon, pursuant to the proclamation of His Excellency the Governor.

The President took the chair.

The President offered the Prayers.

The Clerk of the Parliaments read the proclamation.

OPENING OF SESSION

His Excellency the Governor entered the Chamber, and was received by the President, who was accompanied by other members and officers of the House. A message was forwarded to the Assembly that His Excellency desired their immediate attendance.

The Assembly being come,

His Excellency was pleased to deliver the following Speech:

HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT HERE ASSEMBLED,

You have been called together to consider my Government's legislative and financial proposals for the Fourth Session of the 49th Parliament of New South Wales.

Very difficult and challenging times are before us. Foremost in our minds is the calamity of the Gulf War where we, as a nation, pray for a quick cessation of hostilities and the safe return of our servicemen and women.

Domestically, the most immediate challenge facing Australia lies in tackling the economic problems which have been triggered by the deep national recession. New South Wales must play its part in helping the nation recover from this economic downturn, as well as contributing to the national effort which has been commenced jointly by the Commonwealth Government and those of the States and Territories to address the causes of Australia's economic malaise.

The top priority for the New South Wales Government will be to maintain and to extend the financial and management gains of the past three years.

The key policy objectives of the Government over the past three years remain fundamentally important objectives for the year ahead—that is reduced State debt, a leaner and more effective public sector, a balanced budget, and a reordering of spending priorities to emphasise basic services such as health, law enforcement and education.

For its part, the New South Wales economy has so far escaped the severe market downturn which is being experienced in other States.

This relatively stable position can, to a large extent, be attributed to prudent management which the New South Wales Government has actively pursued in the public sector and the economy as a whole.

However, the impact of the recession has significantly reduced revenue available to the Government this financial year and expenditure restraint therefore remains crucial.

Against this background, the Government has already foreshadowed that there will be very few, if any, new spending initiatives until the economy improves, save those achieved by reordering priorities.

MICROECONOMIC REFORM

My Government fully supports national microeconomic reform as an urgently-needed measure to make the Australian economy more competitive and flexible. The Government took a prominent role at the October 1990 Special Premiers' Conference which focussed on this issue.

The Conference was unique in the history of Commonwealth-State relations. For the first time, all Government leaders recognised that Australia is facing serious and fundamental structural problems, the resolution of which require the co-operation of all Governments.

The New South Wales Government stands committed to facilitating progress on the reforms begun at the Conference.

New South Wales will continue to play a leading role in securing a national approach to regulation and licensing, as well as electricity supply, rail freight and road charging on the agreed timetable. It is also crucial that genuine and substantial progress be made on Commonwealth-State financial reform and reduction of administrative duplication.

Continued structural reform of Government Trading Enterprises and the markets within which they operate are key elements of this State's reform program.

The focus of New South Wales has been on delivering better services more efficiently to customers and clients by realistic competition and efficient pricing of goods and services.

Reforms of this calibre will enable my Government to contain costs to families and industry to the maximum extent possible.

In the 1990-91 Budget Speech, the Government announced major reform of several Government Trading Enterprises—the Electricity Commission of New South Wales, the Forestry Commission, the State Transit Authority, the Hunter Water Board and the Fish Marketing Authority. This program will continue and will be expanded. Substantial work is already under way in several of the irrigation districts, the Public Works Department, the interstate freight and Trackfast operations of the State Rail Authority, the Waste Management Authority and the Commercial Services Group, which have already produced significant improvements in productivity.

In the first three years of this Government's administration, employment in the seven largest non-financial trading enterprises will have fallen by 22 per cent and labour productivity risen by 35 per cent, with overall output in each case either remaining steady or expanding. Without these enormous gains in efficiency Government charges could not have been held on average to well below the consumer price index over the period.

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND TRAINING

My Government will pursue labour market reform as a key component of microeconomic reform. In the face of a recession, this is essential for job retention and job creation.

The Government has been successful in introducing legislation which will enable enterprise bargaining. The Government now intends to reintroduce other elements of its industrial relations reform strategy which will provide for voluntary unionism, remedies against secondary boycotts and accountability of employer and employee organisations.

The establishment of the TAFE Commission and the Vocational Education and Training Accreditation Board give further substance to the Government's reforms in the training and further education sphere consistent with national developments over the last eighteen months.

