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1 MEETING OF ASSEMBLY
The Assembly met at 2.30pm pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (The Honourable J Fouras) read prayers.

2 STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER – MATTER OF PRIVILEGE
Mr Speaker informed the House that he had examined the matter of privilege raised by Mr Grice yesterday and determined that the matter should be initially investigated by the proper policing authorities.
If the person concerned can be identified, Mr Grice could then move that the matter be referred to the Privileges Committee for consideration.

3 PETITIONS
The following petitions, lodged with the Clerk by the Members indicated, were tabled—
Mrs McCauley, from 36 petitioners, praying that the Parliament of Queensland will object to the proposed tax for the Ambulance Service.
Mrs McCauley, from 234 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 FitzGerald, from 176 petitioners, praying that an improved railmotor shuttle service be provided to service Gatton, Helidon and Laidley and that buses not be considered as an alternative when the electrification of the railway to Rosewood is completed and that the service from Helidon to Toowoomba via Murphy’s Creek be continued weekly.
Mr Slack, from 40 petitioners, praying that the Parliament of Queensland will actively maintain legal sanctuary and permanent preservation for all native animals and plants in Queensland National Parks and revoke all sections of Acts which appear to allow hunting or gathering of native wildlife.
Mr Laming, from 525 petitioners, praying for the development of a 24-hour Service Station to replace the existing Mooloolaba Toll Booth on the Sunshine Motorway.
Mr FitzGerald, from 73 petitioners, praying that the Parliament of Queensland will ensure that the proposed sale by George Quaid of a large area of North Queensland to overseas interests, be not proceeded with.
Mr FitzGerald, from 1,288 petitioners, praying that an improved railmotor shuttle service be provided to service Gatton, Helidon and Laidley and that buses not be considered as an alternative when the electrification of the railway to Rosewood is completed.
Ms Robson, from 2,538 petitioners, praying that the Parliament of Queensland will reject any development proposal, private, commercial or otherwise in the Noosa National Park.
Mr Hayward, from 2,435 petitioners, praying for urgent action to upgrade and widen both the Caboolture River and Sheep Station Creek Bridges.

4 STATUTORY INSTRUMENT
The following statutory instrument was tabled by the Clerk—
Local Government Act—
Reference, dated 2 September 1993, of a reviewable local government matter to the Local Government Commissioner by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Planning. The reference relates to the Shire of Croydon.

5 GOVERNMENT PAPER
The following paper was tabled—
Minister for Tourism, Sport and Racing (Mr Gibbs)—
Review of the Racing and Betting Act 1980 – Discussion Paper

6 MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS
(a) Treasurer (Mr De Lacy), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning ministerial expenditure.
Papers: During his statement Mr De Lacy tabled the following papers—
Statement of expenses of Ministers of the Crown for the period 1 July 1992 to 30 June 1993
Glossary of terms
(b) Minister for Tourism, Sport and Racing (Mr Gibbs), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning alcohol-related problems at Doomadgee.
(c) Minister for Employment, Training and Industrial Relations (Mr Foley), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning rectification work to ensure workplace safety in the parliamentary complex.

7 SUNDAY MAIL ARTICLE CONCERNING THE MEDUSA TAPE

Chairman of the Parliamentary Criminal Justice Committee (Mr Davies), by leave, made a statement concerning two transcripts provided to the committee by the Criminal Justice Commission in relation to a report written by Stephen Lamble and published in the Sunday Mail on 29 August 1993 under the heading “Secret gag on Cops”.

Papers: During his statement Mr Davies tabled the following papers—
Transcript of a meeting held at the office of the Queensland Police Union of Employees on 2 June 1993
Article incorporating a transcript from the Sunday Mail, dated 29 August 1993, entitled “The Medusa Tape”

8 NOTICES OF MOTION

9 QUESTIONS

Questions were asked.

Paper: Minister for Justice and Attorney-General and Minister for the Arts (Mr Wells) tabled the following paper—
Page 1 of a memorandum, dated 13 September 1993, from Mr Wells to the Director of Prosecutions relating to an opinion on whether a prosecution should be brought against ex-senior police officer Huey

Questions continued.

Paper: Deputy Leader of the Coalition (Mrs Sheldon) tabled the following paper—
Letter, dated 10 August 1993, from the Under Treasurer to the Commissioner of Police concerning external insurance

Questions continued.

Papers: Mr Slack tabled the following papers—
Cabinet decision No 57408 relating to Starcke Pastoral Development Holding and Special Lease No 43159
Cabinet submission, dated 7 September 1989, concerning Starcke Pastoral Development Holding and Special Lease No 43159
Cabinet submission, dated 6 July 1989, concerning Starcke Pastoral Development Holding and Special Lease No 14/43159
Terms and conditions of proposed special lease under paragraph 1(b) of Section 205 of the Land Act 1962-1988

Questions continued.

Papers: Minister for Justice and Attorney-General and Minister for the Arts (Mr Wells) tabled the following papers—
Memorandum, dated 13 September 1993, from Mr Wells to the Director of Prosecutions concerning the release of opinions relating to prosecutions
Memorandum, dated 14 September 1993, from the Director of Prosecutions to Mr Wells concerning the release of any opinions or advice relating to the prosecution or non-prosecution of suspected offenders

Questions continued.
Mrs Rose proceeding to ask a question of the Minister for Education—

Point of Order: Leader of the Opposition (Mr Borbidge) raised as a point of order whether the question was in order as it related to the Budget debate on the Appropriation Bill (No. 2).

Speaker's Ruling: Mr Speaker ruled there was no point of order.

Mr Borbidge rising on a further point of order—
Mr Speaker directed the Member to resume his seat.

Withdrawal of Disorderly Member: And Mr Borbidge, after warning, continuing to be disorderly, under the provisions of standing order 123A, Mr Speaker ordered Mr Borbidge to withdraw from the Chamber.

At 3.42 pm Mr Borbidge withdrew from the Chamber.

Notice of Motion: Mr FitzGerald thereupon gave a notice of motion of dissent from Mr Speaker’s ruling on the point of order.

Questions continued.

Paper: Mr Grice tabled the following paper—

Transcript of telephone conversation between Gordon Harris and the Deputy Premier on 17 January 1992

10. General Business – Special Public Importance Debate

Mr Speaker informed the House that pursuant to the sessional order of 5 November 1992, the Minister for Justice and Attorney-General and Minister for the Arts (Mr Wells) proposed that the following matter of special public importance be submitted to the Assembly for discussion—

“That this House notes the success of this Government’s Freedom of Information Legislation.”

The following Members addressed the House – Messrs Welford, Beanland, J Sullivan, FitzGerald, Wells and Quinn.

At 4.46 pm, the discussion was terminated by Mr Speaker in accordance with the sessional order.

11. 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.

And the House having continued to sit till 12 midnight—

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Debate continued.

Debate adjourned on the motion of the Leader of the House (Mr Mackenroth) and the resumption of the debate ordered for tomorrow.

12. Adjournment

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at 12.56am.
13. ATTENDANCE

The following Honourable Members were present—

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