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MEETING OF PARLIAMENT

The Assembly met at 9.43 am. The Speaker (Honourable R K Hollis) read prayers.

DEATH OF SIR WALTER BENJAMIN CAMPBELL, AC QC (Hansard p. 2459, 9.45 am)

Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) moved—

(a) That this House desires to place on record its appreciation of the services rendered to this State by the late Sir Walter Benjamin Campbell, a former Governor of Queensland.

(b) That Mr Speaker be requested to convey to the family of the deceased gentleman the above resolution, together with an expression of the sympathy and sorrow of the Members of the Parliament of Queensland, in the loss they have sustained.

Debate ensued.
Leader of the Opposition (Mr Springborg) seconded the motion.
Debate continued.
Members signified their assent by standing in silence in their places.

PETITIONS

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

Mr Wellington from 6 petitioners requesting the House to find a more equitable way to charge every person Ambulance cover not just those receiving electricity accounts.

Mr Wellington from 70 petitioners requesting the House to make provision in the proposed new tenure for Forest Reserves in South East Queensland State Forests to have the already existing fire trails and tracks set aside as Conservation Park Corridors.

Mr Mulherin from 36 petitioners requesting the House to regulate for the change of a provision which exists within the Juvenile Justice Act the practice of dealing with young people under the age of 18 years as adults within the Queensland criminal justice system.

Mr Mulherin from 164 petitioners requesting the House to make changes to how under 18 year olds are imprisoned.

Mrs Stuckey from 2,883 petitioners requesting the House to commit to thorough community consultation, to act upon the community’s strong disapproval of another residential development and to preserve the site of the Coolangatta Special School, scheduled to relocate during the 2005-06 financial year, for the benefit of the community.

MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS (Hansard p. 2462, 10.01 am)

(a) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to the Energex Board of Directors.

   Paper: Mr Beattie, during his statement, tabled the following paper—
   Letter (undated) from Ms Sally Pitkin to the Chairman, Energex Limited, resigning from the Board of Energex

(b) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to the operation and conduct of Government Owned Corporations.

(c) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to Queensland Exports.

   Paper: Mr Beattie, during his statement, tabled the following paper—

(d) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to the Annual Report of the Integrity Commissioner for 2003–04.

   Paper: Mr Beattie, during his statement, tabled the following paper—
   Integrity Commissioner – Annual Report for 2003–04

(e) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to water use and conservation.
(f) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to smoking bans.

(g) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to a Queensland Police Service publication on internet paedophilia and Task Force Argos.
   Paper: Mr Beattie, during his statement, tabled the following paper—
   Booklet by the Queensland Police Service titled *Who’s chatting to your kids?*

(h) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to the Queensland Multicultural Festival.

(i) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to exports.

(j) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to the Premier of Queensland's Export Awards.

(k) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to the Multicultural Assistance Program.

(l) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to terrorism preparedness.

(m) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to ICT companies.

(n) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to 55th Carnival of Flowers in Toowoomba.

(o) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to review of the governance arrangements for the Office of the Governor.

(p) Minister for Education and the Arts (Ms Bligh) made a ministerial statement relating to vocational education and training.

(q) Minister for Employment, Training and Industrial Relations (Mr Barton) made a ministerial statement relating to SmartVet Industry Training Partnerships.

(r) Minister for State Development and Innovation (Mr McGrady) made a ministerial statement relating to the growth of Queensland's meat processing industry.

(s) Minister for Health (Mr Nuttall) made a ministerial statement relating to smoking bans.

**MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE – POSTPONED ORDER – GENERAL BUSINESS**

Leader of the House (Ms Bligh), by leave, moved –That, notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing and Sessional Orders, General Business Order of the Day No. 1, Retirement Villages (Proxy Voting) Amendment Bill, be postponed until a further resolution of the House. Question put and agreed to.

**STATEMENT BY LEADER OF THE HOUSE – ADJOURNMENT MOTION FOR TODAY**

Leader of the House (Ms Bligh) made the following statement—

'I advise Honourable Members that the adjournment may be moved after the Private Member's Motion today, to be followed by a 30 minute adjournment debate.'

