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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.

REGISTER OF MEMBERS’ INTERESTS
Mr Speaker tabled the following paper—
Seventeenth Report on the Register of Members’ Interests

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER – RETIREMENT OF PAT KANE
Mr Speaker made the following statement—
’Honourable Members—
I wish to advise members that, Parliamentary Attendant, Mr Pat Kane’s last day with the Service will be Friday 2 September 2005.
Pat has worked for the Service for almost 15 years.
I’m sure Honourable Members will join me in thanking Pat for his service and wish he and his family well in his retirement.’

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER – MATTER RAISED BY THE MEMBER FOR BURNETT
Mr Speaker made the following statement—
’Honourable members—
The former Speaker received a letter from the Member for Burnett requesting that a matter be referred to the Members’ Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee (MEPPC). Further details were subsequently requested by the Speaker and supplied by the Member.
The matter concerns an allegation that following representations to the Minister for Education on behalf of a constituent, the constituent was threatened with legal action by the public officer the subject of adverse comment.
This is a particularly difficult and complex matter; but after reviewing precedents in the House of Commons, House of Representatives and the Senate and MEPPC Report 60, I have come to the conclusion that no prima facie evidence of a contempt arises.
No issue of contempt arises because, on the evidence at hand, no parliamentary proceeding is involved. That is, the Member did not bring the matter to the House or a committee but rather dealt with the matter directly with the Minister in correspondence.
I wish to stress that nothing I have seen suggests that the Members actions were inappropriate. Neither was the actions of the Minister in having the matter investigated.
Nothing that took place involved parliamentary proceedings or an impeachment of those proceedings.
I am, however, concerned at the wider policy implications raised by this matter for Members and the House. I have, therefore, decided that I will write to the Premier, as the Minister responsible for the Public Service Act 1996 and the Public Sector Ethics Act 1994 to examine whether there are any changes to policies, protocols or public service codes of conduct that may reduce the likelihood of matters such as this.
I undertake to keep the House informed.’

PETITIONS
The following paper petitions, lodged with the Clerk by the Members indicated, were received—
Mr Foley from 71 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.

Mr Briskey from 669 petitioners requesting the House to replace the external roof of the Birkdale State School at the same time as the planned replacement of the internal roof which would decrease the chance of any asbestos powder coming down onto the students of Grades 1 & 2.

Mr Lingard from 145 petitioners requesting the House to prevent further environmental offences by the State of Queensland immediately dismantling the nine Yeronga TAFE metal trade stacks.

Mr English from 2,315 petitioners requesting the House to make the necessary amendments to the Water Act and the Plumbing and Drainage Act to require any workers working on water and sewage pipes in the State of Queensland to be licensed by the Plumbers and Drainers Board.

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

Mr Choi from 47 petitioners requesting the House to oppose and quash the TransLink decision to disallow Connex buses to use Woolloongabba Busway.

MEMBER’S PAPER TABLED BY THE CLERK
The following Member’s paper was tabled by The Clerk—

The Speaker (Mr McGrady)—

Report by the (then) Minister for State Development and Innovation (Mr McGrady) titled Report on the Rail Industry Delegation to New Zealand led by the Honourable Tony McGrady MP Minister for State Development and Innovation, 18 to 22 July 2005

MINISTERIAL NOTICE OF MOTION – IMPACT OF PETROL PRICING SELECT COMMITTEE
Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie) gave notice that he will move—

1. That a select committee, to be known as the Impact of Petrol Pricing Select Committee be appointed to examine a range of issues regarding petrol pricing in Queensland.

