

**Record of the
Proceedings of the Queensland Parliament**

...
Legislative Council
24th July 1860
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The PRESIDENT took the chair at twenty-five minutes to 5 o'clock, and opened the proceedings with prayer.

CLERGYMEN RECEIVING STATE AID.

Mr. MACDOUGALL asked Captain O'Connell, without notice, How many clergymen there were in the colony at present receiving state aid, and what were the amounts allotted from the revenue for that service.

Captain O'CONNELL replied, that not having received the ordinary notice, he was not then in a position to answer the question, but he would be prepared to do so on the following day if the hon. member thought proper to resubmit his question.

DISCONTINUANCE OF STATE AID BILL.

A message was received from the Legislative Assembly transmitting the bill for the discontinuance of state aid to religion, and requesting the concurrence of the Legislative Council therein.

Captain O'CONNELL moved the first reading of the bill 'pro forma,' but stated that it was his intention to vote against its passing, and when the second reading came on he would explain his reasons for so doing.

The CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES expressed his opinion that it was scarcely parliamentary for an hon. member to move the first reading of a bill against which it was his intention to vote subsequently. He thought it would be more convenient to allow some hon. member favourable to the bill to undertake its management through the house.

Captain O'CONNELL explained that it was his intention, after the bill had been read a first time, to entrust the second reading to some other hon. member.

The PRESIDENT pointed out that any hon. member might move the first reading of a bill introduced from the other house, inasmuch as they could have no parliamentary knowledge of its nature until it had been read a first time.

The motion was then put and passed, and the bill was read a first time.

Captain O'CONNELL moved that the bill be read a second time that day week.

Mr. BALFOUR did not think that so long a period was necessary, seeing that they were all fully acquainted with the object sought to be accomplished.

Mr. YALDWYN was in favour of giving plenty of time for consideration, and would therefore vote for fixing the second reading on Tuesday.

Mr. GALLOWAY was of opinion that the interval between then and Tuesday would afford sufficient time.

Mr. FITZ supported the motion for fixing the second reading on that day week, remarking that two hon. members were expected by the next arrival of the Telegraph.

The CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES at length proposed as an amendment that the bill be

read a second time on Thursday next, which was carried on the following division—

Ayes, 6.

Noes, 4.

Chairman of Committees

Mr. Balfour
“ Macdougall
“ Galloway
“ Harris

Dr. Fullerton

Mr. Fitz

“ Yaldwyn
“ Bigge
Captain O’Connell

CENSUS BILL.

A message was received from the Legislative Assembly transmitting the Census Bill, and requesting concurrence therein.

On the motion of Captain O’Connell, the bill was read a first time, and the second reading was fixed for the following day.

The house was adjourned at five o’clock until the next day, at half-past four o’clock.