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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 COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF ALLEGIANCE
Mr Speaker advised the House that he had received from the Governor in Council a Commission to administer to Members the oath or affirmation of allegiance.

The Clerk then read the Commission as follows—
To the Honourable NEIL JOHN TURNER, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
I, JOHN MURTAGH MACROSSAN, Administrator of the Government, authorise you to administer to any member of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland the oath or affirmation of allegiance to Her Majesty The Queen that is required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every member before the member is permitted to sit or vote in the Legislative Assembly.

(signed) JOHN MURTAGH MACROSSAN
Signed and sealed with the Public Seal of the State on 4 April 1996
By Command
(signed) ROBERT BORBIDGE
God Save the Queen

RECORDED in the Register of Patents, No. 43, page 85, on 4 April 1996
(signed) E J Bigby
Clerk of the Executive Council

3 CONDOLENCE MOTION – DEATH OF LINDSAY EARLE HARTWIG
Premier (Mr Borbidge) by leave, moved—
(a) That this House desires to place on record its appreciation of the services rendered to this State by the late Lindsay Earle Hartwig, a former Member of the Parliament of Queensland.
(b) That Mr Speaker be requested to convey to the family of the deceased gentleman the above resolution, together with an expression of the sympathy and sorrow of the Members of the Parliament of Queensland, in the loss they have sustained.

Leader of the Opposition (Mr Beattie) seconded the motion.
Debate ensued.
Members signified their assent by standing in silence in their places.

4 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS
The following statutory instruments were tabled by The Clerk—
Auctioneers and Agents Act 1971—
Auctioneers and Agents Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1996, No. 60
Crown Proceedings Act 1980—
Crown Proceedings Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1996, No. 61
District Courts Act 1967—
District Courts Amendment Rule (No. 1) 1996, No. 64
District Courts (Court Fees) Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1996, No. 63
Magistrates Courts Act 1921—
Magistrates Courts Amendment Rule (No. 1) 1996, No. 65
Medical Act 1939—
Medical Assessment Tribunal Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1996, No. 62
Sugar Industry Act 1991—
Sugar Industry (Mill Peak Adjustments) Amendment Guideline (No. 1) 1996, No. 67
Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994—
  Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1996, No. 66
Workplace Health and Safety Act 1995—
  Workplace Health and Safety (Advisory Standards) Amendment Notice (No. 1) 1996, No. 68

5 Paper Tabled during the recess
The Clerk informed the House that the following paper had been tabled and ordered to be printed on 10 April 1996—
  Marine Incidents in Queensland 1995

6 Government Paper
The following paper was tabled—
  Minister for Health (Mr Horan)—
    Towards a policy on the prevention and early detection of skin cancer – Discussion Paper

7 Ministerial Statements
(a) Attorney-General and Minister for Justice (Mr Beanland), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the arrangement entered into between the former Government and the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (Qld) Inc.
   Papers: Attorney-General and Minister for Justice (Mr Beanland), during his statement, tabled the following papers—
     Letter, dated 11 July 1995, from the Minister for Police and Corrective Services (Mr Braddy) to the President, Sporting Shooters’ Association concerning registration of longarm weapons
     Letter, dated 13 July 1995, from Premier (Mr W Goss) to Sporting Shooters’ Association of Australia giving a commitment that the Queensland ALP will not introduce registration of longarm weapons
     Letter, dated 13 July 1995, from the State Secretary of the ALP advising that the ALP will pay for print advertising space previously booked by the Sporting Shooters’ Association
     Letter, dated 13 July 1995, from the Treasurer, Sporting Shooters’ of Australia (Qld) Inc confirming that the letter provided by Mr Goss is acceptable to the Association as is the guarantee for payment of the advertising space
     Advertisement entitled “Firearms Registration”
     Copy of invoice and cheque from the ALP (State of Queensland) to the Secretary, Sporting Shooters’ Association

(b) Premier (Mr Borbidge), by leave, made a ministerial statement advising the House of the state of negotiations in relation to the Century Zinc Project.

(c) Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for the Arts (Mrs Sheldon), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to an increase in funding for the Brisbane Festival and the Brisbane Biennial International Music Festival.

(d) Minister for Health (Mr Horan), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to a fire at the Wolston Park Hospital complex.

8 Scrutiny of Legislation Committee – Alert Digest
Chairman of the Scrutiny of Legislation Committee (Mr Elliott) tabled the following paper—
  Alert Digest No. 1 for 1996

9 Notices of Motion

10 Private Members’ Statements
Private Members’ statements were made.
11 **Questions without notice**

Questions without notice were asked.

