

Queensland



Parliamentary Debates
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Legislative Council

TUESDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 1871

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THE
PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES

DURING THE
FIRST SESSION OF THE SIXTH PARLIAMENT OF THE COLONY
OF QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA,

APPOINTED TO MEET

AT BRISBANE, ON THE SEVENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, IN THE THIRTY-FIFTH YEAR OF THE REIGN
OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1871.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, 7 November, 1871.

Meeting of Parliament.

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In pursuance of the proclamation of his Excellency the Governor, bearing date the 9th September last, convening Parliament "for despatch of business," this day, the Council met at noon.

The Honorable Sir MAURICE CHARLES O'CONNELL, Knight, President; the Honorable DANIEL FOLEY ROBERTS, Esquire; and the Honorable THOMAS LODGE MURRAY PRIOR, Esquire, Postmaster-General, appeared as Commissioners appointed under the Great Seal of the Colony, for the purpose of opening this present Parliament.

The Acting Clerk of the Parliaments produced and read the proclamation.

The Usher was thereupon despatched to acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Commissioners desired their presence in the Council Chamber. Being returned with them, and having announced them;

Honorable members of the Assembly repaired to the places reserved for them below the Bar, and being seated,

The PRESIDENT stated that His Excellency the Governor, not thinking fit to be personally present, this day, had been pleased to cause a Commission to be issued under the Great Seal of the Colony, constituting him and the two other honorable gentlemen named therein, Commissioners, to do all things necessary on the part of Her Majesty the Queen, in order to the opening and holding of this Session.

The Clerk read the Commission.

The PRESIDENT said: Honorable gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly—We have it in command from His Excellency the Governor to let you know, that, as soon as the members of both Houses shall have been sworn, the causes

of this Parliament being called together will be declared to you; and, it being necessary that a Speaker of the Legislative Assembly be first chosen, it is His Excellency's pleasure that you, gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly, repair to your own chamber, and there proceed to the election of one of your number to be your Speaker, and that you present such person so chosen to His Excellency the Governor for His Excellency's approval, at Government House, to-morrow morning, at such time as His Excellency shall appoint.

The Assembly then withdrew.

A second Commission was produced and read, authorising the same Commissioners to administer to honorable members the oath or affirmation of allegiance required by law to be taken or made before any member can sit or vote in the Legislative Council; and,

The Commissioners, being themselves first sworn, and having subscribed the roll, administered the oath to the other honorable gentlemen in attendance, who, also, respectively signed the roll.