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**Legislative Council**

**TUESDAY, 3 MARCH 1908**

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# QUEENSLAND PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES.

## Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly.

### FIRST SESSION OF THE SEVENTEENTH PARLIAMENT.

APPOINTED TO MEET

AT BRISBANE ON THE THIRD DAY OF MARCH, IN THE EIGHTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HIS  
MAJESTY KING EDWARD VII., IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1908.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 3 MARCH, 1908.

##### MEETING OF PARLIAMENT.

HONOURABLE members of the Council were in attendance at 12 o'clock noon, pursuant to the proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, appointing Parliament to meet this day for the despatch of business.

The CLERK OF THE PARLIAMENTS read the proclamation convening Parliament, bearing date 20th day of February, 1908.

##### NEW MEMBER.

HON. T. O'SULLIVAN.

The PRESIDENT (Hon. Sir Arthur Morgan) informed the Council that he had received a letter from His Excellency the Governor intimating that he had been pleased, by writ of summons, dated 18th February, 1908, to summon the Hon. Thomas O'Sullivan, of Brisbane, to the Legislative Council.

The Hon. T. O'SULLIVAN thereupon signed the roll.

##### COMMISSIONERS TO OPEN THE SESSION.

The Honourable Sir Arthur Morgan, President; the Honourable Andrew Henry Barlow, Secretary for Public Instruction; and the Honourable Thomas O'Sullivan, Secretary for Agriculture, appeared as Commissioners under the Great Seal of the State to open the session.

The PRESIDENT, on behalf of the Commissioners, requested the Usher of the Black Rod to acquaint the Legislative Assembly that the Commissioners request their immediate attendance in the Council Chamber to hear the Commission read.

The Legislative Assembly were thereupon introduced; and the members of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly being seated by request of the Commissioners,

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The PRESIDENT said: Honourable gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—His Excellency the Governor, not being able conveniently to be present in person this day, has been pleased to cause a Commission to be issued under the Great Seal of the State, constituting us Commissioners, to do all things necessary to be performed by the Governor, in the name or on the part of His Majesty the King, or in the name or on the part of His Excellency as Governor of the State, in order to the opening and holding of this Parliament, as will more fully appear by the Commission itself, which I now direct the Clerk of the Parliaments to read.

Whereupon the CLERK read the Commission.

The PRESIDENT said: Honourable 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 the Legislative Assembly 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, at such time as His Excellency shall appoint.

The Assembly then withdrew.

##### RESIGNATION OF A MEMBER.

HON. P. AIREY.

The PRESIDENT informed the Council that he had received a letter from His Excellency the Governor, dated 13th January, 1908, intimating that the Hon. Peter Airey had resigned his seat as a member of the Legislative Council.

The Council adjourned at twelve minutes past 12 o'clock until to-morrow at half-past 11 o'clock.