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MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY

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

MATTER OF PRIVILEGE  (Hansard p. 3803, 9.31 am)

Mr Messenger rose on a matter of privilege.

Papers: Mr Messenger, during his speech, tabled the following papers—
Letter, dated 18 October 2004, from Mr Messenger to the Minister for Education and the Arts (Ms Bligh) relating to Rosedale State School
Letter, received on 14 October 2004, from Henry and Debbie Rzeszewski to Mr Messenger relating to Rosedale State School
Letter, dated 16 November 2004, from Macrossans Lawyers to Mrs D Rzeszewski relating to Rosedale State School

AUDITOR–GENERAL – REPORT

Mr Speaker tabled the following report—
Queensland Audit Office—
Audit Report No. 6 2004–05 – Results of Audits Performed for 2003–04 as at 30 September 2004

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER – WHITE RIBBON DAY

Mr Speaker made the following statement—

“Honourable Members—

On your desks today is a White Ribbon which I have distributed on behalf of Amnesty International for Members who wish to participate in White Ribbon Day.

White Ribbon Day is held on November 25 each year, designated by the United Nations in 2000 as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

Additional White Ribbons will be available at the front desk of the Parliamentary Annexe in exchange for a small donation.”

PETITIONS

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

Mr Fenlon from 110 petitioners requesting the House to take all necessary action to ensure that all current students-at-law enrolled to undertake assessment for admission as a Barrister at Law under the Rules Relating to the Admission of Barristers of the Supreme Court of Queensland 1975, be permitted to complete such assessment pursuant to the stages prescribed under those rules prior to amendment

Mr Livingstone from 165 petitioners requesting the House to overturn the decision to partially entomb the Heritage listed sandstone abutments of the Heiner Road Bridge, Heiner Road, North Ipswich and allow the abutments to remain, be protected and valued as a significant piece of Australia’s heritage.

Mr Livingstone from 798 petitioners requesting the House to protect and allow the public display of the Sandstone abutments of the Heiner Rd overbridge, Heiner Road and the Wharf Branch Railway at North Ipswich as significant and unique pieces of Australia’s heritage and incorporate and feature them into any new development in this precinct for future generations.

Mr Wellington from 1,831 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.

MINISTERIAL PAPER TABLED BY THE CLERK

The following ministerial paper was tabled by The Clerk—
Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Mr Lucas)—
Response from the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Mr Lucas) to a paper petition presented by Mr Johnson from 1113 petitioners regarding a request to widen the section of road between Charleville and Quilpie on the Diamantina Development Road toward the Ward River bridge

REPORT TABLED BY THE CLERK
The following report was tabled by The Clerk—

Report pursuant to Standing Order 158 (Clerical errors or formal changes to any Bill) detailing amendments to certain Bills, made by the Clerk, prior to assent by Her Excellency the Governor; viz—

Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Amendment Bill 2004—
Clause 16—
Page 24, subsection 1—
‘(1AA) This section applies if, for an application under section 100 or 101, the commissioner must decide whether or not there is an exceptional case as mentioned in section 102(4) or (7).
Amended to read—
‘(1AA) This section applies if, for an application under section 100 or 101, the commissioner must decide whether or not there is an exceptional case as mentioned in section 102(4) or (7).’.
Page 24, subsection 2—
(a) stating the following—
(i) the police information about the person that the commissioner is aware of;
(ii) any disciplinary information about the person that the commissioner is aware of;
and'.
Amended to read—
‘(a) stating the following—
(i) the police information about the person that the commissioner is aware of;
(ii) any disciplinary information about the person that the commissioner is aware of;
and’.

Footnotes 17 and 45—
Pages 35 and 61—
‘Section 126C (Lifetime ban order)’
Amended to read—
‘Section 126C (Disqualification order)’

MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS (Hansard p. 3804, 9.35 am)
(a) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to the Smart State and Freedom of Information.

