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1. **Meeting of Assembly**

The Assembly met at 10 am pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (The Honourable J Fouras) read prayers.

2. **Assent to Bills**

Message No 2 from the Governor was reported, informing the Assembly that Her Excellency the Governor had, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the following Bills on 7 September 1993—

A Bill for an Act relating to the grant of capital assistance for capital projects to certain non-State schools, and for other purposes (Education (Capital Assistance) Act – Act No 37 of 1993)

A Bill for an Act to amend the Trustee Companies Act 1968 (Trustee Companies Amendment Act – Act No 38 of 1993)

A Bill for an Act relating to the jurisdiction of Magistrates Courts, and for other purposes (Magistrates Courts Jurisdiction Amendment Act – Act No 39 of 1993)

A Bill for an Act to amend the Grain Industry (Restructuring) Act 1991 (Grain Industry (Restructuring) Amendment Act – Act No 40 of 1993)

A Bill for an Act to amend the Jurisdiction of Courts (Cross-vesting) Act 1987 (Jurisdiction of Courts (Cross-vesting) Amendment Act – Act No 41 of 1993)

A Bill for an Act to authorise the entering into of an agreement for the development and operation of the Cairns Casino, and for related purposes (Cairns Casino Agreement Act – Act No 42 of 1993)

A Bill for an Act to amend the Golden Casket Art Union Act 1978 (Golden Casket Art Union Amendment Act – Act No 43 of 1993)


3. **Paper**

Mr Speaker informed the House that the following paper, received during the recess, had been tabled on 9 September 1993—

*The Clerk of the Parliament—*

Board of Trustees of the Brisbane Grammar School – Report for 1992

4. **Petitions**

The following petitions, lodged with the Clerk by the Members indicated, were tabled—

Mr Turner, from 14 petitioners, praying for action to be taken to alleviate financial hardship caused by the proposed increase in Crown lease rental fees implemented on 1 July 1993.

Mr Slack, from 94 petitioners, praying that the status quo be maintained in current school situations and that overall funding to education be maintained or increased as needs demand.

Messrs Burns and Hobbs, from 422 and 91 petitioners, respectively, praying that the Parliament of Queensland will reverse the decision to close railway lines in Central and South West Queensland.

Mr Burns, from 794 petitioners, praying that the Parliament of Queensland will take action to reverse the decision of the Minister for Transport to close the Biggenden to Taragoola Railway Line.

Mr Robertson, from 126 petitioners, praying that the Parliament of Queensland will take action to abandon any plans to build the Southern Brisbane by-pass through Karawatha and surrounding bushland, especially in the more sensitive areas, south of Compton Road to the Logan Motorway.

Mr Burns, from 820 petitioners, praying that the Parliament of Queensland will enact legislation which secures the services provided by 29 railway branch lines which are to be closed.
Mr J Sullivan, from 430 petitioners, praying that urgent action be taken to install traffic lights at the intersection of Bellmere Road and the D'Aguilar Highway at Caboolture.

Mr J Sullivan, from 1,359 petitioners, praying that the Parliament of Queensland will ensure that Crown land adjacent to the Recreation Reserve in First Avenue, Bongaree is made available for community use together with all necessary approvals for development in accordance with adopted plans.

5. **Statutory Instruments**

The following statutory instruments were tabled by the Clerk—

- Auctioneers and Agents Act—
  Auctioneers and Agents (Exemptions) Regulation 1993, No 343
- Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road Act—
  Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road Amendment Regulation (No 2) 1993, No 337
- Dental Act—
  Dental Amendment By-law (No 2) 1993, No 344
- Fair Trading Act—
  Fair Trading (Child Cot Restraints) Order 1993, No 338
- Health Act—
  Health (Scientific Research and Studies) Amendment Regulation (No 2) 1993, No 339
  Poisons Amendment Regulation (No 3) 1993, No 345
- State Transport Act—
  State Transport Amendment Regulation (No 2) 1993, No 336
- Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (No 2)—
  Proclamation – amendments 2 and 3 of the Rural Training Schools Act 1965 commence 10 September 1993, No 342
- Supreme Court Act—
  Barristers’ Admission Rules Amendment Order (No 1) 1993, No 341
  Solicitors’ Admission Rules Amendment Order (No 1) 1993, No 340
- Workplace Health and Safety Act—
  Workplace Health and Safety Amendment Regulation (No 3) 1993, No 346

6. **Government Paper**

The following paper was tabled—

Minister for Health (Mr Hayward)—
Mental Health Services in Queensland 1993

7. **Ministerial Statement**

The Premier and Minister for Economic and Trade Development (Mr W Goss), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning the Government’s intention to acquire the Starcke Pastoral Holdings on the eastern coast of Cape York Peninsula.

8. **Matter of Privilege**

Mr Grice referred to a telephone threat he had received and asked Mr Speaker to consider referring the matter to the Privileges Committee.

9. **Notices of Motion**

10. **Questions**

Questions were asked.

