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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 – WELCOME
Mr Speaker made the following statement—

‘Honourable Members—
I commence this historic occasion by acknowledging the traditional custodians of the land on which this Parliament meets.

I ask Honourable members to acknowledge a number of special guests in the public gallery:

- Olive Donald representing the Durrumbul people
- Cr Margaret Strelow, Mayor, Rockhampton City Council
- Cr Bill Trevor, Mayor, Isis Shire Council
- Cr John Hopkins, Mayor, Fitzroy Shire Council
- Cr Bill Ludwig, Mayor, Livingstone Shire Council
- Cr Bill Mellor, Mayor, Gayndah Shire Council

I also acknowledge my colleagues from other parliaments:

- Hon Fred Reibling, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, West Australia
- Hon Robert Such, Speaker of the House of Assembly, South Australia
- Hon Ron Roberts, President of the Legislative Council, South Australia.

I also acknowledge the Clerks of the Western Australian and Northern Territory legislative assemblies.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome the people of Central Queensland to this sitting of Parliament. For more than 145 years, Central Queensland has been represented by Members of Parliament in Brisbane.

Honourable Members—
Today the parliament has come to the people of Central Queensland.

This is only the second time that the Parliament has sat outside Brisbane since its first sitting in 1860. In parallel with the proceedings of Parliament, the Walter Reid Cultural Centre will host historical displays and theatrical performances.

Honourable Members—
This is an opportunity for Central Queenslanders to engage with their Parliament and its history.’

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER – MEDIA PERMISSIONS
Mr Speaker made the following statement—

‘Honourable Members—
I advise that I have given permission for a number of media organisations to take photographs and wide angle television footage of proceedings.’

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER – OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH
Mr Speaker made the following statement—

‘Honourable Members—
I advise that tomorrow morning at 10.35 am there will be an official photograph taken of members in the chamber.

It would be appreciated if all members could ensure they are in the chamber at that time.’

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER – DRESS STANDARDS
Mr Speaker made the following statement—
Honourable Members—

Given the current temperatures and the fact that we are sitting under stage lights, I have relaxed
dress standards for the occasion. Gentleman may remove their coats from 11.30 am, the close of
Question Time.'

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER – SEATING ARRANGEMENTS IN THE CHAMBER

Mr Speaker made the following statement—

Honourable Members—

I inform Members that seating arrangements in the chamber are different from those in Brisbane.
The opposition have cooperated, in that prior to the re-arrangement of their front bench, the order
of proceedings and seating plan was already printed and I thank them for their cooperation.

E–PETITION

The following E-petition, lodged with the Clerk by the Member indicated, was received—

Mrs Stuckey from 475 petitioners, requesting the House to commit to lobbying the Japanese
Government to prohibit the expansion of any whaling programs and to support the Federal
Government in creating an international whale sanctuary.

PAPERS TABLED DURING THE RECESS

The Clerk informed the House that the following papers, received during the recess, were tabled on
the date indicated—

3 October 2005—

WorkCover Queensland – Annual Report 2004-05
WorkCover Queensland – Statement of Corporate Intent 2004-05
Growing Regional Business – Annual Report 2004-05
Response from the Minister for Education and the Arts (Mr Welford) to a paper petition sponsored
by Ms Lee Long from 605 petitioners requesting the House to not sell off the Mareeba Pre-school
and relocate the children into the Primary School
Response from the Minister for Environment, Local Government, Planning and Women (Ms Boyle)
to an E-petition sponsored by Mr Messenger from 47 petitioners requesting the House to see that
the objectives of the Strategic Plan items 11.5.2 and 11.5.5(2) be adhered to in relation to the
development of land on The Esplanade of Elliott Heads with all developments on coastal
foreshores and, if necessary, resumption of foreshore land should be considered by State and
Local Governments

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

The following statutory instruments were tabled by the Clerk—

Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995—

Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Accreditation and Other Provisions) Amendment
Regulation (No. 1) 2005, No. 237

