

# Supply Bill (continued)

In Western Australia in the years 1922/34 several crises arose from the Council's request for amendments to financial measures. In 1922 a motion in the Council to defer consideration of the Appropriation Bill for six weeks was defeated only on the casting vote of the President.

In the period 1941/72 the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council agreed to the Supply Bill without amendment of Division in most years.

The exceptions included 1950 and 1955 when the Legislative Assembly divided on the Question 'That progress be reported'; 1956 when the Legislative Council divided 18/7 on the Second Reading of the Bill.

In 1961 the Legislative Assembly divided on the Question 'That the debate be adjourned' and in 1965 the Assembly divided on the Labor Opposition amendment 'To delete the figure £28m' (for the purpose of substituting a lesser figure).

In the 1961 Legislative Assembly debate Labor Leader A.R.G. Hawke made his views quite clear.

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## BOOK REVIEW

Don't miss the reprint of 'Atlas Shrugged' by Ayn Rand, (Author of 'The Fountainhead')

The publishers have described 'Atlas Shrugged' as the story of a man who said that he would stop the motor of the world — and he did.

In it you will discover why a productive genius became a worthless playboy .... why a great steel industrialist was working for his own destruction .... why a philosopher became a pirate .... why a composer gave up his career on the night of his triumph .....

**Editor's Note :** 'Atlas Shrugged' is unlike any other book you have ever read — when I first read it it appeared to be set in the United States of the 1970's.

Now that the 70's are here, 'Atlas Shrugged' can be related to the changing pattern of today's society and events, particularly in Australia where the 'let the workers take over' philosophy of the Labor Party has started to be translated into action by Labor Governments.

"As we know, the question of voting Supply of public moneys to a Government is a tremendously important duty coming upon the shoulders of members of Parliament. Members have to be abundantly satisfied not only that the money which is to be voted will be wisely expended in the public interest, but also that in the previous period — that is the last seven months — the Government has administered the affairs of the State justly and reasonably and also in the public interest." (Hansard, page 67, 8 August, 1961).

Parliamentary records show that the rejection of a Supply Bill is not new. It is a tactic that has been used by all parties, particularly Labor, in certain political situations.

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Recommended Reading :  
'Cabinet Government in Australia' (S. Encel)  
'Government of the Australian States' (S.R. Davis)  
'Australian Government and Politics 1890-1964' (C.A. Hughes and B.D. Graham).

'Atlas Shrugged' contains a five page definition of money and its purpose so brilliant that it alone marks the book as a must for your library.

"So you think that money is the root of all evil?" said Francisco d'Anconia. "Have you ever asked—what is the root of money? Money is a tool of exchange, which can't exist unless there are goods produced and men able to produce them. Money is the material shape of the principle that men who wish to deal with one another must deal by trade and give value for value. Money is not the tool of the moochers, who claim your product by tears, or of the looters, who take it from you by force. Money is made possible only by the men who produce. Is this what you consider evil?"

"Do you wish to know whether that day is coming? Watch money — Money is the barometer of a society's virtue. When you see that trading is done, not by consent, but by compulsion — when you see that in order to produce, you need to obtain permission from men who produce nothing

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS IN STATE PARLIAMENT.

Mr. Alan Ridge  
M.L.A. for Kimberley

### EDUCATION *Isolated Children: Allowances*

Mr. RIDGE, to the Minister representing the Minister for Education:

- (1) Considering that discussions on the State Government decision to withdraw financial aid for educating isolated children in Western Australia prompted the Federal Minister for Education to say that "Commonwealth aid was meant to be supplementary to the scheme and not a substitution," and that "The States have no business pulling out of an area of aid just because the Commonwealth has become involved," will he advise if the Government has decided to reinstate the allowances as reportedly requested by Mr. Beazley?
- (2) If "Yes" what are the proposed rates of payment?
- (3) If "No" will he outline the reasons for not acceding to the request?

Mr. T. D. EVANS replied:

- (1) to (3) This matter is still under consideration and a decision will be made when the budget for this year is finalised.

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Dr. Tom DADOUR  
M.L.A. for SUBIACO.

### FRIENDLY SOCIETIES PHARMACIES *Expansion*

Dr. DADOUR, to the Minister for Health:

- (1) Is it intended to expand the Friendly Society Pharmacies during this session of Parliament?
- (2) If so, would he please give full details?

Mr. DAVIES replied:

- (1) and (2) It is most unlikely that the legislative programme for this session will allow this question to be considered.

Hon. Vic. FERRY, M.L.C.  
South-West Province

### STORM DAMAGE *Availability of Aid*

The Hon. V.J. FERRY, to the Leader of the House:

- (1) Would he please advise what avenues of assistance are immediately available to citizens unfortunately the victims of civil emergencies such as storm damage to buildings and properties, as occurred in a number of localities in recent days?
- (2) As violent storms invariably dislodge some roofing materials, from what source may tarpaulins or other suitable weatherproofing material be obtained at short notice?

The Hon. J. DOLAN replied:

- (1) There are a number of roofing contractors who are available at short notice, and who carry out emergency repairs at any time. The names, addresses and emergency telephone numbers of these contractors are recorded at Civil Defence headquarters. Arrangements may be made by the Duty Officer.

In the event of widespread damage which is beyond normal resources the local Civil Defence organisation can assist from its own resources, and by co-ordinating the efforts of the contractors and other organisations.

- (2) A number of commercial firms hire tarpaulins which are available at short notice in an emergency. The names and emergency telephone numbers of these firms are recorded at Civil Defence headquarters. The Duty Officer will make arrangements, on request. Through the Civil Emergency Service, tarpaulins—when available—are obtained from Government Departments and local government authorities.

— when you see that money is flowing to those who deal, not in goods, but in favors — when you see that men get richer by graft and by pull than by work, and your laws don't protect you against them, but protect them against you — when you see corruption being rewarded and honesty becoming a self-sacrifice — you may know that your society is doomed. Money is so noble a medium that it does not compete with guns and it does not make terms with brutality. It will not permit a country to survive as half-property, half-loot."

('Atlas Shrugged' available at A.&M. Bookshop)

## Worth Reading

- 'Karmel Report' (Schools in Australia) \$1.80
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- 'The House of Representatives' (Short Description of Business and Procedures) \$0.75

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