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1 MEETING OF THE HOUSE
The House met at 9.30am pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Honourable R K Hollis) read prayers.

2 COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION – MEETING
Mr Speaker reported that the annual meeting of the Queensland Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association would be held in the Legislative Assembly Chamber at 1pm today.

3 DAILY TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE CLAIMS – ANNUAL REPORT
Mr Speaker tabled the following paper—
Daily Travelling Allowance Claims of Members of the Legislative Assembly – Annual Report for 1997–98

4 PETITIONS
The following petitions, lodged with The Clerk by the Members indicated, were received—
Mrs E Cunningham, from 288 petitioners, requesting the House to give the highest priority to bitumen sealing the section of road from Nagoorin to the bitumen sealed section on the Northern end of Monto Road.
Mr Hegarty, from 26 petitioners, requesting the Minister for Communications and Information and Minister for Local Government, Planning, Regional and Rural Communities to conduct a poll for an expression of opinion for the formation of a new Russell Island Shire Council as a matter of urgency.
Mr Hollis, from 3814 petitioners, requesting the House to act on the advice of the CJC to the Queensland Police Service and initiate a trial police beat project for the whole of the City of Redcliffe.
Dr Watson, from 318 petitioners, requesting the House to erect a preschool at Brookfield State School that meets the Government’s current regulations

5 MINISTERIAL PAPERS
The following papers were tabled—
Minister for Primary Industries (Mr Palaszczuk)—

6 MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS
(a) Premier (Mr Beattie), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to his recent overseas visit to the People’s Republic of China.

Papers: Mr Beattie, during his statement, tabled the following papers—
Report of the official visit by Mr Beattie to People’s Republic of China – October 13 to 16
Photos of visit

(b) Premier (Mr Beattie), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the global effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and Cabinet’s endorsement of the National Greenhouse Strategy.

(c) Treasurer (Mr Hamill), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Treasurer’s Annual Statement 1997–98.

Papers: Mr Hamill, during his statement, tabled the following papers—
Treasurer’s Annual Statement 1997–98

(d) Minister for Police and Corrective Services (Mr Barton), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating appointments to Queensland Corrective Services Commission.
(e) Minister for Education (Mr Wells), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to literacy and numeracy and the Queensland School Curriculum Council.

Papers: Mr Wells, during his statement, tabled the following papers—

(f) Minister for Public Works and Minister for Housing (Mr Schwarten), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the recovery of historic bricks.

(g) Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy and Minister for Women's Policy and Minister for Fair Trading (Ms Spence), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Jolly Frog car rental company and the Cairn Office of Fair Trading.

(h) Minister for Primary Industries (Mr Palaszczuk), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to supply chains.

7 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE – CITIZEN’S RIGHT–OF–REPLY

Leader of the House (Mr Mackenroth), by leave, moved—

(1) That this House notes Report No. 23 of the Members’ Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee and the recommendation of the Committee that a citizen’s right–of–reply be incorporated into Hansard.

(2) That the House adopt the Committee’s recommendation.

Question put and agreed to.

8 PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Leader of One Nation (Mr Feldman), by leave, made a personal explanation.

Paper: Mr Feldman, during his speech, tabled the following paper—
Letter, dated 12 October 1998, from Mr Feldman to the Minister for Police and Corrective Services (Mr Barton) relating to allegations raised by Mr Kosh against Mr Fegan

9 MATTER OF PRIVILEGE

Mr Davidson rose on a matter of privilege relating to the appointment of Ms Margaret O'Donnell to the position of Director–General, Department of Equity and Fair Trading and asked that the matter be brought to the attention of the Member’ Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee.

Paper: Mr Davidson, during his speech, tabled the following paper—
Extract from Queensland Government Gazette No. 118 relating to the appointment of Ms Margaret O'Donnell to the position of Director–General

10 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – PAPERS

Chairman of the Public Works Committee (Mr Roberts) tabled the following papers—

Public Works Committee—
Report 49 – The upgrading of the Townsville Correctional Centre
Report 50 – Construction of a hot fire training facility by the Queensland Fire And Rescue Authority

11 NOTICE OF MOTION

12 PRIVAT E MEMBERS’ STATEMENTS

Private Members’ statements were made.

13 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Questions without notice were asked.
Leader of the Opposition (Mr Borbidge) moved – That Minister for Employment, Training and Industrial Relations (Mr Braddy) table the paper referred to by him.

*Paper:* Mr Braddy tabled the following paper—

Notes of the Minister for Employment, Training and Industrial Relations

Questions continued.

14 **Matter of Privilege**

Leader of the Opposition (Mr Borbidge) rose on a matter of privilege relating to an answer in Question Time from the Minister for Employment, Training and Industrial Relations (Mr Braddy) and asked Mr Speaker to consider whether this matter should be referred to the Members' Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee.

Mr Speaker advised that he would confer with The Clerk and report back to the House.

