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

MATTER OF PRIVILEGE (Hansard p. 1291, 9.31 am)
Minister for Public Works, Housing and Racing (Mr Schwarten) rose on a matter of privilege.

Paper: Mr Schwarten, during his speech, tabled the following paper—
Copy of an article from the Sunshine Coast Daily, dated 17 May 2004, titled Promises, promises

MATTER OF PRIVILEGE (Hansard p. 1291, 9.32 am)
Leader of the Opposition (Mr Springborg) rose on a matter of privilege.

MATTER OF PRIVILEGE (Hansard p. 1292, 9.36 am)
Mr Messenger rose on a matter of privilege.

PAPER TABLED BY THE CLERK
The following ministerial paper was tabled by The Clerk—

Attorney-General and Minister for Justice (Mr Welford)—
Response from the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice (Mr Welford) to an E-Petition sponsored by Mr Roberts from 129 petitioners regarding lowering the voting age to either 16 or 17

MINISTERIAL PAPER
The following ministerial paper was tabled—

Minister for State Development and Innovation (Mr McGrady)—
Report on visit to Japan, Korea and China – 18 to 27 April 2004

MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS (Hansard p. 1292, 9.38 am)
(a) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to CS Energy and the Kogan Creek power station at Chinchilla.
(b) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to the urban renewal project at Hamilton.
(c) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to Mr Brendan Butler QC, Chair of the Crime and Misconduct Commission.
(d) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to community justice groups and a review of alcohol management plans.
(e) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to allowances paid to Parliamentary Secretaries.
(f) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to Smart State success in science and its commercialisation.
    Paper: Mr Beattie, during his statement, tabled the following paper—
    Copy of a report, dated December 2003, by the NSW Standing Committee on State Development titled Science and its commercialisation in New South Wales
(g) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to a trade mission to Brazil.
    Papers: Mr Beattie, during his statement, tabled the following papers—
    Document (undated) titled Premier’s Trade and Investment Mission to Chile, Brazil and the United States, focusing on mining, sugar and biotechnology
    Document titled Business Delegates (partial list as at 19 May 2004)
    Bundle of Queensland Government promotional documents
(h) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to openness and accountability.

Papers: Mr Beattie, during his statement, tabled the following papers—
Bundle of documents (40 pages) obtained under the Freedom of Information Act 1992
Letter, dated 14 May 2004, from James Lye, Policy Advisor, to Mr N Hamilton-Smith, Media Advisor, Office of the Leader of the Opposition headed 'Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Application' and attachments
Copy of document titled Transcript – Old Police Tape – Tape recorded interview between C A Roberts & Liddy CLARK
Copy of emails (2), dated 5 March 2004, from Teresa Mullan to Rob Whiddon
Copy of email, dated 4 March 2004, from Cathy Newman, Correspondence Coordinator, Premier's Office to Rob Whiddon and others
Copy of email, dated 4 March 2004, from Mike Goodman to Rob Whiddon
Copy of email, dated 4 March 2004, from Mikhail Mitchell, Senior HR Consultant, Ministerial Services to Rob Whiddon
Copy of email, dated 3 March 2004, from Uschi Schreiber, Premier's Department to Rob Whiddon and Leo Kelilher
Copy of email, dated 5 March 2004, from Rob Whiddon to Fiona Kennedy
Copy of emails, dated 5 and 7 March 2004, from Rob Whiddon to Mike Goodman
Copy of email, dated 5 March 2004, from Rob Whiddon to Richard Cleal
Copy of email, dated 5 March 2004, from Rob Whiddon to Sue Harper
Copy of email, dated 4 March 2004, from Rob Whiddon to Mikhail Mitchell
Copy of emails, dated 3 and 10 March 2004, from Rob Whiddon to Sue Harper
Copy of email, dated 12 March 2004, from Rob Whiddon to Hedley Thomas
Copy of emails, dated 7, 8, 10 and 11 March 2004, from Rob Whiddon to Vicki Nicholls
Copy of email, dated 8 March 2004, from Rob Whiddon to Brendon Strong
Copy of email, dated 7 March 2004, from Rob Whiddon to Steve Keating
Copy of emails, dated 5 March 2004, from Rob Whiddon to Steve Bishop and others
Copy of email, dated 5 March 2004, from Rob Whiddon to Bruce Cousar
Copy of email, dated 5 March 2004, from Rob Whiddon to Richard Cleal and others

Distinguished visitor: Mr Speaker informed the House of the presence in the Gallery of Mrs Joan Kirner, former Premier of Victoria.

