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## **TUESDAY, 30 MAY 2000**

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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 ASSENT TO BILLS

Letter 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 26 May 2000—

A Bill for an Act to encourage and help home ownership, and to offset the effect of the GST on home ownership, by establishing a scheme for the payment of grants to first home owners (*First Home Owner Grant Act 2000* – Act No. 14 of 2000)

A Bill for an Act to amend the Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997 (Queensland Competition Authority Amendment Act 2000 – Act No. 15 of 2000)

#### 3 STATEMENT BY SPEAKER - USE OF LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY CREST

Mr Speaker made the following statement—

'Honourable Members will recall that the Members' Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee, in its Report No. 25, reported on a matter of privilege arising from the unauthorised use of the Assembly's crest. The committee recommended that as Speaker I develop and publish guidelines for the use of the crest and other official emblems of the House

I wish to advise the House that I have agreed to the following guidelines for the use of the Legislative Assembly Crest.

- (1) The Legislative Assembly's crest, emblems and other insignia may be used for—
  - letterhead, business cards and other stationery by Members, committees and staff of the Parliamentary Service;
  - advertisements by Members relating to their constituency role, and by committees of the Parliament;
  - internet websites maintained by Members to aid in the discharge of their constituency role:
  - committee reports and papers, publications by the Parliamentary Library and other parliamentary publications; and
  - any other purpose approved by the Speaker.
- (2) The Legislative Assembly's crest, emblems and other insignia of the Parliament must not be used—
  - where there is a risk that their use might wrongly be regarded or represented as having the authority of the Legislative Assembly;
  - for overtly political purposes, including political advertising; or
  - for any other purpose which may have the effect of bringing the House into odium, contempt or ridicule, or which may compromise the integrity of the Parliament.

A copy of the guidelines will be forwarded to all Members and their electorate offices.'.

### 4 PETITIONS

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

Mrs Lavarch, from 271 petitioners, requesting the House to urgently address the difficulty experienced by Queensland Rail users in accessing the Strathpine Railway Station by requesting Queensland Rail to install lifts.

Mr Nuttall, from 431 petitioners, requesting the House to return the Shorncliffe Community Railway Depot to its former status due to no sound economic reasons for its closure as this depot provides a substantial part of the local community's public transport needs.

Miss Simpson, from 483 petitioners, requesting the House to urge the Minister for Health to approve the provision of radiation therapy services at Nambour General Hospital and to immediately provide these specialist consultations on the Sunshine Coast.

### 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—

24 May 2000-

CANEGROWERS (Queensland Cane Growers' Council) – Annual Report and Financial Report 1 January 1999 to 21 January 2000

Queensland Pork Producers' Organisation – Annual Report 1 January 1999 to 21 January 2000

29 May 2000—

Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee – additional non confidential submissions received in relation to its review of Queensland's *Freedom of Information Act 1992* 

#### 6 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

The following statutory instruments were tabled by The Clerk—

Brisbane Forest Park Act 1977—

Brisbane Forest Park Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2000, No. 96

Fisheries Act 1994—

Fisheries (Freshwater) Management Amendment Plan (No. 1) 2000, No. 97

Government Owned Corporations Act 1993-

Government Owned Corporations Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2000, No. 91

Health Services Act 1991—

Health Services Amendment Regulation (No. 3) 2000, No. 88

Podiatrists Act 1969-

Podiatrists Amendment By-law (No. 1) 2000, No. 92

Queensland Building Services Authority Act 1991—

Queensland Building Services Authority Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2000, No. 95 Speech Pathologists Act 1979—

Speech Pathologists Amendment By-law (No. 1) 2000, No. 93

Tow Truck Act 1973, Traffic Act 1949, Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994, Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994, and Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995—

Transport Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2000, No. 89

Transport Infrastructure Act 1994—

Transport Infrastructure Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2000, No. 94

Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995—

Transport Operations (Road Use Management–Vehicle Registration) Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2000, No. 90

#### 7 MINISTERIAL PAPER

The following paper was tabled—

Treasurer (Mr Hamill)—

Report by Motor Accident Insurance Commission, dated 20 March 2000, entitled "Motor Accident Insurance Act 1994 – Compulsory Third Party Premiums – 1 July 2000" and attachments

#### 8 MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

(a) Premier (Mr Beattie), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Government's energy strategy and the Cape York Partnership Plan.

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

Document entitled "Queensland Energy policy – A cleaner energy strategy" Press releases by Queensland Government entitled "Beattie releases Energy Policy to generate jobs, economic growth" and "Energy strategy

will provide platform for diversified industry"

Queensland Government document entitled "Cape York Partnerships -

Some practical ideas"

(b) Premier (Mr Beattie), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to CJC investigations.