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – PAPER**

Chair of the Public Works Committee (Mr Livingstone) tabled the following paper—

*Public Works Committee—*
   Report No. 86 – Great Walks of Queensland Project

**NOTICE OF MOTION – ACCESS TO HOSPITAL TREATMENT**

Member for Moggill (Dr Flegg) gave notice that he will move – That this House notes the deteriorating access for Queenslanders to urgent public hospital treatment and beds under the Beattie Government in South East Queensland and in particular:

(a) the recent increase in the instances of the Emergency Departments going into bypass;
the closure of the Robina Oncology Unit due to staff shortages;
(c) the deplorable situation of wards being unable to be used due to a lack of nursing staff; and
immediately calls on the Government to invest the unbudgeted $130m increase in GST receipts into
the State public hospital system.

PRIVATE MEMBER’S STATEMENT (Hansard p. 2474, 10.28 am)
A private Member’s statement was made.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (Hansard p. 2475, 10.30 am)
Questions without notice were asked.

Paper: Deputy Leader of the Opposition (Mr Seeney) tabled the following paper—
  Copy of an extract titled Audit Findings – Ministerial Portfolios from the Auditor-General’s
  Report Number 7 for 2002-2003

Questions continued.

MATTER OF PRIVILEGE (Hansard p. 2479, 10.52 am)
Leader of the Opposition (Mr Springborg) rose on a matter of privilege.

Questions resumed.

MATTER OF PRIVILEGE (Hansard p. 2482, 11.12 am)
Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) rose on a matter of privilege.

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER – AVAILABILITY OF TABLED PAPERS
Mr Speaker made the following statement—

‘Honourable Members—
I refer to the Leader of the Opposition’s complaint earlier that documents tabled yesterday by the
Premier were not available. I repeat again: copies of any document tabled in the House are
available to members on request to the Table Office staff. As members are aware, the Premier
tabled a large quantity of documents yesterday. Some of those documents were particularly
lengthy. I am advised by the Clerk that the documents tabled yesterday have been available for
viewing and copying since that time. Copies of some of those documents were provided on
request yesterday.

This morning three requests for complete copies of all those documents were received. One of
these requests was from the Office of the Opposition, but it was indicated by the opposition officer
that there was no rush for that material. Table Office staff indicated that it would take some time to
copy some of the larger documents and that they would be provided as soon as possible. Otherwise,
the documents were available for viewing.

I table emails between the Opposition Office and the Table Office regarding this request. I
reiterate: the documents are available for inspection at the Table Office and copies will be made.
However, multiple copies of documents are not necessarily kept in advance, and requests for
copies must be made within a reasonable time frame. I suggest that should members have
difficulties with the administrative arrangements in the future they seek the assistance of the Clerk.
I table those emails for the benefit of the House.’

Papers: Mr Speaker, during his statement, tabled the following papers—
  Emails, dated 29 September 2004, between the Office of the Leader of the Opposition and a
  Parliamentary Officer relating to the documents tabled regarding Energex

Questions resumed.
Questions concluded.

**PETROLEUM AND GAS (PRODUCTION AND SAFETY) BILL AND PETROLEUM AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL**  
(Hansard p. 2485, 11.30 am)

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Natural Resources and Mines (Mr Robertson) – That the Bills be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.

**MATTER OF PRIVILEGE**  
(Hansard p. 2487, 11.43 am)

Leader of the Opposition (Mr Springborg) rose on a matter of privilege suddenly arising.

Debate resumed.

Question put and agreed to.

Bills read a second time.

**Consideration in detail**—

- *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Bill*—  
  Clauses 1 to 993, as read, agreed to.  
  Schedules 1 and 2, as read, agreed to.

- *Petroleum and Other Legislation Amendment Bill*—  
  Clauses 1 to 275, as read, agreed to.  
  Schedule, as read, agreed to.

**Consideration in detail completed**—

Mr Robertson moved – That the Bills be now read a third time.  
Question put and agreed to.

Mr Robertson moved – That the long titles of the Bills be agreed to.  
Question put and agreed to.

**PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND FISHERIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL**  
(Hansard p. 2492, 12.22 pm)

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

**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**  
(Hansard p. 2512, 3.33 pm)

Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the appointment of Gordon Jardine as acting Chief Executive Officer of Energex Limited.

**MATTER OF PRIVILEGE**  
(Hansard p. 2512, 3.35 pm)

Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) rose on a matter of privilege.

**Paper**: Mr Beattie, during his speech, tabled the following paper—  
Energex Board Memorandum No. 12715, dated 25 August 2003, titled *Dividend Declaration for year ended 30 June 2003*

Debate resumed.

