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1 Meeting of Assembly

The Assembly met at 9.30am pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Honourable N Turner) read prayers.

2 Petitions

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

Mr Bredhauer, from 281 petitioners, affirming the need for universal membership to all post-secondary students in democratic student organisations as a condition of enrolment and in recognition of the positive role that student organisations have on the general community in Queensland.

Mr Laming, from 12 petitioners, requesting the House to give longer sentences to criminals.

Mr Palaszczuk, from 14 petitioners, drawing the attention of the House for the need to separate the Government Ministries of Police and Corrective Services.

Mr Purcell, from 366 petitioners, requesting the House to reject any rezoning of the land between the Gateway Bridge and the Newspaper House on Creek Road and Lytton Road Murarrie, which would allow any industry which requires a Noxious, Offensive or Hazardous Zone to operate even if the application is for Particular Development Zone.

Mr Radke, from 282 petitioners, requesting the House to implement policies, initiatives and quality assurance measures for ensuring disabled persons will receive no less waiting times when hiring taxis or Maxi Cabs than other citizens.

Mr Roberts, from 533 petitioners, requesting the House by motion, to indicate their concern over the siting of a hazardous waste treatment plant at Pinkenba; and commence immediate negotiations with the Brisbane City Council to ensure that any Environmental Impact Statement is bounded by the Government's own Moreton Bay Strategic Plan.

Mr Slack, from 477 petitioners, requesting that the House direct the Burnett Council to provide full information and financial costings to ratepayers of the 50 alternative proposed sites for the proposed Burnett Shire Council Administration Building, to enable participatory democratic input from the community.

Dr Watson, from 2406 petitioners, requesting the House to undertake a review of the boundary between Ipswich City Council and Brisbane City Council so as to locate that part of Ipswich City on the northern side of the Brisbane River within Brisbane City.

Mrs Wilson, from 2741 petitioners requesting the House to underground the coastal section of the Woree Chalumbin transmission line, using the shortest possible route.

Mrs Woodgate, from 853 petitioners requesting the House to allocate funding for the pressing need to assist homeless people in Caloundra.

3 Ministerial Statements

(a) Premier (Mr Borbidge), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the South West Queensland pipeline.

(b) Minister for Families, Youth and Community Care (Mr Lingard), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the payment of a phone bill for a Gladstone christian charity organisation.

(c) Minister for Families, Youth and Community Care (Mr Lingard), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the 1994–95 audit reports for several Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Councils.

(d) Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Racing (Mr Cooper), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to action taken to redress a number of issues in the corrective services area.

(e) Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Racing (Mr Cooper), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to a police computer in the office of the Minister for Police.
(f) Minister for Environment (Mr Littleproud), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to a four month moratorium on the deadline for the licensing of businesses under the Environmental Protection (Interim) Regulation 1995 and the appointment of a Ministerial Advisory Committee to review the processes under the Act.

Paper: Minister for Environment (Mr Littleproud), during his statement, tabled the following paper—
Terms of reference for the Ministerial Advisory Committee

(g) Minister for Primary Industries, Fisheries and Forestry (Mr Perrett), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the alleged effects of use of chemicals in the disinfestation program to ensure fruit and vegetables from North Queensland do not spread Papaya Fruit Fly.

(h) Minister for Training and Industrial Relations (Mr Santoro), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Labor Government’s agreement with the ACTUQ and the AWU entitled ‘A Working Partnership – a Statement of Principles to Recognise Queensland Public Sector Workers’.

4 MINISTERIAL RESPONSE TO PETITION
The following response to a petition, received during the recess, was tabled by The Clerk—
Response from the Minister for Environment (Mr Littleproud) to a petition presented by Mr Rowell from 2,468 petitioners, concerning a change of name of the Palmerston National Park and the Bellenden Ker National Park to the Wooroonooran National Park.

5 PERSONAL EXPLANATION
Mr Braddy made a personal explanation.

6 NOTICE OF MOTION

7 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE POLICE UNION AND THE COALITION
And Mr Beattie, proceeding to give a notice of motion—

Paper: Premier (Mr Borbidge) tabled the following paper—
Press memorandum entitled Borbidge and Cooper claim of naivety an insult’

Mr Speaker drew the attention of Members to a ruling by Speaker Fouras on 19 February 1991—

“I suggest that because the matter of payments to members relating to daily travel allowances and travel expenses ... is currently before the Criminal Justice Commission, any reference to this matter in debate, questions and discussions in the Matters of Public Interest Debate is out of order.”

Speaker Fouras went on to state—

“... that as long as the Leader of the Opposition did not refer to matters that are under consideration by the Criminal Justice Commission, I will allow him to continue; however, the moment he starts discussing matters that are being considered by the Commission, I will rule that out of order. It is the view of the Crown Solicitor, based on all the advice I received, that the Criminal Justice Commission inquiry is like a royal commission or a court and should be treated as such.”

