

Club. The people of Dandenong welcome the measure and will be pleased when the Bill receives Royal assent.

**Mr. WHITING** (Mildura): Members of the National Party have perused the Bill and believe it should be supported. Clause 5 contains what we believe to be sufficient safeguards with regard to the term of the lease, and the conditions and covenants that may be included within it. It will also be subject to the approval of the Governor in Council. For those reasons, the National Party supports the Bill and wishes the Dandenong Football Club every success in the future.

The motion was agreed to.

The Bill was read a second time, and passed through its remaining stage.

## GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

### ADDRESS-IN-REPLY

The debate (adjourned from April 28) was resumed on the motion of Mr. Kennett (Burwood) for the adoption of an Address-in-Reply to the Governor's Speech, and on the amendment of Mr. Jones (Melbourne)—

That the following words be added to the proposed Address—"and respectfully desire to inform Your Excellency that this House regrets the failure of the Government to foreshadow amendments to the recently enacted Constitution Act 1975, with specific reference to section 48 of that Act relating to the qualification of electors, which enactment caused a significant change in the law, despite the assurances of the former Attorney-General that the measure did not involve any changes in principle or practice."

**Mr. CULPIN** (Glenroy): The debate on the motion for the adoption of an Address-in-Reply to the Governor's Speech provides the opportunity for honorable members to speak on many subjects. I congratulate the honorable members who have already spoken in the debate on their contributions. The philosophies of members are many and varied, especially from one side of the House to the other.

As a member of the Opposition, I was pleased with the result in the recent New South Wales election in that it gives members of the Labor Party great hope for the future. In any democratic Parliamentary system, there should not be a great disparity between the number of members in the Government party and in the Opposition. Probably, members of the Government party will not agree with this philosophy, but I suggest that it is a sound one which should apply to all levels of government.

As the first member for the new State electorate of Glenroy, I wish to pay tribute to a person who was actively associated with the electorate and died only five days prior to the State elections on 20th March. I refer to Mr. Herbert Payne, formerly Mayor of the City of Broadmeadows and a councillor for many years. This gentleman assisted me greatly over the years that I have been involved in the electorate. A tribute to his work should be recorded in *Hansard*, and I know that many other people will agree with the tribute.

As I am quickly finding out, many honorable members have been involved in local councils and still are. In common with them, I am finding that Parliament is a different "ball game". Although the faces change, basically the same sorts of arguments arise. In my years of service with the Broadmeadows City Council I have not been in a position of power of late, and in this House I am now a member of the Opposition. I do not know what it is like lately to be in power, but I hope to find out in 1979.

I was pleased that an invitation has been extended to honorable members to visit Pentridge Prison. I understand that this will take place during the next four weeks. I am not particularly happy with the situation facing people who have been inside Pentridge, nor have I been pleased about the location of the

prison, and I think the honorable member for Coburg will agree with me in that. What disturbs me, and possibly I will be more educated after I have visited Pentridge, is the problems facing people who become inmates of that institution. It was said to me years ago that one judges a society by the size of its gaols. I suggest that this is true, particularly where there are too many people in gaol.

At the meeting of the Broadmeadows City Council last night, discussion ensued concerning a larger court house at Broadmeadows. This is a completely negative approach because, by erecting a larger court house, one is expecting that there will be bigger problems. We should be examining the cause of the problems and establishing how we can assist people before they reach the stage of being sent to prison.

Many reasons exist for the problems faced by people. Those who have sat on the bench or even acted as character witnesses will understand how easy it is for people to become involved in problems which could have been rectified if the appropriate help had been available. In many instances, a person has gone to the local doctor, who has seen that the person had a specific problem. Regretfully, the plea has gone unheard and nothing has been done until the person has got into trouble. Unfortunately, a person who serves time in a penal institution often develops criminal tendencies, and is consistently being imprisoned.

Most honorable members seem to be rather parochial in their contributions to this debate, but this is how it should be because, after all, they are elected to look after the electorate either because of a personal vote or because of the party which they support. I feel that I now must deal with parochial matters.

