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LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF CHIEFS

In Provincial Order of precedence

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Adamawa

Mallam Aliyu Mustafa, C.B.E., Lamido of Adamawa
Mallam Muhammadu Tukur, Emir of Muri
Mallam Ngbale, Chief of Bachama
Mallam Ibrahim, Chief of Zinna
Mallam Isa, Chief of Shellem
Mallam Biyapo, Chief of Mbula
Mallam Yoila, Chief of Longuda

Bauchi

Mallam Adamu Jimba, C.B.E., Emir of Bauchi
Mallam Abubakar, C.B.E., Emir of Gombe
Mallam Ahmadu, M.B.E., Emir of Misau
Mallam Umaru, Emir of Katagum
Mallam Muhammadu Wabi, Emir of Jama'are
Mallam Muhammadu, Chief of Kaltungo
Mallam Maleka, Chief of Dass
Mallam Abdullahi, Chief of Ningi
Mallam Iiyasu, Chief of West Tangale
Mallam Abubakar, Chief of Dadiya

Benue

Honourable Atoshi Agbumnu, O.B.E., Aku of Wukari, (Minister without Portfolio)
Mallam Gondo Aluor, Tor Tiv
Mr Ajeme Ukpabi, Chief of Idoma
Mallam Ahmadu, Emir of Keffi
Mallam Umaru, Emir of Nassarawa
Alhaji Yusufu, Emir of Lafia
Mallam Muhammadu Sanbo Garbosa, Chief of Donga
Mallam Audi, Chief of Takum

Bornu

Alhaji Umaru Ibn Muhammed, C.M.G., C.B.E., Shehu of Bornu
Alhaji Umaru Ibn Ibrahim Elkanemi, C.B.E., Shehu of Dikwa
Alhaji Muhammadu, M.B.E., Emir of Fika
Mallam Mustafa Aliyu, Emir of Biu
Alhaji Umaru Sulaiman, O.B.E., Emir of Bedde
Mallam Adama, Chief of Shani

Ilorin

Mallam Sulu Gambari, Emir of Ilorin
Mallam Umaru, Emir of Pategi
Alhaji Muhammadu Sani, Emir of Borgu
Mallam Sule Ndakpoto, Chief of Sharagi
Mallam Abubakar, Chief of Lafiagi
Mallam Alhassan, Chief of Shonga

Kabba

Mallam Ali Obaje, the Atta of Igala
Mallam Muhammadu Sani Omolori, Ohinoyi of Igbirra
Alhaji Abdu Aguye, Ohimege Igu, Chief of Koton Karifi
Obaro of Kabba *vacant*
Mallam Maiyaki, Chief of Kupa-Abugi
Mr Jacob Owanibi, Chief of Ijumu
Mr Mark Dada, Chief of West Yagba
Mallam Idirisu, Chief of Eggan

Kano

Alhaji Sir Muhammadu Sanusi, K.B.E., C.M.G., Emir of Kano, (Minister of Moslem Pilgrimage Affairs)
Alhaji Haruna, Emir of Hadejia
Alhaji Muhammadu, Emir of Gumel
Mallam Adamu, Emir of Kazaure

Katsina

Alhaji The Honourable Usman Nagogo, C.M.G., C.B.E., Emir of Katsina (Minister without Portfolio)
Alhaji Abdurrahman, C.B.E., Emir of Daura

Niger

Mallam Muhammadu Ndayako, C.B.E., Emir of Bida
Mallam Umaru Maidubu, C.B.E., Emir of Kontagora
Mallam Muhammadu Koko, Emir of Lapai
Mallam Sulaimanu Barau, C.B.E., Emir of Abuja
Mallam Muhammadu Sani, Chief of Dabai
Mallam Muhammadu Bello, Chief of Agaie
Mallam Muhammadu Bello, Chief of Paiko
Mallam Ahmadu, Chief of Minna
Mallam Abubakar Agwai, Chief of Wushishi
Mallam Muhammadu Abokin Mallam, Chief of Tegna.