Mr Speaker quoted from the report of the Select Committee on Privileges on sub judice in 1976, which states—

“Matters awaiting or under adjudication in all courts exercising a criminal jurisdiction should not be referred to.”

Speaker’s Ruling—
The matter of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Premier, the Police Minister and the Police Union is now the subject of an inquiry by the Criminal Justice Commission and should not be referred to in the House.
8 **Matter of Privilege**

Leader of the Opposition (Mr Beattie) raised as a matter of privilege the right to continue with his notice of motion as he did not intend to debate the substance of the issues but rather to have the Parliament refer to the Inquiry matters which are appropriate for the Criminal Justice Commission to investigate.

Mr Speaker ruled that the matter is sub judice and it is not to be discussed in the Chamber.

Mr Foley raised as a matter of privilege that there were distinctions between the matter raised by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr Beattie) and the ruling given by Speaker Fouras.

*Paper:* Mr Foley, during his speech, tabled the following paper—

Criminal Justice Commission — Terms of reference for the Inquiry into the Memorandum of Understanding between the Queensland Police Union of Employees and Members of the Coalition

Mr Speaker ruled that there is no matter of privilege.

9 **Paper**

Mr D’Arcy tabled a report on his study tour of the United States of America.

10 **Select Committee on Travelsafe — Report and Papers**

Mr Ardill, on behalf of the Select Committee on Travelsafe, tabled the following papers—

Select Committee on Travelsafe—

Report on Driver Training and Licensing

Transcripts of proceedings (Driver Training and Driver Licensing Practices and Procedures in Queensland)

11 **Questions without notice**

Questions without notice were asked.

*Papers:* Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Racing (Mr Cooper) tabled the following papers—

Letter, dated 11 July 1995, from Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services (Mr Braddy) to the President of the Sporting Shooters Association concerning registration for longarm weapons and national standards of weapons ownership

Letter, dated 13 July 1995, from the Premier (Mr W Goss) giving a commitment not to introduce longarms registration or defacto registration into Queensland and not to support federal registration or moves to place firearms into central repositories

Questions continued.

*Papers:* Premier (Mr Borbidge) tabled the following papers—

Public Sector Management Commission — Selection Report for the position of Director–General, Department of Environment and Heritage

Executive Council of Queensland — Minute No. 93 — Appointment of Director–General, Department of Environment and Heritage, together with an explanatory memorandum

Questions continued.

*Papers:* Minister for Education (Mr Quinn) tabled the following papers—

List of school committees

List of committees in schools—

(a) teacher involvement during school hours

(b) teacher involvement generally outside the direct student contact hours

(c) Principal involvement during school hours

(d) Principal involvement generally outside direct student contact hours

Questions continued.
12 **Governor’s Opening Speech – Address–in–Reply (First Allotted Day)**

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

"May it please Your Excellency—

We, Her Majesty’s loyal and dutiful subjects, the Members of the Legislature of Queensland, in Parliament assembled, desire to assure Your Excellency of our continued loyalty and affection towards the Throne and Person of our Most Gracious Sovereign and to tender our thanks to Your Excellency for the Speech with which you have been pleased to open the present session.

The various measures to which Your Excellency has referred and all other matters that may be brought before us, will receive our most careful consideration, and it shall be our earnest endeavour so to deal with them that our labours may tend to the advancement and prosperity of the State."

Debate continued.

*Papers:* Leader of the Opposition (Mr Beattie), during his speech, tabled the following papers—

Queensland Health—

QEII – A long term guarantee
Planning for the Future – Building on the Past – A consultation paper
The Future for Queensland health: One: A vision for the next five years;
Two: Maximising Health; Three: A focus on people; Four: Reforming the health system
Strategy for managing elective surgery in Queensland public hospitals
1995 Health Action Plan: A 4–Point Plan – Meeting the immediate need

Debate continued.

*Paper:* Mr McGrady, during his speech, tabled the following paper—

Press release in relation to Queensland electricity generation capacity

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned on the motion of Mr Pearce.

Resumption of the debate ordered for tomorrow.

13 **Notice of Motion – Appointment of Chief Executive Officers**

Ms Bligh, pursuant to notice, moved – That this House calls on the Government to—

(a) immediately advertise all forced vacancies currently occupied by acting chief executive officers, and

(b) restore confidence in the public service by making all Chief Executive Officer appointments on the basis of merit.

Debate ensued.

*Papers:* Leader of the Opposition (Mr Beattie), during his speech, tabled the following papers—

Agenda for meeting of shadow cabinet on Friday, 17 February 1995
List of prospective applicants
Extract from *The Courier–Mail* entitled ‘City Beat’

Debate continued.

Question put and passed.

14 **Adjournment**

Leader of Government Business (Mr FitzGerald) moved – That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.
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Question put and passed.
The House adjourned at 7.30pm.

15 ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present—

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The Clerk of the Parliament