Full co-operation is being given to a review of training and labour market programs following on from the Special Premiers' Conference. This will aim at further improving co-ordination and rationalisation of training and labour market responsibilities between State and Federal Governments, and ensuring active development of the training market.

The Government intends that in this environment the TAFE Commission will be a leader in providing quality technical and further education opportunities to individuals. By serving the particular needs of industry, TAFE will boost employment prospects for individuals.

TAFE's role as an important provider of second chance education opportunities has not been forgotten. The new exemptions policy will allow access to TAFE for students whose financial circumstances would otherwise preclude their participation.

LAW AND JUSTICE

My Government maintains its ongoing commitment to the proper administration of justice in the State and to the protection of its citizens. A record amount of more than one billion dollars has been allocated to the Police Service in 1990-91, an increase of 13.2 per cent from last year.

To further consolidate the Government's strategy of police working closely with local communities, beat policing will continue to be progressively extended throughout the State, with the aim of having 1,000 police "on the beat" in 113 police patrols by the end of 1991.

The Government's commitment to increase the number of police in New South Wales by 1,600 during its first term of office has been fulfilled.

As part of ongoing initiatives to strengthen management skills within the Police Service, the Government will introduce legislation to permit the Chairman of the Police Board to be appointed on either a full-time or a part-time basis. The legislation will also increase the size of the Board by two to allow appointment of a greater range of people.

The electronic recording of police interviews with suspected persons commenced recently at the new City of Sydney Police Station and will be progressively extended to other selected police stations throughout the State during the year. It has been well received by the Police Service and will serve to protect the rights of citizens and the reputations of ethical police officers.

Through the establishment of the Independent Commission Against Corruption and the introduction of codes of conduct, the Government has emphasised the high premium it places on the integrity of public officials. Legislation will be introduced to strengthen the law relating to bribery and other forms of official corruption and abuse of office by consolidating and extending the common and statute law on official misconduct, which has proved to be inadequate in the past.

The Government continues in its resolve to improve the State's Coronial system. Further amendments to the Coroner's Act are anticipated following the submission of a report by the State Coroner dealing with the Coronial system. These amendments will make the Coronial system more efficient, effective and responsive.

New initiatives will be presented in the area of tort law, with major reforms proposed for personal injury and occupational liability laws. The Personal Injury Liability Bill and the Occupational Liability Bill are being reviewed in light of public comment and will be reintroduced. This legislation will ensure the availability of both affordable tort liability insurance and reasonable levels of compensation for injured plaintiffs, as well as encouraging risk minimisation and effective risk management.

Significant changes will be made to the Search Warrants Act by tightening up the application of the Act to provide for the protection of the rights of the citizen whilst allowing Police proper powers of search. Changes are also proposed to the Listening Devices Act to facilitate co-operation between the Federal and State Police and clarify issues relating to the admission of evidence and the necessary authorisation process for the use of listening devices.

The Government believes that meaningful and productive work should be provided to all in the prison system. Current programs are being expanded and, in the coming months, over 1,000 new prisoner work positions will be created and 85 new prison industries staff employed.

It is also an aim of the Government to ensure that the safest possible environment is created for prison staff and inmates. Renewed efforts will be made to reduce further the incidence of drugs and other contraband in our gaols.

Continued construction of new prisons will focus on reducing the long-standing problem of prison overcrowding. The 300 cell maximum security Lithgow Correctional Centre was opened in December, 1990, representing the first major achievement of this program.

Tenders have been called for the private design, construction and management of a 600 bed prison at Junee. The private sector will also be invited to participate in other prison services as a way of introducing modern and more efficient management practices in the prison system.

HEALTH

Upgrading the health system continues to be the Government's top budget priority. Substantial increases in capital works funding are facilitating the reconstruction of the public health system and the increased provision of health facilities in areas of high population growth.

Proposals for a new and updated Public Health Act will be reintroduced into Parliament this session.

My Government initiated and is co-operating with the Commonwealth Government and other State Governments in the National Health Strategy Review. The Government is hopeful that the review will assist in creating a more efficient, effective and equitable health system, including greater involvement of the private sector in providing health care services.

A comprehensive range of strategies for rural health services is being developed in New South Wales to permit greater access by country people to high quality medical care.

Measures to assist with staffing of the public hospital system will continue and there will be ongoing assistance for overseas trained doctors to gain registration in New South Wales through the development of appropriate bridging courses.

