Motion agreed to; bill read a second time.

In committee:

Clauses 1 to 5 agreed to.

Schedule:

Mr STONE (by leave): Mr Chairman, I move amendments 107.1 to 107.11.

Amendments agreed to.

Mr STONE (by leave): Mr Chairman, I move that the schedule be further amended by the insertion of the signatories to the agreement.

Mr Chairman, I table a copy of the signed agreement.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill passed remaining stages without further debate.

DISCHARGE OF ITEM FROM NOTICE PAPER

Mr FINCH (Public Employment)(by leave): Mr Speaker, I move that the Public Sector Employment and Management Bill 1992 be discharged from the Notice Paper.

Motion agreed to.

PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYMENT AND MANAGEMENT BILL (Serial 193)

Bill presented, by leave, and read a first time.

Mr FINCH (Public Employment): Mr Speaker, I move that the bill be now read a second time.

Mr Speaker, when the Public Sector Employment and Management Act draft discussion document was first introduced into the Legislative Assembly in August 1992, the government undertook to consult widely on the provisions of the proposed legislation. This undertaking was in addition to the wide-ranging discussions which had been held already to develop the discussion document to the draft stage. Since the Public Sector Employment and Management Bill and the Public Sector Employment and Management (Transition and Savings) Bill were introduced into the Assembly on 26 November 1992, further significant consultation has occurred. All departments and authorities have been offered, and most have taken, the opportunity to contribute to the development of the legislation governing the future operation of the Northern Territory public sector. In addition, all union members in the Northern Territory public sector have been offered the opportunity to help shape the future working arrangements of their members.

During the consultation process, there were many suggestions from employees, departments, authorities, unions and the general public. As with any important piece of legislation, it was inevitable that some of the interested parties would have diverse opinions. Ultimately, however, it is