2. That the Committee will consult with the community, investigate, report on and make recommendations, in particular, as follows:

(a) Consider the extent to which current petrol price increases the competitiveness of alternative fuel sources such as E-10;

(b) Identify the economic and financial consequences of current fuel prices with a particular emphasis on regional Queensland and outer metropolitan areas;

(c) Identify practical ways that consumers can reduce their petrol bills, including through considering whether existing information on the fuel efficiency of different makes of motor vehicles is sufficient;

(d) Consider the extent to which recent fuel increases could be moderated through enhanced domestic competition, including how the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission powers could be strengthened to deliver enhanced competition; and

(e) Examine whether Queensland receives its fare share of road funding; and

(f) Identify the capacity and benefits of the Federal Government reducing fuel excise to ameliorate the impact of high fuel prices on families and business.

3. That the committee consist of seven members of the Legislative Assembly with four Members to be nominated by the Premier and Treasurer, one member to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition, one Member to be nominated by the Leader of the Liberal Party and one member nominated to represent the independent members.

4. That the committee have power to call for persons, documents and other items.

5. That the committee report to the House by 31 March 2006.

6. That the foregoing provision of this resolution, so far as they may be inconsistent with the Standing Orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing or Sessional Orders.
MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS  (Hansard p. 2754, 9.39 am)

(a) Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to patients affected by Dr Jayant Patel.

(b) Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to the environmental impact statement for the north south bypass tunnel.

Papers:  Mr Beattie, during his statement, tabled the following papers—
Letter (undated) from Mr Beattie to the Lord Mayor of Brisbane

(c) Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to the Queensland Strategy for Chronic Disease 2005–2015.

Paper:  Mr Beattie, during his statement, tabled the following paper—
Copy of Queensland Strategy for Chronic Disease 2005–2015

(d) Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to the motion agreed by the House on 24 August regarding the proposed sale of Telstra.

Paper:  Mr Beattie, during his statement, tabled the following paper—
Letter from Mr Beattie to Queensland Senators relating to the proposed sale of Telstra

(e) Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to a Federal review of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority.

(f) Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to Blue Cards and a client satisfaction survey.

Paper:  Mr Beattie, during his statement, tabled the following paper—
Report on the Blue Card client satisfaction survey

(g) Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to the importation of food and agricultural products and Biosecurity Australia.

(h) Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to a visit to Stanthorpe and the Queensland College of Wine Tourism.

(i) Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to the new world rankings for the convention industry in Queensland.

(j) Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to a reception for Mr Narayana Murthy of Infosys.

(k) Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to a letter from the Prime Minister regarding a national identity card.

(l) Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to the annual Australian leadership retreat at Hayman Island.

(m) Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to a Queensland Treasury Corporation delegation to a selection of international finance capitals.

(n) Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to asbestos.

(o) Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to World Expo 2005.

(p) Deputy Premier and Minister for Finance, Minister for State Development, Trade and Innovation (Ms Bligh) made a ministerial statement relating to the Smart State Research Facilities Fund.

(q) Minister for Employment, Training and Industrial Relations (Mr Barton) made a ministerial statement relating to the response to the Government's green paper titled Queensland's proposed responses to the challenges of skills for jobs and growth.

(r) Minister for Police and Corrective Services (Ms Spence) made a ministerial statement relating to an increase in rewards for various unsolved serious crimes and murders.

(s) Attorney-General and Minister for Justice (Mrs Lavarch) made a ministerial statement relating to the further imprisonment of an 84–year–old paedophile under the Dangerous Prisoners (Sexual Offenders) Act 2003.
(t) Minister for Emergency Services (Mr Purcell) made a ministerial statement relating to Queensland Ambulance Service response times in a recent rural incident.


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

(v) Minister for Communities, Disability Services and Seniors (Mr Pitt) made a ministerial statement relating to the foundation members of the new Queensland Seniors Council.

**STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENT TO MEMBERSHIP**
Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie), by leave, moved – That the Member for Rockhampton be appointed to the Standing Orders Committee.
Question put and agreed to.

**PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE – PAPER**
Chair of the Public Accounts Committee (Mr Fenlon) tabled the following paper—
*Public Accounts Committee—*
   *Report No. 70 – Annual Report 2004–05*

**PALM ISLAND SELECT COMMITTEE – PAPER**
Chair of the Palm Island Select Committee (Mr Lawlor) tabled the following report—
*Palm Island Select Committee—*
   *Palm Island Select Committee Report, August 2005*
   *Submissions received by the Palm Island Select Committee during the course of its deliberations*

**NOTICE OF MOTION – HOUSE TO NOTE COMMITTEE REPORT**
Chair of the Palm Island Select Committee (Mr Lawlor) moved – That the House notes the Palm Island Select Committee Report, August 2005.

**PRIVATE MEMBERS’ STATEMENTS** (Hansard p. 2769, 10.13 am)
Private Members’ statements were made.

**QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE** (Hansard p. 2773, 10.30 am)
Questions without notice were asked.

   *Paper:* Leader of the Opposition (Mr Springborg) tabled the following paper—
   *Letter, dated 12 August 2005, from Jacqui Craig, Director, Complaints, Case Review and Investigation Branch, Department of Child Safety*

Questions continued.

   *Paper:* Deputy Leader of the Opposition (Mr Seeney) tabled the following paper—
   *Copy of a document titled Princess Alexander Hospital Health Service – Financial Governance Regime Discussion Paper, February 2005*

Questions continued.

   *Paper:* Mr Foley tabled the following paper—
   *Non–conforming petition titled No More Green Lights to the Red Light Industry*

Questions continued.

Questions concluded.
POSTPONED ORDERS – GOVERNMENT BUSINESS
Leader of the House (Mr Schwarten) moved – That Government Business Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 13 be postponed.
Question put and agreed to.

NOTICE OF MOTION – SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND REGIONAL PLAN
Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie), pursuant to notice, moved – That the House—
(1) notes the Regulatory Provisions of the South East Queensland Regional Plan (the Plan) that was tabled in the Legislative Assembly as part of the Plan on 11 July 2005; and
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned on the motion of Ms Nolan.

NOTICE OF MOTION – IMPACT OF PETROL PRICING SELECT COMMITTEE
Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie), by leave, moved—
1. That a select committee, to be known as the Impact of Petrol Pricing Select Committee be appointed to examine a range of issues regarding petrol pricing in Queensland.
2. That the Committee will consult with the community, investigate, report on and make recommendations, in particular, as follows:
   (a) Consider the extent to which current petrol price increases the competitiveness of alternative fuel sources such as E-10;
   (b) Identify the economic and financial consequences of current fuel prices with a particular emphasis on regional Queensland and outer metropolitan areas;
   (c) Identify practical ways that consumers can reduce their petrol bills, including through considering whether existing information on the fuel efficiency of different makes of motor vehicles is sufficient;
   (d) Consider the extent to which recent fuel increases could be moderated through enhanced domestic competition, including how the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission powers could be strengthened to deliver enhanced competition; and
   (e) Examine whether Queensland receives its fare share of road funding; and
   (f) Identify the capacity and benefits of the Federal Government reducing fuel excise to ameliorate the impact of high fuel prices on families and business.
3. That the committee consist of seven members of the Legislative Assembly with four Members to be nominated by the Premier and Treasurer, one member to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition, one Member to be nominated by the Leader of the Liberal Party and one member nominated to represent the independent members.
4. That the committee have power to call for persons, documents and other items.
5. That the committee report to the House by 31 March 2006.
6. That the foregoing provision of this resolution, so far as they may be inconsistent with the Standing Orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing or Sessional Orders.
Motion seconded by Leader of the House (Mr Schwarten)
Debate ensued.

The following amendment was proposed by Leader of the Opposition (Mr Springborg)—
That the following words are inserted after section 2(f) and before section 3 of the motion—
‘(g) Identify whether Queensland motorists are receiving the full benefit of the 8.35 cents per litre refund of State–based excise resulting from Queensland previously not having a petrol tax and examine the efficiency of administration for the bulk end users scheme.’