Papers: Mr Beattie, during his statement, tabled the following paper—
Bundle of documents detailed in a covering schedule
Queensland Government report titled Investing in science: research, education and innovation
Queensland Government report titled Smart State Strategy Progress 2004
Various Queensland Government brochures titled Queensland's future - Building on the Smart State

(b) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to White Ribbon Day, the international day for the elimination of violence against women.

(c) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to free-to-air coverage of the Ashes Test Cricket match.

Papers: Mr Beattie, during his statement, tabled the following paper—
Letter, dated 18 November 2004, from the Prime Minister to Mr Beattie relating to the Ashes test cricket coverage on free-to-air television
Letter, dated 24 November 2004, from Mr Beattie to the Prime Minister relating to Ashes test cricket coverage on free-to-air television
Letter, dated 18 November 2004, from David Leckie (CEO Broadcast Television) to Mr Beattie relating to the Ashes test cricket series
Letter, dated 17 November 2004, from Max Walters Managing Director, Channel 7 to Mr Beattie relating to the Ashes test series
Letter, dated 15 November 2004, from David Gyngell, Chief Executive Officer, Channel 9 to Mr Beattie relating to coverage of the Ashes test cricket series
Letter, dated 12 November 2004, from Mr Beattie to the Prime Minister relating to coverage of the Ashes test cricket series

(d) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to the appointment of new part-time Crime and Misconduct Commissioners.

(e) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to 150 year anniversary of Queensland.

(f) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to the Images of Queensland photographic awards.

(g) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to the Teen challenge student of the year multicultural award.

(h) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to Queensland finalists of the Australian of the Year awards.

(i) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to Sponsorships relating to events, awards, meetings and conferences.

(j) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to the Review of the Office of Governor (10 point summary implementation plan).

(k) Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Sport (Mr Mackenroth) made a ministerial statement relating to economic performance.

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

(l) Minister for Education and the Arts (Ms Bligh) made a ministerial statement relating to the two year progress report on ‘Education and training reforms for the future’ strategy.

(m) Minister for Employment, Training and Industrial Relations (Mr Barton) made a ministerial statement relating to the two year progress report on ‘Education and training reforms for the future’ strategy.

(n) Minister for State Development and Innovation (Mr McGrady) made a ministerial statement relating to the Gold Coast cruise ship terminal.

(o) Minister for Public Works, Housing and Racing (Mr Schwarten) made a ministerial statement relating to the year of the built environment 2004.

(p) Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Mr Lucas) made a ministerial statement relating to the construction of two new busway stations.

(q) Minister for Natural Resources and Mines (Mr Robertson) made a ministerial statement relating to Future water charging in Queensland.

(r) Minister for Child Safety (Mr Reynolds) made a ministerial statement relating to Family reunification funding.

(s) Minister for Tourism, Fair Trading and Wine Industry Development (Ms Keech) made a ministerial statement relating to the 2004 Tourism industry report and the 2004 Queensland tourism awards.

(t) Minister for Energy (Mr Mickel) made a ministerial statement relating to the Ergon Energy indigenous employment strategy.
(u) Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy (Ms Clark) made a ministerial statement relating to the departmental year in review.

NOTICE OF MOTION
Ms Nelson–Carr gave notice that she will move – That this House—

• Recognises the exceptional contribution and achievements of women in public life since Queensland women were afforded the right to vote in State elections in 1905;
• Notes the Government's intention to celebrate the centenary of this milestone in 2005 with a range of activities throughout Queensland under the theme Celebrate the Past – Claim the Future: 100 years of the vote for Queensland women.

Further, that in celebrating the centenary, the House acknowledges that the right to vote was not afforded to all women, with indigenous women in Queensland only gaining the right to vote in State elections in 1965.

PRIVATE MEMBER’S STATEMENT  (Hansard p. 3820, 10.27 am)
A private Member's statement was made.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE  (Hansard p. 3821, 10.30 am)
Questions without notice were asked.

Paper: Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) tabled the following paper—
Document titled Smart State export - Wollemi pine

Questions continued.
Questions concluded.