(i) Minister for Employment, Training and Industrial Relations (Mr Barton) made a ministerial statement relating to careers in manufacture.

Paper: Mr Barton, during his statement, tabled the following paper—
Information pack containing documents by Department of Employment and Training titled Smart Training • Smart Jobs • Smart State

(j) Minister for State Development and Innovation (Mr McGrady) made a ministerial statement relating to manufacturing strategy.

(k) Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Mr Lucas) made a ministerial statement relating to Boatsafe.

(l) Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries (Mr Palaszczuk) made a ministerial statement relating to import risk assessments.

Paper: Mr Palaszczuk, during his statement, tabled the following paper—
Copy of document titled Primary Industries Ministerial Council Communique 19 May 2004 – Import Risk Analyses

(m) Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (Mr Robertson) made a ministerial statement relating to Queensland Resources Week 2004.

(n) Minister for Child Safety (Mr Reynolds) made a ministerial statement relating to alternative care.

(o) Minister for Communities, Disability Services and Seniors (Mr Pitt) made a ministerial statement relating to youth crime.
Minister for Tourism, Fair Trading and Wine Industry Development (Ms Keech) made a ministerial statement relating to the creation of a dynamic Smart State marketplace in Queensland.

SESSIONAL ORDERS – ESTIMATES COMMITTEES
Leader of the House (Ms Bligh), by leave, moved – I move that the Sessional Orders for the 2004 Estimates Committees process, circulated to members in the Chamber, be adopted; viz—

2004 ESTIMATES COMMITTEES PROCESS

Appropriation (Parliament) Bill and Appropriation Bill
1. That notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Rules and Orders and Sessional Orders—
   (1) the Budget Estimates for the 2004–2005 financial year for the purpose of debate in the Legislative Assembly shall be in the form of an Appropriation Bill and an Appropriation (Parliament) Bill;
   (2) the Appropriation Bills be introduced on Tuesday, 15 June 2004 and, following the Minister’s second reading speech on each Bill, the second reading debate on the Appropriation Bills be resumed on Thursday, 17 June 2004; and
   (3) the Appropriation Bills be treated as cognate Bills for their following stages—
      (a) one question being put in regard to the second reading;
      (b) the consideration of the Bills together in Committee of the Whole House;
      (c) one question being put for the Committee’s report stage; and
      (d) one question being put for the third reading and titles.

Appointment of Committees
2. The following estimates committees are appointed—
   • Estimates Committee A
   • Estimates Committee B
   • Estimates Committee C
   • Estimates Committee D
   • Estimates Committee E
   • Estimates Committee F
   • Estimates Committee G

Role of Committees
3.(1) The proposed expenditures stated in the Appropriation Bill and Appropriation (Parliament) Bill are referred to the estimates committees immediately after each of the Bills has been read a second time.
   (2) Estimates Committees A to C are to examine and report by no later than Monday 16 August 2004 on the proposed expenditures for the organisational units allocated to them.
   (3) Estimates Committees D to G are to examine and report by no later than Tuesday 17 August 2004 on the proposed expenditures for the organisational units allocated to them.

Estimates Committee A
4.(1) The following organisational units are allocated to Estimates Committee A—
   • Office of the Governor
   • Legislative Assembly
   • Queensland Audit Office
   • Ombudsman
   • Crime and Misconduct Commission
   • Commissioner for Children and Young People
   • Public Service Commissioner
   (2) Organisational units within the portfolios of the following Ministers are also allocated to Estimates Committee A—
      • Premier and Minister for Trade
      • Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Sport
      • Minister for Public Works, Housing and Racing

Estimates Committee B
5. Organisational units within the portfolios of the following Ministers are allocated to Estimates Committee B—
   • Minister for Child Safety
   • Attorney-General and Minister for Justice
   • Minister for Police and Corrective Services

Estimates Committee C
6. Organisational units within the portfolios of the following Ministers are allocated to Estimates Committee C—
   • Minister for Education and the Arts
   • Minister for Employment, Training and Industrial Relations
Estimates Committee D

7. Organisational units within the portfolios of the following Ministers are allocated to Estimates Committee D—
   • Minister for Transport and Main Roads
   • Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy
   • Minister for Local Government, Planning and Women