Amendment seconded by Mr Horan.
Debate ensued.

The following amendment to Mr Springborg’s amendment was proposed by Mr Beattie—
‘Remove the words ‘refund of state–based excise resulting from Queensland previously not having a petrol tax’ and insert ‘subsidy’.
Change 8.35 to 8.354.’

Amendment seconded by Mr Schwarten.
Debate ensued.

Question– That Mr Beattie’s amendment to Mr Springborg’s amendment be agreed to – put and agreed to.

Question – That Mr Springborg’s amendment, as amended, be agreed to – put and agreed to

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

Motion agreed to—

1. That a select committee, to be known as the Impact of Petrol Pricing Select Committee be appointed to examine a range of issues regarding petrol pricing in Queensland.

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   (e) Examine whether Queensland receives its fare share of road funding; and
   (f) Identify the capacity and benefits of the Federal Government reducing fuel excise to ameliorate the impact of high fuel prices on families and business.
   (g) Identify whether Queensland motorists are receiving the full benefit of the 8.354 cents per litre subsidy and examine the efficiency of administration for the bulk end users scheme.

3. That the committee consist of seven members of the Legislative Assembly with four Members to be nominated by the Premier and Treasurer, one member to be nominated by the Leader of the Opposition, one Member to be nominated by the Leader of the Liberal Party and one member nominated to represent the independent members.

4. That the committee have power to call for persons, documents and other items.

5. That the committee report to the House by 31 March 2006.

6. That the foregoing provision of this resolution, so far as they may be inconsistent with the Standing Orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing or Sessional Orders.

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE – MEMBERSHIP OF PETROL PRICING SELECT COMMITTEE

Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie), by leave, moved – That the following Members be appointed to the Impact of Petrol Pricing Select Committee—

Mr Fraser (Chair), Member for Mount Coot-tha
Mrs E Cunningham, Member for Gladstone
Mr Finn, Member for Yeerongpilly
Dr Flegg, Member for Moggill
Mr Horan, Member for Toowoomba South
Ms Nolan, Member for Ipswich
Mr Wallace, Member for Thuringowa
Question put and agreed to.

NOTICE OF MOTION – SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND REGIONAL PLAN (Hansard p. 2818, 4.34 pm)
Resumption of debate on the motion of the Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie) – That the House—
(1) notes the Regulatory Provisions of the South East Queensland Regional Plan (the Plan) that was
  tabled in the Legislative Assembly as part of the Plan on 11 July 2005; and
(2) ratifies the Regulatory Provisions of the Plan under section 2.5A.17 of the Integrated Planning Act
1997.
Debate ensued.
Question put and agreed to.

SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT
Leader of the House (Mr Schwarten) moved – That the House at its rising do adjourn until 9.30am on
Wednesday, 28 September 2005.
Question put and agreed to.

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE – ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR 28, 29 AND 30 SEPTEMBER
Leader of the House (Mr Schwarten), by leave, moved – That, notwithstanding the Sessional Orders,
the Order of Business for Wednesday 28 September 2005 be the usual Order of Business for a
Tuesday sitting day, Thursday 29 September 2005 be the usual Order of Business for a Wednesday
sitting day and Friday 30 September 2005 be the usual Order of Business for a Thursday sitting day,
as set out in Sessional Orders.
Question put and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT (Hansard p. 2839, 6.50 pm)
Leader of the House (Mr Schwarten) moved – That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

PAPER:
Mr Messenger, during his speech, tabled the following paper—
Letter (undated) from "a concerned citizen and BHSD staff member" regarding Bundaberg Base Hospital to Mr Messenger

Debate continued.

PAPER:
Mr McArdle, during his speech, tabled the following paper—
Non-conforming petition relating to the bus service along Sugarbag Road

Debate continued.
Question put and agreed to.
The House adjourned at 7.19 pm.

ATTENDANCE
The following Members were present—

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