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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
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MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY
The Assembly met at 9.30 am, pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Honourable A McGrady) read prayers.

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER – MATTER RAISED BY THE MEMBER FOR WARREGO
Mr Speaker made the following statement—

“Honourable Members—

I refer to the matter of privilege raised by the Member for Warrego yesterday who also wrote to me about the matter.

Given that the matter involves my actions in a former capacity, I have decided to delegate any decision making in this matter to the Deputy Speaker who will report to the House in due course.’

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

Mrs Menkens from 122 petitioners requesting the House to provide a permanent all tidal access boat ramp facility at Kierle’s Landing, Rita Island

Dr Flegg from 4,122 petitioners requesting the House to immediately withdraw all financial support provided to the Big Brother television program and commit to not funding Big Brother or similar ventures in the future; immediately cease the promotion of sexually explicit and highly graphic material to children and young people; withdraw all previous public statements of support for Big Brother; and take all practical measures to ensure inappropriate material is not made available to children through another medium including internet, mobiles or any other new media, in particular where the alternative medium is promoted to children on television or radio.

The following E-petition, sponsored by the Member indicated, was received—

Dr Flegg from 3,701 petitioners requesting the House to immediately withdraw all financial support provided to the Big Brother television program and commit to not funding Big Brother or similar ventures in the future; immediately cease the promotion of sexually explicit and highly graphic material to children and young people; withdraw all previous public statements of support for Big Brother; and take all practical measures to ensure inappropriate material is not made available to children through another medium including internet, mobiles or any other new media, in particular where the alternative medium is promoted to children on television or radio.

MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS (Hansard p. 2347, 9.33 am)
(a) Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to the proposed detention centre at Burpengary.
(b) Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to violent computer games.
(c) Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to the 1st International Conference on Engaging Communities.
(d) Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to the Smart State, Safe State: Partnerships for a Safer Queensland and the Brisbane Lions Partnership.
(e) Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to the Queensland Investment Corporation and QSuper.
(f) Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to a prosthetic leg for one of Dr Patel’s patients.
(g) Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to an RNA Exhibition dinner.
(h) Deputy Premier and Minister for Finance, Minister for State Development, Trade and Innovation (Ms Bligh) made a ministerial statement relating to the online payroll tax system.
(i) Minister for Employment, Training and Industrial Relations (Mr Barton) made a ministerial statement relating to industrial relations reform.

(j) Minister for Police and Corrective Services (Ms Spence) made a ministerial statement relating to police presence at the RNA Exhibition.

(k) Minister for Health (Mr Robertson) made a ministerial statement relating to the Patient Liaison Service at Bundaberg Hospital.

(l) Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries (Mr Nuttall) made a ministerial statement relating to the sugar industry heads of agreement.

(m) Minister for Communities, Disability Services and Seniors (Mr Pitt) made a ministerial statement relating to the Shared Visions Disability Conference.

MINISTERIAL NOTICE OF MOTION

Leader of the House (Mr Schwarten), by leave, moved – That—

(1) The House notes the Constitutional Instrument signed by the Governor on 26 July 2005 to change the place for sittings of the Legislative Assembly to the Pilbeam Theatre, Rockhampton on 4, 5 and 6 October 2005.

(2) The Sessional Orders for the sitting of the Legislative Assembly at the Pilbeam Theatre, Rockhampton on 4, 5 and 6 October 2005 circulated in my name be adopted: viz—

SESSIONAL ORDERS FOR THE SITTING OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AT THE PILBEAM THEATRE,
ROCKHAMPTON ON 4, 5 AND 6 OCTOBER 2005

TIMES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Unless otherwise ordered and notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing and Sessional Orders, the times and Order of Business for each days sitting at the Pilbeam Theatre, Rockhampton shall be as follows—

TUESDAY 4 OCTOBER 2005

9.30am – 10.30am—
Prayers
Messages from the Governor
Matters concerning Privilege
Speakers’ Statements
Motions of Condolence
Petitions
Notification and tabling of papers by the Clerk
Ministerial Papers
Ministerial Notices of Motion
Ministerial Statements
Any other Government Business
Personal Explanations
Tabling of Reports
Notice of Motion
Private Members’ Bills (Introductions)
Private Members’ Statements

10.30am – 11.30am—
Question Time

11.30am – 12.30pm—
Matters of Public Interest

12.30pm – 1.00pm—
Government Business

1.00pm – 2.30pm—
Lunch break

2.30pm – 7.00pm—
Government Business

7.00pm – 7.30pm—
Adjournment Debate

7.30pm—
Adjournment

WEDNESDAY 5 OCTOBER 2005

10.30am – 11.30am—
Prayers

11.30am – 1.00pm—
Government Business

1.00pm – 2.30pm—
Lunch break

2.30pm – 5.00pm—
Government Business

5.00pm – 6.30pm—
Dinner break

6.30pm – 7.30pm—
Private Members’ Motion

7.30pm – 8.30pm—
Question Time

8.30pm – 9.00pm—
Adjournment Debate

9.00pm—
Adjournment

Thursday 6 October 2005

9.30am – 10.30am—
Prayers

Questions put and agreed to.
MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE – INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AMENDMENT BILL – REMAINING STAGES THIS WEEK (Hansard p. 2356, 9.59 am)

Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie), by leave, moved – That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended to enable the Industrial Relations Amendment Bill to pass through all remaining stages at this weeks sitting and that the debate of this Bill will commence following the passage of the Appropriation Bills.