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

Letter, dated 26 May 2000, from the Chairman, Criminal Justice Commission, to the Premier relating to a complaint of assault against Honourable Robert Schwarten, MLA

Media release from Criminal Justice Commission, dated 26 May 2000,

entitled "CJC re-examines Lawrence matter"

(c) Premier (Mr Beattie), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the military coup in Fiji and moved – That the statement be noted by the House.

Question put and agreed to.

Leader of the Opposition (Mr Borbidge) spoke in reply.

- (d) Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development and Minister for Trade (Mr Elder), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the development of the Australian TradeCoast precinct.
- (e) Minister for Communication and Information, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Sport (Mr Mackenroth), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to planning and development of land on Russell, Lamb, Karragara and Macleay Islands.
- (f) Treasurer (Mr Hamill), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Fuel Subsidy Scheme.
- (g) 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 investigation into the death of Dominique Baxendell as the result of a tragic fireworks accident.
- (h) Minister for Education (Mr Wells), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the teachers' pay offer.
- (i) Minister for Families, Youth and Community Care and Minister for Disability Services (Ms Bligh), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the report of an inquiry into the Children's Commission and other websites and material available on the internet

Paper: Ms Bligh, during her statement, tabled the following paper—

Report from Children's Commission of Queensland, dated May 2000, to Minister for Families, Youth and Community Care and Minister for Disability Services, The Honourable Anna Bligh MLA, entitled "Link from the Children's Commission Website to Objectionable Material on the Internet"

#### 9 Public Works Committee - Papers

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

Public Works Committee-

Report No. 65 – Building Refurbishment at the Gold Coast Institute of TAFE (Southport Campus)

Report No. 66 - The Norman River Bridge

#### 10 SCRUTINY OF LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - PAPER

Chairman of the Scrutiny of Legislation Committee (Mrs Lavarch) tabled the following paper—

Scrutiny of Legislation Committee—
Alert Digest No. 6 of 2000

Ordered to be printed.

#### 11 NOTICE OF MOTION

#### 12 PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Private Members' statements were made.

#### 13 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Questions without notice were asked.

Paper: Minister for Primary Indus

Minister for Primary Industries and Rural Communities (Mr Palaszczuk) tabled the following paper—

Memorandum of Advice, dated 29 May 2000, from Mr P A Keane, QC, Solicitor-General entitled "Dairy Industry Deregulation - s.92 of the

Commonwealth Constitution"

Questions continued. Questions concluded.

#### 14 GENERAL BUSINESS - MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST

Matters of public interest were debated.

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

Copy of Question on Notice No. 462 and answer, together with various items of

correspondence and documents relating to police numbers in Nerang

Debate continued.

Paper: Dr Prenzler, during his speech, tabled the following paper—

Report, dated March 2000, by Eli Matthew Tamou, Community Services for Senior Citizens and People with Disabilities in Rural Communities entitled "Specific Issues and Barriers to the effective dissemination of information"

Debate continued.

Debate concluded.

Distinguished visitors: The Deputy Speaker (Mr Reeves) informed the House of the presence in the Gallery of Mr Mike Johanns, Governor of the State of Nebraska, Mrs Johanns and delegation members.

#### 15 MENTAL HEALTH BILL

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

#### In Committee

Clause 221 (Tribunal may make notification order)—

The following amendment was proposed by Miss Simpson—

At page 133, after line 7—

insert—

- '(f) the unlawful absence of the patient from the patient's treating health service;
- (g) the patient's absence from the patient's treating health service under the director's approval under section 186;
- (h) the patient's death.'.

Debate ensued.

Ordered – To report progress and ask leave to sit again.

### In the House

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 a later hour of the sitting.

## 16 STATEMENT BY SPEAKER - GUESTS TO BE ACCOMPANIED WITHIN PARLIAMENTARY PRECINCTS;

'Firstly, it has been brought to my attention that today, Members have signed in guests who have wandered unaccompanied within the Precinct. All Members are reminded of their duty to accompany their guests while here. This responsibility is important for the security of Members and protection of property.

Further, I must report to the House on an incident that occurred within the parliamentary precincts earlier today.

It has been brought to my attention that the Members for Barambah and Tablelands were responsible for deliberately pouring out a full can of milk at the Main Door of our Parliament House.

Members enjoy many privileges in this place and they do so as elected representatives, but also because they respect their colleagues and the institution of the Parliament.

As the protector of this House and the institution it represents, I will not be satisfied until this matter is dealt with seriously.'.

# 17 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE - REFERRAL TO MEMBERS' ETHICS AND PARLIAMENTARY PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE

Leader of the House (Mr Mackenroth), by leave, moved – That the unacceptable actions today of the Members for Tablelands and Barambah be referred to the Members' Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee for consideration and report back to the Parliament by Thursday morning, 1 June.

Question put and agreed to.