A matter of major concern in my electorate is the provision of a hospital to service Broadmeadows. The

City of Broadmeadows, which has a population of approximately 120,000, is completely within the Glenroy electorate. Unfortunately, there is no hospital to service the population. As the member for Glenroy, I will do my utmost to ensure that a hospital is provided to serve the City of Broadmeadows and the rest of the electorate. To date, the local people have received only promises from the appropriate Minister. The local people are particularly keen to get the project under way because it is so necessary to have a hospital in the area.

Another matter of concern is heavy traffic along Pascoe Vale Road. I am pleased that moves are now being made in the right direction. The first move is to prohibit heavy transports from using Pascoe Vale Road after a certain time in order to give the residents some assistance. Another move is to provide a deviation whereby the heavy transports will come back on to the main road at the northern end of the electorate. Both of these moves are a step in the right direction and I am hopeful that, in 1979, I can tell the electors of Glenroy that I have achieved this specific result. I do not know whether I shall be successful, but I will do everything that I can to ensure that it is done.

The Moonee Ponds Creek is an important waterway through the electorate. You, Mr. Speaker, will agree that something will have to be done to protect the future of the creek, particularly as regards environment and conservation. At last, following many words and a lot of pressure and publicity, the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works has appointed a steering committee to consider the future of the creek, including the aspects of environment and conservation.

Within the electorate, cemeteries are a hot potato. I can remember when the Will Rook cemetery was handed over to the City of Broadmeadows by the Department of

Health. The council was promised financial assistance for the maintenance of the area but nothing has been received. I am not certain what the Department of Health requires in regard to the land. Land which has been set aside for the purpose of a cemetery in the area bounded by Evell and May streets, Glenroy is close to the Glenroy annexe for the Yooralla Special School for Crippled Children.

Some years ago representations were made to the then Minister of Health, Mr. Rossiter, to have this area of land made available for residential purposes or open space and to develop a larger area of land farther north as a cemetery. No matter what happens, cemeteries will always be with us. The larger site farther north would be preferable, and the present land could be used for residential purposes and open space.

In 1969 the Education Department purchased land in North Street, Glenroy, for a special high school. Since that time, nothing has been done with the land except to allow artichokes and thistles to grow on it. Indeed, my first question on notice in this Parliament referred to this matter and I hope some decision will be made concerning the land. Education is the whole basis of our society and it is up to the State and Federal Governments to provide the maximum assistance. Consideration should be given to the development of the land in North Street for educational purposes because earlier a proposal to use another area of land in Almurta Avenue, Coolaroo, for educational purposes was rejected. Unfortunately the chance has been lost. I suggest that land which has been set aside for public purposes should not be disposed of but should be used for the benefit of the people.

All members have been elected to look after the people in their electorates and they will be judged not on what they say, but on what they do. It is a matter of actions and not words.

*Mr. Culpin.*

**Mrs. PATRICK** (Brighton): I should like to congratulate you, Mr. Speaker, on your re-election to your high office in this House. I should also like to congratulate the mover and the seconder of the motion for the adoption of an Address-in-Reply to the Governor's Speech, and all honorable members who have spoken before me in this debate.

I am very proud and humble to be sitting in this august House as the member for Brighton and I should like to pay tribute to my predecessor, the Honorable John Rossiter, former Chief Secretary and soon to be Agent-General for Victoria in London who was reported in the Age newspaper of 2nd August, 1975, as saying—

I enjoyed the Chief Secretary's job best of all. It got down to human problems like the fire brigade and the Police Force.

The words "It got down to human problems" sum up John Rossiter's attitude to life. I know personally how much he did for his electorate and in particular how very ready, willing and able he was to deal with all problems, whether large or small facing the electors of Brighton. He is still helping the people in Brighton despite his imminent departure for London.

Turning to His Excellency the Governor's Speech, I should like to say that as a Brighton city councillor shortly to retire I am extremely interested in the concept of federalism in which there are three arms of government—Federal, State and local—in which the powers and functions are distributed to achieve maximum continuous response and to provide an effective barrier against centralist authoritarian control. If effective government geared to the needs of the 1980s and beyond is to be achieved, if the great issues of national and local concern such as education, health, housing and urban development and social welfare are to receive maximum intelligent attention, if all our resources including human talents