

expenses incurred in attending meetings or in connexion with the business of the council. The council is given power under clause 12 to invest any moneys not immediately required for expenditure by the council in the same manner as trustees are authorized to invest in trust funds.

Finally, in clause 13 it is provided that nothing in the Act can be construed to prevent the council from expending any moneys belonging to it for any purpose that is in its opinion ancillary to the principal function of the council as defined in clause 10.

It is felt that this Bill will not only assist the official publishing of reports of cases heard in Victorian courts and provide a simple mode of control in the future but will also bring law reporting in Victoria into line with the systems adopted in other countries. I commend the Bill to the House.

On the motion of Mr. TURNBULL (Brunswick West), the debate was adjourned.

It was ordered that the debate be adjourned until Wednesday, September 20.

## GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

### ADDRESS-IN-REPLY.

The debate (adjourned from May 16) on the motion of Mr. I. W. Smith (Warrnambool) for the adoption of an Address-in-Reply to the Governor's Speech was resumed.

**Mr. EDMUNDS** (Moonee Ponds).—On behalf of the Opposition, I wish to endorse and support the expressions of loyalty to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. which were moved so sincerely and impressively by the honorable member for Warrnambool and seconded in no less able a manner—for the first time in many years, by a member of the fair sex—by the honorable member for Mitcham. I am supremely aware of the privilege afforded to me and, in particular to the electors of Moonee Ponds, in

being the first member of Her Majesty's Opposition to speak on the motion for the adoption of an Address-in-Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Rohan Delacombe. It is gratifying to have been chosen by the electors to represent them for the duration of the 44th Parliament, and I assure them that their confidence, support and trust will not be misplaced. I shall use this opportunity to represent both faithfully and energetically the people of the Moonee Ponds electorate for as long as they will grant me the honour of being their member.

As a member of the Opposition, I am well aware of the responsibilities of an Opposition. As guardians of the democratic rights of all the people, Opposition members must carry out their duties with determination and vigour. It is our rôle not to offer negative criticism but to find alternative policies and make positive contributions to the debates in Parliament.

The newly created electorate of Moonee Ponds, bounded by the Royal Agricultural Showgrounds to the south, the Melbourne Airport to the north, the Marybyrnong river to the west, and the Moonee Ponds creek and Tullamarine jetport freeway to the east, reflects with some accuracy the growth, development and increasing complexity of our everyday life. In this area there are nineteen schools—five State primary schools, two high schools, and twelve registered schools catering for pupils at both primary and secondary levels. There is also a large Housing Commission estate, which is the home for more than 2,000 children and which generates an increasing social problem in one area of the electorate. A growing population of new settlers is adding colour and richness to the electorate. The pressure on some of the schools to teach the English language to large Italian and Greek sections of the community is grow-

ing, and specialist teaching is needed to give to these children equal opportunity with Australian students.

The Moonee Ponds electorate, which takes in most of the City of Essendon, embraces some 37 voluntary auxiliaries which service our public hospitals and other public utilities and, at the same time, make substantial contributions to various charitable projects in the community. The Essendon and District Memorial Hospital stands as a monument to the outstanding achievements of the dedicated people in this area. Much has been achieved in this inner metropolitan electorate but, because of the many problems that grow from our changing society and changing patterns, much work remains to be done. By making representations to the appropriate authorities, I hope to be able to assist in overcoming these problems and seeing the work fulfilled while I am the chosen representative of this electorate.

I wish to comment on the reference in the Governor's Speech to the massive fuel and power resources available in Victoria for industrial development. The problem of maintaining a balanced production of the State's fuel resources is a matter of great concern to the Opposition. The Latrobe Valley brown coal deposits are national assets of immense value, which provide power resources for four-fifths of Victoria's electricity supply. The discovery of natural gas will result in gas competing with electricity in many fields and a change in the pattern of fuel consumption in Victoria. Because of this, the establishment of a pilot plant to manufacture metallurgical coke, or char as it is known, is vital to the future of the Latrobe Valley. An industry to manufacture this basic material needs to be established as soon as possible and practicable to provide an alternative use and market for the by-products of briquettes. We should ensure that any benefits which flow from these resources are not lost to the State. Their control must remain within

Victoria, and urgent action should be taken to safeguard the future of the Latrobe Valley.

