

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Wednesday, February 19, 1975

The **PRESIDENT** (Hon. Sir Lyell McEwin) took the Chair at 2.15 p.m. and read prayers.

DEATH OF HON. SIR NORMAN JUDE

The Hon. A. F. KNEEBONE (Chief Secretary): I move:

That this Council express its deep regret at the death of the Hon. Sir Norman Jude, former Minister and member for Southern District in the Legislative Council, and place on record its appreciation of his outstanding public service, and that, as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased honourable gentleman, the Council do adjourn until tomorrow.

The Hon. Sir Norman was first elected to the Legislative Council as a member for Southern District on April 29, 1944, and he resigned on July 7, 1971, after 27 years of service. He was Minister of Local Government, Roads and Railways from 1953 to 1965 (12 years). He was knighted in 1965 (Knight Bachelor) because of his great service to this State over a long period. While a member of this Chamber he served as a member of the Printing Committee from 1944 to 1953 (nine years); on the Joint House Committee from 1965 to 1971 (six years); and on the Joint Committee on Subordinate Legislation from 1965 to 1971 (six years). His very fine record of service to the State over a considerable period was recognised by all. His 12 years as a Minister speaks for itself, and during his 27 years as a member of this Chamber he took a most active part in the debates on a variety of matters. Although we did not always agree on many points, I was happy to know that he and I were the best of friends. Indeed, "Judy", as he was affectionately called, was a most popular member with all members of my Party.

Outside the Chamber, his interests included membership of the South Australian Stockowners Association Council; first President of the South-Eastern Fire Fighters Association, which he established in 1939; former President of the South Australian Bush Fire Fighting Association; and Australian Delegate to the International Road Federation Conference and the World International Road Federation in 1961. He was an interstate hockey player, rugby footballer, and a member of the South Australian Parliamentary Bowling Club for 13 years. He is survived by Lady Jude, one son and three daughters, to whom we say that every member of Parliament conveys sincere condolences. Our sincere sympathy goes in particular to Lady Jude in her sad bereavement.

The Hon. R. C. DeGARIS (Leader of the Opposition): I rise to support the motion. The Chief Secretary has given the details of Sir Norman's political career. He

entered Parliament in 1944, and for 12 years was a Minister of the Crown. I think we can all say that Sir Norman was to all of us a political friend. He was a person whose company we all enjoyed, and he was listened to with great respect by all members of the Council when he was making a point that he wanted to put before us. Sir Norman came into Parliament with his then running mate in Southern, the late Les Densley, and they represented Southern District for a long time before the Hon. Mr. Densley retired from the Council.

Sir Norman always had a tremendous thought for the younger members of Parliament elected to this Chamber, and on many occasions not only as a young member of this Council but also in his home at Robin Hill he cared much for the interests of younger members entering Parliament. Both Sir Norman and Lady Jude were fine hosts, Sir Norman himself being a wonderful and loyal colleague. My colleagues and I join with the Chief Secretary in paying a tribute to Sir Norman's outstanding public service and the obvious love that he had for the State of South Australia and Australia generally. I know that all honourable members extend their sympathy to Lady Jude and the family.

The **PRESIDENT**: Before putting the motion, I should like to add a personal tribute from the Chair, as the late Sir Norman Jude was known to me during the whole of the 27 years of his political career in Parliament. I also had the pleasure of having him as a colleague in Government for 12 years. As a young man, Sir Norman pursued the sporting activities of rugby and hockey and, in the whole of his career, before and after he entered Parliament, Sir Norman maintained that sporting spirit. He was active and enthusiastic in all the interests he pursued, and he was a progressive Minister of Local Government. Even after he resigned from office, Sir Norman still attended some of the international conferences dealing with traffic and road problems.

Sir Norman's personality was one that endeared him to all persons with whom he associated, and I shall certainly miss his happy face, the occasional visit he paid to Parliament House and the activities he undertook as a member of the South Australian Parliamentary Bowling Club. Sir Norman will be missed by all who knew him, and, as a tribute to his memory, I wholeheartedly support the motion. I express our condolences to Lady Jude and the family. I now put the motion, and I ask honourable members to indicate their support by standing in their places in silence.

Motion carried by members standing in their places in silence.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2.25 p.m. the Council adjourned until Thursday, February 20, at 2.15 p.m.