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MEETING OF THE HOUSE

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

ASSENT TO BILLS

Letter from the Administrator was reported, informing the House that His Excellency the Administrator had, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the following Bills on 3 April 1997—

A Bill for an Act to amend the criminal law (Criminal Law Amendment Act 1997 – Act No. 3 of 1997)
A Bill for an Act to amend the Penalties and Sentences Act 1992 and other Acts (Penalties and Sentences (Serious Violent Offences) Amendment Act 1997 – Act No. 4 of 1997)

PAPER

Mr Speaker tabled the following paper—

Report on overseas trip to attend the 46th Parliamentary Seminar at Westminster, London

ELECTORATE OF KURWONGBAH – WRIT FOR BY–ELECTION

Mr Speaker informed the House that the dates in connection with the issue of the Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this House for the Electoral District of Kurwongbah would be as follows—

Issue of Writ – Monday, 28 April 1997
Cut off day for electoral rolls – Friday, 2 May 1997
Nomination Day – Tuesday, 6 May 1997
Polling Day – Saturday, 24 May 1997
Return of Writ – Monday, 30 June 1997

Paper: Mr Speaker tabled the following paper—

Writ for By–election for the Electoral District of Kurwongbah

PETITIONS

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

Mr Beanland, from 403 petitioners, requesting the House to invite the Minister for Police and Corrective Services to reconsider the decision to build a 24 hour police facility at Moggill Road and Vincent Street Indooroopilly.

Mr W Goss, from 895 petitioners, requesting the House to take immediate action to significantly improve the level of public transport services, including the local bus services and the provision of a Gold Coast rail link stop in Logan City so as to meet the public transport needs of local households and the fast growing region.

Mr W Goss, from 83 petitioners, praying that the House ensures a proper public transport system is made available for the City of Logan with essential improvement and planning for the 21st Century.

Ms Spence, from 81 petitioners, requesting the appointment of a representative committee to review the Criminal Code with a brief to consult widely and report back to the Government with a broad range of community views. The committee should include sexual assault counsellors, domestic violence workers, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, women from non-English speaking backgrounds and disability workers as well as lawyers and police, take into account recommendations contained within the submission “Rougher Than Usual Handling” by Zoe Rathus of the Women’s Legal Service, in any review of the Criminal Code and include in the Code amendments which affect women such as domestic violence, rape and statutory right to interpreters.
Mr L Stephan, from 242 petitioners, requesting the House to act quickly, through the newly formed Children’s Services department, to eliminate such heinous crimes as paedophilia, child pornography and child prostitution.

6 Papers tabled during the recess

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

27 March 1997—
Queensland Treasury Corporation – Half Yearly Report to 31 December 1996

2 April 1997—
Valuers Registration Board of Queensland – Annual Report 1996

8 April 1997—
Gladstone Area Water Board – Annual Report 1995–96
Late tabling statement from the Minister for Natural Resources regarding the 1995–96 annual report of the Gladstone Area Water Board

7 Statutory instruments

The following statutory instruments were tabled by The Clerk—

Auctioneers and Agents Act 1971—
Auctioneers and Agents Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 1997, No. 70

Coal Mining Act 1925—
Coal Mining (Underground Coal Mines General Rule) Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1997, No. 92

Community Services (Aborigines) Act 1984—
Community Services (Aborigines) Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1997, No. 82
Community Services Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1997, No. 68

Community Services (Torres Strait) Act 1984—
Community Services Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1997, No. 68

Education (General Provisions) Amendment Act 1996—
Proclamation – the provisions of the Act that are not in force commence 7 April 1997, No. 83

Education (Teacher Registration) Act 1988—
Education (Teacher Registration) Amendment By–law (No. 1) 1997, No. 84

Farm Produce Marketing Act 1964—
Farm Produce Marketing Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1997, No. 93

Fisheries Act 1994—
Fisheries Amendment Regulation (No. 4) 1997, No. 94

Gaming Machine Act 1991—
Gaming Machine Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1997, No. 75

