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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 BILLS**
Message No. 1 from the Governor was reported, informing the House that His Excellency the Governor had, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the following Bills on 12 March 1998—

A Bill for an Act to restrict the supply of tobacco products to children, and for other purposes (Tobacco Products (Prevention of Supply to Children) Act 1998 – Act No. 1 of 1998)

A Bill for an Act about the Central Queensland University (Central Queensland University Act 1998 – Act No. 2 of 1998)

A Bill for an Act about the Griffith University (Griffith University Act 1998 – Act No. 3 of 1998)

A Bill for an Act about the Queensland University of Technology (Queensland University of Technology Act 1998 – Act No. 4 of 1998)

A Bill for an Act about The University of Queensland (University of Queensland Act 1998 – Act No. 5 of 1998)

A Bill for an Act about the University of Southern Queensland (University of Southern Queensland Act 1998 – Act No. 6 of 1998)

A Bill for an Act to transfer the Eagle Farm racecourse lands to the Queensland Turf Club Ltd and for other purposes (Eagle Farm Racecourse Act 1998 – Act No. 7 of 1998)


A Bill for an Act to provide for the carrying out of agreements between Queensland and New South Wales for a project to bypass sand around the entrance of the Tweed River for the benefit of southern Gold Coast beaches and to improve the navigability of the entrance (Tweed River Entrance Sand Bypassing Project Agreement Act 1998 – Act No. 9 of 1998)

A Bill for an Act relating to exploration for, and the recovery of, minerals (other than petroleum) in the first 3 nautical miles of the territorial sea in relation to Queensland, and for related purposes (Offshore Minerals Act 1998 – Act No. 10 of 1998)

3 **STATEMENT BY SPEAKER – PHOTOGRAPHERS IN PARLIAMENTARY PRECINCT**
Mr Speaker made a statement advising the House that photographers will be in the Chamber and around the parliamentary precinct today, Wednesday, and Thursday of this week as part of a documentary produced by the Parliament for a Parliamentary School Resources Project.

4 **MATTER OF PRIVILEGE**
Mr Barton rose on a matter privilege relating to an answer to a question without notice on 5 March 1998 concerning payments to the Infrastructure Property Group associated with the development of the Surat Basin/Dawson Valley project when the Minister for Economic Development and Trade and Minister Assisting the Premier (Mr Slack) said he was quite prepared to table a document. As the document had not been tabled, Mr Barton requested that this matter be referred to the Members’ Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee, and said that he would put that request in writing.
5 Petitions
The following petitions, lodged with The Clerk by the Members indicated, were received—

Mrs Bird, from 299 petitioners, requesting the House to act immediately to establish a Royal Commission into paedophilia and sexual assault against children.

Mr Hamill, from 296 petitioners, requesting the House and the Minister for Health to restore the provision of Home Help services to those Ipswich residents who are experiencing hardship as a result of cuts to service provision and further increase the allocation of funds for the provision of such services in order that the needs of those requiring these services can be properly met.

Mr Lucas, from 1158 petitioners, requesting the House to call on the Police Minister, the Honourable T R Cooper MLA, to allocate sufficient police resources to the Wynnum Police District to bring its police to population ratio up to at least the average rate for the rest of Queensland and further, to ensure that at night there is a minimum of two uniformed police cars operating within the Wynnum District of the Wynnum Police District (ie Wynnum, Manly and Lota).

Mr Mitchell, from 1465 petitioners, requesting the House to consider the implementation of a program to upgrade and seal the Kennedy Development Road between Hughenden and The Lynd by 2007

Mrs Wilson, from 12 petitioners, requesting the House to uphold the public demand that there be no withholding from publication the names of perpetrators convicted of heinous crimes, regardless whosoever commits the crimes and regardless of the reason.

Mrs Wilson, from 2056 petitioners, requesting the House to investigate the Cairns City Council and their management of our water resources, including an investigation into the impact studies that were carried out prior to imposing drastic cuts. We respectfully request a fair water allocation and a reasonable excess charge, that suits our climate shifts from wet to dry.

