Mr. Millhouse: I’ve got a good memory.

The Hon. D. A. DUNSTAN: So have I, and I can remember that the member for Minchinbury has been suspended more than once, and I have been in the history of this House. I have been suspended only once.

Mr. Millhouse: Because you’ve been in charge of the Jolly place.

The SPEAKER: Order!

Dr. TONKIN: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I cannot understand the number of times either the Premier or the member for Minchinbury has been suspended. It seems to me we are only doing nothing to do with why we should or should not suspend Standing Orders now.

The SPEAKER: I must reiterate that at the same time, I must point out that certain interjections encourage this type of debate. The honourable Premier.

The Hon. D. A. DUNSTAN: I have to agree with you, and I shall not answer the interjections. Therefore, the Government in no circumstances could agree to a motion of this kind, whatever the purpose of the motion might have been. I point out once again to honourable members that they have been able to raise in Question Time today the subject matter for which the suspension was sought. It has been dealt with quite extensively. And they considered it a matter of urgency, they could have moved an urgency motion. They chose not to do so, and this way of pre-empting Government business is something no Government, Liberal or Labor, has ever agreed to in this House, nor is it ever likely to do so. The House divided on the motion. 

AYES (18)—Menzies, Allinder, Becker, Bleecker, Boule, Cowie, Cudmore, Derricott, Evenden, Goddard, O’Neil, Mathison, Millhouse, Nash, Neville, Redmond, Ranby, Tonks (teller), Vasey, Warde, and Wotton.

NOES (20)—Menzies, O’Connor, Brookhollow, and Max Brown, Mrs. Byrne, Messrs. Conner, Duncan, Dunstan, (teller), Groth, Harrison, Hodgson, Jennings, Keneally, McRae, Oliphant, Payten, Poynton, Slater, Visco, White, and Wright.

PASSED: Menzies, Arnold, Chapman, and Vening.

Noes: Messrs. Hudson, Langley, and Wells.

Majority of 2 for the Noes.

Motion then negatived.

PIPELINES AUTHORITY ACT AMENDMENT BILL

Returned from the Legislative Council with amendments.

LAND COMMISSION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)

Returned from the Legislative Council with an amendment.

LIBRARIES AND INSTITUTES ACT AMENDMENT BILL

Received from the Legislative Council and read a first time.

FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL

Second reading:

The Hon. J. D. CORCORAN (Minister of Works): I move:

That this Bill be now read a second time.

RENEWAL IRIGATION TRUST ACT AMENDMENT BILL

The Hon. J. D. CORCORAN (Minister of Works) brought up the report of the Select Committee, together with minutes of proceedings and evidence.

Report received.

The Hon. J. D. CORCORAN: I move:

That the Speaker do now report Progress.

The committee met once and heard evidence from representatives of the Renewal Irrigation Trust, the Engineering and Survey Supply Department and Parliamentary Committees. As the report indicates, the committee is of the opinion that the additional money provided by this Bill to the Renewal Irrigation Trust will enable it to complete a programme of rehabilitation of its irrigation and drainage works. This work is being proceeding since 1959. It includes not only rehabilitation of the irrigation works themselves but also some work to be done in relation to re-levelling of drainage works. The committee is satisfied that there is no opposition to the Bill and recommends its passing in its present form.