12 **General Business – Matters of Public Interest**

The following Members addressed the House—
- Leader of the Opposition (Mr Beattie), Messrs Bredhauer, Carroll, Elder, Elliott and Grice

**Paper:** Leader of the Opposition (Mr Beattie), during his speech, tabled the following paper—
- Paper entitled “Century Zinc Project – Importance to Australia”

**Papers:** Mr Grice, during his speech, tabled the following papers—
- Transcript of evidence from R S O'Regan and D J Schramm to the Hanson Inquiry
- Extract from Senate *Hansard* of 22 June 1995

**Papers:** Mr Bredhauer, during his speech, tabled the following papers—
- Letter, dated 12 March 1996, from the Cattlemen’s Union of Australia Inc concerning a Land Use Agreement in Cape York Peninsula
- Heads of Agreement between the Cape York Land Council, the Peninsula Regional Council of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission, the Cattlemen’s Union of Australia Inc, the Australian Conservation Foundation and the Wilderness Society

13 **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 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 resumed.

**Papers:** Ms Edmond, during her speech, tabled the following papers—
- Extract, dated 30 November 1988, from *The Sun*, Brisbane, entitled “Patients at risk”
- Extracts from *The Courier-Mail* entitled “Maggots found at most city hospitals”, “Hospital system is in danger: Liberals”, “Staff shortages mean unsupervised interns in hospitals: college”, “Hospital staff set to revolt”, “AMA predicts resignations of specialists”, “State worst for deadly staph germ says study”, “Mental patients had to drink from lavatory”, “Deranged patient bought germ to kill: doctor”, “AMA slams rural area health care”
- QEII – a long-term guarantee
- The Future for Queensland Health – Four: Reforming the health system
- Strategy for managing elective surgery in Queensland public hospitals
Debate continued.

**Paper:** Mrs Cunningham, during her speech, tabled the following paper—
Transcript of speech given by Mrs Cunningham on 12 February 1996

Debate continued.

**Paper:** Mr Ardill, during his speech, tabled the following paper—
Statistical details of traffic on the Pacific Highway between Brisbane and West Tweed

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned on the motion of Mr Dollin.
Resumption of the debate **ordered** for tomorrow.

### 14 NOTICE OF MOTION – CENTURY ZINC MINE

Mr McGrady, pursuant to notice, moved – That this House—

(a) believes that the development of the Century Zinc Mine is of paramount importance to the economy of Queensland and Australia;

(b) notes the lack of success by the Premier (Mr Borbidge) in getting the parties to secure an agreement;

(c) calls on the Prime Minister to intervene and try to resolve this issue; and

(d) notes that the Carpentaria Mount Isa Mineral Project of which Century is a part was conceived by the previous Labor Government and has the full support of the Queensland Opposition.

Debate ensued.
The following amendment was proposed by Premier (Mr Borbidge)—
That paragraphs (b) to (d) be omitted.

Debate continued.

**Paper:** Leader of the Opposition (Mr Beattie), during his speech, tabled the following paper—
Editorial from *The Courier-Mail* entitled “Poor form in tussle over mine”

Debate continued.

Question put – That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the motion.
The House divided.

**AYES, 43**

- Ardill
- Barton
- Beattie
- Bird
- Bligh
- Braddy
- Bredhauer
- Briscoy
- Burns
- Campbell
- D'Arcy
- De Lacy
- Dollin
- Edmond
- Elder
- Foley
- Fouras
- Gibb
- Goss W
- Hamill
- Hayward
- Hollis
- Livingstone*
- Mackenroth
- McElligott
- McFarlane
- Milliner
- Mulherin
- Nunn
- Palmer
- Patrick
- Perrett
- Rose
- Schwarten
- Smith
- Spence
- Sullivan J
- Sullivan T*
- Welford
- Wells
- “Tellers

**NOES, 43**

- Baumann
- Bearland
- Borbidge
- Carroll
- Connor
- Cooper
- Cunningham
- Davidson
- Elliott
- Fitzgerald
- Gilmore
- Goss J
- Grice
- Harper
- Hegarty
- Hobbs
- Horan
- Johnson
- Laming
- Lester
- Lingard
- Littleproud
- McAuley
- Malone
- Mitchell
- Perrett
- Quinn
- Radke
- Rowell
- Santoro
- Sheldon
- Simpson
- Slack
- Smith
- Tanti
- Veivers
- Warwick
- Watson
- Wilson
- Woolmer

*Pair – Mrs Woodgate (AYES) and Mr Healy (NOES)

The numbers being equal, Mr Speaker cast his vote with the NOES.
Motion, as amended, agreed to.
15 ADJOURNMENT
Leader of Government Business (Mr FitzGerald) moved – That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned at 7.30pm.

16 ATTENDANCE
The following Members were present—

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N J TURNER
Speaker

R D DOYLE
The Clerk of the Parliament