Plateau

Mallam Abdullahi Maikano, M.B.E., Emir of Wase
Mallam Rwang Pam, M.B.E., Sarkin Jos
Mallam Ibrahim, Chief of Kanam
Mallam Muhammadu Kwore, Chief of Wamba
Mr J. Y. Dimlong, Chief of Angas
Alhaji Abdullahi Idde, Chief of Nassarawa-Eggon
Mr Mark Hirse, Chief of Sura Pyem
Nyelong, Longkamai, Chief of Shendam

Sokoto

Honourable Sir Abubakar, G.B.E., C.M.G., Sultan
of Sokoto, (Minister without Portfolio)
Alhaji Haruna, C.B.E., Emir of Gwandu
Mallam Muhammadu Mera, Emir of Argungu
Mallam Muhammadu Tukur, Emir of Yauri

Zaria

Alhaji Muhammadu Aminu, Emir of Zaria
Mallam Muhammadu, Emir of Jema'a
Mallam Gwamna, M.B.E., Chief of Kagoro
Mallam Jibril, Chief of Birnin Gwari
Mallam Ishaya Andrew, Chief of Jaba

Adviser on Moslem Law

Mallam Junaidu, Wazirin Sokoto

LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE NORTHERN HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

(Returned at the General Election, October-November, 1956)

ELECTED MEMBERS

Adamawa

Malam Idrisu, Tafidan Adamawa
Malam Ibrahim Demsa, Dan Iya
Malam Bello Malabu, Madakin Adamawa
Malam Ahmadu Ardo Malabu
Honourable Abdullahi, Dan Buram
Malam Muhammadu Ubandoma
Malam Audu Jarfata
Malam Edmond B. Mamiso

Bauchi

Malam Yakubu Lame, Magajin Garin Bauchi
Malam Jibir Nayaya
Malam Adamu, Sarkin Duguri
Malam Muhammadu Kwairanga, Ciroman
Gombe
Malam Muhammadu Yeriman Gombe
Malam Abubakar Sikkam
Honourable Muhammadu Kabir, Ciroman
Katagum
Malam Ibrahim Mahmud
M. Abdu Ciroman Shira

Benue

Mr Abutu Obekpa
Malam Shehu Usman, Sarkin Daji
Malam Jibrin Mairiga
Malam Tanko Yusuf
Mr Ako Dzungwe
Mr Mbaakaa Indiorhwer
Mr Vicent I. Orjime
Mr J. Dza'an Allam
Mr J. J. Akaakar

Bornu

Malam Maina Abba Kyari
Malam Maina Idrisa
Malam Ibrahim, Works Supervisor
Malam Abdullahi Ja'far
Honourable Mustafa Munguno
Malam Abba Kyari Shua
Malam Baba Kura Imam
Alhaji Usman Mukaddam
Malam Abba Masta
Malam Basharu
Malam Ibrahim Imam
Malam Yunusa Maihajja
Honourable Abba Habib
Malam Muhammadu Boyi, M.B.E.

Ilorin

Alhaji Musa Muhammad, Magajin Garin Borgu
Alhaji the honourable Ahman, Galadiman
Pategi
Alhaji Sulaimanu Maito
Mr J. G. Ekunrin
Malam Ibrahim La'aro
Mr J. S. Olawoyin

Kabba

Alhaji Abdulkadiri
Honourable Daniel Ogbadu
Mr R. B. Ojeba
Honourable G. U. Ohikere
S. A. Ajayi
Malam Usman Sulaiman

Kano

Alhaji Ahmadu Dantata
Honourable Ibrahim Musa Gashash
Alhaji Haruna Kassim
Alhaji Ali Nabegu
Alhaji Tijjani Hashim
Alhaji the honourable Abdullahi Maikano Dutse
Malam Ahmadu Tijjani Kurawa
Alhaji Shehu Ahmadu, O.B.E., Madakin Kano
Malam Abba Alkali
Alhaji Uba Ringim
Malam Sule Gaya
Malam Umaru Yola
Alhaji Maje Abdullahi Turakin Kano
Alhaji Abubakar Dokaji
Alhaji Ado Sanusi
Alhaji Yakubu Shettima
Malam Aminu Dan Iya
Alhaji Umaru, Sarkin Fulani, Ja'idanawa
Malam Jibir Daura, Magajin Daura
Alhaji Mahmud Diso
Alhaji Muhammadu Inuwa Galadiman Kano
Alhaji Maiwada Kano
Alhaji Muhammadu, Magajin Garin Kazaure
Alhaji Yusufu, Galadiman Hadejia
Alhaji Ibrahim, M.B.E., Wazirin Gumel
Malam Muhammadu Hurdi