The Government's program of upgrading neonatal services will be completed in 1991 by the provision of a further six level-three ventilator cots, achieving the 1991 target of 60 set by the Shearman Report on Maternity Services.

SCHOOL EDUCATION

School education in New South Wales is entering a period of consolidation after two rounds of major reform.

The Government recognises that the key to quality education lies not solely with reform strategies, but with the commitment of individual teachers in the classroom.

Recruitment, training and professional development of teachers are critical issues in guaranteeing that our schools can equip their students to meet the demands of a complex and changing world.

In implementing the thrust of the major policy which was released last year, the Government is working with teachers, teacher educators and higher education institutions to develop different and more effective models of pre-service and in-service teacher education.

The recently established Board of Studies will continue developing new syllabi more appropriate to the curriculum requirements set out in the Education Reform Act, 1990, and the Government's policy document on the curriculum, *Excellence and Equity*. This will be particularly relevant in secondary education.

The policy of consultation and communication with key educational interest groups will continue as devolution of responsibility and accountability to regions and schools proceeds and the development of self-managing schools is pursued. The Government is concerned to improve parent and community involvement in education by increasing the authority of local school administrators.

As part of the Government's commitment to diversity in forms of school organisation, a new technology high school at Cherrybrook has commenced as a joint initiative of the Department of School Education and IBM.

The access of secondary school students to the teaching of priority languages has been enhanced this year through the designation of sixteen specialist language high schools.

TRANSPORT

The Government recognises that the existence of a first-class road network is an essential ingredient for improving Australia's economic performance. This year's allocation of \$1.708 billion to the Roads and Traffic Authority represents an increase of 12.1 per cent over last year's allocation.

Major works projects on the Hume Highway at Gunning, Goulburn and Mittagong are well under way with substantial progress being made on the Pacific Highway on the Tweed Heads Bypass and Herons Creek Deviation.

The Government will continue to pursue road safety initiatives aimed at further reducing the State's road toll, which in 1990 reached its lowest level since 1957. Initiatives in this area include the banning of radar detection and jamming devices, an extensive social awareness campaign, increased penalties for speeding, and the development of a long term Road Safety Strategy to the year 2000.

As to the future direction of national reform strategies, New South Wales is committed to the agreements on rail and road reform which were reached at the Special Premiers' Conference.

In particular, the Government will work to facilitate the agreed timetable being met for establishment of the proposed National Rail Freight Corporation and the arrangements to proceed on road pricing reform.

For interstate rail freight, the proposed reforms signal a new era for better customer service, improved financial performance and a reduction of heavy vehicles on our roads.

At State level, wide-ranging management reforms in the public transport area have continued to achieve tangible results.

For the State Rail Authority, reform initiatives have enabled considerable productivity gains which have assisted a major shift of resources to concentrate on necessary infrastructure improvements. In this process, the Government has committed \$2.6 billion to replace obsolete equipment and to rebuild the rail system to world-class standards.

The Government has recognised the strong community support for a rail service to major regional centres and efficiency improvements have now made possible the reintroduction of upgraded services. The Explorer program will see new services introduced to Moree, Armidale and Canberra in late 1992/early 1993.

XPT services to Melbourne will be introduced in 1993 and this will bring a new era of comfort and convenience to this important interstate route.

In the passenger transport area, recent legislation has set the framework for major efficiency and service quality reforms in the taxi, hire car, bus and ferry industries. Work is well advanced in developing, jointly with industry representatives, the necessary mechanisms such as accreditation standards and performance contracts to achieve effective reforms.

ENVIRONMENT, PLANNING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

My Government remains committed to the protection of our natural environment.

In particular, the Government will continue to pursue leading edge initiatives to permit a rational resolution of conflicts about land use and natural resource management.

The Government will also seek to minimise the duplication of environmental protection functions currently performed by Local, State and Commonwealth Governments as a first step towards developing coherent and co-ordinated environmental policies and management strategies.

An integral player in the Government's policy direction will be the new Environmental Protection Agency, which will be established and will commence operations later this year. The Agency will bring together various elements of existing Government activity and new initiatives so that a more rational and effective approach is instituted towards co-ordinating the regulation, enforcement and research on environmental improvement.

New South Wales is working with Queensland to find appropriate dispute resolution mechanisms and, with all the States and the Commonwealth Government, to seek ways of improving resource security so that large value-adding, employment-generating investment can occur.

