



# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

NO. 1 – TUESDAY, 16 MARCH 2004

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**PROCLAMATION CONVENING THE PARLIAMENT**

The Assembly met at 10.00 am pursuant to the Proclamation of Her Excellency the Governor dated 26 February 2004 which was read by the Clerk—

***Constitution of Queensland 2001***

**ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, Queen of Australia and Her other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth.**

I, QUENTIN BRYCE, Governor, acting under sections 15(1) and 18 of the *Constitution of Queensland 2001*, in the name of Her Majesty summon the Legislative Assembly of Queensland to a session to commence at 10.00 am on 16 March 2004 at Parliament House, George Street, Brisbane.

Signed and sealed with the public seal of the State on 26 February 2004.

***By Command***

[signed]  
P D Beattie

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*RECORDED in the Register of Patents, No. 46 page 68, on 26 February 2004.*

[signed] P Bridgman  
Clerk of the Executive Council

**COMMISSION TO OPEN PARLIAMENT**

The Clerk informed the House that Her Excellency the Governor caused the following Commission to be issued under the Public Seal of the State, appointing the Honourable Peter Douglas Beattie, the Honourable Terence Michael Mackenroth and the Honourable Anna Maria Bligh as Commissioners in Order to cause the Opening and Holding of this Session of Parliament—

**ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, Queen of Australia and Her other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth.**

**To the Honourable PETER DOUGLAS BEATTIE and the Honourable TERENCE MICHAEL MACKENROTH and the Honourable ANNA MARIA BLIGH.**

I, QUENTIN BRYCE, Governor, authorise you, or any of you—

- (a) in my name and on my behalf to open the session of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland to commence on 16 March 2004; and
- (b) to do in my name and on my behalf anything required to be done in the name of Her Majesty or of the Governor in relation to the opening and holding of the session.

Signed and sealed with the Public Seal of the State on 11 March 2004.

***By Command***

[signed]  
P D Beattie

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*RECORDED in the Register of Patents, No. 46 page 70, on 11 March 2004.*

[signed] M A Ries  
Clerk of the Executive Council

**COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH OR AFFIRMATION**

The Commissioners, Honourable Peter Douglas Beattie, Honourable Terence Michael Mackenroth and Honourable Anna Maria Bligh, having taken their seats upon the Dais, Mr Beattie said—

"Honourable Members—

I have it in command from Her Excellency the Governor to inform you that as soon as the Members of the Legislative Assembly have been sworn, the causes of this Parliament being called together will be declared to you. It being necessary that a Speaker be first chosen, it is Her Excellency's pleasure that you proceed to the election of one of your number to be your Speaker and that you

present such person so chosen to Her Excellency the Governor at such time and place as Her Excellency shall appoint.

I produce a commission under the Public Seal of the State authorising the Honourable Peter Douglas Beattie, the Honourable Terence Michael Mackenroth and the Honourable Anna Maria Bligh, or any one of them, to administer to any Member of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland the oath or affirmation of allegiance and office that is required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every Member before the Member is permitted to sit or vote in the Legislative Assembly, which I will now ask the Clerk to read."

The Clerk then read the Commission as follows—

***Constitution of Queensland 2001***

**To the Honourable PETER DOUGLAS BEATTIE and the Honourable TERENCE MICHAEL MACKENROTH and the Honourable ANNA MARIA BLIGH.**

I, QUENTIN BRYCE, Governor, acting under section 22 of the *Constitution of Queensland 2001*, authorise you, or any of you, to administer to any member of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance and of Office that is required to be taken or made by every member before the member is permitted to sit or vote in the Legislative Assembly.

Signed and sealed with the Public Seal of the State on 11 March 2004.

***By Command***

[signed]  
P D Beattie

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*RECORDED in the Register of Patents, No. 46 page 71, on 11 March 2004.*

[signed] M A Ries  
Clerk of the Executive Council

**RETURN OF WRIT**

The Clerk informed the House that the Writ for the various Electoral Districts had been returned to him severally endorsed as follows—