Government Owned Corporations Act 1993—
Government Owned Corporations Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1997, No. 65
Government Owned Corporations (QGC1–3 and AEC) Regulation 1997, No. 67
Government Owned Corporations (Queensland Corrections) Regulation 1997, No. 66

Industrial Organisations Act 1997—
Proclamation – certain provisions of the Act commence 27 March 1997, No. 76

Indy Car Grand Prix Act 1990—
Indy Car Grand Prix Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 1997, No. 71

Justices Act 1886—
Traffic Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1997, No. 99

Juvenile Justice Act 1992—
Juvenile Justice Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 1997, No. 97

Juvenile Justice Legislation Amendment Act 1996—
Proclamation – the provisions of the Act that are not in force commence 2 April 1997, No. 69

Local Government Act 1993—
Local Government Finance Amendment Standard (No. 1) 1997, No. 79

Lotteries Act 1994—
Lotteries Amendment Rule (No. 2) 1997, No. 81
### Marine Parks Act 1982—
Marine Parks Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1997, No. 73

### Mines Regulation Act 1964—
Mines Regulation (Exemption) Order (No. 1) 1997, No. 89

### Motor Accident Insurance Act 1994—
Motor Accident Insurance Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1997, No. 90

### Nature Conservation Act 1992—
Nature Conservation (Protected Areas) Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 1997, No. 85

### Nursing Act 1992—
Nursing Amendment By-law (No. 2) 1997, No. 80

### Petroleum Act 1923—
Petroleum (Entry Permission—PGT Queensland Pty Limited) Notice 1997, No. 87

### Primary Producers' Organisation and Marketing Act 1926—
Primary Producers' (Levy on Cane Growers) Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1997, No. 74

### Public Trustee Act 1978—
Public Trustee (Fees and Charges Notice) (No. 1) 1997

### Retail Shop Leases Act 1994—
Retail Shop Leases Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1997, No. 72

### Revenue Laws (Reciprocal Powers) Act 1988—
Revenue Laws (Reciprocal Powers) Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1997, No. 86

### Sugar Industry Act 1991—
Sugar Industry (Mill Peak Adjustments) Amendment Guideline (No. 1) 1997, No. 88

### Superannuation (State Public Sector) Act 1990—
Superannuation (State Public Sector) Amendment of Deed Regulation (No. 2) 1997, No. 91

### Traffic Act 1949—
Traffic Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1997, No. 99

### Transport Infrastructure Act 1994—
Transport Infrastructure Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1997, No. 95

### Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994—
Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1997, No. 96

### Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994—
Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1997, No. 98

### Workplace Relations Act 1997—
Proclamation – certain provisions of the Act commence 27 March 1997, No. 77

Workplace Relations Regulation 1997, No. 78

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**8 Ministerial Responses to Petitions**

The following responses to petitions, received during the recess, were tabled by The Clerk—

(a) Response from the Minister for Local Government and Planning (Mrs McCauley) to petitions presented by (i) Mr Radke from 49 petitioners, regarding stormwater drainage and sewerage issues in the vicinity of Norman and Coorparoo Creeks, and (ii) Miss Simpson from 2,315 petitioners, regarding extensions to the Sunshine Plaza at Maroochydore; and

(b) Response from the Minister for Natural Resources (Mr Hobbs) to a petition presented by Mrs McCauley from 932 petitioners, regarding the possible development of a dam on the Dawson River and an expressed desire to limit development of the dam storage level to EL 172 metres Australian Height Datum.

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**9 Ministerial Responses to Parliamentary Committee Reports**

The Clerk tabled the following responses to parliamentary committee reports, received during the recess—

(a) Response from the Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Racing (Mr Cooper) to reports of the Select Committee on Travelsafe entitled
Queensland’s Road Toll: An Overview and Queensland’s Road Toll: Drink Driving (Part 1);

(b) Response from the Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for The Arts (Mrs Sheldon) to reports of the Public Accounts Committee entitled State Government Credit Cards – Striking the Balance Between Accountability and Efficiency and Review of the Tabling of Annual Reports 1995–96;

(c) Response from the Minister for Health (Mr Horan) to a report of the Public Accounts Committee entitled Review of the Tabling of Annual Reports 1995–96; and

(d) Response from the Minister for Public Works and Housing (Mr Connor) to a report of the Public Works Committee entitled Construction of the New Woodford Correctional Centre.