Following on from the Special Premiers' Conference, New South Wales will co-operate with the Commonwealth Government and other States to develop an Intergovernmental Agreement on the Environment aimed at clarifying the roles of the respective governments and other crucial issues such as the need for a national approach to environmental impact assessment.

Applications for grants from the three Environmental Trust Funds established last year have been invited. The first grants for environmental education, research, and restoration and rehabilitation projects will be made in August. An emergency clean up fund for environmental spills has been established.

Further substantial progress in the clean up of our beaches, harbour and rivers will be made this year.

The commissioning of the Malabar and North Head ocean outfalls has resulted in significant improvements in water quality on Sydney's beaches. The Bondi outfall will be operating by August this year.

The \$300 million Coastal Waters Strategy will ensure that the most effective technologies are chosen to continue the clean up of the ocean and our beaches.

A \$760 million, six-year program has also begun to improve the quality of drinking water by upgrading water treatment plants in the Sydney, Blue Mountains and Illawarra areas. Particular attention will be given to the Hawkesbury-Nepean River system to ensure that the highest standards of environmental integrity are maintained whilst accommodating urban growth.

Legislation will be introduced to reconstitute the coastal council of New South Wales. The Council will oversee and monitor the New South Wales Coastal Policy, and will ensure that matters in coastal areas are considered in a balanced manner.

Fundamental reform of local government has been targeted as a major initiative in the Government's regulatory reform program.

The Government is convinced that councils should be exposed to the same level of fundamental changes regarding integrity, accountability, financial and operating management as have been successfully introduced at State level. As a first step towards this goal and following completion of Stage 1 of the Local Government Act review, legislation dealing with the functions and powers of Councils will be presented to the Parliament.

RESOURCES AND RURAL MATTERS

The Government is aware of the difficult and anxious times faced by rural communities as the national recession deepens. Options are being developed to assist rural industries and improved advisory and counselling services are being introduced to help individual farmers better identify technical and economic strategies to cope with this situation.

Reflecting its continuing commitment to managing our river systems on a sustainable basis, the Government will undertake further initiatives to protect and rehabilitate our riverine and flood plain environments, whilst also ensuring that the viability of agriculture and industry reliant on access to riverine resources is maintained.

To achieve this objective, during 1991 the Government will release a State Rivers Policy focusing on the protection and management of specific types of resource values and amenities such as scenic, recreational, ecological or agricultural values. This will include initiatives for the management of wetland, instream and riparian resources.

The introduction of the Catchment Management Act last year was a milestone for community participation in land management. In line with this strategy, 150 Landcare and Dunecare Groups have already been set up and this number will be significantly increased during the year.

In an historic agreement, the Government has joined with irrigators for the funding of work to enlarge the Pindari Dam on the Severn River. This will increase the dam's capacity nearly ten-fold for a total cost of some \$76 million. Of this, \$36.5 million will be contributed by irrigators over time through increased water charges.

The reform of the law on government acquisition of privately owned land is a Government priority. It is proposed that the legislation will introduce a uniform system for compulsory acquisition of private property, with compensation to be based on "Just Terms" principles. An exposure draft of a proposed Bill has been released for public comment and will be presented to Parliament when the consultation process has been completed.

In the aftermath of last year's devastating floods, work will commence to reconstruct and upgrade the Nyngan levee so that the town is more adequately protected from future floods.

With the help of local councils, the Government will also undertake a reconnaissance audit of the safety of all urban levees throughout the State.

To maintain the momentum of reforming the State's public sector and to give real benefits to the people of New South Wales, further reforms of the electricity industry will be implemented during the coming session of Parliament.

The Government has reached agreement with the Commonwealth Government on a balanced settlement of issues in the south-east forests of the State. This includes significant new park and reserve areas as well as ensuring continuity of supply for a restructured forest industry in the region. It is expected that these new reserves will be created during this session of Parliament.

In its continuing plantation programs, the Forestry Commission will plant some 3,200 hectares of new *Pinus radiata* plantations, a further 1,400 hectares of replanting following final harvest and 80 hectares of eucalypt plantation. In all, about six million trees will be planted.

Regulatory reform in the agricultural sector remains a key priority. The Fisheries and Oyster Farms Act, 1935, will be replaced with new fisheries management legislation, emphasising the long-term sustainability of the fishing industry and the protection of fisheries environments. Input will be sought from all affected groups prior to finalising the proposed legislative changes.

