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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 SCRUTINY OF LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – VACANCY

Mr Speaker reported that a vacancy existed in the Scrutiny of Legislation Committee consequent upon the resignation of Dr John Alan Kingston from that Committee.

3 SCRUTINY OF LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP

Leader of the House (Mr Mackenroth), by leave, moved – That Mr William Patrick Feldman, be appointed to the Scrutiny of Legislation Committee in place of Dr John Alan Kingston. Question put and agreed to.

4 PETITIONS

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

Mr Baumann, from 3,644 petitioners, requesting the House to authorise the installation of directional and advisory signage to Sanctuary Cove/Hope Island from north and south bound traffic on the Pacific Highway.

Mr Cooper, from 794 petitioners, requesting the House establish a 24 hour manned police station in the residential area of Highfields and servicing the rural and residential areas of Meringandan, Meringandan West, Kingsthorpe, Gowrie Junction, Cabarlah Hampton, Blue Mountain Heights and Geham areas.

Mr Dalgleish, from 247 petitioners, requesting the House to review its control over the 4WD Hire Industry to make this industry more accountable to ensure the safety of the drivers hiring these vehicles as well as the safety of other road users.

5 MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

- (a) Premier (Mr Beattie), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to an official visit to the United States from 20 to 31 March 2000.

Paper: Mr Beattie, during his statement, tabled the following paper—
Report on visit to United States from 20 to 31 March 2000, together with attachments and supporting documents

- (b) Premier (Mr Beattie), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to an official visit to Indonesia from 4 to 7 April 2000.

Paper: Mr Beattie, during his statement, tabled the following paper—
Report on visit to Indonesia from 4 to 7 April 2000, together with attachments and supporting documents

- (c) Minister for Communication and Information, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Sport (Mr Mackenroth), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the sale of Queensland Raceway, Willowbank.

- (d) Minister for Employment, Training and Industrial Relations (Mr Braddy), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Building and Construction Industry Workplace Health and Safety Taskforce.

Papers: Mr Braddy, during his statement, tabled the following paper—
Issues Paper entitled "Housing industry workplace health and safety"
Issues Paper entitled "Construction industry workplace health and safety"

- (e) Minister for Mines and Energy and Minister Assisting the Deputy Premier on Regional Development (Mr McGrady), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Mount Isa Mining Expo.

- (f) Minister for Transport and Minister for Main Roads (Mr Bredhauer), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the wildcat strike by rail workers on 13 April 2000.

Paper: Mr Bredhauer, during his statement, tabled the following paper—
Memorandum, dated 31 March 2000, to Mt Isa Line Traincrew

- (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 Korrawinga Aboriginal Corporation, Hervey Bay.
- (h) Minister for Tourism and Racing (Mrs Rose), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to National Competition Policy Review of the *Racing and Betting Act 1980*.

6 PARLIAMENTARY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE – PAPERS

Chairman of the Parliamentary Criminal Justice Committee (Mr Lucas) tabled the following papers—

Criminal Justice Commission—

Prisoner Numbers in Queensland – An examination of population trends in Queensland's correctional institutions – Report and Summary

7 NOTICE OF MOTION

8 PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Private Members' statements were made.

9 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Questions without notice were asked.

Papers: Mr Beattie tabled the following papers—

Various documents, including newspaper extracts, concerning vegetation management

Questions continued.

Questions concluded.

10 QUEENSLAND COMPETITION AUTHORITY AMENDMENT BILL

Treasurer (Mr Hamill), by leave, moved – That leave be granted to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997*.

Question put and agreed to.

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

Mr Hamill 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.

11 TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT BILL

Minister for Employment, Training and Industrial Relations (Mr Braddy), by leave, moved – That leave be granted to bring in a Bill for an Act to provide for training and employment, and for other purposes.

Question put and agreed to.

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

Mr Braddy 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.

12 MINING AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

Minister for Mines and Energy and Minister Assisting the Deputy Premier on Regional Development (Mr McGrady), by leave, moved – That leave be granted to bring in a Bill for

an Act to amend certain Acts administered by the Minister for Mines and Energy and Minister Assisting the Deputy Premier on Regional Development.

Question put and agreed to.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Mr Seeney 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.

13 ELECTRICITY AMENDMENT BILL

Minister for Mines and Energy and Minister Assisting the Deputy Premier on Regional Development (Mr McGrady), by leave, moved – That leave be granted to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend the *Electricity Act 1994*.

Question put and agreed to.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Mr Seeney 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.