Estimates Committee E

8. Organisational units within the portfolios of the following Ministers are allocated to Estimates Committee E—
   • Minister for Health
   • Minister for Emergency Services
   • Minister for Communities, Disability Services and Seniors

Estimates Committee F

9. Organisational units within the portfolios of the following Ministers are allocated to Estimates Committee F—
   • Minister for State Development and Innovation
   • Minister for Environment
   • Minister for Tourism, Fair Trading and Wine Industry Development

Estimates Committee G

10. Organisational units within the portfolios of the following Ministers are allocated to Estimates Committee G—
    • Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy
    • Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries

Government Owned Corporations

11.(1) A reference to the organisational units within the portfolio of a Minister is deemed to include Statutory Authorities and Government Owned Corporations reporting to the Minister.

   (2) In respect of Government Owned Corporations, a member may ask any question which the committee determines will assist it in its examination of the relevant Appropriation Bill or otherwise assist the committee to determine whether public funds are being efficiently spent or appropriate public guarantees are being provided.

Membership of estimates committees

12.(1) Each estimates committee shall consist of seven members of whom four are to be nominated by the Leader of the House and three by the Leader of the Opposition. For the purpose of these Sessional Orders, those members nominated by the Leader of the House are called Government members and those members nominated by the Leader of the Opposition are called non–Government members.

   (2) The chair of each committee is to be a member nominated by the Leader of the House.

   (3) The committee is to elect a deputy chair, who is to be a member nominated by the Leader of the Opposition.

Dates for Hearings

13. The estimates committees are to meet to hear evidence in accordance with the following schedule—

   • Estimates Committee A – Tuesday 13 July 2004
   • Estimates Committee B – Wednesday 14 July 2004
   • Estimates Committee C – Thursday 15 July 2004
   • Estimates Committee D – Tuesday 20 July 2004
   • Estimates Committee E – Wednesday 21 July 2004
   • Estimates Committee F – Thursday 22 July 2004
   • Estimates Committee G – Friday 23 July 2004

Committee Membership

14. Members be appointed to estimates committees as follows—

   • Estimates Committee A—
     Ms Nolan (Chair), Hon Mrs Cunningham, Mr Hopper, Ms Male, Mr McArdle, Mr Springborg and Mr Wallace
   • Estimates Committee B—
     Mrs Attwood (Chair), Mr English, Mr Foley, Mr Fraser, Mr Johnson, Ms Menkens and Mrs Scott
   • Estimates Committee C—
     Mr Wilson (Chair), Mrs Croft, Mr Langbroek, Mr Messenger, Mr Rowell, Ms Stone and Hon Wells
   • Estimates Committee D—
     Mr Poole (Chair), Ms Barry, Mr Malone, Mr O’Brien, Miss Simpson, Mrs Smith and Mr Wellington
   • Estimates Committee E—
     Mr McNamara (Chair), Mr Copeland, Mrs E Cunningham, Mr Fenlon, Dr Flegg, Mr Lawlor and Mr Lee
   • Estimates Committee F—
     Ms Jarratt (Chair), Mr Choi, Mr Finn, Mr Hobbs, Ms Molloy, Mr Rickuss and Mrs Stuckey
   • Estimates Committee G—
     Mr Mulherin (Chair), Mr Hoolihan, Mr Horan, Mrs Pratt, Mr Seeney, Mr Shine and Mrs Sullivan.

Illness or inability to attend

15.(1) In the case of illness or inability to attend by a member of an estimates committee, where the member is a Government member, the Leader of the House may appoint another member to attend that committee and where the
member is a non-Government member, the Leader of the Opposition may appoint another member to attend that committee.

(2) Where a member is appointed in accordance with (1), that member has all the rights of the member replaced.

(3) Where, in accordance with (1) above, the member of the committee who is replaced is the chair, the Leader of the House may nominate another member to be chair.

When estimates committees may meet

16.(1) Estimates committees may meet whether the House is sitting or adjourned.

(2) Where a committee meets while the House is sitting, the meeting of the committee must take place within the parliamentary precinct.

(3) Estimates committees may only hold hearings and take evidence on the dates allocated by order of the House.

Open hearings

17. Hearings of an estimates committee are open to the public unless the committee otherwise orders.

Presiding member

18.(1) The chair of an estimates committee presides at all committee proceedings at which the chair is present.