Sensitive to the continuing pressures for Australian industry to be internationally competitive, the Government is also reviewing the operations of the various statutory marketing bodies for agricultural products, and legislative reform will be undertaken this year.

BUSINESS AND DEVELOPMENT

The Government will foster a stable and productive environment conducive to business investment and development, both in urban and country regions.

Integral to this objective is the Government's commitment to boosting the State's goods and services exports as well as generating increased employment by drawing the lion's share of foreign investment coming to Australia. Investment will be actively sought from the key economies with the intention of further internationalising the New South Wales economy.

The Government will bring forward legislation to abolish stamp duty on transfer of shares in listed companies effected on the stock exchange. This action will help ensure that the local stock exchange can compete for business on a level basis with overseas exchanges.

Legislation will also be introduced this session to permit the formation of limited liability partnerships, incorporating features of both companies and partnerships. This will facilitate investment, including venture capital and the establishment and operation of small businesses.

In the first half of this year, the Government will be releasing a major statement on economic development and this will outline expectations for the New South Wales economy in the coming year.

Reforming unnecessary or inappropriate intervention in market operations is central to the Government's policy of microeconomic reform.

The Government will maintain its commitment to the reduction of unnecessary red tape through the phased review of regulations. The interests of both business and consumer alike will be important considerations in this process.

Small business, in particular, has been hard hit by the recession. My Government has responded by upgrading the services to small business. Specialised training programs, workshops and publications are being introduced. More than 10,000 small business people will benefit from these programs.

The Government is committed to regional development and decentralisation and wants to promote the growth of business and communities in country regions. The relocation of the Head Office of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to Orange will provide a major boost to the economy of the State's Central West, with significant long-term employment opportunities for local people.

Other new measures will be fostered by Regional Development Boards which have now been established across the State. These Boards will also have an input in advising on further targeted initiatives to promote economic growth in country areas. These measures will form the basis of a proposed New South Wales Country Strategy due for release later this year.

HOUSING

Responding to the ongoing problems with housing affordability and availability in the Sydney region, my Government is continuing to implement strategies specifically designed to help homeseekers. This work is largely being pursued through making more land available and special programs to increase home ownership and public and private rental opportunities.

Particular emphasis is being given to dealing with the problems of youth homelessness and housing for the elderly.

Total housing opportunities under these programs are expected to rise from 67,000 families assisted last financial year to more than 72,000 this year.

Additionally, the Government's HomeFund program is projected to increase the number of loans from 14,680 in 1989-90 to 16,900 this financial year. The total value of these loans is likely to rise from \$1.2 billion to \$1.5 billion.

In the medium term, the Government plans the release of nearly 150,000 residential land lots located in the Rouse Hill and South Creek sectors West Menai, South Penrith, Scheyville and other areas already identified for urban development.

Such land releases will be subject to extensive planning and environmental assessment procedures to ensure that residential development does not proceed at the expense of the environment.

A package of reforms designed to facilitate the development of relocatable home parks will be presented for Parliament's consideration.

During the year, the Government will undertake a major review of the regulatory framework covering the real estate industry.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

My Government reaffirms its strong commitment for practical measures aimed at supporting and strengthening families.

The "Family Pledge" made last year will be maintained by ensuring that price increases in the coming year on a range of essential government services are frozen in real terms. This has been made possible by passing on the benefits achieved through continued structural reform of Government Trading Enterprises in the transport and energy areas.

Protection of our children from physical abuse and neglect is an issue of concern which can never be undervalued. Following a four year community awareness program on child sexual assault, the Child Protection Council has completed its report on the physical abuse and neglect of children and the Government is carefully examining the recommendations which have been put forward.

Effectiveness of the policies covering juvenile justice will continue to be watched closely. The policy of diverting young offenders from detention is working successfully in cases where a community-based sentencing option is appropriate.

Equally, the Government is aware of the need to maintain proper detention facilities to cater for young people who commit serious crimes. The completion of the \$14.3 million high security unit at Kariong later this year will provide a secure and rehabilitative environment for serious young offenders.

As a special initiative to alleviate the problem of homeless young people, the Government has made available \$10 million this financial year for the purchase of residential properties which are being leased to voluntary agencies for long-term accommodation of the young and homeless.

