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

ASSENT TO BILLS
Message No. 1 from the Governor was reported, informing the Assembly that Her Excellency had, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the following Bills on 15 September 1995—

A Bill for an Act to provide for certain committees of the Legislative Assembly, and for other purposes (Parliamentary Committees Act – Act No. 38 of 1995)
A Bill for an Act to amend the Local Government Act 1993 (Local Government Amendment Act – Act No. 39 of 1995)

PAPERS TABLED DURING THE RECESS
Mr Speaker informed the House that the following papers, received during the recess, were tabled on the dates indicated—

18 September 1995—
Central Queensland University – Annual Report for 1994

2 October 1995—
Queensland Investment Corporation – Annual Report and Statement of Corporate Intent for 1994–95

6 October 1995—
Annual Reports for 1994–95—
Supreme Court Library Committee
Australian Financial Institutions Commission

13 October 1995—
Litigation Reform Commission – Annual Report for 1994–95

16 October 1995—
Grain Research Foundation – Annual Report for 1994–95

OPTIONAL ELECTORATE OFFICE EQUIPMENT PURCHASED – REPORT
Mr Speaker tabled the following paper—
Optional electorate office equipment purchased for Members of the Legislative Assembly – Annual Report for 1994–95

STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER – NOTEBOOK LAP-TOP COMPUTERS
Mr Speaker informed the House of his decision to approve the use of notebook lap-top computers in the Chamber, provided certain guidelines are adhered to.

STATEMENT BY MR SPEAKER – NOTICE AND QUESTION PAPER
Mr Speaker informed the House that a new parliamentary publication would be produced each sitting day which would contain details of questions on notice, orders of the day and notices of motion.

PETITIONS
The following petitions, lodged with The Clerk by the Members indicated were received—
Mr Barton, from 15 petitioners, praying that the Parliament of Queensland will ensure that Port Hinchinbrook is developed as advised in the Valentine report i.e. 100 beds or less.
Mrs Gamin, from 93 petitioners, praying that action be taken to boost police numbers in southern areas of the Gold Coast and that a police station be built at Palm Beach.
Mr Laming, from 1,179 petitioners, requesting that no effluent be released into the Mooloolah River or Pumicestone Passage and that the responsible Minister ensures that the Caloundra City Council adopts an alternative proposal.
Mr Lingard, from 11,645 petitioners, requesting that the planned closure of residential institutions, special schools, respite care centres and other much needed facilities for disabled citizens be stopped.

Mr Nuttall, from 648 petitioners, requesting that the House consider (a) the feasibility of the Dialysis Unit at Sandgate remaining open; or (b) securing an alternative site at Sandgate within easy reach of the excellent bus and train services located at Sandgate Station.

8 Statutory Instruments

The following statutory instruments were tabled by The Clerk—

Agricultural Chemicals Distribution Control Act 1966—
   Agricultural Chemicals Distribution Control Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1995, No. 268

Chemical Usage (Agricultural and Veterinary) Control Act 1988—
   Chemical Usage (Agricultural and Veterinary) Control Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1995, No. 269

Corporations (Queensland) Amendment Act 1995—
   Proclamation – the provisions of the Act that are not in force commence 16 October 1995, No. 284

Dairy Industry Act 1993—
   Dairy Industry Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1995, No. 259
   Dairy Industry (Scheme for Restructuring Distribution) Amendment Order (No. 1) 1995, No. 275

Fisheries Act 1994—
   Fisheries Amendment Regulation (No. 3) 1995, No. 270

Forestry Act 1959—
   Forestry Amendment Regulation (No. 5) 1995, No. 276

Gaming Machine Act 1991—
   Gaming Machine Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 1995, No. 267

Gas Act 1965—
   Gas Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1995, No. 278
   Gas Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 1995, No. 279

Health Act 1937—
   Therapeutic Goods and Other Drugs Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1995, No. 266

Justices of the Peace and Commissioners for Declarations Act 1991—
   Justices of the Peace and Commissioners for Declarations Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1995, No. 263

Medical Act 1939—
   Medical Board of Queensland Amendment By–law (No. 1) 1995, No. 272

Nature Conservation Act 1992—
   Nature Conservation (Protected Areas) Amendment Regulation (No. 9) 1995, No. 265
   Nature Conservation (Protected Areas) Amendment Regulation (No. 10) 1995, No. 273
   Nature Conservation (Protected Areas) Amendment Regulation (No. 11) 1995, No. 281
   Nature Conservation (Protected Areas) Amendment Regulation (No. 12) 1995, No. 285

National Environment Protection Council (Queensland) Act 1994—
   Proclamation – the provisions of the Act that are not in force commence 15 September 1995, No. 264

Parliamentary Members’ Salaries Act 1988—
   Parliamentary Members (Annual Rate of Salary) Order (No. 3) 1995