Mrs Wilson, from 2344 petitioners, requesting the House to order a new inquest into the deaths of Vicki Serina Arnold and Julie–Anne Margaret Leahy, following the current re-investigation being carried out by Mr Carl Mengler and Mr Frank O’Gorman, appointed by the Police Minister, the Honourable Russell Cooper MLA.

6 Paper tabled during the recess
The Clerk informed the House that the following paper, received during the recess, was tabled on the date indicated—

9 March 1998—
Corrigendum to Travelsafe Committee Report No.22 – Compulsory BAC Testing

7 Statutory Instruments
The following statutory instruments were tabled by The Clerk—

Auctioneers and Agents Act 1971—
Auctioneers and Agents (Exemptions) Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 1998, No. 32
Auctioneers and Agents (Exemptions) Amendment Regulation (No. 3) 1998, No. 34

Business Names Act 1962—
Business Names Regulation 1998, No. 35

Justices Act 1886—
Motor Accident Insurance Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1998, No. 30

Lotteries Act 1997—
Lotteries Amendment Rule (No. 1) 1998, No. 38

Motor Accident Insurance Act 1994—
Motor Accident Insurance Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1998, No. 30

Nature Conservation Act 1992—
Nature Conservation Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 1998, No. 36
Nature Conservation (Protected Plants in Trade) Amendment Conservation Plan (No. 1) 1998, No. 37
Newstead House Trust Act 1939—
   Newstead House Board of Trustees (Appointment) Order 1998
State Financial Institutions and Metway Merger Facilitation Act 1996—
   State Financial Institutions and Metway Merger Facilitation Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 1998, No. 31
Sugar Industry Act 1991—
   Sugar Industry (Mill Peak Adjustments) Amendment Guideline (No. 1) 1998, No. 33

8 Ministerial responses to parliamentary committee reports
The following responses to parliamentary committee reports, received during the recess, were tabled by The Clerk—

(a) Interim response from the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Mr Johnson) to a report of the Public Works Committee entitled “Construction of a standard gauge rail line to Fisherman Islands”

(b) Interim response from the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Mr Johnson) to a report of the Travelsafe Committee entitled “Brisbane’s Citytrain Network – Part One – Safety of the Rail System and Infrastructure”

9 Government paper
The following paper was tabled—

Minister for Environment (Mr Littleproud)—
   South East Queensland Regional Air Quality Strategy (Draft strategy for managing air quality in South East Queensland)

10 Ministerial statements
(a) Premier (Mr Borbidge), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the signing of the historic Interim Forest Management Agreement.

(b) Premier (Mr Borbidge), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Brisbane Light Rail Project.

(c) Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for the Arts (Mrs Sheldon), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to her comments concerning the recent power failures in Queensland.

(d) Minister for Health (Mr Horan), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Statewide performance of Queensland Health with relation to waiting lists.

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

(f) Minister for Environment (Mr Littleproud), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the trial of a national pollutant inventory.

11 Scrutiny of Legislation Committee – Papers
Chairman of the Scrutiny of Legislation Committee (Mr Elliott) tabled the following papers—

Scrutiny of Legislation Committee—
   Alert Digest No. 2 of 1998
   Report on the Justice Legislation (Variation of Fees) Regulation 1997

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

Public Works Committee—
   Report No. 45 – The operations of Q-Build
   Report No. 46 – The construction of a replacement watchhouse and arrest courts in Brisbane
Mr Campbell tabled the following paper—
Report on study tour to Zimbabwe in February 1998

NOTICE OF MOTION

NOTICES OF MOTION – DISALLOWANCE OF STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ STATEMENTS

Private Members’ statements were made.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Questions without notice were asked.

Paper: Leader of the Opposition (Mr Beattie), during his speech, tabled the following paper—
Review of the Financial Position and Funding Options for the Queensland Fire and Rescue Authority

Questions continued.

