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MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY
The Assembly met at 9.30 am, pursuant to adjournment. The Acting Speaker (Honourable D Fouras) read prayers.

STATEMENT BY ACTING SPEAKER – DISRESPECT OF TEMPORARY CHAIR
Mr Acting Speaker made the following statement—

‘Honourable Members—
A matter involving gross disrespect to one of the temporary chairs last night has been brought to my attention this morning.
I will be investigating this matter today and further action may be taken.
In the interim, I wish to remind all members that persons occupying the chair are to be accorded the respect and dignity due to the chair at all times.’

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

Mr Fraser from 1,283 petitioners requesting the House to review the removal of the Shingle Inn from the Queensland Heritage Register, ensure that the Shingle Inn is reinstated in the Central Business District as originally as possible, as was agreed, and reinstate it on the Queensland Heritage Register ensuring that it remains protected in the future.

MINISTERIAL PAPERS TABLED BY THE CLERK
The following ministerial papers were tabled by the Clerk—

Response from the Attorney–General and Minister for Justice (Mr Welford) to an E–petition sponsored by Ms Male from 139 petitioners regarding improvements to the justice system and the legal rights for victims of crime.
Response from the Minister for Natural Resources and Mines (Mr Robertson) to a paper petition presented by Ms Stuckey from 138 petitions regarding a suburb name change back to Tugun.
Response from the Minister for Health (Mr Nuttall) to a paper petition presented by Mr Wilson from 1170 petitioners requesting the House to improve maternity care services.
Response from the Minister for Health (Mr Nuttall) to a paper petition presented by Ms Lee Long from 1 petitioner requesting the House to seek a range of remedial action in respect of a decision by the Health Practitioners Tribunal to cancel the Christina Wong’s medical registration.

MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS  (Hansard p. 2069, 9.32 am)

(a) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to the Bundaberg Hospital Commission of Inquiry interim report.

Papers:
Mr Beattie, during his statement, tabled the following papers—
Report titled Bundaberg Hospital Commission of Inquiry Interim Report – 10 June 2005
Letter, dated 9 June 2005, from the Premier to the Minister for Police and Corrective Services regarding extradition of Dr Patel
Letter, dated 9 June 2005, from the Minister for Police and Corrective Services to the Premier regarding the extradition of Dr Patel
Document, titled Comparison of existing offences in the Act and new offences in the Bill

(b) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to travel by the Speaker of the Queensland Parliament.

Papers:
Mr Beattie, during his statement, tabled the following papers—
Report on Overseas travel to the United Kingdom and Singapore 2004, Singapore 2004 and Thailand 2003 by the Speaker of the Queensland Parliament
Letter, dated 30 May 2005, from the Premier to the Speaker requesting reports from the Speaker regarding overseas travel.
(c) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to a visit to the United States and Italy for a Smart State Trade, biotechnology and investment mission.

(d) Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to the following—

(i) Trade performance for March 2005 quarter
(ii) Exercise Orchard Alert
(iii) Nurse practitioners update
(iv) 2005 Reconciliation awards for business
(v) Waiting times for elective surgery
(vi) Community Cabinet on the Gold Coast
(vii) Access to ammonium nitrate
(viii) Vivian Solon media release dated 8 June 2005, by Senator the Hon Kay Patterson titled *Government assistance for Vivian Solon already on the table*
(ix) Vivian Solon (Young) media release, dated 9 June 2005, by George Newhouse

(d) Minister for Health (Mr Nuttall) made a ministerial statement relating to the Queensland Public Hospitals Commission of Inquiry into Queensland Health.

(e) Minister for Education and the Arts (Ms Bligh) made a ministerial statement relating to criminal history checks of mature age students.

(f) Minister for State Development and Innovation (Mr McGrady) made a ministerial statement relating to the BIO2005 Conference in Philadelphia.

STATEMENT BY ACTING SPEAKER – MATTER RAISED BY THE MEMBER FOR CALLIDE

Mr Acting Speaker made the following statement—

‘Honourable Members—

On 16 May 2005 the Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Member for Callide wrote to me alleging that Hon Chris Cummins MP, Minister for Emergency Services deliberately mislead the House in his response tabled on 22 March 2005 to Question on Notice No. 345. In particular the Member referred to the reason given by the Minister for delays in the construction of a new ambulance station at Emu Park.

The Member also referred to subsequent comments attributed to the Minister that appeared seven weeks later in the 13 May 2005 edition of *The Morning Bulletin*. These comments suggest a further reason for the existence of a further reason for the delay in the project.

I am unaware of the accuracy of the comments in *The Morning Bulletin* attributed to the Honourable Minister; however, the comments do not in themselves establish that the Minister’s response to the Question on Notice No. 345 in March was incorrect or misleading.

I find that there is no basis to demonstrate a prima facie contempt of deliberately misleading the House, and intend to take no further action in respect of the matter.’

STATEMENT BY ACTING SPEAKER – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE AND WITHOUT NOTICE

Mr Acting Speaker made the following statement—

‘Honourable Members—

I believe it is important that I make a few observations to the House about questions, both on notice and without notice.

Standing Order 115 clearly outlines the general rules applying to both types of questions. That Standing Order provides, amongst other things, that questions shall be brief and related to one issue, shall not contain arguments, inferences or imputations or not ask for opinions.

