

men to work under dirty and trying conditions without providing proper facilities for a shower.

Mr. WILLIAMS: I think that, as Mortdale is in my electorate, the matter should have been left for me to handle!

Mr. O'SULLIVAN: It is perhaps a general matter. I will have the three matters referred to attended to as quickly as possible.

Question resolved in the affirmative.

House adjourned at 10.15 p.m.

Legislative Council.

Thursday, 2 November, 1944.

First Readings—Local Government (Electoral Provisions) Amendment Bill—Business of the House.

The PRESIDENT took the chair.

The opening Prayer was read.

FIRST READINGS.

The following bills were received from the Legislative Assembly and read a first time:

Auctioneers, Stock and Station and Real Estate Agents (Amendment) Bill.

Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages (Amendment) Bill.

Companies (Death Duties) Amendment Bill.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ELECTORAL PROVISIONS) AMENDMENT BILL.

Bill read a third time.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

The Hon. R. R. DOWNING (Minister of Justice and Vice-President of the Executive Council) [4.37]: Might I suggest, Mr. President, that you do now leave the chair for a few minutes to enable me to ascertain the position of legislation in another place so that I may have some idea of the business that this House will be asked to deal with later on. The bells will be rung when the House is ready to resume.

[The President left the chair at 4.38 p.m. The House resumed at 4.50 p.m.]

The Hon. R. R. DOWNING (Minister of Justice and Vice-President of the Executive Council) [4.50]: In view of the fact that it is desired that this House should deal with certain legislation as soon as possible, might I suggest, Mr. President, that you leave the chair now until 4.30 p.m. sharp to-morrow.

The PRESIDENT: With the concurrence of the House, I shall leave the chair until 4.30 p.m. sharp to-morrow.

[The President left the chair at 4.52 p.m.]

Legislative Assembly.

Thursday, 2 November, 1944.

Questions without Notice—Mines Inspection (Amendment) Bill—Companies (Death Duties) Amendment Bill—Local Government (Elections) Bill (Motion of Urgency)—Extension of Sitting (Suspension of Sessional Order)—Local Government (Elections) Bill (second reading.)

Mr. SPEAKER took the chair.

The opening Prayer was read.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE.

BROKEN HILL EMPLOYEES: HOLIDAY TRANSPORT.

Mr. DAVIDSON: Is the Minister aware that there are at least 1,000 residents of Broken Hill who have signified their intention of travelling to Sydney for the Christmas holidays? Is he further aware that they have drawn up a roster for the orderly booking of seats? Is it a fact that most of these people work in the mines at Broken Hill, and it is a part of their industrial agreement that they shall enjoy three weeks' holiday every year on full pay, and, as a result there has been no industrial trouble at Broken Hill for twenty-five years?

Mr. SPEAKER: Order! The hon. member is now making a statement and not asking a question.

Mr. DAVIDSON: Considering the arduous nature of the work done by these men, the exceptional climatic conditions at Broken Hill, the shortage of water and other adverse conditions, will