Building and Construction Industry Payments Act 2004—

Proclamation commencing remaining provisions, No. 238

Geothermal Exploration Act 2004—

Geothermal Exploration Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2005, No. 239

Aboriginal Land Act 1991—

Aboriginal Land Amendment Regulation (No. 4) 2005, No. 240


Nature Conservation and Recreation Areas Management Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2005,
No. 241

Supreme Court of Queensland Act 1991—

Uniform Civil Procedure Amendment Rule (No. 3) 2005, No. 242
MINISTERIAL NOTICE OF MOTION – CENTRAL QUEENSLAND SITTING OF PARLIAMENT

Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie) gave notice that he will move—

That the House endorse the historic Central Queensland sitting of the Legislative Assembly in Rockhampton this week. That with great pleasure and enthusiasm, the House note the significance of this region to Queensland and endorses Parliament’s decision to hold Regional Parliament in Rockhampton. That the House thanks and congratulates the Rockhampton community on its enthusiastic support for this historic sitting. That the House endorses the principle that regional sittings should continue once a term. Further that the debate of this motion will commence at 12:30 pm today, and, notwithstanding Standing and Sessional orders, the length of this debate will not exceed 2 hours and the time limit for speeches to this motion will be 10 minutes only.

MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS (Hansard p. 3120, 9.36 am)

(a) Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to the Rockhampton regional sitting of Parliament.

(b) Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to the coal industry and the Wiggins Island and Fisherman’s landing port extension.

(c) Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to health and the Forster report.

Papers:  Mr Beattie, during his statement, tabled the following papers—

Report, dated 4 October 2005, titled Report on campaign response – Health Recruitment covering campaign days 30 September to 2 October 2005
Report, dated 4 October 2005, titled Report on campaign response – Health Recruitment covering campaign days 2 to 4 October 2005
Printout of advertisement on BMJcareers.com published 1 October 2005 titled Queensland Government – just what the doctor ordered

(d) Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to the terrorist attacks in Bali.

(e) Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to the Fitzroy Industry and Infrastructure Study.

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

Document titled Fitzroy Industry and Infrastructure Study (FIIS) Project Information

(f) Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to the Rockhampton Riverbank redevelopment project.

(g) Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to the beef industry and the National Livestock Identification Scheme.

(h) Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to exports.

(i) Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to bird flu.

(j) Deputy Premier and Minister for Finance, Minister for State Development, Trade and Innovation (Ms Bligh) made a ministerial statement relating to the beef industry and the Cooperative Research Centre for Beef Genetic Technologies.

(k) Minister for Health (Mr Robertson) made a ministerial statement relating to the new draft Code of Conduct for Queensland Health.

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

Queensland Health Draft Code of Conduct
(l) Minister for Public Works, Housing and Racing (Mr Schwarten) made a ministerial statement relating to housing achievements in central Queensland.

(m) Minister for Environment, Local Government, Planning and Women (Ms Boyle) made a ministerial statement relating to crocodiles, the *Crocs in Space* crocodile satellite tracking program and the Crocwise education program.

(n) Minister for Education and the Arts (Mr Welford) made a ministerial statement relating to the Cooler Schools program.

(o) Minister for Employment, Training and Industrial Relations (Mr Barton) made a ministerial statement relating to jobs and the Breaking the Unemployment Cycle program.

(p) Minister for Energy and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy (Mr Mickel) made a ministerial statement relating to energy investment in Central Queensland.

(q) Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Mr Lucas) made a ministerial statement relating to terrorism and transport security.

(r) Minister for Small Business, Information Technology Policy and Multicultural Affairs and Acting Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries (Mr Cummins) made a ministerial statement relating to transmissible spongiform encephalopathy, the beef industry and the Toowoomba Veterinary Laboratory.

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ STATEMENTS (Hansard p. 3133, 10.26 am)
Private Members’ statements were made.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (Hansard p. 3134, 10.30 am)
Questions without notice were asked.

