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

Letters from the Governor were reported, informing the House that Her Excellency the Governor had, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the following Bills on the dates indicated—

10 September 1996—
A Bill for an Act to facilitate the establishment of a major Queensland–based financial institution, and for other purposes (State Financial Institutions and Metway Merger Facilitation Act – Act No. 29 of 1996)

18 September 1996—
A Bill for an Act to enable warrants to be created, stored and managed in computers, and for other purposes (Justice Warrants Amendment Act – Act No. 30 of 1996)
A Bill for an Act to amend the Civil Aviation (Carriers' Liability) Act 1964 (Civil Aviation (Carriers' Liability) Amendment Act – Act No. 31 of 1996)
A Bill for an Act to amend the District Courts Act 1967, and for related purposes (District Courts Legislation Amendment Act – Act No. 32 of 1996)
A Bill for an Act to provide for the transfer of the undertaking of Challenge Bank Limited to Westpac Banking Corporation, and for related purposes (Challenge Bank (Transfer of Undertaking) Act – Act No. 33 of 1996)

Mr Speaker tabled the following paper—
Queensland Audit Office – Annual Report for 1995–96

Mr Bredhauer, from 30 petitioners, requesting the House to reverse the decision by the Minister for Education to privatise cleaning in Queensland Schools.
Mr J Goss, from 23 petitioners, requesting the House to reverse the decision to privatise cleaning in Queensland Schools thereby ensuring clean hygienic State Schools and secure long term employment of cleaners in schools.
Mr Nuttall, from 128 petitioners, requesting the House to (a) ensure that all pensioners throughout Queensland enjoy the same concessions as those in Brisbane, (b) alter the necessary legislation to allow for the Queensland Government Seniors Card to be made available to disabled pensioners and sole parents, (c) ensure the provision of increased support to services providing assistance to older people in abuse situations, (d) ensure the continuation of funding for the public dental health system in an effort to reduce waiting lists, (e) ensure the continuation of funding for the provision of free prescription glasses for eligible residents and (f) call on the law makers to ensure severe and long sentences are given for murder, rape and break and enter.
Mr Nuttall, from 97 petitioners, requesting the House to take actions to ensure that the Coalition Government meets its commitments to (a) tenants in public housing that they are not charged more than 25% of their income in rent, (b) tenants in public housing that they are not disadvantaged and (c) introduce accountable strategies for addition and replacement of housing stock to ensure that proceeds of sales of public housing to tenants are reinvested in public housing.
Mr Purcell, from 8 petitioners, requesting the House to support and encourage the sale of 8.99 hectares of land – Real Property description 201432, Lot 2, Colmslie Road, Murarrie (also known as Colmslie Beach) to the Brisbane City Council without delay at open space prices for the purpose of parkland to be held in perpetuity for the people of Brisbane. The majority of prime river front land has been sold to industry and we, the undersigned
believe the State Government should sell this site to the Brisbane City Council for the benefit of the people of Brisbane and future generations for recreational purposes.

Mr Santoro, from 18 petitioners, requesting the House to introduce a lower speed limit on suburban streets in Brisbane as contained in the recommendation of the Parliamentary Travelsafe Committee’s Report on Local Areas Traffic Management of April 1994.

5  PAPERS TABLED DURING THE RECESS

The Clerk informed the House that the following papers, received during the recess, were tabled on the dates indicated—

16 September 1996—

20 September 1996—
Marine Incidents in Queensland – 1 January to 30 June 1996

3 October 1996—
Board of Architects of Queensland – Annual Report 1995–96
Court of Appeal – Annual Report 1995–96

6  STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

The following statutory instruments were tabled by The Clerk—

Aboriginal Land Act 1991—
Aboriginal Land Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1996, No. 254

Challenge Bank (Transfer of Undertaking) Act 1986
Proclamation — the provisions of the Act that are not in force commence 1 October 1996, No. 247

Child Care Act 1991—
Child Care Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1996, No. 252

Community Services (Aborigines) Act 1984—
Community Services Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1996, No. 236
Community Services (Aborigines) Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 1996, No. 242

Community Services (Torres Strait) Act 1984—
Community Services Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1996, No. 236

Competition Policy Reform (Queensland) Act 1996—
Competition Policy Reform (Queensland–Exemptions) Regulation 1996, No. 251

Corrective Services Act 1988—
Corrective Services (Establishment of Prisons) Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1996, No. 244

Credit Act 1987—
Credit (Suncorp Building Society Limited Exemption) Order 1996, No. 243