Katsina

Alhaji Othman Ladan Baki, Supervisor of Works
Malam Muhammadu Bashar, Wambain Daura
Alhaji Muhammadu Dan-Mallam, Wambai
Alhaji Muhammadu Dodo

Alhaji Mu'azu
 Alhaji Muhammadu Sada Nadada
 Alhaji the honourable Isa Kaita, O.B.E., Madakin
 Ratsina
 Honourable Usman Shehu, Galadiman Maska
 Alhaji Usman Liman, Sarkin Musawa
 Alhaji Muhammadu Lawal
 Malam Abdulmumisi

Niger

Alhaji Hassan Makaman Abuja
 Alhaji the honourable Aliyu C.B.E., Makaman
 Bida
 Alhaji Ndagi Farouk
 Alhaji Abdu Anace, Magajin Garin Kontagora
 Malam Usman Nadanko
 Malam Ali Baba Na-hannun Dama

Plateau

Alhaji Isi'aku Gwamna
 Honourable M. Audu Buba, Wazirin Shendam
 Mr Gabriel Wuyep
 Pastor David Lot
 Alhaji Mu'azu Gambo Nunku
 Mr Buge Gda

Sokoto

Malam Muhammadu Fakkai, Sarkin Gobir
 Malam Shehu Marfan Bunza
 Alhaji Dalhatu Bida
 Malam Adamu Shatambaya
 Alhaji Garba Namallam Arzika

Alhaji Abdurrahaman S/Gobir
 Malam Ibrahim Dasuki, Marafan Gada
 Honourable Mu'azu Lamido
 Malam Muhammadu Tureta, Turakin Sokoto
 Malam Muhammadu Sokoto
 Alhaji Musa Sarkin Danko
 Malam Shehu Cigari
 Alhaji Mamman Na'ussu
 Alhaji Muhammadu Maccido, Sarkin Kudu
 Malam Usman Sarkin Gabas, Gwandu
 Alhaji Sir Ahmadu Bello, K.B.E., Sardaunan
 Sokoto
 Alhaji Abubakar Alkalin Alkalan Sokoto
 Malam Haruna Tela
 Malam Baba Dan-Kantoma
 Malam Muhammadu Bello, Sarkin Gandu
 Malam Aliyu, Magajin Gari

Zaria

Malam Shehu Mahiru
 Malam Ango Soba
 Malam Ahmadu Fatika, Sarkin Fada
 Malam Sumaila Ahmed, Sarkin Tsabta
 Malam Didan Kagoro
 Malam Maude Ahmadu Sidi Gyani
 Malam Gwani Jatau

Kaduna Capital Territory

Malam Bala Keffi

The Hon. Attorney-General:

Mr H. H. Marshall, Q.C.

GOVERNMENT OF NORTHERN NIGERIA

(Formed by Alhaji the Honourable Sir Ahmadu Bello, K.B.E., M.H.A., the *Sardauna of Sokoto*
in December, 1956)

