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1 MEETING OF THE HOUSE
The House met at 9.30am pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Honourable N J Turner) read prayers.

2 ASSENT TO BILL
Message No. 4 from the Governor was reported, informing the House that Her Excellency had, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the following Bill on 17 July 1996—

A Bill for an Act to apply certain laws of the Commonwealth relating to competition policy as laws of Queensland, and for other purposes (Competition Policy Reform (Queensland) Act 1996 – Act No. 16 of 1996)

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

Mrs Gamin, from 1314 petitioners from Catholic, Lutheran and Uniting Churches, requesting the House to (a) pass legislation that will outlaw in our society the possession of automatic or semi-automatic firearms and ammunition, (b) pass legislation that will outlaw in our society the use of automatic or semi-automatic firearms, (c) pass legislation that will ensure that other firearms can be possessed and used only by those who have a legitimate reason for such possession or use, (d) pass legislation requiring those who possess any firearm to ensure that while not in use any firearm is not armed and is stored in a safe and secure place and (e) commit itself to the proposals in the Federal Government's initiative on the restriction of firearms.

Mr Healy, from 21 petitioners, requesting the House to immediately introduce amended legislation to enable homes and properties built on a former Toowoomba City Council dump site in the suburb of Wilsonton in that the homes, by being listed on the register have been reduced greatly in value, be removed from the register.

Mr Purcell, from 288 petitioners, requesting the Queensland Government to allow the Brisbane City Council to make the appropriate amendments to their Town Plan to prohibit the building and operation of any type of smelter within the City of Brisbane so as to be in line with the Brisbane City Council's "Liveable Brisbane Vision Statement" as a matter of urgency.

Mrs Wilson, from 1037 petitioners, requesting the House to hold firm in their resolution to put into law their proposed gun law reform legislation.

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

15 July 1996—
Annual Reports for 1995—
Board of Trustees of the Ipswich Girls' Grammar School
Griffith University
Queensland Theatre Company

16 July 1996—
National Road Trauma Advisory Council – Annual Report 1994–95

5 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS
The following statutory instruments were tabled by The Clerk—

Auctioneers and Agents Act 1971—
Auctioneers and Agents (Exemptions) Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1996, No. 188
Competition Policy Reform (Queensland) Act 1996—
Competition Policy Reform (Queensland) Savings and Transitional Regulation 1996, No. 193
Egg Industry (Restructuring) Act 1993—
Egg Industry (Restructuring) Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1996, No. 189
Mineral Resources Act 1989—
Mineral Resources Amendment Regulation (No. 5) 1996, No. 194
Public Service Management and Employment Act 1988—
Public Service Management and Employment Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1996, No. 192
Stock Act 1915—
Stock Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 1996, No. 190
Veterinary Surgeons Act 1936—
Veterinary Surgeons Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1996, No. 191

6 MINISTERIAL RESPONSE TO A 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 Stephan, from 311 petitioners, concerning the proposal to have the Mothar Mountain area transferred to National Park status.

7 GOVERNMENT PAPERS

The following papers were tabled—

Minister for Local Government and Planning (Mrs McCauley)—
Pursuant to the Local Government Act 1993—
(1) A copy of a reference dated 9 July 1996 to the Local Government Commissioner to examine, report and make recommendations on a reviewable local government matter in relation to the City of Mount Isa and the Shire of Cloncurry;
(2) A copy of a request received from the Local Government Commissioner proposing the re-consideration of the reference dated 29 March 1993 in relation to a review of the external boundaries of Clifton and Cambooya Shires and a copy of the Minister’s subsequent advice to the Local Government Commissioner of 9 July 1996 withdrawing this reference and advising that it is not proposed to issue an extended reference as proposed by the Commissioner; and
(3) A copy of a request received from the Local Government Commissioner seeking an additional reference in relation to the external boundaries of the City of Brisbane and the City of Logan and a copy of a reference dated 10 July 1996 to the Local Government Commissioner to examine, report and make recommendations on additional reviewable local government matters in relation to the City of Brisbane and the City of Logan.

8 MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

(a) Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for the Arts (Mrs Sheldon), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the selection of appointees to the Merger Planning Group which is responsible for the implementation of the merger involving Suncorp, the Queensland Industry Development Corporation and Metway Bank.
(b) Minister for Health (Mr Horan), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to State and Commonwealth initiatives on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health.
(c) Minister for Education (Mr Quinn), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning bureaucratic red tape and, in particular, the Department of Education Manual.
(d) Minister for Tourism, Small Business and Industry (Mr Davidson), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the 7th International Worldwide Web Conference to be held in Queensland in 1998.
(e) Minister for Training and Industrial Relations (Mr Santoro), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the appointment of the Implementation Task Force to oversee the implementation of the recommendations of the Kennedy “Inquiry into Workers’ Compensation and Related Matters in Queensland”.
(f) Minister for Public Works and Housing (Mr Connor), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to proposed long-term reforms to housing assistance for low income earners.