14 EQUITY AND FAIR TRADING (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL

Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy and Minister for Women's Policy and Minister for Fair Trading (Ms Spence), by leave, moved – That leave be granted to bring in a Bill for an Act to amend Acts administered by the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy and Minister for Women's Policy and Minister for Fair Trading.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill and Explanatory Notes presented by Ms Spence, Bill read a first time and *ordered* to be printed.

Ms Spence 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.

15 SUGAR INDUSTRY AMENDMENT BILL

Minister for Primary Industries and Rural Communities (Mr Palaszczuk), by leave, moved – That leave be granted to bring in a Bill for an act to amend the *Sugar Industry Act 1999*, and for other purposes.

Question put and agreed to.

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

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

Debate ensued.

Mr Rowell 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.

16 POSTPONED ORDER – GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for The Arts (Mr Foley) moved – That Government Business Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until a later hour of the sitting.

Question put and agreed to.

17 CIVIL JUSTICE REFORM AMENDMENT BILL

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for The Arts (Mr Foley) – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Bill committed on the motion of Mr Foley.

In Committee

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

In the House

Bill reported without amendment.

Mr Foley, by leave, moved – That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Title agreed to.

18 CORPORATIONS (QUEENSLAND) AMENDMENT BILL

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for The Arts (Mr Foley) – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Bill committed on the motion of Mr Foley.

In Committee

Clauses 1 to 10 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

In the House

Bill reported without amendment.

Mr Foley, by leave, moved – That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Title agreed to.

19 STATE HOUSING AMENDMENT BILL

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Public Works and Minister for Housing (Mr Schwarten) – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Papers: Mr Schwarten, during his speech, tabled the following papers—
Issues arising from debate – Answers to questions raised by the Opposition Spokesperson
Issues arising from debate – Answers to questions raised by the Member for Nerang

Debate continued.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Bill committed on the motion of Mr Schwarten.

In Committee

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Clause 4 (*Amendment of s 4 (Definitions)*)—

The following amendments were proposed by Mr Swarten—

At page 4, line 11, 'means the standard fixed interest rate'—

omit, insert—

'for a period, means the standard fixed interest rate for the period'.

At page 4, line 14, after 'rate'—

insert—

'for a period'.

Debate ensued.

Question – That Mr Swarten's amendments be agreed to – put and agreed to.

Clause 4, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 5 and 6 agreed to.

Clause 7 (*Insertion of new ss 32AA and 32AB*)—

The following amendments were proposed by Mr Swarten—

At page 6, line 1, after 'fixed interest rate'—

insert—

'for a period'.

At page 6, line 26, 'rate'—

omit, insert—

'interest rate for a 1 year period'.

At page 6, line 29 and page 7, lines 3, 4, 6 and 9, 'variable rate'—

omit, insert—

'variable interest rate'.

Debate ensued.

Question – That Mr Swarten's amendments be agreed to – put and agreed to.

Clause 7, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 8 agreed to.

Bill to be reported with amendments.

In the House

Bill reported with amendments.

Ordered – That the Bill, as amended, be taken into consideration.

Mr Swarten, by leave, moved – That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Title agreed to.

20 MENTAL HEALTH BILL

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Health (Mrs Edmond) – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned on the motion of Miss Simpson.

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

21 NOTICE OF MOTION – QUEENSLAND RAIL STRIKE

Mr Johnson, pursuant to notice, moved – That this Parliament censures the Beattie Government and the Minister for Transport and Main Roads over their inept handling of industrial relations matters within Queensland Rail.

Debate ensued.

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

Letter from AMWU Delegates, Rockhampton Workshops, Queensland Rail to the Premier (Mr Beattie) and Dave Harrison, AMWU State Secretary

Letters regarding Driver Only Operation (DOO) on the Townsville to Mt Isa rail corridor

Debate continued.

The following amendment was proposed by Minister for Transport and Minister for Main Roads (Mr Bredhauer)—

Delete all words after ‘Parliament’ and insert the following—

‘commends the Beattie Government for the steps it has taken to ensure that QR remains a viable, efficient, publicly owned railway into the 21st century, providing secure and rewarding employment for thousands of workers throughout Queensland.’.

Debate ensued.

Paper: Mr Bredhauer, during his speech, tabled the following paper—
Transcript, dated 13 April 2000, of proceedings of the Industrial Relations Commission relating to the rail strike

Debate continued.

Paper: Mr Braddy, during his speech, tabled the following paper—
Extract from the *Workplace Relations Act 1997*

Debate continued.