- The Premier, Alhaji the Honourable Sir Ahmadu Bello, K.B.E., M.H.A., *Sardauna of Sokoto*
 The Honourable Sir Abubakar, G.B.E., C.M.G., M.H.C. Sultan of Sokoto—*Minister without Portfolio*
 The Honourable Alhaji Sir Muhammadu Sanusi, K.B.E., C.M.G., M.H.C., Emir of Kano—*Minister for Pilgrim's Affairs*
 The Honourable Alhaji Usman Nagogo, C.M.G., C.B.E., M.H.C., Emir of Katsina—*Minister without Portfolio*
 The Honourable Atoshi Agbumanu IV, O.B.E., M.H.C.; Aku of Wukari—*Minister without Portfolio*
 The Attorney-General, the Honourable Mr H. H. Marshall, C.M.G., Q.C.
 The Minister of Finance, the Honourable Alhaji Aliyu, C.B.E., M.H.A., Makaman of Bida
 The Minister of Education, The Honourable Alhaji Isa Kaita, O.B.E., M.H.A., Madawaki of Katsina
 The Minister of Trade and Industry, the Honourable M. Abba Habib, M.H.A.
 The Minister of Works, the Honourable Mr George U. Ohikere, M.H.A.
 The Minister of Land and Survey, the Honourable Malam Ibrahim Musa Gashash, M.H.A.,
 The Minister for Local Government, the Honourable Alhaji Abdullahi Maikano Dutse, M.H.A.
 The Minister of Health, the Honourable Alhaji Ahman Pategi, M.H.A., Galadima of Pategi
 The Minister of Agriculture, the Honourable Alhaji Mustafa Monguno, M.H.A.
 The Minister of Animal Health and Forestry, and for Northern Cameroons Affairs, the Honourable Alhaji Abdullahi Dan Buram Jada, M.H.A., Galadima of Jada
 The Minister of Social Welfare and Co-operatives, the Honourable Malam Michael A. Buba, M.H.A., Waziri of Shendam
 The Minister of Internal Affairs, the Honourable M. Shehu Usman, M.H.A., Galadima of Maska
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 The Honourable Alhaji Muhammadu Kabir, M.H.A., Chiroma of Katagum
 The Honourable Mr D. A. Ogbadu, M.H.A.
 The Honourable Mr Abutu Obekpa, M.H.A.

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 Ministry of Education—Alhaji Dalhatu Bida, M.H.A.
 Ministry of Trade and Industry—Malam Tanko Yusufu, M.H.A.
 Ministry of Works—Alhaji Ibrahim, Biu M.H.A.
 Ministry of Land and Survey—Malam Sule Gaya, M.H.A.
 Ministry for Local Government—Alhaji Muhammadu Bashar, M.H.A., Wamban Daura
 Ministry of Health—Alhaji Ndagi Faruk, M.H.A., Tafidan Bida
 Ministry of Agriculture—Alhaji Usman Sulaiman, M.H.A.
 Ministry of Animal Health and Forestry, and Ministry for Northern Cameroons Affairs—Alhaji Mu'azu Gambo Nunku, M.H.A.
 Ministry of Social Welfare and Co-operatives—Mr Edmond B. Mamiso, M.H.A.
 Ministry of Internal Affairs—Alhaji Tijjani Hashim, M.H.A.

President

Alhaji the Honourable Haruna, C.B.E., M.H.C.
(Emir of Gwandu) (President, House of
Chiefs)

Deputy President

Alhaji Umaru Gwandu, M.B.E. (Speaker,
Northern House of Assembly)

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OF THE SECOND JOINT MEETING

IN THE THIRD SESSION OF THE SECOND PARLIAMENT OF NORTHERN NIGERIA APPOINTED TO MEET AT LUGARD HALL ON THE SECOND DAY OF JANUARY, 1960

VOLUME I

HOUSE OF CHIEFS AND HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY JOINT SITTING

Wednesday, 4th May, 1960

PRAYERS

(MR PRESIDENT, *in the Chair*)

1. *Pursuant to Notice.*—Members of the two Houses of the Legislature, the House Chiefs and the House of Assembly assembled in the Chamber at 11.30 a.m.

After prayers, Mr President (Emir of Gwandu Alhaji Haruna) read a Proclamation from the Officer Administering the Government of the Northern Region of Nigeria.

MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

The message was as follows:—

"In accordance with regulation 3 of the Elections (Senate Northern Region) Regulations, 1959, I have selected the following person to represent the Northern Region as a Member of the Senate of the Federal Legislature in the vacancy created by the resignation of Malam Hassan Yola, Turaki:—

Malam Bello Malabu, Madawaki: Adamawa Province.

Now, therefore, I do hereby invite this joint sitting of the House of Chiefs and House of Assembly to approve the selection of the aforesaid person as a Member of the Senate to represent the Northern Region."

MOTION

Adjournment Sine Die

Emir of Kano (Alhaji Sir, Muhammadu Sanusi): President, Sir, I rise to move:—

"That this Joint Sitting at its rising this day do adjourn *sine die*."

Emir of Katsina (Alhaji Usman Nagogo): Mr President, Sir, I beg to second.