_Paper:_ Mr Connor, during his statement, tabled the following paper—
Copy of speech by former Prime Minister, Paul Keating, launching the Commonwealth Housing Policy, “Community and Nation”, on 11 December 1995

9 **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – REPORTS**
Chairman of the Public Works Committee (Mr Stephan) tabled the following papers—
(a) Report of an Inquiry into the Redevelopment of the Cairns Base Hospital – Report No. 32, together with submissions received and transcript of proceedings
(b) Report of an Inquiry into the Expansion of the Lotus Glen Correctional Centre Farm – Report No. 33, together with submissions received and transcript of proceedings

10 **SCRUTINY OF LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – ALERT DIGEST**
Chairman of the Scrutiny of Legislation Committee (Mr Elliott) tabled the following paper—
Alert Digest No. 5 of 1996

11 **PARLIAMENTARY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE – REPORT**
Chairman of the Parliamentary Criminal Justice Committee (Mr Lester) tabled the following report—
Report on Outstanding Parliamentary Criminal Justice Committee Recommendations

12 **NOTICES OF MOTION**

13 **PRIVATE MEMBERS’ STATEMENTS**
Private Members’ Statements were made.

_Papers:_ Leader of the Opposition (Mr Beattie), during his statement, tabled the following papers—
Copy of Executive Summary: State Economic Development Strategy
List of Coalition Reviews

_Papers:_ Mr Hegarty, during his statement, tabled the following papers—
Submissions and questionnaires to the Inquiry into the Security of Payments in the Building and Construction Industry

_Paper:_ Mr J Sullivan, during his statement, tabled the following paper—
Petition in relation to a birthing centre at the Caboolture Hospital

14 **QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**
Questions without notice were asked.

_Papers:_ Leader of the Opposition (Mr Beattie) tabled the following papers—
Electorate Office Guidelines and associated documentation

Questions continued.

_Papers:_ Mr T Sullivan tabled the following papers—
Copies of newspaper advertisements relating to sporting shooters and gun owners

Questions continued.

_Paper:_ Mr Briskey tabled the following paper—
Copy of letter regarding Gaming Machine Community Benefit Fund

Questions continued.
The following Members addressed the House—
Messrs Carroll, Elliott, Lester, Robertson and Schwarten and Ms Spence

Order of the day read for the further consideration of the Bills in Committee of the Whole House.

In the Chair – The Chairman
Appropriation Bill 1996—
Clause 2—
Debate resumed.

Paper: Leader of the Opposition (Mr Beattie), during his speech, tabled the following paper—
Copy of newspaper advertisement from Townsville Bulletin, dated 20 July 1996, regarding broken Coalition promises.

Debate continued.
Clause 2 agreed to.

Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 1996—
Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.
Bills to be reported without amendment.

Mr Speaker resumed the Chair.
Bills reported without amendment.
Mr Slack, by leave, moved – That the Bills be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bills read a third time and passed.
Titles agreed to.

Minister for Local Government and Planning (Mrs McCauley), by leave, made a ministerial statement concerning the claim by Mr Schwarten that Allan Windsor had been sacked by the Department of Emergency Services.

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice (Mr Beanland) – That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
Bill committed on the motion of Mr Beanland.

In the Chair – The Chairman
Clauses 1 to 6 agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

Mr Speaker resumed the Chair.
Bill reported without amendment.
Mr Beanland, by leave, moved – That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time and passed.
Title agreed to.
19 POSTPONEMENT – GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Leader of Government Business (Mr FitzGerald) moved – That Government Business Orders of the Day Nos. 3 to 6 be postponed until a later hour of the sitting.

Question put and passed.

20 SUGAR INDUSTRY AMENDMENT BILL 1996

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Primary Industries, Fisheries and Forestry (Mr Perrett) – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned on the motion of Mr Mulherin.

Resumption of the debate ordered for tomorrow.

21 NOTICE OF MOTION – RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMISSION OF AUDIT

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

(a) notes the recommendation of the Commission of Audit and, in particular, 12.1 of the summary which calls for the privatisation of the Queensland electricity industry;

(b) further notes the enthusiasm with which these recommendations have been endorsed by the Premier and the Treasurer; and

(c) declares its total opposition to the privatisation of the electricity industry as we believe it will be to the detriment of our State and such actions will have devastating adverse effects on regional and country Queensland.

Debate ensued.

The following amendment was proposed by Minister for Mines and Energy (Mr Gilmore)—

*omit paragraphs (b) and (c) —

*insert—

“(b) further notes the privatisation of the Gladstone Power Station by the previous Labor Government and calls on the Government to submit any further proposals to privatisate the electricity industry to the Parliament for approval.”

Debate ensued.

Question put – That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question.

The House divided.

AYES, 41

Barton D’Arcy Hayward Nuttall Sullivan J

Beattie De Lacy Hollis Palaszczuk Sullivan T*

Bird Dollin Livingstone* Pearce Welford

Bligh Edmond Mackenroth Purcell Wells

Braddy Elder McElligott Roberts Woodgate

Bredhauer Foley McGrady Rissi Schwarten

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Davidson Hegarty Maloney Stephan

Elliott Hobbs Mitchell Stone

FitzGerald Horan Perrett Tanti

NOES, 40

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Beanland Gilmore Laming Rowell Watson

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Carroll Gice Lingard Sheldon Woolner

Connor Harper Littleproud Slack

Cooper Healy McCauley Springborg*

Davidson Hegarty Maloney Stephan

Elliott Hobbs Mitchell Stone

FitzGerald Horan Perrett Tanti

Pairs – Messrs Ardill, Gibbs and Smith (AYES) and Mr Radke, Ms Simpson and Mr Veivers (NOES)

*Tellers

Question agreed to.

Question put – That Mr McGrady’s motion be agreed to.

The House divided.
### Question agreed to.

#### 22 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.

#### 23 ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present—

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*Tellers*

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**N J TURNER**  
Speaker

**R D DOYLE**  
The Clerk of the Parliament