Albert— Margaret Majella Keech	Caloundra— Mark Francis McArdle	Greenslopes— Gary Bernard Fenlon
Algester— Karen Lee Struthers	Capalaba— Michael Wai-Man Choi	Gregory— Vaughan Gregory Johnson
Ashgrove— Demetrios Fouras	Charters Towers— Shane Andrew Knuth	Gympie— Elisa Mary Roberts
Aspley— Veronica Lesley Barry	Chatsworth— Terence Michael Mackenroth	Hervey Bay— Andrew Ian McNamara
Barron River— Lesley Ann Clark	Clayfield— Elizabeth Anne Clark	Hinchinbrook— Marcus Hosking Rowell
Beaudesert— Kevin Rowson Lingard	Cleveland— Darryl James Briskey	Inala— Heinrich Zbyszek Palaszczuk
Brisbane Central— Peter Douglas Beattie	Cook— Jason Danial O'Brien	Indooroopilly— Ronan Oliver Lee
Broadwater— Peta-Kaye Croft	Cunningham— Stuart William Copeland	Ipswich— Rachel Genevieve Nolan
Bulimba— Patrick Douglas Purcell	Curumbin— Janet Anne Stuckey	Ipswich West— Donald Wallace Livingstone
Bundaberg— Junita Irene Cunningham	Darling Downs— Raymond Gordon Hopper	Kallangur— Kenneth William Hayward
Bundamba— Jo-Ann Roslyn Miller	Everton— Rodney Jon Welford	Kawana— Christopher Paul Cummins
Burdekin— Rosemary Norma Menkens	Ferny Grove— Geoffrey James Wilson	Keppel— Paul Anthony Hoolihan
Burleigh— Christine Anne Smith	Fitzroy— James Pearce	Kurwongbah— Linda Denise Lavarch
Burnett— Robert Desmond Messenger	Gaven— Robert Lindsay Poole	Lockyer— Ian Phillip Rickuss
Cairns— Desley Boyle	Gladstone— Elizabeth Anne Cunningham	Logan— Reginald John Mickel
Callide— Jeffrey William Seeney	Glass House— Carolyn Therese Male	Lytton— Paul Thomas Lucas

Mackay— Timothy Sean Mulherin	Nanango— Dorothy Ruth Pratt	Stafford— Terry Sullivan
Mansfield— Philip Gerard Reeves	Nicklin— Peter William Wellington	Stretton— Stephen Robertson
Maroochydore— Fiona Stuart Simpson	Noosa— Cathryn Molloy	Surfers Paradise— John–Paul Honore Langbroek
Maryborough— Christopher John Foley	Nudgee— Neil Stuart Roberts	Tablelands— Rosa Theresa Lee Long
Mirani— George Edward Malone	Pumicestone— Carryn Elizabeth Sullivan	Thuringowa— Craig Andrew Wallace
Moggill— Bruce Flegg	Redcliffe— Raymond Keith Hollis	Toowoomba North— Kerry Gerard Shine
Mount Coot–tha— Andrew Peter Fraser	Redlands— John Michael English	Toowoomba South— Michael James Horan
Mount Gravatt— Judith Caroline Spence	Robina— Robert Joseph Quinn	Townsville— Michael Francis Reynolds
Mount Isa— Anthony McGrady	Rockhampton— Robert Evan Schwarten	Warrego— Howard William Thomas Hobbs
Mount Ommaney— Julie Maree Attwood	Sandgate— Gordon Richard Nuttall	Waterford— Thomas Alfred Barton
Mudgeeraba— Dianne Ann Reilly	South Brisbane— Anna Maria Bligh	Whitsunday— Janice Heather Jarratt
Mulgrave— Frederick Warren Pitt	Southern Downs— Lawrence James Springborg	Woodridge— Desley Carleton Scott
Mundingburra— Lindel Helena Nelson–Carr	Southport— Peter Joseph Lawlor	Yeerongpilly— Simon David Finn
Murrumba— Dean MacMillan Wells	Springwood— Barbara Gwendoline Stone	

## MEMBERS SWORN

The Commissioners, Honourable Peter Douglas Beattie, Honourable Terence Michael Mackenroth and Honourable Anna Maria Bligh, administered the oath or affirmation of allegiance and of office to themselves and, having been sworn, subscribed the Roll of Members.

