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**MONDAY, 15 AUGUST 1932**

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### FIRST SESSION OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH PARLIAMENT.

APPOINTED TO MEET

AT BRISBANE ON THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF AUGUST, IN THE TWENTY-THIRD YEAR OF  
THE REIGN OF HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V., IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1932.

**MONDAY, 15 AUGUST, 1932.**

#### OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

Pursuant to the proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, dated 21st July, 1932, appointing Parliament to meet this day for the despatch of business, the House met at 12 o'clock noon in the Legislative Assembly Chamber.

The Clerk of the Parliament read the proclamation.

#### COMMISSION TO OPEN PARLIAMENT.

The Clerk acquainted the House that His Excellency the Governor, not being able conveniently to be present in person, had been pleased to cause a commission to be issued under the public seal of the State, appointing the Hon. William Forgan Smith, the Hon. Percy Pease, and the Hon. John Mullan Commissioners in order to the opening and holding of this session of Parliament, which commission he then read to the House.

The Commissioners so appointed having taken their places upon the dais,

The SENIOR COMMISSIONER (Hon. W. Forgan Smith, *Mackay*) said: Hon. members 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 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 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 at such time and place as His Excellency shall appoint.

The Premier thereupon produced a commission under the public seal of the State, empowering him, the Hon. Percy Pease, and the Hon. John Mullan, or any one or more of them, to administer to all or any members or member of the House the oath or affirmation of allegiance to His Majesty the King, which commission was then read to the House by the Clerk.

#### RETURN OF WRITS.

The Clerk informed the House that the writs for the various electoral districts had been returned to him severally endorsed as follow:—

1. Albert—Thomas Flood Plunkett.
2. Aubigny—Arthur Edward Moore.
3. Barcoo—Frank William Bulcock.
4. Bowen—Charles Collins.
5. Bremer—Frank Arthur Cooper.
6. Brisbane—Robert Funnell.
7. Bulimba—William John Copley.
8. Bundaberg—George Philip Barber.
9. Buranda—Edward Joseph Hanson.
10. Cairns—John O'Keefe.
11. Carnarvon—Edward Costello.
12. Carpentaria—John Mullan.
13. Charters Towers—William John Wellington.
14. Cook—James Alexander Charles Kenny.
15. Cooroora—Harry Frederick Walker.
16. Cunningham—William Arthur Deacon.
17. Dalby—Walter Beresford James Gordon Sparkes.
18. East Toowoomba—Thomas Robert Roberts.
19. Enoggera—George Cuthbert Taylor.
20. Fassifern—Arnold Wienholt.
21. Fitzroy—James Christian Peterson.
22. Fortitude Valley—Thomas Wilson.

23. Gregory—George Pollock.
24. Gympie—Vivian Hoyles Tozer.
25. Hamilton—Hugh McDiarmid Russell.
26. Herbert—Percy Pease.
27. Ipswich—David Alexander Gledson.
28. Isis—William Alfred Brand.
29. Ithaca—Edward Michael Hanlon.
30. Kelvin Grove—Francis John Waters.
31. Kennedy—Arthur William Fadden.
32. Keppel—Owen Daniel.
33. Kurilpa—Patrick Kerry Copley.
34. Logan—Reginald MacDonnell King.
35. Mackay—William Forgan Smith.
36. Maranoa—Charles William Conroy.
37. Maree—William Thomas King.
38. Maryborough—James Stopford.
39. Merthyr—James Patrick Keogh.
40. Mirani—Edward Bowdich Swayne.
41. Mundingburra—John Dash.
42. Murilla—Godfrey Morgan.
43. Murrumba—George Francis Reuben Nicklin.
44. Nanango—James Braidwood Edwards.
45. Normanby—Thomas Andrew Foley.
46. Nundah—John Vincent Hayes.
47. Oxley—Thomas Nimmo.
48. Port Curtis—Thomas Lewis Williams.
49. Rockhampton—James Larcombe.
50. Sandgate—Hubert Ebenezer Sizer.
51. South Brisbane—Vincent Clair Gair.
52. Stanley—Ernest Lancelot Grimstone.
53. The Tableland—Henry Adam Bruce.
54. Toowong—James Francis Maxwell.
55. Toowoomba—Evan John Llewelyn.
56. Townsville—Maurice Patrick Hynes.
57. Warrego—Randolph Bedford.
58. Warwick—George Powell Barnes.
59. West Moreton—Edmund Bede Maher.
60. Wide Bay—Ernest Henry Collet Clayton.
61. Windsor—Charles Taylor.
62. Wynnum—Walter Henry Barnes.

- Vincent Clair Gair, Esquire.  
 David Alexander Gledson, Esquire.  
 Ernest Lancelot Grimstone, Esquire.  
 Edward Joseph Hanson, Esquire.  
 John Vincent Hayes, Esquire.  
 James Alexander Charles Kenny, Esquire.  
 James Patrick Keogh, Esquire.  
 Reginald MacDonnell King, Esquire.  
 William Thomas King, Esquire.  
 James Larcombe, Esquire.  
 Evan John Llewelyn, Esquire.  
 Edmund Bede Maher, Esquire.  
 James Francis Maxwell, Esquire.  
 Arthur Edward Moore, Esquire.  
 Godfrey Morgan, Esquire.  
 George Francis Reuben Nicklin, Esquire.  
 Thomas Nimmo, Esquire.  
 John O'Keefe, Esquire.  
 James Christian Peterson, Esquire.  
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 Edward Bowdich Swayne, Esquire.  
 Charles Taylor, Esquire.  
 George Cuthbert Taylor, Esquire.  
 Vivian Hoyles Tozer, Esquire.  
 Francis John Waters, Esquire.  
 William John Wellington, Esquire.  
 Arnold Wienholt, Esquire.  
 Thomas Lewis Williams, Esquire.  
 Thomas Wilson, Esquire.