This is to ensure:—

• That this Parliament does all it can to protect workers of Queensland and their families, from the harsh and unfair industrial relations proposals of the Howard Government that threaten families’ take home pay and living standards; and

• That the Queensland Parliament enacts laws before the Howard Government uses its newly acquired majority in both Houses of the Commonwealth Parliament to pass harmful industrial relations laws that would override Queensland State Awards which provide protection for entitlements such as:
  - Annual leave
  - Sick leave
  - Parental leave
  - Carer’s leave
  - Bereavement leave
  - Long service leave
  - Notice of termination
  - Ordinary time hours of work
  - Penalty rates
  - Public holidays
  - Redundancy pay
  - Stand down provisions
  - Dispute settling procedures
  - Casual employment

Motion seconded by the Leader of the House (Mr Schwarten).

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

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Tellers *

Question agreed to.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (Hansard p. 2362, 10.33 am)

Questions without notice were asked.
Papers: Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie) tabled the following papers—
Copy of letter, dated 4 December 2002, from Wendy Edmond MP, Minister for Health to Mr Jim O'Dempsey, Executive Officer, Office of Health Practitioners Registration Boards, relating to the registration of psychiatrists
Copy of a memorandum, dated 4 December 2002, from Wendy Edmond MP, Minister for Health, to the Director-General relating to unqualified practitioners

Questions continued.

Paper: Mr Beattie tabled the following paper—
Copy of an extract (page 13) from the Queensland Health Systems Review Interim Report July 2005 headed Queensland Health Facts 2003 – 2004

Questions continued.

Papers: Mr Quinn tabled the following papers—
Two (2) references relating to Dr Vincent Berg (a) dated 13 November 2000, from Dr B Boettcher, Consultant Psychiatrist and Director, Forensic Mental Health Service, Northern Zone, Queensland Health, and (b) dated 11 November 2000, from Doctor Leon Petchkovsky, Senior Specialist Psychiatrist and Director, Psychotherapy Programme of the Gold Coast IHMS, Queensland Health

Questions continued.

Distinguished visitors—
Mr Speaker informed the House of the presence in the Gallery of the 2005 Showgirl finalists.

Questions continued.

Withdrawal of Disorderly Member—
And the Member for Callide (Mr Seeney), after warning, continuing to be disorderly, under the provisions of Standing Order 253, the Speaker ordered Mr Seeney to withdraw immediately from the Chamber.
Mr Seeney withdrew from the Chamber at 11.26 am.

Questions resumed.
Questions concluded.

APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT) BILL and APPROPRIATION BILL (Hansard p. 2373, 11.33 am)
Order of the day read for the further consideration of the Bills in detail and the consideration of Estimates Committees reports.

Consideration in detail—

Appropriation Bill—
The Deputy Speaker proposed – That the Report of Estimates Committee D be adopted. Debate ensued.
Question put and agreed to.
The Deputy Speaker proposed – That the Report of Estimates Committee E be adopted. Debate ensued.
Question put and agreed to.
The Deputy Speaker proposed – That the Report of Estimates Committee F be adopted. Debate ensued.

STATEMENT BY LEADER OF THE HOUSE – HOURS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR TODAY
Leader of the House (Mr Schwarten) made the following statement—
‘I advise Honourable Members that the House can continue to meet past 6.30 pm this day.
The House can break for dinner at 6.30 pm and resume its sitting at 7.30 pm. The Order of Business shall then be Government Business, followed by a 30 minute adjournment debate.

Debate resumed.
Question put and agreed to.
The Deputy Speaker proposed – That the Report of Estimates Committee G be adopted.
Debate ensued.

Papers: Mr Malone, during his speech, tabled the following papers—
Additional information provided by the Minister for Environment, Local Government, Planning and Women (Ms Boyle) to Estimates Committee G relating to the remuneration of Aboriginal Councils

Debate continued.

Papers: Minister for Environment, Local Government, Planning and Women (Ms Boyle), during her speech, tabled the following papers—
Environmental Protection Agency brochures titled Proposed Horse Riding Trails for Beaudesert and Gold Coast Region and Proposed Horse Riding Trails for Noosa Region

Debate continued.

Clauses 1 to 4, as read, agreed to.
Schedules 1 and 2, as read, agreed to.

Consideration in detail completed—
Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie) moved – That the Bills be now read a third time.
Question put and agreed to.
Mr Beattie moved – That the long titles of the Bills be agreed to.
Question put and agreed to.

POSTPONED ORDERS – GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Leader of the House (Mr Schwarten) moved – That Government Business Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 8 be postponed.
Question put and agreed to.

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AMENDMENT BILL (Hansard p. 2406, 4.14 pm)
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Employment, Training and Industrial Relations (Mr Barton) – That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned.

SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT

Leader of the House (Mr Schwarten) moved – That the House at its rising do adjourn until 9.30 am tomorrow.
Question put and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT (Hansard p. 2451, 9.56 pm)
Leader of the House (Mr Schwarten) moved – That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and agreed to.
The House adjourned at 10.26 pm.
ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present—

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