(2) If the chair is not present at a committee proceeding and the Leader of the House has not nominated another person to be chair, the committee's deputy chair presides.

(3) If both the chair and deputy chair of a committee are not present at a committee proceeding, the committee member chosen by the committee members present at the proceeding presides.

Quorum and voting at proceedings

19. At a proceeding of an estimates committee:

(a) four committee members constitute a quorum;
(b) each committee member present has a vote on each question to be decided and, if the votes are equal, the presiding member also has a casting vote; and
(c) a question is decided by a majority of the votes of the committee members present and voting.

Sub-committees

20. Estimates committees may not appoint sub-committees.

Opening hearing procedure

21.(1) In an estimates committee hearing:

(a) the presiding member is to call on the estimates of the proposed expenditure referred to the committee and declare the proposed expenditure open for examination; and
(b) the presiding member is to put the question 'That the proposed expenditure be agreed to'.

General hearing procedure – organisational units other than the Legislative Assembly

22. In an estimates committee hearing about proposed expenditure for an organisational unit other than the Legislative Assembly:

(a) the responsible Minister is to be present at all times and may have advisers present to assist the Minister;
(b) the Minister may make an opening statement not exceeding five minutes duration.
(c) a committee member may ask the Minister questions;
(d) a member who is not a member of the estimates committee may, with the committee's leave, ask the Minister questions;
(e) advisers may answer questions referred to them by the Minister; and
(f) a member may ask any question which is relevant to the examination of the Appropriation being considered.

General hearing procedure – Legislative Assembly

23. In an estimates committee hearing about proposed expenditure for the Legislative Assembly:

(a) the Speaker is to be present at all times and may have advisers present to assist the Speaker;
(b) the Speaker may make an opening statement not exceeding five minutes duration.
(c) a committee member may ask the Speaker questions;
(d) a member who is not a member of the estimates committee may, with the committee's leave, ask the Speaker questions;
(e) advisers may answer questions referred to them by the Speaker; and
(f) a member may ask any question which the committee determines will assist it in its examination of the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill.

Notice of examination in detail

24(1) An estimates committee may advise a Minister or the Speaker prior to the hearing of its intention to examine a proposed expenditure in detail.
(2) In response to notice in accordance with (1), the Minister or the Speaker should ensure that appropriate advisers are available to assist the Minister or the Speaker to answer committee questions.

(3) Despite anything in this chapter, it is a matter for the Minister or the Speaker to determine the advisers that attend the hearing.

Time for questions and answers in a hearing
25. In an estimates committee hearing:
(a) questions must be no longer than one minute;
(b) unless the member asking the question otherwise agrees, answers must be no longer than three minutes;
(c) where a member agrees to an extension of time for an answer in accordance with (b), further extensions of time must be agreed to by the presiding member after every interval of two minutes has elapsed;
(d) the presiding member is to ensure the fair allocation of time available for questions and answers and ensure that at least half the time available for questions and answers in respect of each organisational unit is allocated to non-Government members; and
(e) any time expended when an estimates committee deliberates in private is to be equally apportioned between Government and non-Government members.

Questions on notice prior to the hearings
26.(1) Members of an estimates committee may, at a reasonable time prior to public hearings, put a combined total of twenty questions on notice to each Minister and to the Speaker.

(2) Of the questions referred to in (1), at least ten questions are to be allocated to non-Government members.

(3) The Minister or the Speaker shall provide answers to the questions referred to in (1), by 10.00 am on the day before the committee’s hearing day.

(4) The chair shall ensure that the questions referred to in (1), do not place unreasonably onerous research requirements on an organisational unit and are not unnecessarily complex.

(5) Each question referred to in (1), is not to contain sub-parts or to, in effect, ask more than one question.

(6) The Minister or the Speaker may refuse to answer questions which place unreasonable research requirements on their portfolios or are unnecessarily complex.

(7) All answers to questions on notice shall be in writing unless the committee otherwise allows.

Questions taken on notice at the hearing and additional information
27.(1) A Minister or the Speaker may, at their discretion, inform an estimates committee at the hearing that an answer to a question, or part of a question, asked of them at the hearing will be taken on notice and provided later to the committee.

(2) A Minister or the Speaker may, at their discretion, also give the committee additional information about an answer given by them or on their behalf.

