

~~refers to occurred, but I am able, once I have those dates and the names, to tell the member when the recommendations were implemented and whether or not those procedures were in place and whether they relate in any way to the incidents that he refers to.~~

~~Beef Industry~~

~~**Mr SHINE:** My question is for the Minister for Primary Industries, Fisheries and Rural and Regional Queensland. McDonald's has recently aired television commercials in Japan. Why are they good news for our beef producers?~~

~~**Mr SPEAKER:** The honourable minister for primary industries has one minute to tell us the good news.~~

~~**Mr MULHERIN:** I thank the honourable member for the question. McDonald's has spent millions of dollars on a television advertising campaign in Japan that promotes the safety of its burger patties made from Australian beef. One of the ads features our National Livestock Identification System for cattle, or NLIS as it is known, which is an identification and traceability system for livestock. The McDonald's campaign has been described as the greatest customer endorsement of NLIS ever seen and has the flow on effect of boosting the safety image of all Australian beef sold in Japan.~~

~~In the ad two young Japanese girls show how NLIS can identify and track individual animals from their property of birth right through to slaughter. The system has now been operating in Queensland for more than three years. The lifetime traceability improves product integrity and market access—particularly for export markets—and assists with management of diseases and chemical residues.~~

~~(Time expired)~~

~~**Mr SPEAKER:** Before I call an end to question time, can I thank for their courtesy this week the honourable the Premier and, of course, the Leader of the Opposition. I think there has been a note of civility in the debate this week. I do thank them for that.~~

~~It is my practice, and it will be my practice next time, to make sure that the records of proceedings are reviewed by my officers. Where unparliamentary language has occurred I will ask those members on the following day, for consistency of ruling right across the parliament, to stand and withdraw the comments. In relation to the comments that were brought to my attention from yesterday's proceedings, I have spoken to the honourable members concerned and pointed out the expectations that I have for parliament. I am happy to discuss this with the leadership group.~~

~~On an advertising moment, Kevin Jones, the Sergeant at Arms, has advised that Anzac Day badges can be purchased at the reception desk on level 3. During question time and the early morning proceedings we had Holland Park Probus Club from the electorate of Greenslopes, the Ipswich Special School from the electorate of Ipswich and also Ormiston college from the electorate of Cleveland visit us at Parliament House.~~

~~NOTICE OF MOTION~~

~~Revocation of State Forest Areas~~

~~**Hon. KJ JONES** (Ashgrove—ALP) (Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability) (11.44 am): I give notice that, after the expiration of at least 28 days as provided in the Nature Conservation Act 1992, I shall move—~~

- ~~1) That this House requests the Governor in Council to revoke by regulation under Section 32 of the Nature Conservation Act 1992 the dedication of protected areas as set out in the Proposal tabled by me in the House today, viz~~

~~Description of area to be revoked~~

~~Parts of Calliope Conservation~~

~~Areas described as Lot 2 and Lot 3 on plan SP223038 and containing an area of about 23.81 hectares as illustrated on the attached plan.~~

- ~~2) That Mr Speaker and the Clerk of the Parliament forward a copy of this resolution to the Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability for submission to the Governor in Council.~~

PARLIAMENT OF QUEENSLAND AMENDMENT BILL

First Reading

Hon. AM BLIGH (South Brisbane—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (11.45 am): I present a bill for an act to amend the Parliament of Queensland Act 2001 to provide for the Law, Justice and

Safety Committee and the Public Accounts and Public Works Committee, and to make amendments to other acts as stated in the schedule. I present the explanatory notes, and I move—

That the bill be now read a first time.

Question put—That the bill be now read a first time.

Motion agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

Tabled paper: Parliament of Queensland Amendment Bill.

Tabled paper: Parliament of Queensland Amendment Bill, explanatory notes.

Second Reading

Hon. AM BLIGH (South Brisbane—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (11.45 am): I move—

That the bill be now read a second time.

I am pleased to introduce the Parliament of Queensland Amendment Bill 2009. I believe that the time has come to refresh the way our parliamentary committee system operates and to give our committees a stronger role in generating policy and legislative ideas.

This legislation forms the basis of the most significant restructure of the parliamentary committee system in decades and will take our number of committees from eight to nine. Under the new structure, the parliament will have four new committees focusing on best practice policy and legislative solutions to some of the broad issues within their area of responsibility. These new committees will be the Law, Justice and Safety Committee; the Economic Development Committee; the Environment and Resources Committee; and the Social Development Committee. The important oversight functions of the Members' Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee, the Scrutiny of Legislation Committee, the Standing Orders Committee and the Parliamentary Crime and Misconduct Committee will remain unchanged under the bill.

The bill proposes to amend the Parliament of Queensland Act 2001 by creating a Law, Justice and Safety Committee in place of the Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee. It will also amalgamate the Public Accounts Committee and the Public Works Committee and their functions to form the Public Accounts and Public Works Committee. The resolution of the parliament earlier today added functions to the legislative functions of the previous Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee and established and conferred functions and powers on the Economic Development Committee, the Environment and Resources Committee and the Social Development Committee.

I look forward to considering the fresh ideas that I am confident these committees will generate on ways to tackle some of the biggest and most complex issues facing Queenslanders. I take a moment in this second reading speech to encourage all members, particularly new members who are joining these new committees, to approach them with a real sense of what can be achieved in their role as parliamentarians. When I look at some other parliaments around the country and around the world I see some of the parliamentary committees delivering very good legislative ideas that can be picked up by the government of the day. We have all probably heard and seen, particularly in our federal parliament, ideas that have been generated out of a bipartisan approach through their committee system then become a legislative or program reality of the government.

There are issues that we are facing as a people that require us to look at them in a bipartisan way. I was very impressed last year with the diligence with which all members on both sides applied themselves to the two select committees that we had, looking at organ donation and surrogacy. It is that experience that has convinced me that it is time for us to renew and reinvigorate the parliamentary committee system. I trust that people will take the opportunity that is being presented to them with this bill. I commend the bill to the House.

Debate, on motion of Mr Langbroek, adjourned.

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~~SUPERANNUATION (STATE PUBLIC SECTOR) AMENDMENT BILL~~

~~First Reading~~

~~**Hon. AP FRASER** (Mount Coot-tha—ALP) (Treasurer and Minister for Employment and Economic Development) (11.49 am): I present a bill for an act to amend the Superannuation (State Public Sector) Act 1990 for particular purposes. I present the explanatory notes, and I move—~~

~~That the bill be now read a first time.~~

~~Question put—That the bill be now read a first time.~~

~~Motion agreed to.~~

~~Bill read a first time.~~