10 GOVERNMENT PAPERS

The following papers were tabled—

(a) Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for the Arts (Mrs Sheldon)—

  Government Response to the Parliamentary Travelsafe Committee Report on Queensland’s Road Toll: An Overview

(b) Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Mr Johnson)—

  The Fourth Variation Agreement to the Sunshine Motorway Agreement, dated 15 April 1997

(c) Minister for Environment (Mr Littleproud)—

  (A) A proposal requesting the Governor in Council to revoke by a Regulation the dedication of protected areas under the Nature Conservation Act 1992 of—

      (a) part of Chillagoe–Mungana Caves National Park, County of Lynd containing an area of about 290 hectares;

      (b) part of Eudlo Creek National Park, County of Canning containing an area of about 6,100 square metres;

      (c) part of Forty Mile Scrub National Park, County of Tate containing an area of about 20.1 hectares

      (d) two parts of Lumholtz National Park, Counties of Wairuna and Cardwell containing areas of 9,426 square metres and 1,472 square metres, respectively;

      (e) part of Mooloolah River National Park, County of Canning, containing an area of 6,759 hectares;

      (f) part of Noosa National Park, Counties of Canning and March containing an area of 10,399 hectares;

      (g) part of Coombabah Lake Conservation Park, County of Ward containing an area of 1,757 hectares;

      (h) parts of Police Paddock Conservation Park, County of March containing an area in total of 1,304 square metres;

      (i) part of Toohey Forest Conservation Park, County of Stanley containing an area of 856 square metres; and

  (B) A brief explanation of the proposal.

(d) Minister for Environment (Mr Littleproud)—

  (A) A proposal requesting the Governor in Council to revoke by a Regulation the setting apart and declaration as Marine Park under the Marine Parks Act 1982 of—
(a) the Moreton Bay Marine Park, as defined in the Marine Parks (Moreton Bay) Order 1993, being the area of tidal waters and tidal land, other than alienated tidal land, outlined in red and shaded in blue on Map MP2, Sheets 1 to 14;

(b) the Pumicestone Passage Marine Park, according to the instrument, made as an Order in Council and published in the Gazette on 1 February 1986 at page 426, being tidal lands exclusive of any alienated lands and tidal waters lying in Pumicestone Passage and associated waterways extending from Caloundra Bar in the north to a line adjoining Toorbul Point with the southern extremity of Bribie Island; and

(B) A brief explanation of the proposal.

11 MINISTERIAL NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Minister for Environment (Mr Littleproud), after the expiration of not less than 14 sitting days provided in the Nature Conservation Act 1992 to move—

(1) That this House request the Governor in Council to revoke by a Regulation the dedication as protected areas under the Nature Conservation Act 1992 of those areas specified in the documents previously tabled this day; and

(2) That Mr Speaker convey a copy of this Resolution to the Minister for submission to Her Excellency the Governor in Council.

(b) Minister for Environment (Mr Littleproud), after the expiration of not less than 14 sitting days provided in the Marine Parks Act 1982 to move—

(1) That this House request the Governor in Council to revoke by a Regulation the setting apart and declaration as Marine Park under the Marine Parks Act 1982 of those areas specified in the documents previously tabled this day; and

(2) That Mr Speaker convey a copy of this Resolution to the Minister for submission to Her Excellency the Governor in Council.

12 MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

(a) Premier (Mr Borbidge), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the swearing in of Major-General Peter Arnison as the next Governor of Queensland and thanked Mrs Leneen Forde for her service to the State during her term as Governor.

(b) Premier (Mr Borbidge), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the resignation of Mr Connor from the Cabinet and Executive Council, and the appointment of Dr Watson as Minister for Public Works and Housing and Member of the Executive Council and his cessation as Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for the Arts (Mrs Sheldon).