(3) The answer or additional information:
(a) is to be written;
(b) is to be given by a time decided by the committee, or if no time has been decided by the committee, within 48 hours after the close of the committee’s hearing;
(c) is taken to be part of the proceedings of Parliament;
(d) may be included in a volume of additional information to be laid on the Table of the House by the committee; and
(e) may be authorised for publication by the committee prior to the material being tabled in the House.

(4) A Minister or the Speaker may decline to answer a question in which case the committee may report that fact in its report.

Availability of Hansard and tabled documents
28.(1) The Chief Reporter is authorised to release the Hansard of an estimates committee hearing as it becomes available, subject to any other express direction of the committee.

(2) A Minister or the Speaker or any witness may only table a document at an estimates committee hearing with the leave of the committee.

(3) Any document tabled at the hearing, by leave of the committee, is deemed to be authorised for release by the estimates committee unless the committee expressly orders otherwise.

Power of the chair to order withdrawal of a disorderly member
29.(1) At an estimates committee hearing, the presiding member may, after a warning, order any member whose conduct in their opinion continues to be grossly disorderly or disruptive to withdraw for a stated period.

(2) A member ordered to withdraw in accordance with (1), shall immediately withdraw for the stated period.

Committee hearing – sitting times
30.(1) Estimates committee hearings are to be held between 8.30 am and 7.30 pm on the day or days allocated.

(2) An estimates committee shall hold no more than a total of nine hours of hearings.
Estimates committee must report

31.(1) An estimates committee must make a report at the end of its deliberations.

(2) However, an estimates committee that considers proposed expenditure contained in more than one Appropriation Bill must make a separate report in respect of each Appropriation Bill.

(3) Reports by all estimates committees may be bound and published in one or more volumes.

Content of report

32.(1) An estimates committee’s report must state whether the proposed expenditures referred to it are agreed to.

(2) A reservation or dissenting report by a committee member may be added to the committee’s report after it is adopted by the committee.

(3) A reservation or dissenting report must be provided to the Research Director within 24 hours after the committee’s report is adopted or prior to the date that the committee’s report is required to be tabled, whatever is the earliest.

Effect of failure to report

33. If an estimates committee does not report on all of the proposed expenditures referred to it, the committee is taken to have agreed to the proposed expenditure that it does not report on.

Tabling and consideration of reports – Appropriation Bill

34.(1) The chair of each estimates committee must lay their committee’s report on the proposed expenditures stated in the Appropriation Bill on the Table of the House together with the minutes of their committee’s meetings and any other additional information which the committee agrees to table.

(2) To remove any doubt, it is declared that the chair of each estimates committee is deemed to have satisfied the requirements of (1) if they present the committee’s report, minutes and any other additional information with the Clerk when the House is not sitting in accordance with Standing Order 201 and the report is deemed to have been tabled on the date it is presented to the Clerk.

(3) The report is to be received by the Legislative Assembly without debate and its consideration deferred until the consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole House.

(4) One whole sitting day must elapse between the committee’s report being tabled and its consideration in Committee of the Whole House.

(5) The Committee of the Whole House must complete the consideration of the reports by no later than Thursday, 19 August 2004.

Tabling and consideration of report – Appropriation (Parliament) Bill

35.(1) The chair of Estimates Committee A must lay the committee’s report on the proposed expenditures stated in the Appropriation Bill on the Table of the House.

(2) To remove any doubt, it is declared that the chair of Estimates Committee A is deemed to have satisfied the requirements of (1) if the chair presents the committee’s report, minutes and any other additional information with the Clerk when the House is not sitting in accordance with Standing Order 201 and the report is deemed to have been tabled on the date it is presented to the Clerk.

(3) The report is to be received by the Legislative Assembly without debate and its consideration deferred until the consideration of the Bill in Committee of the Whole House.

(4) One whole sitting day must elapse between the committee’s report being tabled and its consideration in Committee of the Whole House.

(5) The Committee of the Whole House must complete the consideration of the report by no later than Thursday, 19 August 2004.

Effect of consideration in Committee of the Whole House

36. Consideration of an estimates committee’s report in Committee of the Whole House is taken to be consideration of the provisions of the Appropriation Bills so far as the provisions authorise the proposed expenditures referred to the estimates committee.