Question put – That Mr Bredhauer’s amendment be agreed to.

The House divided.

AYES, 42

Attwood	Cunningham, J	Lavarch	Nuttall	Struthers
Barton	Edmond	Lucas	Palaszczyk	Sullivan*
Beattie	Elder	Mackenroth	Purcell*	Welford
Bligh	Fenlon	McGrady	Reeves	Wellington
Boyle	Foley	Mickel	Roberts	Wells
Braddy	Fouras	Miller	Robertson	Wilson
Bredhauer	Hamill	Mulherin	Rose	
Briskey	Hayward	Musgrove	Schwarten	
Clark	Kaiser	Nelson–Carr	Spence	

NOES, 35

Baumann*	Feldman	Horan	Malone	Seeney
Beanland	Gamin	Johnson	Nelson	Simpson
Connor	Goss	Knuth	Paff	Slack
Cooper	Grice	Laming	Prenzler	Springborg
Dalglish	Healy	Lester	Quinn	Stephan
Davidson	Hegarty*	Lingard	Rowell	Turner
Elliott	Hobbs	Littleproud	Santoro	Veivers

Pairs – Messrs Pearce, Pitt and Reynolds (AYES) and Messrs Borbidge and Kingston and Dr Watson (NOES)

**Tellers*

Question agreed to.

Question put – That the motion, as amended, be agreed to.

The House divided.

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Pairs – Messrs Pearce, Pitt and Reynolds (AYES) and Messrs Borbidge and Kingston and Dr Watson (NOES)

**Tellers*

Question agreed to.

22 GRIEVANCE DEBATE

Grievances were debated.

Papers: Mrs E Cunningham, by leave, during her speech, tabled the following papers—
Copy of a petition and two photographs relating to the need for an adequate area for school assemblies at Tannum Sands State High School

Debate continued.

Paper: Mr Feldman, by leave, during his speech, tabled the following paper—
Extract from *The Bulletin* dated 18 January 2000
Book by Scott Balson entitled "Enemy of the State"

Debate concluded.

Debate concluded.

23 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT

Leader of the House (Mr Mackenroth) moved – That the House at its rising, do adjourn until 2.30pm on Tuesday 16 May, 2000 and that the Order of Business for that day be as follows—

2.30 – 3.30pm—

Prayers
Messages from the Governor
Matters of Privilege
Speaker's Statements
Motions of Condolence
Petitions
Notification and tabling of papers by The Clerk
Ministerial Papers
Ministerial Notices of Motion
Government Business Notices of Motion
Ministerial Statements
Any other Government Business
Personal Explanations
Reports
Notices of Motion for debate from 6pm to 7pm
Private Members' Bills
Private Members' Statements

3.30 – 4.30pm—

Question Time

4.30 – 5.30pm—

Matters of Public Interest

5.30 – 6pm—

Government Business

6 – 7pm—

Private Members' Motions

7– 7.30pm—

Adjournment Debate

Mr Mackenroth also reminded Members that at 7.35pm on that evening, the House would be conducting the election for a Member to fill the vacancy in the Senate of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Question put and agreed to.

24 ADJOURNMENT

Leader of the House (Mr Mackenroth) moved – That this House do now adjourn.

Question agreed to.

The House adjourned at 7.31pm.

25 ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present—

Attwood	Edmond	Kaiser	Nelson–Carr	Seeney
Barton	Elder	Kingston	Nuttall	Sheldon
Baumann	Elliott	Knuth	Paff	Simpson
Beanland	Feldman	Laming	Palaszczuk	Slack
Beattie	Fenlon	Lavarch	Pearce	Spence
Bligh	Foley	Lester	Pitt	Springborg
Borbidge	Fouras	Lingard	Pratt	Stephan
Boyle	Gamin	Littleproud	Prenzier	Struthers
Braddy	Goss	Lucas	Purcell	Sullivan
Bredhauer	Grice	Mackenroth	Quinn	Turner
Briskey	Hamill	Malone	Reeves	Veivers
Connor	Hayward	McGrady	Roberts	Welford
Cooper	Healy	Mickel	Robertson	Wellington
Cunningham, E	Hegarty	Miller	Rose	Wells
Cunningham, J	Hobbs	Mulherin	Rowell	Wilson
Dalglish	Horan	Musgrove	Santoro	
Davidson	Johnson	Nelson	Schwarten	

R K HOLLIS
Speaker

R D DOYLE
The Clerk of the Parliament