In recent days I have made comment about needless preambles in questions without notice. I note that this problem also occurs in questions on notice.

I am also becoming concerned at the number of parts, or sub-questions in questions.’

I would urge all members to take the time to read Standing Order 115 and frame their questions more carefully, having regard to the rules.
I also advise that the Clerks at the Table are able to assist members with the drafting of questions to ensure they are in order.

In relation to answers to both types of questions, I advise as follows. The general rules of procedure apply to answers. Therefore, answers should not contain matters that would not be allowed in the House generally. For example, unparliamentary language, imputations or personal reflections offending standing order 234 are not permitted in answers. Answers that offend the rules may be ruled out of order. However, apart from that, it is a longstanding rule of practice and procedure in our House that the answer to a question is a matter for the minister. The Speaker cannot intervene to improve the quality of an answer or force the minister to answer the question in the way that members asking would prefer. If a minister does not answer the question to a member’s satisfaction, the member can either ask further questions on the topic or make whatever comment in debate or elsewhere they believe is appropriate given the answer.

In conclusion, I remind all members that questions are a vital part of parliament’s proceedings, especially to its scrutiny function, and it is important that both members asking questions and ministers answering questions observe not only the rules but also the spirit of such proceedings.’

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (Hansard p. 2080, 10.01 am)
Questions without notice were asked.

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL (Hansard p.2086, 10.31 am)
Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Medical Practitioners Registration Act 2001 and Explanatory Notes and moved – That the Bill be now read a first time.
Question put and agreed to.
Mr Beattie moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Leader of the Opposition (Mr Springborg) moved – That the debate be now adjourned.
Question put and agreed to.

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE — MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL
Leader of the House (Ms Bligh), by leave, moved — That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Medical Practitioners Registration Amendment Bill to pass through all its remaining stages at this day’s sitting.

Further, that under the provisions of Standing Order 159, the Medical Practitioners Registration Amendment Bill be declared an urgent Bill and the following time limits apply to enable the Bill to be passed through its remaining stages at this day’s sitting—

(a) Minister in reply by 3.55 pm
(b) Second reading by 4.15 pm;
(c) Consideration in detail by 4.27 pm;
(d) Third reading by 4.29 pm; and
(e) Long Title agreed by 4.30 pm.
If the stage has not been completed by the time specified, Mr Speaker shall put all remaining questions necessary to pass the Bill, including clauses and schedules en bloc and any amendments to be moved by the Minister in charge of the Bill, without further amendment or debate.

Further, that for this Bill, speaking times on the second reading debate be as follows—

(a) Leader of the Opposition or nominee – 20 minutes;
(b) Other Members – 10 minutes; and
(c) Mover in reply – 20 minutes.”
Question put and agreed to.
APPRIOPRIATION (PARLIAMENT) BILL AND APPROPRIATION BILL  
(Hansard p. 2088, 10.38am)
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.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION  
(Hansard p. 2101, 12.02 pm)
A personal explanation was made by Ms Roberts.

Debate resumed.

Paper:  Mr McArdle, during his speech, tabled the following paper—
Document titled surprisinglysmart – businesses on australia’s sunshine coast – IT & Technology, Professional & Creative Industries Edition

Debate continued.

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL  
(Hansard p. 2111, 2.30 pm)
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Consideration in detail—
Clauses 1 to 8, as read, agreed to.

Consideration in detail completed—
Mr Beattie moved – That the Bill be read a third time.

Question put and agreed to.

Mr Beattie moved – That the long title of the Bill be agreed to.

Question put and agreed to.

APPRIOPRIATION (PARLIAMENT) BILL AND APPROPRIATION BILL  
(Hansard p. 2130, 4.29 pm)
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.

Papers:  Mr Beattie, during his speech, tabled the following papers—
Publication titled Queensland A great State of Mind
Letter, from Office of the Premier of Queensland to Mr Kevin Lingard MLA and enclosed copy of report titled Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Official Visit by Hon Kevin R Lingard to London from 24th January 1990 to 24th February 1990
Report on overseas trip to attend the Forty-Sixth Parliamentary Seminar at Westminster by Hon NJ Turner MLA
Report titled State Opposition Leader’s report - Opposition Leader’s Overseas Study Tour March-April 2004

Debate continued.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Bills referred to Estimates Committees—

In accordance with the order of the House on 11 May 2005, the Bills are referred to the Estimates Committees.
PETITION
The following paper petition, lodged with the Clerk by the Member indicated, was received—
Mrs Smith from 1,444 petitioners requesting the House to establish a Multi-Disciplinary Domestic Violence Death Review Board which would provide information on the nature and circumstance of each domestic violence death as well as possible gaps in legislation and/or service response, as with more information these deaths may be prevented.

SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT
Leader of the House (Ms Bligh) moved – That the House at its rising do adjourn until 9.30 am on Tuesday, 9 August 2005.
Question put and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT (Hansard p. 2134, 4.51 pm)
Leader of the House (Ms Bligh) moved – That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

Paper: Mrs Attwood, during her speech, tabled the following paper—
Discussion Paper – Safe Youth Parties Taskforce

Debate continued.
Question put and agreed to.
The House adjourned at 5.21 pm.

ATTENDANCE
The following Members were present—

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