Question proposed.

Question put and agreed to.

Appointment of a Senator

The Hon. Premier (Alhaji Sir Ahmadu Bello): Mr President, Sir, I rise to move the Motion Standing in my name on the Order Paper:

"That this Joint Sitting of the House of Chiefs and House of Assembly hereby approves the appointment of Malam Bello Malabu Madawaki, selected by His Excellency, the Officer Administering the Government of the Northern Region of Nigeria, in accordance with the regulation 3 of the Elections (Senate) (Northern Region) Regulations, 1959, as a Member of the Senate to represent the Northern Region."

Mr President, Sir, I need no more than recall that on 2nd January at a joint sitting of the Legislature twelve senators, one from each province, were chosen to represent the Northern Region in the Federal Senate. The representative selected from Adamawa Province Malam Hassan Yola, Turaki, has now at the request of the Regional Government which wishes to make use of his services in another sphere. We are grateful to him.

To replace Malam Hassan, His Excellency has selected Malam Bello Malabu, Madawakin Adamawa, who is certainly well known to all Members of the House of Assembly where he has sat for so long. He is a senior and experienced Legislator, both in his own Native Authority area and in this Chamber, and I am confident that he is a most suitable successor to Malam Hassan Yola and will play a worthy role in the Federal Senate.

Sir, I beg to move.

The Minister of Land and Survey (Malam Ibrahim Musa Gashash): Mr Speaker, Sir, I beg to second.

Question proposed.

Mr J. S. Olawoyin: Mr President, Sir, there is no opposition but joy, because the opportunity we have of sitting together with our chiefs and fathers here today is a great one. Mr President, Sir, nothing should be done or said to mar this august occasion of today. I wish the newly appointed Senator a happy life and a useful service to the North and to

[MR J. S. OLAWOYIN] Nigeria as a whole. (*Applause*). Myself and Members of the Parliamentary Opposition side associate ourselves with the sentiments expressed by the Premier on behalf of the newly appointed Senator, Malam Bello Malabu and Malam Hassan Yola who has resigned. We also hope that by the grace of God Malam Hassan Yola will do very well in his new post, but Mr President, in future, if such an occasion does arise, that a new Senator should be appointed, I hope the Premier will consider that to the Opposition. Thank you very much, Mr President.

Malam Sama'ila Ahmed: Mr President, Sir, I rise to support the Motion moved by the Premier. Malam Bello Malabu, Madaki of Adamawa is my neighbour in this House and he helped me to know the procedure of the House. I know that the Government will not regret appointing Malam Bello Malabu as a Senator, because he is a man that goes with the time. (*Applause*). I pray that he leads a happy life, and I wish him success in his new appointment.

Malam Ango Soba: Mr President, Sir, I rise to express my gratitude on the appointment of this man to the Senate. But Mr President, I would like to repeat the appeal to the Premier of the Northern Region, when we first selected the Senators at a Joint Meeting we expressed regret because no one of the Opposition was selected, (*Laughter*) and we are sure that this is a gentleman that has been selected as Senator, and there are gentlemen amongst us as well, and I am sure that the House of Assembly takes into consideration some of the Proposals we bring into this House. I hope that whenever there is any vacancy for Senator the Opposition should be considered. I pray that God helps the new Senator in his deliberations.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved:

"That this Joint Sitting of the House of Chiefs and House of Assembly hereby approves the appointment of Malam Bello Malabu Madawaki, selected by His Excellency, the Officer Administering the Government of the Northern Region of Nigeria, in accordance with the regulation 3 of the Elections (Senate) (Northern Region) Regulations, 1959, as a Member of the Senate to represent the Northern Region."

Announcement and Adjournment

The hon. Premier (Alhaji Sir Ahmadu Bello, Sardauna of Sokoto): Mr President, Sir, I beg to move that this House do adjourn *sine die*, but before I move I would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to the Chiefs because they will not see me from tomorrow

and, on the rest of the days of the sitting, and I hope it will not be taken that I am running away from my work. It is a duty and responsibility which you have given me that I am going to see to in London. (*Applause*). I pray God may help us to defend anything which will be detrimental to your interest. And I am sure that the Chiefs are aware that the sister of the Queen will be married on Friday and I hope to represent you at the marriage. (*Applause*). And I hope the Sitting will go well and hope that the Ministers will explain everything to you. Mr President, Sir, I beg to move that the House do adjourn *sine die*.

