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1 MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY

The Assembly met at 9.30 am, pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Honourable R K Hollis) read prayers.

2 MATTER OF PRIVILEGE

Mr Roberts rose on a matter of privilege. (*Hansard p. 639*)

3 STATEMENT BY SPEAKER – SMOKING IN PARLIAMENTARY PRECINCT

Mr Speaker made the following statement—

"I advise all Honourable Members that I have today instructed that smoking will strictly not be permitted in any enclosed area within the Parliament House and the Parliamentary Annexe."

4 PETITION

The following petition, lodged with the Deputy Clerk by the Member indicated, was received—

Mrs Reilly from 446 petitioners, requesting the House to supply the following to the Mudgeeraba Creek State Primary School (a) wider covered walkways to the long-term temporary buildings and (b) a covered verandah for the purpose of (i) port rack facilities as there are health and safety issues relating to this issue, (ii) withdrawal areas for the use of a one on one remedial work space and (iii) art and craft areas.

5 MINISTERIAL PAPERS

The following ministerial papers were tabled—

Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Sport (Mr Mackenroth)—

Queensland Treasury Corporation – Half-yearly report July to December 2000

Report on visit to the United Kingdom and Ireland by Mr Mackenroth (then Minister for Communication, Local Government and Planning)

6 MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

- (a) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to (i) the cull of dingoes on Fraser Island, (ii) the collapse of HIH Insurance and (iii) the Goodwill Games ticketing policy. (*Hansard p. 640*)

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

Letter, dated 18 April 2001, from Mr Beattie to Hon. Bob Carr, MP, Premier of New South Wales

Letter, dated 18 April 2001, from Mr Beattie to Hon. John Howard, MP, Prime Minister

Extract from *Weekend Australian* of 7–8 April 2001, entitled 'HIH was a gift for Libs'

Goodwill Games folder of material and media release entitled 'Beattie joins world's quickest men to promote goodwill in Brisbane'

- (b) Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Sport (Mr Mackenroth), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to differences in taxation between Victoria and Queensland. (*Hansard p. 642*)
- (c) Minister for Employment, Training and Youth and Minister for the Arts (Mr Foley), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to backbench Members' involvement in employment plans and programs. (*Hansard p. 643*)
- (d) Minister for Health and Minister Assisting the Premier on Women's Policy (Mrs Edmond), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to heart disease and National Heart Week. (*Hansard p. 644*)

- (e) Minister for State Development (Mr Barton), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the expansion of Arnott's Queensland operations. (*Hansard p. 645*)
- (f) Minister for Transport and Minister for Main Roads (Mr Bredhauer), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to additional Queensland Rail services and Airtrain. (*Hansard p. 646*)
- (g) Minister for Public Works and Minister for Housing (Mr Schwarten), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to developments within the Building Services Authority. (*Hansard p. 646*)
- (h) Minister for Primary Industries and Rural Communities (Mr Palaszczuk), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the recent detection of crazy ants in Cairns and the establishment of the Crazy Ant Taskforce. (*Hansard p. 647*)
- (i) Minister for Local Government and Planning (Mrs J Cunningham), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to Local Government Awareness Week 2001 from 28 May to 3 June. (*Hansard p. 648*)

7 PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr Lingard made a personal explanation. (*Hansard p. 648*)

Papers: Mr Lingard, during his explanation, tabled the following papers—

Public Works Committee Report No. 61 – Public Sector Backflow Prevention Programs
Private notes for speech relating to above report
Speech relating to the inquiry into backflow prevention

8 PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Private Members' statements were made. (*Hansard p. 649*)

9 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Questions without notice were asked. (*Hansard p. 652*)

Speaker's ruling: Mr Speaker ruled that Mr Horan's question was out of order.

Questions continued.

Papers: Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) tabled the following papers—

Information relating to the Westfield Anniversary Dinner including a book entitled 'The Westfield Story'

Questions continued.

Paper: Minister for Education (Ms Bligh) tabled the following paper—
Document entitled 'Full Service Schools Program'

Questions continued.

Paper: Minister for Environment (Mr Wells) tabled the following paper—
Document entitled 'Summary of Implementation of Draft Dingo Management Strategy'

Questions continued.

Questions concluded.

10 STATEMENT BY SPEAKER – QUESTION RULED OUT OF ORDER

Mr Speaker made the following statement—

"In respect of the question ruled out of order today, I note the following—

- (1) Sessional orders provide that questions may be put to a minister relating to public affairs for which he or she is responsible. Questions are not allowed in respect of matters that they may have been responsible for in the past.