## ELECTION OF SPEAKER.

Mr. LARCOMBE (*Rockhampton*) [12.25 p.m.] said: Mr. Bernays, I have very much pleasure in moving—

“That the hon. member for Gregory, Mr. George Pollock, do take the chair of the House as Speaker.”

GOVERNMENT MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

Mr. LARCOMBE: I feel sure that Mr. Pollock will prove a worthy occupant of the office of Speaker. He is a close student of the Standing Orders and of parliamentary procedure, and possesses in a high degree those qualities which make for a successful Speaker. Furthermore, he has been a member of this House continuously since 1915; and from 1924 to 1929 he filled the position of Chairman of Committees, during which period he earned the respect of hon. members on both sides of the House and discharged his duties with credit to himself. His decisions were prompt, sound, firm, and impartial, and he showed the possession of qualifications fitting him eminently for this important office. For those reasons, Mr. Bernays, I commend my motion to the favourable consideration of hon. members.

HONOURABLE MEMBER: Hear, hear!

Mr. LLEWELYN (*Toowoomba*) [12.26 p.m.]: I am very pleased to second the motion which has been submitted by Mr. Larcombe, the hon. member for Rockhampton. It gives me great pleasure to do so because I recognise that Mr. Pollock has the essential attributes that go to make for the successful occupancy of the very high office to which he has been nominated. It is recognised, also, that the position is one that must be maintained with high dignity and decorum. Moreover, it is essential that the occupant of the Speaker's chair should carry out his duties without fear or favour; for the faithful performance of these duties far transcends the claims of the individual or

## EXTENSION OF TIME FOR RETURN OF WRIT.

The Clerk informed the House that an Order in Council had been issued on the 28th day of July, 1932, validating the election for the electoral district of Warrego, notwithstanding any delay in taking the poll at certain polling places and that the writ was not returned on the due date.

## MEMBERS SWORN.

The Commissioners, who, with certain other members of the Ministry, had been themselves previously sworn in before His Excellency the Governor, then administered the oath or affirmation of allegiance to the following members, who thereupon subscribed the roll:—

- George Philip Barber, Esquire.  
 George Powell Barnes, Esquire.  
 Walter Henry Barnes, Esquire.  
 Randolph Bedford, Esquire.  
 William Alfred Brand, Esquire.  
 Frank William Bulcock, Esquire.  
 Ernest Henry Collet Clayton, Esquire.  
 Charles Collins, Esquire.  
 Charles William Conroy, Esquire.  
 Patrick Kerry Copley, Esquire.  
 William John Copley, Esquire.  
 Edward Costello, Esquire.  
 Owen Daniel, Esquire.  
 William Arthur Deacon, Esquire.  
 James Braidwood Edwards, Esquire.  
 Arthur William Fadden, Esquire.  
 Thomas Andrew Foley, Esquire.  
 Robert Funnell, Esquire.

the claims of party. It gives me sincere pleasure, therefore, to second the nomination of Mr. Pollock to this highly honourable office.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

Mr. SPEAKER-ELECT was escorted to the chair by the mover and seconder of the motion, and, speaking from the dais, said: Honourable members, I am deeply sensible of the honour which you propose to confer upon me; and I now submit myself to the pleasure of the House.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

The PREMIER (Hon. W. Forgan Smith, Mackay) [12.29 p.m.]: Mr. Speaker, I desire to congratulate you on your election to one of the most honourable offices in the gift of Parliament. The position of Speaker is one that I feel sure you will carry out with credit to yourself and with honour to the House. Your knowledge of the Constitution and the Standing Orders and your natural qualities are such as will enable you to fill the office of Speaker in a manner that will be of benefit to all.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

Mr. MOORE (*Aubigny*) [12.30 p.m.]: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Opposition, I desire to extend to you my congratulations upon your election to the high office of Speaker of this Assembly. You have served a probation as Chairman of Committees, and, what is more, you have served a probation in the Opposition, and know that the Opposition have rights. Further, you have noticed that it is essential, when a Government bring in Bills, that the brains of the Opposition are required to make those Bills what they ought to be. It is, therefore, necessary that the rights and privileges of the Opposition should be preserved by the Speaker. You yourself, Mr. Speaker, expressed those opinions on many previous occasions when sitting in opposition. On behalf of the Opposition I again congratulate you upon your elevation to the high office of Speaker of this Assembly.

Mr. SPEAKER: I assure those hon. members who have spoken that I deeply appreciate the spirit underlying the sentiments that have been uttered this morning. I shall play my part, and can promise forbearance, as well as firmness should occasion arise; but, while in my present state of health, I would also ask hon. members to exercise the same forbearance towards me in the difficult task I shall have, during the period this illness persists, in endeavouring to keep my temper. That is not an idle statement, because, having occupied the position of Chairman of Committees for a period of five years, I know how bad a temper any Chairman or Speaker can get into through having to sit for hours at a time listening to the debates. It does become irksome; and, if my illness makes it more irksome, I must ask hon. members for that forbearance which I shall exercise towards them. I thank all hon. members who have spoken, and I shall endeavour so to shape my actions as to merit the high encomiums that those hon. members have bestowed upon me.

It is with a deep sense of my limitations in shouldering the responsibilities apportioned to me that I submit myself to the will of the House.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

#### SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.

The PREMIER (Hon. W. Forgan Smith, Mackay): I beg to move—

“That the House, at its rising, do adjourn until 11.50 a.m. to-morrow.”

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at 12.33 p.m.