

Amendment agreed to.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bill passed remaining stages without debate.

PETROLEUM BILL
(Serial 61)

Continued from 14 June 1984.

Mr TUXWORTH (Mines and Energy)(by leave): Mr Speaker, I move that Government Business order of the day No 9 Petroleum Bill 1984 (Serial 61) be discharged from the notice paper. By way of explanation, there are a number of amendments to this bill and it will simplify the procedure before the Assembly and take much less time in committee if a new bill incorporating the proposed amendments were to be introduced and passed at this sittings.

Motion agreed to; bill withdrawn.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Mr TUXWORTH (Mines and Energy): Mr Speaker, I move that so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the introduction of the Petroleum Bill 1984 (Serial 70) without notice and the bill being passed through all stages at this sittings. By way of explanation, we have been able to consolidate in the new bill all the amendments to serial 61. It would greatly enhance the work of the committee and facilitate the passage of the bill by taking this less circuitous route through the Assembly.

Motion agreed to.

PETROLEUM BILL
(Serial 70)

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

Mr TUXWORTH (Mines and Energy): Mr Speaker, I move that the bill now be read a second time.

The contents of the bill that has just been introduced are the same as in serial 61 plus the amendments that have been circulated in the last week. I have taken some time to ensure that members of the Assembly had departmental briefings to cover this legislation because it is fairly comprehensive and it is reasonable that people have a technical explanation of its contents. If members require additional briefings relating to any aspect of this bill, they can be made available between now and next week.

Mr Speaker, the Petroleum Bill (Serial 61) that we have considered and debated, plus the amendments that have been circulated, will give us a very substantial petroleum act on which to base the Northern Territory's petroleum development. I thank honourable members for their support.

Debate adjourned.