Paper: Mr Borbidge, during his statement, tabled the following paper—

Extraordinary Queensland Government Gazette dated 28 April 1997

(c) Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for the Arts (Mrs Sheldon), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to business confidence in Queensland including the relocation of Royal Dutch Shell headquarters from London and Melbourne.

(d) Attorney-General and Minister for Justice (Mr Beanland), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Government’s position concerning the ‘Model Criminal Code’.

(e) Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Racing (Mr Cooper), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating police numbers in Queensland.

(f) Minister for Economic Development and Trade and Minister Assisting the Premier (Mr Slack), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to initiatives to encourage business in rural Queensland through a trade and investment drive into China.
(g) Minister for Environment (Mr Littleproud), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the appointment of the Environment Protection Council of Queensland.

Paper: Mr Slack, during his statement, tabled the following paper—

(h) Minister for Training and Industrial Relations (Mr Santoro), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to enterprise bargaining in the Queensland Public Service.

(i) Minister for Emergency Services and Minister for Sport (Mr Veivers), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to Queensland as the location for overseas sporting teams preparing for the Sydney 2000 Olympics.

13 PERSONAL EXPLANATION
A personal explanation was made by Mr Connor concerning articles which had appeared in The Courier-Mail.

Paper: Mr Connor, during his speech, tabled the following papers—
Newspaper clippings and various documents relating to his explanation

14 SCRUTINY OF LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – PAPER
Chairman of the Scrutiny of Legislation Committee (Mr Elliott) tabled the following paper—
Scrutiny of Legislation Committee – Alert Digest No. 4 of 1997

15 PARLIAMENTARY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE – PAPER
Chairman of the Parliamentary Criminal Justice Committee (Mr Lester) tabled the following paper—
Criminal Justice Commission publication entitled “Assault in Queensland”

16 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE – PAPERS
Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee (Mr Harper) tabled the following paper—
Review of financial reporting requirements for Aboriginal Councils and Torres Strait Island Councils – Submissions (Volume 1) to the Commonwealth Parliament Joint Committee of Public Accounts/Queensland Parliament Public Accounts Committee

17 NOTICE OF MOTION

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

19 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE
Questions without notice were asked.

Paper: Minister for Tourism, Small Business and Industry (Mr Davidson) tabled the following paper—
Letter, dated 28 April 1997, from Witheriff Nyst, Solicitors relating to IndyCar Australia sponsorship agreement with Sunbelt Developments Pty Ltd

Questions continued.
Questions concluded.

20 GENERAL BUSINESS – MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST
The following Members addressed the House—
Leader of the Opposition (Mr Beattie), Messrs Connor, Elliott and McGrady, Ms Spence and Mrs Wilson
Papers: Leader of the Opposition (Mr Beattie), during his speech, tabled the following papers—
Documents relating to Labor’s $200m Community Jobs Plan

Debate continued.

Quorum: At 12.25pm, a quorum was formed.

Debate continued.

Debate concluded.

21 Ambulance Service Amendment Bill

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Emergency Services and Minister for Sport (Mr Veivers) – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put.

The House divided.

AYES, 43

Baumann  Beanland  Borbidge  Carroll  Connor  Cooper  Cunningham  Davidson  Elliott
FitzGerald  Gamin  Gilmore  Goss, J  Grice  Harper  Healy  Hegarty  Hobbs
Horan  Johnson  Laming  Lester  Lingard  Littleproud  Malone  Mitchell  Perrett
Quinn  Radke  Rowell  Santoro  Sheldon  Simpson  Slack  Springborg  Stephan
Stoneman  Tanti  Veivers  Warwick  Watson  Wilson  Woolmer

NOES, 42

Ardill  Barton  Beattie  Bird  Bligh  Braddy  Bredhauer  Briskey  Campbell
D'Arcy  De Lacy  Dollin  Edmond  Elder  Foley  Fouras  Gibbs  Goss, W
Hamill  Hayward  Hollis  Lucas  Mackenroth  McClelland  McGrady  Milliner  Mulherin
Nunn  Nuttall  Palaszczuk  Pearce  Purcell  Roberts*  Robertson  Rose  Schwarten
Smith  Spence  Sullivan, J  Sullivan, T*  Welford  Wells

Pair – Mrs McCauley (AYES) and Mr Livingstone (NOES)

*Tellers

Question agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Bill committed on the motion of Mr Veivers.