The Ethnic Affairs Commission has developed a strategic plan to improve access for people of non-English speaking background to key public sector services. Education, health, housing and the law have been targeted as priority areas under the plan.

SPORT, TOURISM AND THE ARTS

Sydney's bid for the Olympic Games 2000 is still under consideration but is dependent on adequate financial support being forthcoming from the Federal Government.

Planning in the tourism industry has been given a significant boost through release of the New South Wales Tourism Development Strategy. This blueprint for change is designed to identify and better co-ordinate tourism opportunities which exist in our State.

To bring the arts and cultural amenities to even greater numbers of our citizens, the Government will support new strategies to take the arts to Western Sydney and facilitate touring by city-based companies.

An integral part of that process will be the review of funding the festivals to make better use of available resources, with three major activities—the Festival of Sydney, Carnivale and the Biennale of Sydney—combining in a single exciting celebration of strong international and local appeal.

On the initiative of the Government, a new centre for the visual arts, better known as the Gunner in Woolloomooloo, is being established. Further, a Writer's Centre is being established in Rozelle to assist New South Wales authors.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF THE PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES,

It has been my pleasure to present to you, for the first time, my Government's proposals for this session of Parliament.

I now leave you to get on with the important task entrusted to you by the people of New South Wales.

The Assembly then withdrew.

SENATE VACANCY

Resignation of Senator the Honourable Peter Baume

The President reported the receipt of a message from His Excellency the Governor transmitting to the Legislative Council copy of a despatch dated 28th January, received from the President of the Senate, notifying that pursuant to section 21 of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution a vacancy had happened in the representation of the State of New South Wales in the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia through the resignation of Senator the Hon. Peter Baume, which occurred on 28th January.

ASSENT TO BILLS

Royal assent to the following bills of the previous session reported:

- Bail (Amendment) Bill
- Burns Philp Trustee Company Limited Bill
- Corporations (New South Wales) Bill
- Environmental Offences and Penalties (Amendment) Bill
- Fair Trading (Amendment) Bill
- Fair Trading (Public Warnings) Amendment Bill
- Funeral Services Industry (Days of Operation) Bill
- Land Tax Management (Further Amendment) Bill
- Local Government (Backpackers Hostels) Amendment Bill
- Motor Accidents (Amendment) Bill
- Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill
- National Trust of Australia (New South Wales) Bill
- Oaths (Children) Amendment Bill
- Justices (Committal Statements) Amendment Bill
- Stamp Duties (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill
- Traffic (Amendment) Bill
- Credit (Amendment) Bill
- Trustee Companies (Amendment) Bill
- Anti-Discrimination (Compulsory Retirement) Amendment Bill
- Commercial Arbitration (Amendment) Bill
- Crimes (Injuries) Amendment Bill
- Crimes (Police Evidence) Amendment Bill
- District Court (Amendment) Bill
- Local Courts (Civil Claims) Amendment Bill
- Local Government (Street Drinking) Amendment Bill
- National Parks and Wildlife (Leases) Amendment Bill
- Prisons (Contract Management) Amendment Bill
- Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill (No. 2)
- Police Regulation (Allegations of Misconduct) Amendment Bill
- Australian Catholic University Bill
- Constitution and Parliamentary Electorates and Elections (Amendment) Bill
- Debits Tax Bill
- Industrial Arbitration (Enterprise Agreements) Amendment Bill
- Liquor (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill
- Registered Clubs (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill
- Parliamentary Committees Enabling Bill
- Sydney Electricity Bill
- Technical and Further Education Commission Bill
- Board of Adult and Community Education Bill
- Vocational Education and Training Accreditation Bill
- Occupational Health and Safety Legislation (Amendment) Bill
- Unhealthy Building Land Bill
- Miscellaneous Acts (Public Health) Repeal and Amendment Bill

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LAW OF EVIDENCE BILL (*pro forma*)

Bill read a first time.

PETITION

Abortion

Petition praying that because abortion on demand is jeopardising the right to life of the unborn child, the anti-abortion law contained in section 83 of the Crimes Act should be properly and effectively enforced, received from the **Hon. Marie Bignold**.

SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT

Motion by the **Hon. E. P. Pickering** agreed to:

That this House at its rising today do adjourn until tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

House adjourned at 1.14 p.m.
