

regulate the order in which the brands should be placed.

The Hon. J. PEARCE suggested that the insertion of the words "as nearly as possible" would meet the case, and would make the clause a little more indefinite—(laughter)—or at least not so oppressive in its character.

The Hon. P. SANTO said it was the first time that he had heard an hon. member deliberately seek to make the wording of a clause in an Act more indefinite than it was already. (Laughter.)

Negatived.

The Hon. H. SCOTT moved to strike out the words "on the position next" in the same clause, in the last line of subdivision C, and insert "in any position subsequent."

Carried.

The remaining clauses of the Bill, together with the preamble and title, having been passed, the Council resumed, the Committee reported, the report was adopted, and the third reading made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

CUSTOMS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

This Bill was received back from the House of Assembly with a message that the Assembly had agreed to the amendments made by the Council.

MARINE BOARD ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

This Bill was received from the House of Assembly, and on the motion of the Chief Secretary read a first time, and the second reading made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Second reading.

The CHIEF SECRETARY in moving the second reading said that the object of the Bill was to enable the University to be represented on the Institute Board. This was thought necessary to prevent two public bodies clashing in regard to the details connected with examinations and other matters. The Bill was the result of conferences between the Institute Board and the University authorities on the subject. The Institute Act provided for seven Governors only, of whom three were nominated by the Governor, two elected by subscribers, one by the Society of Arts, and one by the Philosophical Society. He did not think that the Bill would meet with any opposition.

Carried.

In Committee.

The clauses, preamble, and title were passed without amendment.

The Council resumed, the Committee reported, the report was adopted, and the third reading made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

ADJOURNMENT.

On the motion of the CHIEF SECRETARY, the Council adjourned at 4.27 p.m. till Tuesday next at 2 o'clock.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 2 o'clock.

PETITION.

The TREASURER (Hon. C. Mann) presented a petition from thirty-six persons resident in the District Council of Stanley, praying the House not to agree to the recommendation of the Select Committee on the Electoral Districts Bill to include the district in the Electoral District of the Burra.

Received and read.

KADINA AND WALLAROO RAILWAY BILL.

This Bill was returned from the Legislative Council with an amendment to alter the title.

On the motion of the TREASURER (Hon. C. Mann) the House went into Committee to consider the amendment, which was agreed to; and the House having resumed the report was adopted.

PAPERS.

The COMMISSIONER of CROWN LANDS (Hon. T. Playford) laid on the table—

Proposed By-laws of the Adelaide Corporation, Return of lands proposed to be offered, on twenty-one years' lease.
To be printed.

DAMMING THE RIVER TORRENS.

Mr. COGLIN asked the Treasurer—"Will the Ministry subsidize a sum subscribed by citizens and others for the purpose of the construction of a dam in the River Torrens?"

The TREASURER (Hon. C. Mann) replied—"It is not the present intention of the Government to subsidize any amount raised by citizens for the purpose of the construction of a dam in the River Torrens."

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Mr. BOWER moved—

"That a fortnight's leave of absence be granted to the hon. member for Port Adelaide (Mr. Gale), on the ground of ill-health."

Carried.

EDUCATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

The MINISTER of EDUCATION (Hon. T. King) moved—

"That he have leave to introduce a Bill for an Act to further amend the Education Act, 1875."

He said that by the Education Act of 1875 the Council (now the Minister) had power to take land under the compulsory clauses, but the date, not having been fixed during which this power could be exercised, it had been ruled by the Supreme Court that it must come under the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, which limited the time to three years. The object of this Bill was to extend the time in which land required could be acquired under the compulsory powers of the Act.

Carried.

The Bill was introduced and read a first time, the second reading being made an Order of the Day for next day.

ELECTORAL DISTRICTS BILL.

The COMMISSIONER of CROWN LANDS (Hon. T. Playford) moved—

"That the Speaker do now leave the chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the Electoral Bill, No. 2."

He said it would perhaps be most convenient to take the discussion on the general question before the Speaker left the chair. From the Notice paper it would be seen that Mr. Parsons intended to move a motion which, if carried, would alter the whole principle of the Bill. Therefore it would be better to take the discussion before going into Committee. The Bill was referred to a Select Committee, and hon. members would find the report and evidence on their files—Red number 164. It would be seen that the Committee approved the principle of the Bill, namely, that the colony should be divided into twenty-five districts, each having two members, in preference to a lesser number of districts and an irregular number of members, some districts returning three, some two, and one district only one member. The alterations proposed would be found in the draft report, but it would be more convenient to refer to them not in the technical language there employed, but rather to show the alterations made on the plan originally submitted. There was some tracing paper in front of the map hanging up on the wall of the House, and showing the alterations the Select Committee suggested. The two districts in the South-East had not been altered. The proposed Encounter Bay District the Committee recommended should be altered by making the division-line run along the main road, known as Chauncey's line, from Wellington right through to Mount Barker, adding that strip to the District of Onkaparinga. The town of Mount Barker would thus be thrown into the Onkaparinga District, and the boundary of the district which they proposed to alter to Encounter Bay slightly altered and decreased to a certain extent. The proposed District of Noarlunga had not been altered. The District of Onkaparinga had been further altered by the addition of the whole district of the District Council of East Torrens. At present only part of that district was in Onkaparinga; the Committee proposed it should now all be in. The East Torrens District had been increased again by making the boundary between it and the Sturt the road running from

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