PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS.

No. 46 of 1985.

AN ACT to amend the Parliamentary Papers Act 1891.

| Assented to 17 September 1985.|

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

- 1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Parliamentary Short title and principal Papers Amendment Act 1985.
- (2) In this Act the Parliamentary Papers Act 1891 is referred to as the principal Act.

Section 3A inserted.

After section 3 of the principal Act, the following section is inserted--

Protection concerning speeches in Parliament.

- " 3A. (1) A person to whom this section applies does not incur any civil liability as for defamation by the publication, upon the written request of a member of either House of Parliament, of any defamatory matter in a copy in writing of a speech, or extract from speech, made in Parliament by that member.
 - (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), a copy in writing of a speech, or extract from a speech, made in Parliament by a member of either House of Parliament shall be taken to include any material not attributed to that member but included in the official report of his speech in Parliamentary Debates (Hansard).
 - (3) This section applies to—
 - (a) a person employed as a member of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff;
 - (b) an employee of Parliament;
 - (c) the Government Printer; and
 - (d) a person employed in the Government Printing Office. ".