#### 18 MATTER OF PRIVILEGE

Mr Nelson rose on a matter of privilege and made the following statement—

'I rise on a matter of privilege. Today I received notification that I am being banned from attending a trade union meeting on the Atherton Tableland in my capacity as the member for Tablelands. I am not being allowed to go to the union meeting to be held at the correctional centre at Lotus Glen. I am being barred from doing this by the Department of Corrective Services. I find that this is in direct breach of my privileges as a member of this House.

I have an invitation from the trade union to attend that meeting and I have been banned from doing so by the Department of Corrective Services. If a member of Parliament cannot attend a meeting within his own electorate because of departmental wrangling, I find that to be a grave matter of privilege and I ask that it be referred to the Members' Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee.'.

#### 19 MENTAL HEALTH BILL

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

In Committee

Clause 221 (*Tribunal may make notification order*)—
The following amendment was proposed by Miss Simpson—
At page 133, after line 7—

insert-

- '(f) the unlawful absence of the patient from the patient's treating health service:
- the patient's absence from the patient's treating health service under the (a) director's approval under section 186:
- the patient's death.'. (h)

Debate ensued.

Question put – That Miss Simpson's amendment be agreed to.

The Committee divided

#### AYES, 43

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

Pairs - Mr Mitchell (AYES) and Mr Mulherin (NOES)

Rose

Schwarten

The numbers being equal, The Chairman cast his vote with the 'NOES'. Question negatived.

Clause 221, as read, agreed to.

Clauses 222 to 287 agreed to.

Clause 288 (Mental Health Court may make forensic order)—

The following amendment was proposed by Miss Simpson—

At page 162, after line 17—

Kaiser

insert—

Clark

'(4A) A forensic order (Mental Health Court) may state a minimum period for the patient's detention in an authorised mental health service under the order.'.

Debate ensued.

Briskey Clark

Question put – That Miss Simpson's amendment be agreed to.

The Committee divided

#### AYES 41

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Baumann* Beanland Black Borbidge Connor Cooper Cunningham, E Datgleish Davidson	Elliott Feldman Gamin Goss Grice Hegarty* Hobbs Johnson Kingston	Knuth Laming Lester Lingard Littleproud Malone Nelson Paff Pratt	Prenzler Quinn Rowell Santoro Seeney Sheldon Simpson Slack Springborg	Stephan Turner Veivers Wellington Watson
		NOES, 41		
Attwood Barton Beattie Bligh Boyle Braddy Bredhauer	Cunningham, J Edmond Elder Fenlon Foley Hamill Hayward	Lucas Mackenroth McGrady Mickel Miller Musgrove Nelson–Carr	Pearce Pitt Purcell* Reeves Reynolds Roberts Robertson	Spence Struthers Sullivan* Welford Wilson

Palaszczuk Pairs - Messrs Healy, Horan and Mitchell (AYES) and Messrs Hollis, Mulherin and Wells (NOES) The numbers being equal. The Chairman cast his vote with the 'NOES'.

Question negatived.

Clause 288, as read, agreed to.

Clauses 289 to 301 agreed to.

Clause 302 (Minister may make forensic order for persons subject to custody order)—

The following amendment was proposed by Miss Simpson—

At page 167, after line 17—

insert—

'(2A) In deciding whether to make a forensic order (Minister) for the person, the Minister must have regard to the seriousness of the offence with which the person is charged and the protection of the community.'.

Debate ensued.

Question – That Miss Simpson's amendment be agreed to – put and negatived.

Clause 302, as read, agreed to.

Clauses 303 to 332 agreed to.

Clause 333 (Hearing procedures)—

The following amendment was proposed by Miss Simpson—

At page 177, after line 21—insert—

'(3) The court must receive in evidence the patient's clinical file.'.

Debate ensued.

Question – That Miss Simpson's amendment be agreed to – put and negatived.

Clause 333, as read, agreed to.

Clauses 334 to 451 agreed to.

Clause 452 (Right of appearance—application for approval for patient to move out of Queensland)—

The following amendments were proposed by Mrs Edmond—

At page 225, after line 27—

insert-

'(c) for an application for a forensic patient—the Attorney-General.'.

At page 226, lines 1 and 2-

omit, insert—

'(2) A person mentioned in subsection (1) may be represented at the hearing by a lawyer or, with the leave of the tribunal, an agent.'.

Debate ensued.

Question – That Mrs Edmond's amendments be agreed to – put and agreed to.

Clause 452, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 453 to 458 agreed to.

Clause 459 (Hearing procedures)—

The following amendment was proposed by Miss Simpson—

At page 229, after line 12—

insert-

'(aa) must receive in evidence the patient's clinical file; and'.

Debate ensued.

Question – That Miss Simpson's amendment be agreed to – put and negatived.

Clause 459, as read, agreed to.

Clauses 460 to 590 agreed to.

Schedules 1 and 2 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.