**Papers:**
- Leader of the Opposition (Mr Borbidge) tabled the following papers—
  - Extract from Members Interests Register – Honourable T M Mackenroth
  - Transcript of questions from the Deputy Leader of the Coalition (Mrs Sheldon) to the Premier and Minister for Economic and Trade Development (Mr W Goss) concerning a meeting between the former Commissioner for Police (Mr N Newnham) and the Premier.

Questions continued.
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Paper: Deputy Leader of the Coalition (Mrs Sheldon) tabled the following paper—
Sub judice rule – Opinion of Mr A J H Morris, QC

Speaker’s Ruling: Mr Speaker ruled that because of the sub judice convention he would examine the documents and consider if they were in order.
Questions continued.

Paper: Minister for Tourism, Sport and Racing (Mr Gibbs) tabled the following paper—
Letter, dated 19 August 1993, to Mr Gibbs from the Chairman of the Criminal Justice Commission regarding the Queensland Principal Club and related matters.

Questions continued.

Paper: Minister for Education (Mr Comben) tabled the following paper—
Report and operational plan, prepared by Robert J Andrews and Associates, on the provision of special education services 1993–96 in the Metropolitan East Education Region, dated June 1993

11. General Business – Matters of Public Interest

The following Members addressed the House—
Deputy Leader of the Coalition (Mrs Sheldon), Messrs Beattie and Slack, Ms Power, Mr Littleproud and Mrs Woodgate.

Papers: Mr Beattie, during his speech, tabled the following papers—
Newspaper articles, dated 14 September 1993, entitled “Leader lashes Libs”, “Lib leader lashes out” and “Libs name 18 council selections”
Queensland Liberals – Publication “Blueprints for Industry”

Papers: Mr Littleproud, during his speech, tabled the following papers—
Letter, dated 3 September 1993, from the Director of CHEM UNIT, Bureau of Emergency Services, concerning the Gurulmundi Secure Landfill and Eco–Logic
Letter, dated 6 September 1993, from the Technical Director, Environmental Solutions International Ltd, concerning Eco–Logic
EPA – Tech Trends – Article by Gordon M Evans relating to Chemical Reduction of PCBs
Letters, from Technical Director, Environmental Solutions International Ltd and Director of CHEM UNIT, to the editors of various newspapers concerning the eco–logic process
Newspaper article in the Sun–Herald of 12 September 1993 concerning the Gurulmundi toxic waste dump

12. Appropriation Bill (No 2)

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Treasurer (Mr De Lacy) – That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.

Paper: Deputy Leader of the Coalition (Mrs Sheldon), during her speech, tabled the following paper—
Extract from Business Queensland – Article “Budget puts more pressure on business”

Deputy Speaker’s Ruling: Mr Grice continuing to raise matters outside the ambit of the Bill, the Deputy Speaker (Mr Palaszczuk) warned the Member to confine his remarks to the content of the Bill.

Mr Grice continuing to canvass other issues—

Member silenced: The Deputy Speaker (Mr Palaszczuk) ruled – That the Member resume his seat.

Mr FitzGerald moved – That Mr Grice be further heard.
Question put.
The House divided.
AYES 30,
Beanland  FitzGerald  Horan  Quinn  Slack
Borbidge  Gamin  Laming*  Randell  Springborg*
Connor  Gilmore  Lester  Rowell  Stephan
Cooper  Grice  Lingard  Santoro  Stone
Davidson  Healy  Littleproud  Sheldon  Turner
Elliott  Hobbs  Mitchell  Simpson  Watson

NOES 45,
Ardill  Campbell  Fenlon  Nuttall  Spence
Barton  Clark  Foley  Pearce  Sullivan J
Beattie  Comben  Hamill  Pitt  Sullivan T
Bennett  D'Arcy  Hayward  Power  Szczepanik
Bredda  Davies  Hollis  Purcell  Vaughan
Briskey  De Lacy  Livingstone*  Robertson  Warr
Burns  Dollin  McEligott  Robson  Welford
Budd  Edmond  McGrady  Rose  Wells
Burns  Elder  Milliner  Smith  Woodgate

* Tellers

Question resolved in the negative.

Matter of Privilege: The Leader of the Opposition (Mr Borbidge) raised as a matter of privilege the scope of the second reading debate on the Appropriation Bill and Mr Grice's comments.

Deputy Speaker's Ruling: The Deputy Speaker (Mr Palaszczuk) referred to his previous ruling.
The Leader of the Opposition (Mr Borbidge) thereupon gave a notice of motion of dissent from the Deputy Speaker’s ruling.

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned on the motion of Ms Spence and the resumption of the debate ordered for a later hour of the sitting.

13. Motion Without Notice – Political donation to Honourable T M Mackenroth

Mr Pitt, by leave, moved the following motion—

That this Parliament notes the following statement by the Criminal Justice Commission on 8 September 1993—

‘The 7.30 Report last night on ABC TV featured an item concerning the payment of $5,000 in November 1989 to Mr Terry Mackenroth MLA then a Member of the Opposition shortly prior to the State election held that year.

Reference was made to excerpts from telephone conversations allegedly had between a businessman and Mr Mackenroth concerning the making of this payment.