The Minister of Education (Alhaji Isa Kaita): Mr President, Sir, in rising to second the Motion moved by the hon. Premier, now that the business of the Joint Sitting is over, with your permission I would like to take this opportunity to bring up a matter which is of great importance to this Region.

For some time now members of the Executive of the Government have been considering how best we could fittingly commemorate the debt of gratitude we all owe to Sir Ahmadu Bello, our Premier, for the distinguished part he has played in the achievement of the Independence of Nigeria. We all, in our hearts, know that but for his leadership and statemanship this great achievement would never have come about so smoothly and happily as it has done. You all know the great qualities of Sir Ahmadu and it is not necessary for me to repeat them here, it is sufficient to say that he is a great man.

As I have said, we have been giving much thought to a fitting tribute to this achievement; a Mosque, an archway, hospital, school built specially in his honour; all these we have discussed. After serious and prolonged thought we have decided that there could be no more fitting memorial than the new College which we propose to build at Kano and which, in time, will become a part of the future Northern University. I refer, of course, to the new School for Arabic Studies. As you will know, that in this new school now to be called a College not only will Arabic learning be taught but also other forms of learning necessary to the development of our Region, in particular Law which we now need to learn to meet the requirements of our Penal Code. Thus Christians and Moslems will work side by side in the College to strengthen the bonds that unite us in this Region.

I am happy to say that our Premier has graciously agreed to permit this new College to use his name and it will therefore be called

Ahmadu Bello College and the University too when established will bear his name. By so doing, our Premier is following the example of many distinguished men throughout the world which, by their patronage and encouragement to seats of learning, have done a great deal in the past to further the cause of civilisation. I am sure that, under his care and guidance especially as an old teacher, the College will flourish and make a unique contribution to education in the Region. I greatly hope the premier himself will do us the honour of laying the foundation stone at the beginning of October. Mr President, Sir, I beg to second.

Question Proposed.

Malam Bala Keffi (Hausa): Mr President, Sir, I rise to support this Motion as seconded by the Minister of Education. There is no doubt Mr President, Sir, that the Premier of the Northern Region Sir Ahmadu Bello has done a great work in this Region. He has introduced so many new ideas in this Region, that this Region is now catching up with other Regions which have advanced in the field of politics and he has made the Chiefs of this Region to change with the time. And all of us of the Opposition are fully agreed to this College to use his name especially this Arabic College and the University which every man in this Country will be proud of. It is fitting that a leader of a country should have his name established for ever in the country. Although we the Opposition criticise the Government, but there is nothing of course we have to criticise in the hon. Premier's attitude, especially because of his ability and his gentility, we therefore, support the name of this School. (Applause).

The Emir of Yauri (Malam Muhammadu Tukur): Mr President, Sir, on behalf of the Chiefs I rise to express our full support to all that the Minister of Education has said, and we fully agree with what the last speaker has said. There is no doubt the activities of Sir Ahmadu Bello has brought this Region into its present position, and not this Region only but Nigeria as a whole. Were it not for the gift of such a man like Sir Ahmadu Bello, I say it would have been difficult for this Region to reach its present standard. Therefore, we, Chiefs, do agree that this College takes the name of Sir Ahmadu Bello.

The hon. Premier (Alhaji Sir Ahmadu Bello): Mr President, Sir, I cannot find words to express my gratitude for what the Members and the Chiefs have said about me. Whatever I have done in this Country, it was not myself alone who did it. I did it with the co-operation of Ministers, Chiefs, Members and the rest of the people in this Region; and it is because of the confidence which you have in me that, whatever we wish to do in this country, will go on very well. (Applause). I am fully I conscious of the responsibility that you put on us, and by the will of God we shall shoulder it wholeheartedly. (Applause). I think you all, and may God be with us all.

Mr President: Before I put the question, I would like on behalf of the Chiefs, to pray to God for our Premier's journey and those who will accompany him to go and return safely.

Question put and agreed to.

House accordingly adjourned sine die at 12.20 p.m.