Mrs Edmond, 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 SUGAR INDUSTRY AMENDMENT BILL

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Primary Industries and Rural Communities (Mr Palaszczuk) – That the Bill be now read a second time

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned on the motion of Mr Mackenroth.

Ordered – That the resumption of the debate be made an order of the day for a later hour of the sitting.

# 21 Members' Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee - Temporary Change in Membership

Leader of the House (Mr Mackenroth), by leave, moved – That the Member for Maryborough (Dr Kingston), replace the Member for Tablelands (Mr Nelson) as a member of the Members' Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee for the consideration of the matter referred to the Committee on 30 May 2000.

Question put and agreed to.

#### 22 SUGAR INDUSTRY AMENDMENT BILL

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Primary Industries and Rural Communities (Mr Palaszczuk) – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed.

Debate adjourned on the motion of Mr Hayward.

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

#### 23 NOTICE OF MOTION - ELECTRICITY PRICE INCREASE

Mr Seeney, pursuant to notice, moved – That this House calls on the Beattie Labor Government to abandon its announced 3% increase in the retail price of electricity because of a 37% decline in the average wholesale price so far this financial year and expresses concern at the raids by this Government on electricity industry profits which now threaten the future of the State owned generators.

The following amendment was proposed by Minister for Mines and Energy and Minister Assisting the Deputy Premier on Regional Development (Mr McGrady)—

Omit all words after 'House' and insert the following-

'congratulate the Beattie Labor Government on its cleaner energy policy which will provide balanced development of the energy industry in Queensland; ensure an ongoing supply of competitively priced electricity for the people of Queensland; contribute to the reduction of greenhouse emissions; and provide a base load power station in the north of the State.'.

Debate ensued. Question put.

Debate ensued.

The House divided.

#### AYES, 41

Attwood Barton Beattie Bligh Boyle Braddy Bredhauer Briskey Clark Cunningham, J Edmond Elder Fenlon Foley Hamill Hayward Kaiser Lavarch

Lucas Mackenroth McGrady Mickel Miller Musgrove Nelson-Carr Nuttall Palaszczuk Pitt
Purcell\*
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Robertson
Rose
Schwarten
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Struthers Sullivan\* Welford Wells Wilson

#### NOES, 41

Baumann* Beanland	Elliott Feldman	Knuth Laming	Prenzler Quinn	Stephan Turner
Black	Gamin	Lester	Rowell	Veivers
Borbidge	Goss	Lingard	Santoro	Wellington
Connor	Grice	Littleproud	Seeney	Watson
Cooper	Hegarty*	Malone	Sheldon	
Cunningham, E	Hobbs	Nelson	Simpson	
Dalgleish	Johnson	Paff	Slack	
Davidson	Kingston	Pratt	Springborg	

Pairs – Messrs Fouras, Mulherin and Pearce (AYES) and Messrs Healy, Horan and Mitchell (NOES)

\*Tellars

The numbers being equal, Mr Speaker cast his vote with the 'AYES'.

Question agreed to.

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

The House divided.

### AYES. 44

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Attwood Barton Beattie Bligh Boyle Braddy Bredhauer Briskey Clark	Cunningham, E Cunningham, J Edmond Elder Fenlon Foley Hamill Hayward Kaiser	Lavarch Lucas Mackenroth McGrady Mickel Miller Musgrove Nelson Nelson—Carr	Nuttall Palaszczuk Pitt Purcell* Reeves Reynolds Roberts Robertson Rose	Schwarten Spence Struthers Sullivan* Turner Welford Wells Wilson
		NOES, 38		
Baumann* Beanland Black Borbidge Connor Cooper Dalgleish Davidson	Elliott Feldman Gamin Goss Grice Hegarty* Hobbs Johnson	Kingston Knuth Laming Lester Lingard Littleproud Malone Paff	Pratt Prenzler Quinn Rowell Santoro Seeney Sheldon Simpson	Slack Springborg Stephan Veivers Wellington Watson

Pairs – Messrs Fouras, Mulherin and Pearce (AYES) and Messrs Healy, Horan and Mitchell (NOES)

\*Tellers

Question agreed to.

#### 24 ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Media Release and other documents relating to the regulation of pensioner units

Debate continued.

Question agreed to.

The House adjourned at 7.30pm.

#### 25 ATTENDANCE

#### The following Members were present—

Attwood Davidson Barton Edmond Baumann Elder Beanland Elliott Beattie Feldman Black Fenlon Bliah Folev Borbidge Fouras Boyle Gamin Braddy Goss Bredhauer Grice Briskey Hamill Clark Connor Cooper Cunningham, E Cunningham, J Dalgleish Hayward Healy Hegarty Hobbs Horan Johnson

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R K HOLLIS Speaker R D DOYLE
The Clerk of the Parliament