The Premier Mr Goss raised this matter with the then Chairman of the Criminal Justice Commission, Sir Max Bingham, in 1990 as was obviously appropriate in the circumstances.

The Commission later investigated Mr Mackenroth’s involvement in the receipt of these monies and determined in December last year that the allegation that such payment was corruptly received by Mr Mackenroth could not be substantiated.

In reaching this view the Commission obtained the assistance of independent Queen’s Counsel.’.

Speaker’s Ruling: Mr Speaker ruled that the transcript tabled by Mrs Sheldon earlier today was out of order because it pertains to matters about a citizen which are before the criminal jurisdiction. The other documents tabled by Mrs Sheldon and Mr Borbidge were in order.

Debate ensued.

Papers: Mr Livingstone, during his speech, tabled the following papers—

Letters, dated 14 September 1993, from the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Planning (Mr Mackenroth) to the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Opposition inviting them to view financial records in relation to a political donation received by Mr Mackenroth.
The Leader of the Opposition (Mr Borbidge) moved the following amendment—

Add the following words—

“That the Parliament also notes the inconsistencies of the Premier in his public statements concerning his involvement in this matter.”.

Debate continued.

Member further heard: Leader of the House (Mr Mackenroth) moved – That the Deputy Leader of the Coalition (Mrs Sheldon) be further heard.

Question put and passed.

Mrs Sheldon continued her speech.
Debate continued.

Papers: Mr Mackenroth, during his speech, tabled the following papers—

Receipt, dated 20 November 1989, from the Chatsworth ALP for a $5,000 campaign donation from S Coco
Bank deposit slip, dated 20 November 1989, crediting Chatsworth ALP Campaign Account with $6,170
Bank statement, dated 11 December 1989, for the Chatsworth ALP Campaign Account
Ministerial Pecuniary Interests Register – Statement of pecuniary interests for Honourable T M Mackenroth
Letter, dated 24 December 1992, from the Chairman of the Criminal Justice Commission to the Honourable T M Mackenroth advising there is insufficient evidence of official misconduct or criminal offences to warrant further investigations by the Criminal Justice Commission
Criminal Justice Commission – Media release, dated 8 September 1993, concerning the payment of $5,000 to Mr Mackenroth

Question put – That the words proposed to be added be so added.
The House divided.

AYES 34,
Beanland
Borbidge
Connor
Cooper
Davidson
Elliott
FitzGerald

Gamin
Gilmore
Goss J
Grice
Healy
Hobbs
Horan

Johnson
Laming*
Lester
Lingard
Littleproud
McGaulley
Mitchell

Quinn
Randell
Rowell
Sanforo
Sheldon
Simpson
Slack

Springborg*
Stephan
Stoneman
Turner
Veivers
Watson

NOES 48,

Ardill
Barton
Beattie
Bennett
Bird
Braddy
Brehmayer
Briskay
Budd
Burns
Campbell
Casey
Clark
D'Arcy
Davies
De Lacy
Dollin
Edmond
Elder
Fenton

Foley
Gibbs
Goss W
Hayward
Hollis
Livingstone*
McElligott
McGrady
Mackenroth
Milliner

Nunn
Palaszczuk
Pearce
Pitt
Purcell
Robertson
Robson
Rose
Spence

Sullivan J
Nuttall
Palaszczuk
Pearce
Pitt
Purcell
Robertson
Robson
Rose
Spence

*Sellers

Question resolved in the negative.

Question put – That the motion be agreed to.
The House divided.
AYES 48.

Ardill  Barton  Beattie  Bennett  Bird  Brady  Bredhauer  Briske  Budd  Burns  Campbell  Casey  Clark  D’Arcy  Davies  De Lacy  Dollin  Edmond  Elder  Fenlon  Foley  Gibbs  Goss W  Hayward  Hollis  Livingstone*  McElligott  McCrady  Mackenroth  Milliner  Nunn  Nuttall  Palaszczuk  Pearce  Pitt*  Purcell  Robertson  Rose  Szczerbanik  Vaughan  Welford  Wells  Woodgate

NOES 34.

Beanland  Borridge  Cooper  Davidson  Elliott  FitzGerald  Gamin  Gilmore  Goss J  Grice  Healy  Hobbs  Horan  Johnson  Laming*  Lester  Lingard  Littleproud  McCauley  McCracken  Mitchell  Quinn  Randell  Roberton  Santoro  Sheldon  Simpson  Slack  Smith*  Springborg*  Steph  Tuner  Veivers  Watson  Welford  Woodgate

*Tellers

Question resolved in the affirmative.

14. APPROPRIATION BILL (NO 2)

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Treasurer (Mr De Lacy) – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned on the motion of Mr Dollin and the resumption of the debate ordered for tomorrow.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The Leader of the House (Mr Mackenroth) moved – That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

And the House having continued to sit till 12 midnight—

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Debate continued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at 12.26 am.

16. ATTENDANCE

The following Honourable Members were present—


J FOURAS
Speaker

R D DOYLE
The Clerk of the Parliament

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