15 **Questions without notice**

Questions without notice were asked.

16 **Matter of Privilege**

Minister for Mines and Energy and Minister Assisting the Deputy Premier on Regional Development (Mr McGrady) rose on a matter of privilege relating to MIGATE.

17 **Matter of Privilege**

Leader of the Opposition (Mr Borbidge) rose on a matter of privilege relating to comments by Minister for Mines and Energy and Minister Assisting the Deputy Premier on Regional Development (Mr McGrady) concerning MIGATE.

18 ** Appropriation (Parliament) Bill and Appropriation Bill**

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

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**In Committee**

*Appropriation Bill*—

The Chairman proposed – That the Report of Estimates Committee D be adopted.

Debate resumed.

*Paper:* Mr Rowell, during his speech, tabled the following paper—

Letter, dated 14 May 1998, from Mr Rowell to Mr R Goldup, Chairman, Queensland Livestock and Meat Authority relating to additional funds – Livestock and Meat Authority

Debate continued.

Question put and agreed to.

The Chairman proposed – That the Report of Estimates Committee E be adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question put and agreed to.

The Chairman proposed – That the Report of Estimates Committee F be adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question put and agreed to.

The Chairman proposed – That the Report of Estimates Committee G be adopted.

Debate ensued.

Clauses 1 to 5 agreed to

Schedules 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bills to be reported without amendment.

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**In the House**

Bills reported without amendment.

Treasurer (Mr Hamill), by leave, moved – That the Bills be now read a third time.
Bills read a third time and passed.
Titles agreed to.

19 TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2)
Minister for Transport and Minister for Main Roads (Mr Bredhauer), by leave, moved – That leave be granted to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend Acts administered by the Minister for Transport and Minister for Main Roads, and for other purposes.
Question put and agreed to.
Bill and Explanatory Notes presented by Mr Bredhauer, Bill read a first time and ordered to be printed.
Mr Bredhauer moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr Beanland moved – That the debate be now adjourned.
Question put and agreed to.
Ordered – That the resumption of the debate be made an order of the day for tomorrow.

20 MATTER OF PRIVILEGE
Deputy Leader of One Nation Party (Ms Pratt) rose on a matter of privilege suddenly arising relating to comments earlier today by the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy and Minister for Women's Policy and Minister for Fair Trading (Ms Spence) concerning Ms Pratt's participation in the Estimates Committees process.

21 BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY (PORTABLE LONG SERVICE LEAVE) AMENDMENT BILL
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Employment, Training and Industrial Relations (Mr Braddy) – That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate resumed.
Debate adjourned on the motion of Mr Slack.
Ordered – That the resumption of the debate be made an order of the day for tomorrow.

22 NOTICE OF MOTION – PRIVatisation OF TAB
Mr Healy, pursuant to notice, moved – That this House supports the privatisation of the Queensland TAB.
Debate ensued.
Papers: Mr Cooper, during his speech, tabled the following papers—
Various media releases regarding the privatisation of the Queensland TAB
Debate continued.
The following amendment was proposed by Mrs E Cunningham—
Delete all words after ‘That’, and insert the following—
‘given the importance of the racing industry of Queensland and particularly the implications of any change to the TAB to the racing industry, that the issue of privatisation requires a full and informed debate as part of a formal legislative process.’.

Debate ensued.
The following amendment to Mrs E Cunningham's amendment was proposed by Mr Nelson—
Add the following words after ‘process’—
‘and that all steps are taken to ensure that in the future no jobs – full time or part time – are lost in the corporatisation and privatisation process. Furthermore, that in any public float Queenslanders would have a controlling ownership of TABQ.’.
Debate ensued.
Question – That Mr Nelson's amendment to Mrs E Cunningham's amendment be agreed to – put and agreed to.
Question put – That Mrs Cunningham's amendment, as amended, be agreed to.
The House divided.
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NOES, 29

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Pairs – Messrs Briskey, D’Arcy, Elder and McGrady (AYES) and Messrs Malone, Rappolt and Rowell and Mrs Sheldon (NOES)
*Tellers

Question agreed to.
Question put – That Mr Healy’s motion, as amended, be agreed to.
The House divided.

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Question agreed to.

23 GRIEVANCE DEBATE

Grievances were debated.

Papers:  Mr Quinn, during his speech, tabled the following papers—
Two letters relating to the proposed outdoor courts facility at Coorparoo Secondary College

Grievances continued.
Grievances concluded.

24 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT

Leader of the House (Mr Mackenroth) moved – That the House at its rising do adjourn to a date and at a time to be fixed by Mr Speaker in consultation with the Government of the State.
Question put and passed.
25 ADJOURNMENT
Leader of the House (Mr Mackenroth) moved – That this House do now adjourn.
Question agreed to.
The House adjourned at 7.29pm.

26 ATTENDANCE
The following Members were present—

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R K HOLLIS
Speaker

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The Clerk of the Parliament