Education (Senior Secondary School Studies) Act 1988—
Education (Senior Secondary School Studies) Amendment By-law (No. 1) 1996, No. 262

Electricity Act 1994—
Electricity Amendment Regulation (No. 3) 1996, No. 253

Fair Trading Act 1989—
Fair Trading (Darchery Dartslinger) Order 1996, No. 234

Financial Intermediaries Act 1996—
Financial Intermediaries Regulation 1996, No. 249
Proclamation — the provisions of the Act that are not in force commence 1 October 1996, No. 248

Fisheries Act 1994—
Fisheries Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 1996, No. 266

Government Owned Corporations Act 1993—
Government Owned Corporations (Queensland Rail) Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 1996, No. 250

Intellectually Disabled Citizens Act 1985—
Intellectually Disabled Citizens Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1996, No. 235
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7 Ministerial Response to Petitions

The following response to petitions, received during the recess, was tabled by The Clerk—

Response from the Minister for Education (Mr Quinn) to various petitions presented to the Legislative Assembly concerning school cleaning.

8 Government Papers

The following papers were tabled—

(a) Minister for Health (Mr Horan)—
Annual Reports for 1995–96—
Queensland Institute of Medical Research Council
Queensland Institute of Medical Research Trust
Review of Medical and Health Practitioner Registration Acts – Draft Policy Paper

(b) Minister for Environment (Mr Littleproud)—
Wet Tropics Management Authority – Annual Report for 1995–96

(c) Minister for Local Government and Planning (Mrs McCauley)—
Under the Local Government Act 1993—
(1) A copy of each of the reports from the Local Government Commissioner on the review of the divisional boundaries of the local government areas of the
Shires of Banana, Crows Nest, Maroochy, Noosa, Pine Rivers, Rosalie and Warwick and the Cities of Caloundra, Logan, Mackay, Maryborough and Rockhampton;

(2) A copy of the report from the Local Government Commissioner on the review of the composition and divisional boundaries of the City of Hervey Bay;

(3) A copy of the report from the Local Government Commissioner on the Local Government Boundaries Adjustment Review between the Shires of Crows Nest Shire and Rosalie; and

(4) A copy of each of the reports from the Local Government Commissioner on the abolition of divisional boundaries of the local government areas of the Shires of Burnett, Kilkivan and Mareeba and the City of Bundaberg.

9 MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

(a) Minister for Families, Youth and Community Care (Mr Lingard), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the death of Mr John Ramsamy, Chairman of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Overview Committee.

(b) Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Racing (Mr Cooper), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the use of the drug “Fantasy” at a Gold Coast “rave party” and the so-called youth drug culture.

(c) Minister for Health (Mr Horan), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to an episode of drug taking involving the drug “Fantasy” on the Gold Coast on 6 October.

(d) Minister for Education (Mr Quinn), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to an editorial in The Courier-Mail of 1 October entitled “A Need for Safe Schools”.

(e) Minister for Public Works and Housing (Mr Connor), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to priority allocation of public housing to families whose circumstances demand special consideration.

(f) Minister for Emergency Services and Minister for Sport (Mr Veivers), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to a Queensland Fire Service survey seeking fire fighter recruits and the award to QFS of “Queensland Employer of the Year”.

10 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE – HOUSE CONGRATULATES PROFESSOR PETER CHARLES DOHERTY

Premier (Mr Borbidge), by leave, moved that the House congratulates Queenslander Peter Charles Doherty on winning the Nobel Prize for medicine. Leader of the Opposition (Mr Beattie) seconded the motion. Question put and passed.

11 SCRUTINY OF LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – ALERT DIGEST

Chairman of the Scrutiny of Legislation Committee (Mr Elliott) tabled the following paper—

Scrubity of Legislation Committee – Alert Digest No. 9 of 1996

12 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – ANNUAL REPORT

Chairman of the Public Works Committee (Mr Stephan) tabled the following paper—

Public Works Committee – Annual Report for 1995–96

13 ESTIMATES COMMITTEES REPORTS

(a) Estimates Committee A—

Chairman of Estimates Committee A (Mr Harper) tabled the following papers—

Report No. 1 in relation to the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill (No. 2) 1996, together with additional information provided to the Committee and the Hansard transcript of the public hearing held on 17 September 1996

Report No. 2 in relation to the Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1996, together with additional information provided to the Committee and the Hansard transcript of the public hearing held on 17 September 1996
Estimates Committee B—
Chairman of Estimates Committee B (Mr Stephan) tabled the following papers—
Report No. 1 together with additional information provided to the Committee and the Hansard transcript of the public hearing held on 18 September 1996