Procedure in Committee of the Whole House

37. In Committee of the Whole House, for each estimates committee:

(a) the Chairman of Committees must put the question “That the report of <name of committee> be adopted”;

(b) a member may speak for no longer than five minutes on the question;

(c) in reply to the debate, each responsible Minister may speak for no longer than five minutes; and

(d) the debate is to continue for no longer than one hour.

Receipt of material by nominated officers of the Leader of the House and Leader of the Opposition

38. Unless a committee otherwise expressly orders, or a Minister or the Speaker has requested confidentiality, its Research Director is authorised to release copies of the following documents as they become available to an officer from the offices of the Leader of the House and Leader of the Opposition (nominated by them) or the office of a committee member:

(a) the committee’s pre-hearing questions on notice;

(b) questions taken on notice by Ministers or the Speaker during its hearing;
(c) responses from Ministers or the Speaker to the committee’s pre-hearing questions on notice and questions taken
on notice during its hearing; and
(d) additional information provided by Ministers or the Speaker to supplement answers given by them, or on their
behalf, at the committee’s hearing.

Application of Standing Rules and Orders and practice
39.(1) The Standing Rules and Orders, Sessional Orders, other orders and practice of the Legislative Assembly also apply
to estimates committees and to Committee of the Whole House acting under these orders.
(2) However, if there is an inconsistency on some matter, these orders prevail.

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

The following amendment was proposed by Mr Lingard—
Add after 22(c) and 23(c) the words ‘commencing with non–government members’.
Amendment seconded by Leader of the Opposition (Mr Springborg). Question – that Mr Lingard’s amendment be agreed to – put and agreed to.
Motion, as amended, agreed to.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – PAPER
Chair of the Public Works Committee (Mr Livingstone) tabled the following paper—
Public Works Committee—
Report No. 84 – Construction of a new government office building at 33 Charlotte Street, Brisbane

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE  (Hansard p. 1313, 10.30 am)
Questions without notice were asked.

Papers: Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) tabled the following papers—
Document (undated) titled Australia TradeCoast will make Brisbane Global Trading Capital
Copy of web article, dated 20 May 2004, titled Synergy #5 Edition – Another Aviation
Company Joins Hub
Copy of a ministerial statement by Mr Beattie regarding the Asia–Pacific Broadcasting Union

Questions continued.
Questions concluded.

CHILD SAFETY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL  (Hansard p. 1323, 11.30 am)
Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie), by leave, moved – That leave be granted to bring in a Bill
for an Act to amend particular Acts to increase child safety, and for other purposes.
Question put and agreed to.
Bill and Explanatory Notes presented by Mr Beattie, Bill read a first time and ordered to be printed.
Mr Beattie moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Deputy Leader of the Opposition (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.

GOVERNOR’S SPEECH – ADDRESS–IN–REPLY  (Hansard p. 1326, 11.49 am)
Order of the day read for the resumption of the debate on the motion of Mr Hoolihan – That the
following address be presented to the Governor in reply to the speech delivered by Her Excellency in
opening this, the First Session of the 51st 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 the people of this State."

Debate ensued.
Question put and agreed to.

ADDRESS–IN–REPLY – PRESENTATION TO GOVERNOR
Acting Deputy Speaker (Mr O'Brien) advised the House that the Address–in–Reply will be presented to Her Excellency the Governor at Government House at a time and date to be advised.

GEOTHERMAL EXPLORATION BILL (Hansard p. 1340, 2.10 pm)
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (Mr Robertson) – That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and agreed to.
Bill read a second time.
Bill committed on the motion of Mr Robertson.

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IN COMMITTEE

Clauses 1 to 164, as read, agreed to.
Schedule, as read, agreed to.
Bill to be reported without amendment.

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IN THE HOUSE

Bill reported without amendment.
Mr Robertson, 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.

NATURE CONSERVATION AMENDMENT BILL (Hansard p. 1356, 3.57 pm)
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for the Environment (Mr Mickel) – That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned on the motion of Mr Fraser.
Ordered – That the resumption of the debate be made an order of the day for a later hour of the sitting.

SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT
Minister for the Environment (Mr Mickel) moved – That the House at its rising do adjourn until 9.30am on Tuesday, 15 June 2004
Question put and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT (Hansard p. 1366, 5.00 pm)
Minister for the Environment (Mr Mickel) moved – That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and agreed to.
The House adjourned at 5.28 pm.
## ATTENDANCE

The following members were present—

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