I also direct attention, and with equal vigour, to cultural development and the expansion of these resources of the beloved arts for the benefit of the community in general. The State Library and Museum, the National Gallery and the Institute of Applied Science are the repositories of the most comprehensive collections of works of art, literature and national history in the southern hemisphere. When the new Arts Centre is completed, it will house Australia's greatest art treasures; it will also provide accommodation for other cultural activity. The opening of the new Arts Centre and the consequent benefit to the public from its galleries will be a milestone in the history of Victoria's cultural maturity. This unique event should be an occasion for the display of the talents of Australian artists. The State Government should sponsor and lend its patronage to a great art exhibition and offer substantial rewards to encourage entries from artists of high standard and world renown. A unique event in our history like this would stimulate interest in all levels of the community.

The Institute of Applied Science is also a cultural asset. With its radio carbon dating laboratory and the dedicated people who operate this instrument, the Institute is not only a repository of our culture but also a great educational agency of a specialized type providing scientific knowledge and a source of information that will lift our standards of achievement. The community has extended, as we have heard, and the frontiers of science are expanding. The interest of the public in this field of endeavour is certainly growing, but our Institute of Applied Science is unable to keep abreast with this greater public awareness. Financial limitations are retarding the natural expansion of the Institute. With all this exciting development of science, the Institute is being run on a shoestring, although the responsibilities

of science museums have been augmented by many spectacular advances made in this field.

The school services provided by the Institute have grown to become an indispensable auxiliary of science teaching in schools. In 1966 more than 8,000 students attended the Institute in conducted excursions, as well as individuals and other groups. The planetarium has become a first class tourist attraction, as was predicted when it was opened, but this attraction of world class needs more staff; otherwise it will be unable to keep abreast of the demands that are being made on it. In this current upgrading of cultural establishments in Victoria, it is unthinkable that the Institute of Applied Science should be held back. When the National Gallery has moved into the new Arts Centre building, the Institute of Applied Science will need all the help it can obtain to move into the re-allocated areas in the museum building and prepare its facilities. There will be a need for increased displays to exhibit many subjects which have been excluded in the past because of lack of space and which are at present in storage. The Institute must be given more consideration to meet these challenges to enable it to give the public the service to which they are entitled. Better museums not only are an educational asset for the benefit of school-children, but also contribute to the heritage and future of any State. Our Institute of Applied Science contributes to the heritage and future of the State of Victoria.

In these times of dramatic and exciting change, this Parliament stands as a vital and valuable safeguard of the rights and liberties of the ordinary person. During the period that I am privileged to serve in this institution, I trust I shall honour it by at all times representing the people of my electorate with honesty and sincerity, and, to the best of my ability, irrespective of political, social or religious attitudes, for better

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or for worse. I trust it will be for the better, and I hope that as a member of this Parliament I shall be able to make a practical contribution to the challenges of my office.

On the motion of Mr. ROSS-EDWARDS (Shepparton), the debate was adjourned.

It was ordered that the debate be adjourned until next day.

### ADJOURNMENT.

AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT: AVAILABILITY—LOAN COUNCIL: SUBMISSIONS BY STATE OF VICTORIA—LAW DEPARTMENT: ACTIVITIES OF JOHN SOMERVILLE SMITH—EDUCATION DEPARTMENT: ALBERT-STREET, BRUNSWICK, STATE SCHOOL: CONDITION OF ROOF—RAILWAY DEPARTMENT: SERVICE ON BROADMEADOWS LINE.

**Mr. ROSSITER** (Minister of Labour and Industry).—I move—

That the Council, at its rising, adjourn until Tuesday next, at half-past Three o'clock.

The motion was agreed to.

**Mr. ROSSITER** (Minister of Labour and Industry).—I move—

That the House do now adjourn.

**Mr. WILKES** (Northcote).—I should like to ask the Government whether the Auditor-General's report will be made available to members of this Parliament for examination before the resumption of the debate on the Budget, which has been adjourned for a fortnight. In other years, without the assistance of the Auditor-General's report, honorable members have been inhibited in examining and discussing the ramifications of the Budget. Indeed, in very few Parliaments are members expected to debate a Budget without the assistance of such a financial report. I should like the Government to give some assurance that the Auditor-General's report will be ready in time for all honorable members to examine it before discussing the Budget.