Estimates Committee C—
Chairman of Estimates Committee C (Honourable V Lester) tabled the following papers—
Report No. 1 together with additional information provided to the Committee and the Hansard transcript of the public hearing held on 19 September 1996

Estimates Committee D—
Chairman of Estimates Committee D (Ms Warwick) tabled the following papers—
Report No. 1 together with additional information provided to the Committee and the Hansard transcript of the public hearing held on 20 September 1996

Estimates Committee E—
Chairman of Estimates Committee E (Mr Elliott) tabled the following papers—
Report No. 1 together with additional information provided to the Committee and the Hansard transcript of the public hearing held on 24 September 1996

Estimates Committee F—
Chairman of Estimates Committee F (Mr J Goss) tabled the following papers—
Report No. 1 together with additional information provided to the Committee and the Hansard transcript of the public hearing held on 25 September 1996

Estimates Committee G—
Chairman of Estimates Committee G (Mrs Gamin) tabled the following papers—
Report No. 1 together with additional information provided to the Committee and the Hansard transcript of the public hearing held on 26 September 1996

14 Notices of Motion

15 Private Members' Statements
Private Members' statements were made.

Paper: Leader of the Opposition (Mr Beattie), during his statement, tabled the following paper—
Letter, dated 18 September 1996, from Executive Director, Australian Society of Corporate Treasurers to Mr Beattie relating to an increase in debit tax rates

Statements continued.
Statements concluded.

16 Questions without notice
Questions without notice were asked.

Distinguished visitors: Mr Speaker informed the House of the presence in the Gallery of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Delegation from the United Kingdom, led by Mr Michael Jopling, MP.

Questions continued.

Paper: Leader of the Opposition (Mr Beattie) tabled the following paper—
Information paper relating to the conduct of a Judicial Inquiry into the Criminal Justice Commission

Questions continued.
Questions concluded.
17 General Business – Matters of Public Interest

The following Members addressed the House—

Leader of the Opposition (Mr Beattie), Mr Carroll, Honourable J Elder, Messrs Foley and Healy and Mrs Wilson.

Papers: Leader of the Opposition (Mr Beattie), during his speech, tabled the following papers—
Letter, dated 10 April 1996, from Chris Nicholls relating to Mr Mark Le Grand
Newspaper articles relating to Mr Chris Nichols

18 Appropriation (Parliament) Bill (No. 2) 1996 and Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1996

Order of the day read for the consideration of the Bills in Committee of the Whole House. Bills committed on the motion of Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for the Arts (Mrs Sheldon).

In Committee

Appropriation (Parliament) Bill (No. 2) 1996—
The Chairman proposed – That Report No. 1 of Estimates Committee A be adopted.
Debate ensued.

Paper: Mr J Sullivan, during his speech, tabled the following paper—
Staffing recommendations for the Scrutiny of Legislation Committee

Debate continued.
Question put and passed.
Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 1996—
The Chairman proposed – That Report No. 2 of Estimates Committee A be adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The Chairman proposed – That Report No. 1 of Estimates Committee B be adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The Chairman proposed – That Report No. 1 of Estimates Committee C be adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

Ordered – That the Chairman report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr Speaker resumed the Chair.
The Chairman reported that the Committee had considered the Bills, made progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered – That further consideration of the Bills in Committee of the Whole House be made an order of the day for tomorrow.

19 Notice of Motion – Inquiry into Criminal Justice Commission

Leader of the Opposition (Mr Beattie), pursuant to notice, moved – That this Parliament condemns the decision by the State Government to waste taxpayers’ money of well over $1m on a politically motivated witchhunt, the Borbidge Inquiry, into the Criminal Justice Commission – money which could be better used for extra police, education, health and services. Debate ensued.
Leader of the Opposition (Mr Beattie), during his speech, tabled the following paper—

Extract from Hansard dated 23 October 1990

Debate continued.

Question put.

The House divided.

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Question negatived.

20 A DJOURNMENT

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

Debate ensued.

21 A TTENDANCE

The following Members were present—

| Ardlill                   | Baumann                   |
| Barton                    | Beanland                  |
| Beattie                   | Borbidge                  |
| Bird                      | Carroll                   |
| Bligh                     | Connor                    |
| Bredhauer                 | Cooper                    |
| Briskey                   | Cunningham                |
| Campbell                  | Davidson                  |
| Elliott                   | Elliott                   |
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R D DOYLE

The Clerk of the Parliament

N J TURNER

Speaker