POSTPONED ORDERS – GOVERNMENT BUSINESS
Leader of the House (Ms Bligh) moved – That Government Business Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 be postponed.
Question put and agreed to.

STATUTE LAW (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL  (Hansard p. 3832, 11.30 am)
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Education and the Arts (Ms Bligh) – That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and agreed to.
Bill read a second time.
Consideration in detail—
Clauses 1 to 3, as read, agreed to.
Schedule, as read, agreed to.
Consideration in detail completed—
Ms Bligh moved – That the Bill be read a third time.
Question put and agreed to.
Ms Bligh moved – That the long title of the Bill be agreed to.
Question put and agreed to.

TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE AMENDMENT BILL  (Hansard p. 3833, 11.37 am)
Order of the day read for the further consideration of the Bill in detail.

Consideration in detail—
Clause 5—
Debate ensued.
Question put – That Clause 5, as read, stand part of the Bill.
The House divided.

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Question agreed to.
Clauses 6 to 8, as read, agreed to.

Clause 9—
Debate ensued.
Question put – That Clause 9, as read, stand part of the Bill.
The House divided.

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Question agreed to.
Clauses 10 to 13, as read, agreed to.

Clause 14—
Debate ensued.
The House divided.

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Question agreed to.
Clauses 10 to 13, as read, agreed to.

Clause 15—
Debate ensued.
The House divided.
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Question agreed to.
Clause 15, as read, agreed to.

**Consideration in detail completed—**

Mr Lucas moved – That the Bill be read a third time.
Question put and agreed to.
Mr Lucas moved – That the long title of the Bill be agreed to.
Question put and agreed to.

**MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE – REFERRAL TO SCRUTINY OF LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

Leader of the House (Ms Bligh), by leave, moved – That the Transport Infrastructure Amendment Bill be referred to the Scrutiny of Legislation Committee for it to consider the application of fundamental legislative principles to the Bill and report to the House, despite that Bill having been passed by this House or receiving Royal Assent.
Question put and agreed to.

**APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2) AND APPROPRIATION PARLIAMENT BILL (NO. 2)**

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Sport (Mr Mackenroth) – That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and agreed to.
Debate adjourned on the motion of Mr Fouras.

**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Sport (Mr Mackenroth) made a ministerial statement relating to the administrative arrangements for extension of time for part payment of some 2004 land tax assessments.

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

Document (undated) titled *Land Tax Assessments for the 2004-05 year – Administrative arrangement for extension of time for part payment of assessment where an objection has been lodged against certain 2004 valuations*

**MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE – AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL**

Mr Wells, by leave, moved – That this House on United Nation’s International Day to Eliminate Violence Against Women—

(a) Condemns violence against women and girls in all forms.

(b) Recognises the levels and risk of violence women and girls live under in conflict and post-conflict areas within the Asia Pacific.

(c) Highlights the findings contained in Amnesty International’s recent report *Solomon Islands, Women confronting violence*, including that:

(i) gender-based violence against women and girls was an entrenched feature in the Solomon Island’s five year armed conflict between 1998 and 2003;

(ii) 85% of Solomon Islanders interviewed in a March 2004 study reported that their families were directly affected by the conflict;

(iii) 75% of women suffered direct personal trauma, including rape, death of family members, threats of violence and intimidation and being held at gunpoint; and that
(iv) Solomon Island women have reported an increased rate of domestic violence within their homes as a result of the conflict.

(d) Encourages the Solomon Islands Government to further pursue its plans to combat violence against women, specifically the development of a National Policy on Violence against Women and proposed legislation for the protection of women and children against violence and other abuses.

Debate ensued.
Question put and agreed to.

SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT (VALEDICTORY) (Hansard p. 3865, 4.31 pm)
Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) moved – That the House, at its rising, do adjourn to 9.30 am on Tuesday, 22 February 2005.
Question put and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT
Leader of the House (Ms Bligh) moved – That this House do now adjourn.
Question put and agreed to.
The House adjourned at 5.15 pm.

ATTENDANCE
The following Members were present—

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