The Commissioners administered the oath or affirmation of allegiance and of office to the following Members—

Thomas Alfred Barton	Christopher John Foley	Rachel Genevieve Nolan
Anthony McGrady	Demetrios Fouras	Jason Danial O'Brien
Gordon Richard Nuttall	Andrew Peter Fraser	James Pearce
Robert Evan Schwarten	Kenneth William Hayward	Robert Lindsay Poole
Judith Caroline Spence	Howard William Thomas Hobbs	Dorothy Ruth Pratt
Rodney Jon Welford	Raymond Keith Hollis	Patrick Douglas Purcell
Paul Thomas Lucas	Paul Anthony Hoolihan	Robert Joseph Quinn
Heinrich Zbyszek Palaszcuk	Raymond Gordon Hopper	Philip Gerard Reeves
Stephen Robertson	Michael James Horan	Dianne Ann Reilly
Michael Francis Reynolds	Janice Heather Jarratt	Ian Phillip Rickuss
Frederick Warren Pitt	Vaughan Gregory Johnson	Elisa Mary Roberts
Margaret Majella Keech	Shane Andrew Knuth	Neil Stuart Roberts
Reginald John Mickel	John–Paul Honore Langbroek	Marcus Hosking Rowell
Desley Boyle	Linda Denise Lavarch	Desley Carleton Scott
Christopher Paul Cummins	Peter Joseph Lawlor	Jeffrey William Seeney
Elizabeth Anne Clark	Ronan Oliver Lee	Kerry Gerard Shine
Julie Maree Attwood	Rosa Theresa Lee Long	Fiona Stuart Simpson
Veronica Lesley Barry	Kevin Rowson Lingard	Christine Anne Smith
Darryl James Briskey	Donald Wallace Livingstone	Lawrence James Springborg
Michael Wai–Man Choi	Carolyn Therese Male	Barbara Gwendoline Stone
Lesley Ann Clark	George Edward Malone	Karen Lee Struthers
Stuart William Copeland	Mark Francis McArdle	Janet Anne Stuckey
Peta–Kaye Croft	Andrew Ian McNamara	Carryn Elizabeth Sullivan
Elizabeth Anne Cunningham	Rosemary Norma Menkens	Terry Sullivan
Junita Irene Cunningham	Robert Desmond Messenger	Craig Andrew Wallace
John Michael English	Jo–Ann Roslyn Miller	Peter William Wellington
Gary Bernard Fenlon	Cathryn Molloy	Dean MacMillan Wells
Simon David Finn	Timothy Sean Mulherin	Geoffrey James Wilson
Bruce Flegg	Lindel Helena Nelson–Carr	

And each Member, having been sworn, subscribed the Roll of Members.

## **PRESIDING MEMBER**

The Clerk called upon the Member present in the House not being a Minister of the Crown and who has served for the longest period continually in the House to take the Chair as Presiding Member for the purpose of the election of Speaker.

Mr Lingard took the Chair and drew the attention of the House to the Standing Orders governing the election of Speaker.

## **ELECTION OF SPEAKER** (Hansard p. 3, 10.42 am)

Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie), addressing himself to the Presiding Member (Mr Lingard), moved – That Raymond Keith Hollis do take the Chair of the House as Speaker.

Debate ensued.

Motion seconded by the Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Sport (Mr Mackenroth).

Debate ensued.

Mr Hollis accepted the nomination.

Leader of the Opposition (Mr Springborg) moved – That Elizabeth Anne Cunningham do take the Chair of the House as Speaker.

Debate ensued.

Motion seconded by the Deputy Leader of the Opposition (Mr Seeney).

Debate ensued.

Mrs E Cunningham accepted the nomination.

## **BALLOT TAKEN—**

There being more than one nomination for Speaker, a ballot was taken and the following result was declared by The Clerk—

For Mr Hollis – 63

For Mrs E Cunningham – 24

Informal – 2

Mr Hollis was thereupon declared elected as Speaker, and Messrs Beattie and Mackenroth conducted him to the Chair.

Mr Hollis returned his acknowledgements to the House for the honour it had been pleased to confer upon him by choosing him to be its Speaker, thereupon sat down in the Chair and said—

"Honourable Members—

It is the highest privilege amongst Parliamentarians to be the Speaker. It is a great honour to be elected by my colleagues to continue in this high office. I commence by thanking the parliament, especially those who proposed and seconded me to the House, the Premier and the Deputy Speaker, and also the Leader of the Opposition for his kind words.

