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**Legislative Council**

**TUESDAY, 23 MAY 1918**

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# QUEENSLAND PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES

## Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly.

FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

APPOINTED TO MEET

AT BRISBANE ON THE TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF MAY, IN THE NINTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V., IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1918.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 28 MAY, 1918.

Pursuant to the proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, appointing Parliament to meet this day for the despatch of business, the Council met at noon.

The CLERK OF THE PARLIAMENTS read the proclamation convening Parliament, bearing date the twenty-sixth day of April, 1918.

#### COMMISSIONERS TO OPEN THE SESSION.

The PRESIDENT (Hon. W. Hamilton) said: I have to acquaint the Council that 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, appointing Mr. A. J. Jones, Mr. Crampton, Mr. Nevitt, and myself Commissioners in order to the opening and holding of this session of Parliament.

The Hon. W. Hamilton, President, the Hon. A. J. Jones, the Hon. W. R. Crampton, and the Hon. T. Nevitt thereupon took their seats on the dais.

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

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

The PRESIDENT said: Hon. 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: Hon. 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 cause 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 such time and place as His Excellency shall appoint.

The members of the Assembly then withdrew.

#### RESIGNATION OF MEMBER.

HON. R. BEDFORD.

The PRESIDENT reported the receipt from His Excellency the Governor of a letter, dated 21st February last, notifying the resignation on that day of the Hon. Randolph Bedford.

*Hon. W. Hamilton.]*

## NEW MEMBER.

HON. R. BEDFORD.

The PRESIDENT announced the receipt from His Excellency the Governor of a letter, dated 27th May, stating that His Excellency had been pleased to appoint Randolph Bedford, Esq., of Brisbane, to the Legislative Council.

Hon. RANDOLPH BEDFORD thereupon took the oath of allegiance and signed the roll of members.

## SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.

The SECRETARY FOR MINES (Hon. A. J. Jones): I beg to move—That the Council, at its rising, do adjourn until 11.30 a.m. to-morrow.

Question put and passed.

The Council adjourned at ten minutes past 12 o'clock.