Petroleum Act 1923—
   Petroleum Amendment Regulation (No. 3) 1995, No. 280

Primary Producers’ Co–operative Associations Act 1923—
   Primary Producers’ Cooperative Associations (Exemption of Cooperative Associations) Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1995, No. 260

Racing and Betting Act 1980—
   Racing and Betting Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1995, No. 261
Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994—
  Transport Operations (Marine Safety) (Motor Boat and Motor Vessel) Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1995, No. 271
  Transport Operations (Marine Safety) (Transitional) Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 1995, No. 283
Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995—
  Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Regulation 1995, No. 157
  (This instrument replaces previous instrument No. 157 tabled on 6 June 1995)
University of Queensland Act 1965—
  University of Queensland (Statute No.1) Amendment Statute (No. 1) 1995, No. 262
Water Resources Act 1989—
  Water Resources (Quarry Material) Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1995, No. 282
  Water Resources (Rates and Charges) Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1995, No. 277

9 **MINISTERIAL RESPONSE TO A PETITION**

The following paper was tabled by The Clerk—

Response by the Treasurer (Mr De Lacy) to a petition, received by the House on 12 September 1995, presented by Dr Watson on behalf of 55 petitioners relating to teacher superannuation retirement expectations

10 **MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS**

(a) Deputy Premier and Minister for Tourism, Sport and Youth (Mr Burns), by leave, made a ministerial statement announcing details of funding for the Lang Park Trust.

(b) Minister for Employment and Training and Minister Assisting the Premier on Public Service Matters (Mrs Edmond), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the status of negotiations over proposed reforms to Queensland’s workers’ compensation system.

  **Paper:** Mrs Edmond, during her statement, tabled the following paper—
  Queensland Government proposal for reform of Workers’ Compensation

(c) Minister for Family and Community Services and Minister Assisting the Premier on the Status of Women (Mrs Woodgate), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to an audit of the Public Trust Office.

11 **NOTICES OF MOTION**

  **Paper:** Mr Lingard tabled the following paper—
  Letter, dated 22 June 1995, from the Visiting Endocrinologist concerning the decision to move a severely mentally retarded patient from the Challinor Centre to residential care

12 **PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE – REPORT**

Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee (Mr Hollis) tabled the following paper—
  Public Accounts Committee – Annual Report for 1994–95

13 **SCRUTINY OF LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – ALERT DIGEST**

Chairman of the Scrutiny of Legislation Committee (Mr Sullivan) tabled the following paper—
  Alert Digest No. 1 of 1995

14 **QUESTIONS**

Questions were asked.

15 **GENERAL BUSINESS – MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST**

The following Members addressed the House—

  Leader of the Opposition (Mr Borbidge), Mr Schwarten, Deputy Leader of the Coalition (Mrs Sheldon), Messrs Briskey, Santoro and Nuttall
16 **Governor’s Opening Speech – Address in Reply (Third Allotted Day)**

Order of the day read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Ms Bligh – That the following address be presented to the Governor in reply to the Speech delivered by Her Excellency in opening this, the Forty-eighth Parliament of Queensland—

“We, the members of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland, wish to assure your Excellency of our continued respect for the Crown and loyalty to the system of government in this State, and to tender our thanks for the speech with which you opened the First Session. The various measures to which your Excellency referred and all other matters that may be brought before us will receive our careful consideration and we shall strive to deal with them so that our endeavours may contribute to the advancement and the prosperity of the people of this State.”

Debate resumed.

_Distinguished visitor:_ Mr Speaker informed the House of the presence in the Gallery of His Excellency Mr Fessehaie Abraham, Ambassador of the State of Eritrea. On behalf of the Queensland Parliament, Mr Speaker extended a warm welcome to the visitor.

Debate continued.

**Papers:** Mr Littleproud, during his speech, tabled the following papers—
- Copy of complaint and statement by Kevin Albert Foster, together with statement by Roger Williams and list of exhibits concerning notices from United Firefighters Union of Australia

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned on the motion of Mrs Bird. Resumption of the debate _ordered_ for tomorrow.

17 **Adjournment**

Minister for Lands (Mr McElligott) moved – That the House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

**Papers:** Mr Cooper, during his speech, tabled the following papers—
- Minutes of meeting of Australian Labor Party, Redcliffe Branch, held on 1 August 1995
- Hand written note enclosing minutes

Debate continued.

**Papers:** Mr Rowell, during his speech, tabled the following papers—
- Statutory declarations from Mr J Smith and Mrs D Smith, together with related documentation concerning Hermit Park door knock and letter drop by the Minister for Emergency Services and Minister for Consumer Affairs (Mr Davies)

Debate continued.

Question put and passed. The House adjourned at 6.02pm.
## ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present—

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