In my previous term as Speaker, I initiated many activities to improve the parliamentary precinct and its buildings. Major changes have taken place on Level 5 of the Annexe with the Conference Room and Media Room now completely refurbished. I was pleased to launch the Wall of Reconciliation on level 5 and accept the first beautiful artwork, Celestial Gathering, on behalf of the Parliament. The front entrance of the Annexe is being refurbished. This will improve the safety and security of the precinct for members and its staff. The outward appearance of the Old House is refreshed as stonework continues into this year. Outside of the precinct, I was pleased to be Speaker of the first regional Parliament and look forward to leading the Parliamentary Service and members to the second regional parliament in this new term.

There are many other initiatives which are already being implemented in the 51st Parliament. I'm pleased to present all members with a laptop computer for the first time and facilitate the use of laptops in the chamber. This ensures that the Parliament is keeping up with technology so that members are well equipped to do their jobs. The Queensland Parliament will also be the host of the first Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Youth Parliament held outside of the United Kingdom. This will take place in 2005 and I am very proud that we can facilitate such a prestigious event.

I remind all members that this is a public forum and we should all be aware that our behaviour will leave a lasting impression on those who view the Parliament from the gallery or on the internet. If

members ever fail to check themselves, I will remind them all sternly to uphold the best parliamentary standards. All Speakers will do things that even majorities do not like, but that is my role.

To the 13 new members of this Parliament – welcome. You can be assured that my door is open to you at any time. Again, I thank all of you for the honour and privilege conferred upon me today."

Mr Beattie, Mr Springborg, Mr Quinn and Mrs E Cunningham congratulated Mr Speaker, who expressed his thanks.

### PRESENTATION OF SPEAKER

Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) informed the House that it would be Her Excellency the Governor's pleasure to receive the Speaker at Government House today at 2.30 pm. Cars will leave the Porte Cochure at 2.05 pm sharp.

### SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT

Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) moved – That this House, at its rising do adjourn until 2.10 pm tomorrow in the former Legislative Council Chamber.  
Question put and passed.

### ADJOURNMENT

Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) moved – That this House do now adjourn.  
Question put and agreed to.  
The House adjourned at 11.37 am.

### ATTENDANCE

The following members were present—

<i>Attwood</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Keech</i>	<i>McNamara</i>	<i>Pratt</i>	<i>Simpson</i>
<i>Barry</i>	<i>Fenlon</i>	<i>Knuth</i>	<i>Menkens</i>	<i>Purcell</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Barton</i>	<i>Finn</i>	<i>Langbroek</i>	<i>Messenger</i>	<i>Quinn</i>	<i>Spence</i>
<i>Beattie</i>	<i>Flegg</i>	<i>Lavarch</i>	<i>Mickel</i>	<i>Reeves</i>	<i>Springborg</i>
<i>Bligh</i>	<i>Foley</i>	<i>Lawlor</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Reilly</i>	<i>Stone</i>
<i>Boyle</i>	<i>Fouras</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Molloy</i>	<i>Reynolds</i>	<i>Struthers</i>
<i>Briskey</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Lee Long</i>	<i>Mulherin</i>	<i>Rickuss</i>	<i>Stuckey</i>
<i>Choi</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>Lingard</i>	<i>Nelson–Carr</i>	<i>Roberts, E</i>	<i>Sullivan, C</i>
<i>Clark, E</i>	<i>Hobbs</i>	<i>Livingstone</i>	<i>Nolan</i>	<i>Roberts, N</i>	<i>Sullivan, T</i>
<i>Clark, L</i>	<i>Hollis</i>	<i>Lucas</i>	<i>Nuttall</i>	<i>Robertson</i>	<i>Wallace</i>
<i>Copeland</i>	<i>Hoolihan</i>	<i>Mackenroth</i>	<i>O'Brien</i>	<i>Rowell</i>	<i>Welford</i>
<i>Croft</i>	<i>Hopper</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Palaszczuk</i>	<i>Schwarten</i>	<i>Wellington</i>
<i>Cummins</i>	<i>Horan</i>	<i>Malone</i>	<i>Pearce</i>	<i>Scott</i>	<i>Wells</i>
<i>Cunningham, E</i>	<i>Jarratt</i>	<i>McArdle</i>	<i>Pitt</i>	<i>Seeney</i>	<i>Wilson</i>
<i>Cunningham, J</i>	<i>Johnson</i>	<i>McGrady</i>	<i>Poole</i>	<i>Shine</i>	

**R K HOLLIS**  
**SPEAKER**

**N J LAURIE**  
**CLERK OF THE PARLIAMENT**