In the Chair – The Chairman

In Committee

Clause 5 (Insertion of new pt 2, divs 1 and 2 and div 3 heading)—

The following amendment was proposed by Minister for Emergency Services and Minister for Sport (Mr Veivers)—

At page 11, after line 12—

insert—

’(2A) Subsection (2)(d) does not apply to an appointed member who was a service officer at the time of being appointed as a member.’.

Debate ensued.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause 5, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 6 to 10 agreed to.

Clause 11 (Insertion of new pt 2, div 4)—

The following amendment was proposed by Mr Veivers—

At page 16, after line 23—

insert—

‘(ba) a department under the Financial Administration and Audit Act 1977; and’.
Debate ensued.
Amendment agreed to.
Clause 11, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses 12 to 16 agreed to.
Clause 17—
Debate ensued.
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 Bill, made progress, and
asked leave to sit again.
Ordered – That further consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole House be
made an order of the day for tomorrow.

22 NOTICE OF MOTION – RECOMMENDATIONS OF CJC INQUIRY INTO BASIL STAFFORD CENTRE

Ms Bligh, pursuant to notice, moved – That this Parliament calls on the Government to
implement all the recommendations of the CJC Stewart Inquiry into the Basil Stafford
Centre.

Specifically, the Parliament calls on the Government to—
• Work towards the complete closure of the Basil Stafford Centre by December 1998;
• Provide a range of alternative accommodation and support services to the current
residents of the Basil Stafford Centre which are at least equivalent to those being
offered to the residents of the Challinor Centre in light of its sale to the University of
Queensland;
• Implement legislative amendments to the Coroners Act as recommended by Justice
Stewart to assist in the prevention of abuse of people in the care of the Department
of Families, Youth and Community Care;
• Make adequate provision in the 1996/97 budget and the 1997/98 budget for the
full range of lifestyles, accommodation options and support services for residents of
the Basil Stafford Centre and their families as the Institution is phased out of
operation; and
• Make adequate provision in the 1996/97 budget and the 1997/98 budget to fund
an independent project to support the participation of family members of the
residents of Basil Stafford Centre in the closure process.

Debate ensued.
Paper: Mr Foley, during his speech, tabled the following paper—
Article from Queensland Times, dated 29 April 1997, concerning the relocation
of residents from the Challinor Centre

Debate continued.
The following amendment was proposed by Minister for Families, Youth and Community
Care (Mr Lingard)—

That all words after “to” in line one be omitted and the following words be inserted—
“note all the recommendations of the CJC Stewart Inquiry into the Basil Stafford
Centre. Specifically, that Parliament calls on the Government to—
• Work towards providing “choice” of accommodation for all residents of the Basil
Stafford Centre by December 1998.
• Provide a range of alternative accommodation and support services to the
current residents of the Basil Stafford Centre which are at least equivalent to
those being offered to the residents of the Challinor Centre in light of its sale to
the University of Queensland.
• Implement legislative amendments to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act and the Coroners Act as recommended by Justice Stewart to assist in the prevention of abuse of people in the care of the Department of Families, Youth and Community Care.

• Make adequate provision in the 1996/97 budget and the 1997/98 budget for the full range of lifestyles, accommodation options and support services for residents of the Basil Stafford Centre and their families.

• Make adequate provision in the 1996/97 budget and the 1997/98 budget to fund an independent project to support the participation of family members of the residents of Basil Stafford Centre in the process of implementing choice."

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

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Question negatived.

Question put – That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.

The House divided.

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Question agreed to.

Motion, as amended, agreed to.
23 **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at 7.32pm.

24 **ATTENDANCE**

The following Members were present—

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