**Paper**: Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries (Mr Palaszczuk), during his speech, tabled the following paper—  
Media Release, dated 5 February 2004, titled *Springborg stands up for fishing industry from The Nationals – Queensland website*

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.
Debate adjourned on the motion of Mr Palaszczuk.

NOTICE OF MOTION – ACCESS TO HOSPITAL TREATMENT (Hansard p. 2530, 5.29 pm)

Member for Moggill (Dr Flegg) gave notice that he will move – That this House notes the deteriorating access for Queenslanders to urgent public hospital treatment and beds under the Beattie Government in South East Queensland and in particular:

(a) the recent increase in the instances of the Emergency Departments going into bypass;
(b) the closure of the Robina Oncology Unit due to staff shortages;
(c) the deplorable situation of wards being unable to be used to a lack of nursing staff; and immediately calls on the Government to invest the unbudgeted $130m increase in GST receipts into the State public hospital system.

Debate ensued.

The following amendment was proposed by Minister for Health (Mr Nuttall)—
That all words after 'House' are omitted and the following words inserted:

*notes the positive gains in public health by the Beattie Labor Government through a record health Budget for the benefit of all Queenslanders, in particular in the areas of:

• Reducing elective surgery waiting lists
• Easing pressure on hospital emergency departments
• Improving specialist services, including cardiac, renal and cancer prevention.*

Debate ensued.

Question put – That Mr Nuttall's amendment be agreed to.

The House divided.

AYES 49—

Barry
Barton
Boyle
Choi
Clark, E
Clark, L
Croft
Cummins
English
Fenlon
Finn
Fouras
Fraser
Hayward
Hoolihan
Jarrett
Keech
Lavarch
Lee
Lee Long
McAndie
Langbroek

Lawlor
Livingstone
Lucas
Male
McNamara
Mickel
Molloy
Mutlerin

Nelson–Carr
Nolan *
Nuttall
O'Brien
Palaszczuk
Pearce
Pitt
Purcell

Reilly
Reynolds
Nolan *
Nuttall
O'Brien
Purcell

Sullivan, T *
Nuttall
O'Brien
Purcell

Wallace
Robertson
Schwarten
Shine

NOES 26—

Copeland
Cunningham, E
Flegg
Foley
Hobbs
Hopper *
Horan
Johnson
Knuth
Langbroek

Lee
Lingard
Malone *
Menkens

Long
Long
McAndie

Messenger
Pratt
Quinn
Rickuss

Mullerin

Rowell
Seeley
Simpson
Springborg

Sullivan, C
Wells
Wilson

* Tellers

Question agreed to.

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

The House divided.

AYES 49—

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Jarrett
Keech
Lavarch
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Lee Long
McAndie
Langbroek

Lawlor
Livingstone
Lucas
Male
McNamara
Mickel
Molloy
Mutlerin

Nelson–Carr
Nolan *
Nuttall
O'Brien
Palaszczuk
Pearce
Pitt
Purcell

Reilly
Reynolds
Nolan *
Nuttall
O'Brien
Purcell

Sullivan, T *
Nuttall
O'Brien
Purcell

Wallace
Robertson
Schwarten
Shine

Nuttall
O'Brien
Purcell

Robertson
Wells
Wilson

Sullivan, C
NOES 26—

Copeland  Hopper *  Lee Long  Messenger  Rowell  Wellington
Cunningham, E  Horan  Lingard  Pratt  Seeley
Flegg  Johnson  Malone *  Quinn  Simpson
Foley  Knuth  McArdle  Rickuss  Springborg
Hobbs  Langbroek  Menkens  Roberts, E  Stuckey

* Tellers

Question agreed to.

Motion, as agreed—

That this House notes the positive gains in public health by the Beattie Labor Government through a record health Budget for the benefit of all Queenslanders, in particular in the areas of:

- Reducing elective surgery waiting lists
- Easing pressure on hospital emergency departments
- Improving specialist services, including cardiac, renal and cancer prevention.

ADJOURNMENT (Hansard p. 2540, 6.35 pm)

Acting Leader of the House (Mr Barton) moved – That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and agreed to.

The House adjourned at 7.05 pm.

ATTENDANCE

The following members were present—

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

R K HOLLIS
SPEAKER

N J LAURIE
CLERK OF THE PARLIAMENT