Paper: Mr Wells, during his speech, tabled the following paper—
Letter from Gilshanon & Luton, Lawyers, to Mr K Cullen, SES Volunteer Support Unit

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GENERAL BUSINESS – MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST

The following Members addressed the House—
Leader of the Opposition (Mr Beattie), Deputy Leader of the Opposition (Mr Elder), Messrs Healy, Laming, Lester and Nunn

Papers: Mr Elder, during his speech, tabled the following papers—
Open letters to the Premier (Mr Borbidge) and the Minister for Economic Development and Trade and Minister Assisting the Premier (Mr Slack) from the business community of Bundaberg and District

Papers: Mr Laming, during his speech, tabled the following papers—
Graphs showing funded strength of the Police Service

Paper: Mr Nunn, during his speech, tabled the following paper—
Hervey Bay City Council – Stormwater Harvesting Pilot Scheme

MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

(a) Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Mr Johnson), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to progress on the upgrade of the Pacific Highway.

(b) Minister for Primary Industries, Fisheries and Forestry (Mr Rowell), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to Primary Industries Week.

SOUTH BANK CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL

Premier (Mr Borbidge), by leave, moved – That leave be granted to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the South Bank Corporation Act 1989.
Question put and agreed to.
Bill and Explanatory Notes presented by Mr Borbidge, Bill read a first time and ordered to be printed.
Mr Borbidge moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Leader of the Opposition (Mr Beattie) 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.

21 Trans–Tasman Mutual Recognition (Queensland) Bill
Premier (Mr Borbidge), by leave, moved – That leave be granted to bring in a Bill for an Act to adopt the Trans–Tasman Mutual Recognition Act 1997 (Cwlth) and for other purposes.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill and Explanatory Notes presented by Mr Borbidge, Bill read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Mr Borbidge moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Leader of the Opposition (Mr Beattie) 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.

22 Subcontractors’ Charges Amendment Bill
Minister for Public Works and Housing (Dr Watson), by leave, moved – That leave be granted to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the Subcontractors’ Charges Act 1974.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill and Explanatory Notes presented by Dr Watson, Bill read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Dr Watson moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr Mackenroth 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.

23 Police and Other Legislation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Racing (Mr Cooper) – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

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

Copy of an agreement, dated 23 September 1997, between SES Volunteer Support Unit Inc and Datafund Pty Ltd, ACN 075 574 864

Debate continued.

Debate adjourned on the motion of Mr Healy.

Ordered – That the resumption of the debate be made an order of the day for tomorrow.

24 Ministerial Statement
Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for the Arts (Mrs Sheldon), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to her comments in relation to power industry workers that she made earlier today and apologised to the workers of Swanbank, Tarong, Stanwell and Callide power stations.

25 Notice of Motion – Censure of the Treasurer
Leader of the Opposition (Mr Beattie), pursuant to notice, moved—

That this Parliament calls on the Treasurer to apologise to the workers at Swanbank, Tarong, Stanwell and Callide power stations for the untrue and baseless allegation that sabotage may have been responsible for Queensland’s power blackouts rather than the massive job cuts and lack of maintenance caused by the $850m she stole from the industry in her last Budget.

In view of Mrs Sheldon’s Ministerial Statement in which she apologised to power industry workers, Mr Beattie, by leave, amended his Notice of Motion as follows—

All words after ‘this’—

omit, insert—
"House censures the Treasurer for her untrue and baseless attack on Queensland's power workers.".

Debate ensued. Premier (Mr Borbidge) proposed the following amendment—

All words after 'House'—

*omit, insert*

"notes comments made in two Ministerial Statements earlier today by the Deputy Premier and Treasurer in relation to her withdrawing statements on the issue and her apologies to the workers involved."

Debate ensued. Papers: Mr Hamill, during his speech, tabled the following papers—

List of outstanding jobs and a copy of a work request at Swanbank Power Station

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

The House divided.

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Pairs – Mr McGrady (AYES) and Mr Quinn (NOES)

"Tellers" The numbers being equal, Mr Speaker case his vote with the 'NOES'. Question negatived. Question put – That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.

The House divided.

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Pairs – Mr Quinn (AYES) and Mr McGrady (NOES)

"Tellers" The numbers being equal, Mr Speaker case his vote with the 'AYES'. Question agreed to.
Question put – That the motion, as amended, be agreed to.
The House divided.

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Stoneham
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* Tellers

The numbers being equal, Mr Speaker case his vote with the ‘AYES’.
Question agreed to.

26 ADOJNMENT

Leader of Government Business (Mr FitzGerald) moved – That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question agreed to.
The House adjourned at 7.30pm.

27 ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present—

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