- (2) Sessional order 68(C)(i) and (ii) also provides for no questions asking for opinion or legal opinion.
- (3) *Erskine May*, 22nd edition, at page 300, provides—
"Questions seeking an expression of opinion on a question of law ... are not in order."
- (4) *Erskine May*, 22nd edition, at page 300, also states—
"It is not in order to put to a Minister a question for which another Minister is more directly responsible."
- (5) I also refer to a ruling by Speaker Nicholson in this regard on 24 August 1971 and Speaker Turner on 27 May 1997."

11 GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH – ADDRESS-IN-REPLY (FOURTH ALLOTTED DAY)

Order of the day read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mrs Croft—

That the following address be presented to the Governor in reply to the Speech delivered by His Excellency in opening this, the first session of the Fiftieth Parliament of Queensland—

May it please Your Excellency—

We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland, wish to assure Your Excellency of our continued respect for the Crown and loyalty to the system of government in this State and to tender our thanks for the speech with which you opened the First Session.

The various measures to which Your Excellency referred, and all other matters that may be brought before us, will receive our careful consideration, and we shall strive to deal with them so that our endeavours may contribute to the advancement and prosperity of people of this State.

Debate ensued. (*Hansard p. 664*)

Question put and agreed to.

Presentation to His Excellency the Governor—

Madam Deputy Speaker informed the House that the Address-in-Reply will be presented to His Excellency the Governor at a time and date to be advised.

12 CRIMES AT SEA BILL

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

Debate resumed. (*Hansard p. 703*)

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Bill committed on the motion of Mr Welford.

In Committee

Preamble: Consideration of the Preamble postponed until after consideration of the Clauses and the Schedule.

Clauses 1 to 10, as read, agreed to.

Schedule, as read, agreed to.

Preamble, as read, agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

In the House

Bill reported without amendment.

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

Bill read a third time and passed.

Title agreed to.

13 TOBACCO AND OTHER SMOKING PRODUCTS (PREVENTION OF SUPPLY TO CHILDREN) AMENDMENT BILL

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Health and Minister Assisting the Premier on Women's Policy (Mrs Edmond) – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate resumed. (*Hansard p. 705*)

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Bill committed on the motion of Mrs Edmond.

In Committee

Clauses 1 to 54, as read, agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

In the House

Bill reported without amendment.

Mrs Edmond, by leave, moved – That the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time and passed.

Title agreed to.

14 SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT

Leader of the House (Ms Bligh) moved – That this House at its rising do adjourn until 9.30 am on Tuesday, 15 May 2001.

Question put and agreed to.

15 ADJOURNMENT

Leader of the House (Ms Bligh) moved – That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued. (*Hansard p. 727*)

Question put and agreed to.

The House adjourned at 7.33 pm.

16 ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present—

<i>Attwood</i>	<i>Cunningham, J</i>	<i>Lawlor</i>	<i>Mulherin</i>	<i>Roberts, E</i>	<i>Stone</i>
<i>Barry</i>	<i>Edmond</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Nelson–Carr</i>	<i>Roberts, N</i>	<i>Strong</i>
<i>Barton</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Lee Long</i>	<i>Nolan</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Struthers</i>
<i>Beattie</i>	<i>Fenlon</i>	<i>Lester</i>	<i>Nuttall</i>	<i>Rodgers</i>	<i>Sullivan, C</i>
<i>Bligh</i>	<i>Flynn</i>	<i>Lingard</i>	<i>Palaszcuk</i>	<i>Rowell</i>	<i>Sullivan, T</i>
<i>Boyle</i>	<i>Foley</i>	<i>Livingstone</i>	<i>Pearce</i>	<i>Schwarten</i>	<i>Watson</i>
<i>Bredhauer</i>	<i>Fouras</i>	<i>Lucas</i>	<i>Phillips</i>	<i>Scott, C</i>	<i>Welford</i>
<i>Briskey</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>Mackenroth</i>	<i>Pitt</i>	<i>Scott, D</i>	<i>Wellington</i>
<i>Choi</i>	<i>Hobbs</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Poole</i>	<i>Seeney</i>	<i>Wells</i>
<i>Clark, E</i>	<i>Hopper</i>	<i>Malone</i>	<i>Pratt</i>	<i>Sheldon</i>	<i>Wilson</i>
<i>Clark, L</i>	<i>Horan</i>	<i>McGrady</i>	<i>Purcell</i>	<i>Shine</i>	
<i>Copeland</i>	<i>Jarratt</i>	<i>McNamara</i>	<i>Quinn</i>	<i>Simpson</i>	
<i>Croft</i>	<i>Johnson</i>	<i>Mickel</i>	<i>Reeves</i>	<i>Smith</i>	
<i>Cummins</i>	<i>Kingston</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Reilly</i>	<i>Spence</i>	
<i>Cunningham, E</i>	<i>Lavarch</i>	<i>Molloy</i>	<i>Reynolds</i>	<i>Springborg</i>	

R K HOLLIS
SPEAKER

N J LAURIE
ACTING CLERK OF THE PARLIAMENT