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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 **Auditor-General – Reports**

Mr Speaker informed the House that he had received the following reports from the Auditor-General—

- Report on a Special Audit of the Public Trustee of Queensland relating to certain operational and other issues
- Second Report on Audits performed for 1994–95

3 **Petitions**

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

- Mr Laming, from 121 petitioners, requesting the House to bring back the Death Penalty.
- Mr Laming, from 406 petitioners, requesting that the House take whatever action is necessary to get a longer and more appropriate jail sentence imposed on Mrs Kathleen Lister.
- Honourable G Smith, from 42 petitioners, requesting the House to provide a subsidy to offset the cost of the concessional fare for commuters travelling between Magnetic Island and the mainland.
- Mr Stephan, from 1,194 petitioners, requesting the House to ensure that judges and magistrates impose sentences on offenders, regardless of age, that will provide a meaningful deterrent to crime.
- Mr Stephan, from 311 petitioners, praying that the Parliament of Queensland will act upon the proposal to have the Mothar Mountain area transferred to National Park status and retain its current Forestry status.
- Mr Stephan, from 67 petitioners, praying that the Parliament of Queensland will change legislation to protect our children from being able to buy implements whose sole purpose is to be used to smoke the very dangerous drug, marijuana, as soon as possible.
- Ms Warwick, from 344 petitioners, praying that the Parliament of Queensland will order works be halted and permits revoked in the reclamation of eroded land gazetted as Lot 72, O'Shea Esplanade Machans Beach at the entrance of Barr Creek, to allow for proper consultation with the community, assessment of environment impact and legislative issues and the consideration of other options (e.g., purchase of the land for public use).

4 **Ministerial Statements**

(a) Premier (Mr Borbidge), by leave, made a ministerial statement refuting that a secret Government decision had been made to increase the salaries of Chief Executive Officers of Government departments.

(b) Attorney-General and Minister for Justice (Mr Beanland), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the special audit of the Public Trustee of Queensland.

(c) Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Racing (Mr Cooper), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning the police computer terminal in the Office of the Minister for Police.

*Paper:* Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Racing (Mr Cooper), during his statement, tabled the following paper—Memorandum from Gary Kenning, Private Secretary to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services (Mr Mackenroth) requesting the Commissioner of Police to install a computer terminal in the Ministerial Office.
(d) Minister for Health (Mr Horan), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the current status of the Ross River virus disease.

(e) Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Mr Johnson), by leave, made a ministerial statement outlining the results of an inquiry into the Bowen Hills rail accident.

Paper: Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Mr Johnson), during his statement, tabled the following paper—
Summary from the independent accident report

(f) Minister for Mines and Energy (Mr Gilmore), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning Mr Galway, Chair of the Moura implementation process.

5 SESSIONAL ORDERS — HOURS OF SITTING FOR THIS DAY
Leader of Government Business (Mr FitzGerald), by leave, moved — That for this day’s sitting, the House will meet from 9.30am until 1pm and from 2pm until 4.30pm.

Question put and passed.

6 PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1996
Premier (Mr Borbidge), by leave, moved — That leave be granted to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the Parliamentary Committees Act 1995, and for other purposes.

Question agreed to.

Bill and Explanatory Notes presented by Mr Borbidge, Bill read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Mr Borbidge moved — That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Leader of the Opposition (Mr Beattie) moved — That the debate be now adjourned.

Question agreed to.

Resumption of the debate ordered for tomorrow.

7 PERSONAL EXPLANATION
Mr Braddy made a personal explanation.

8 COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE — REPORT
Mr Livingstone tabled the following paper—
Report on 41st Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in Colombo, Sri Lanka

9 PARLIAMENTARY TRADE DELEGATION — REPORT
Mr McElligott tabled the following paper—
Report of the Queensland Parliamentary Trade Delegation’s visit to Taiwan and the United States of America

10 PRIVATE MEMBERS’ STATEMENTS
Private Members’ statements were made.

Extension of time—
Premier (Mr Borbidge) moved — That Leader of the Opposition (Mr Beattie) be granted an extension of time of 2 minutes.

Question put and passed.

Leader of the Opposition (Mr Beattie) in continuation—

Paper: Leader of the Opposition (Mr Beattie), during his speech, tabled the following papers—
Achievements of the Coalition Government in its first five weeks of Government Coalition reviews to date
Extract from The Australian Financial Review entitled “Jitters in QLD over new ‘government by review’”
11 Questions without notice

Questions without notice were asked.

Paper: Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for the Arts (Mrs Sheldon) tabled the following paper—
Ministers schedule for expenditure approval, Department of Public Works and Housing

Questions continued.

Paper: Leader of the Opposition (Mr Beattie) tabled the following paper—
Extract from the Business Review Weekly entitled “Queensland needs to get it right”

Questions continued.

Paper: Premier (Mr Borbidge) tabled the following paper—
Proposed travel itinerary for Minister for Tourism, Sport and Youth (Mr Burns) to Los Angeles, Miami, Rio de Janeiro and San Francisco

Questions continued.

Papers: Premier (Mr Borbidge) tabled the following papers—
Letter, dated 27 October 1995, from the Crown Solicitor providing a legal opinion on the possible movement of a Chief Executive to a ministerial staff position
Memorandum, dated 8 November 1995, from the Chair of the Public Sector Management Commission (Dr Head) concerning the appointment of Dr Craig Emerson to the staff of the Premier
Letter, dated 3 November 1995, from the Crown Solicitor providing a further legal opinion on the possible movement of a Chief Executive to a ministerial staff position

Questions continued.

Paper: Mr Braddy tabled the following paper—
Letter, dated 15 March 1996, from the Minister for Training and Industrial Relations (Mr Santoro) to Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for the Arts (Mrs Sheldon) identifying proposed savings for 1995–96

Questions continued.

12 Governor’s Opening Speech – Address—in—Reply (Second Alotted 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.

Paper: Mr Foley, during his speech, tabled the following paper—
Press release entitled “Coalition pledges more judges, more resources for legal aid and DPP”
Debate continued.

Paper: Mr Grice, during his speech, tabled the following paper—
Letter, dated February 1996, to the Consulate, Brazil, concerning Australian passports for Queensland Government officials

Debate continued.
Debate adjourned on the motion of Mr Harper.
Resumption of the debate ordered for tomorrow.

13 Special Adjournment
Leader of Government Business (Mr FitzGerald) moved – That the House do adjourn until 9.30am on Tuesday, 16 April 1996.
Question put and passed.

14 Adjournment
Leader of the House (Mr FitzGerald) moved – That the House do now adjourn.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned at 4.22pm.

15 Attendance
The following Members were present—

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