*Paper:* Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie) tabled the following paper—
Draft letter (undated) to each Premier relating to the Queensland health systems review

Questions continued.

Questions concluded.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST (Hansard p. 3145, 11.30 am)
Matters of public interest were debated.

*Papers:* Mr Messenger, during his speech, tabled the following papers—
Various documents relating to alleged fraud at Bundaberg ALP branch

Debate continued.

Debate concluded.

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT (Hansard p. 3155, 12.29 pm)
Minister for Small Business, Information Technology Policy and Multicultural Affairs (Mr Cummins), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the national fire ant eradication program.

*Paper:* Mr Cummins, during his statement, tabled the following paper—
Fire Ant declaration published in *The Courier-Mail* on 19 September 2005

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE – NOTICE OF MOTION FOR DEBATE
Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie), by leave, moved – That notwithstanding Standing and Sessional orders, leave be granted for me to move a motion endorsing the historic Central Queensland sitting of the Legislative Assembly in Rockhampton this week. The debate of this motion will not exceed 2 hours and the time limit for speeches to this motion will be 10 minutes only.

Question put and agreed to.
NOTICE OF MOTION – CENTRAL QUEENSLAND SITTING OF PARLIAMENT  (Hansard p. 3156, 12.31 pm)
Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie), by leave, moved—

That the House endorse the historic Central Queensland sitting of the Legislative Assembly in Rockhampton this week.

That with great pleasure and enthusiasm, the House note the significance of this region to Queensland and endorses Parliament’s decision to hold Regional Parliament in Rockhampton.

That the House thanks and congratulates the Rockhampton community on its enthusiastic support for this historic sitting.

That the House endorses the principle that regional sittings should continue once a term.

Further that the debate of this motion will commence at 12:30 pm today, and, notwithstanding Standing and Sessional orders, the length of this debate will not exceed 2 hours and the time limit for speeches to this motion will be 10 minutes only.

Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned on the motion of Mr Quinn.

STATE DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS ORGANISATION AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL  (Hansard p. 3162, 2.30 pm)
Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971, and for other purposes 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.

Deputy Leader of the Opposition (Mr Seeney) moved – That the debate be now adjourned.

Question put and agreed to.

POSTPONED ORDERS – GOVERNMENT BUSINESS
Acting Leader of the House (Mr Beattie) moved – That Government Business Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 11 be postponed until a later hour of the sitting.

Question put and agreed to.

NOTICE OF MOTION – CENTRAL QUEENSLAND SITTING OF PARLIAMENT  (Hansard p. 3165, 2.45 pm)
Order of the day read for the resumption of debate on the motion of the Premier and Treasurer—

That the House endorse the historic Central Queensland sitting of the Legislative Assembly in Rockhampton this week.

That with great pleasure and enthusiasm, the House note the significance of this region to Queensland and endorses Parliament’s decision to hold Regional Parliament in Rockhampton.

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Debate ensued.

Paper: Mr Beattie, during his speech, tabled the following paper—
Transcript of 4QR radio interview of 9 October 2001 with Mike Horan MP relating to the Premier’s proposal to hold a sitting of Parliament in Townsville, and notes

Debate continued.

Question put.
The House divided.

Minority fewer than five Members—
In accordance with Standing Order 108, as there were fewer than five Members appearing on one side, Mr Speaker declared the Question resolved in the affirmative.

Motion agreed to.

POLICE POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES (MOTORBIKE NOISE) AMENDMENT BILL
(Hansard p. 3180, 4.21 pm)
Minister for Police and Corrective Services (Ms Spence) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000, and for other purposes and Explanatory Notes and moved – That the Bill be now read a First time.
Question put and agreed to.
Ms Spence moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr Johnson moved – That the debate be now adjourned.
Question put and agreed to.

HOUSING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL
(Hansard p. 3183, 4.28 pm)
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Public Works, Housing and Racing (Mr Schwarten) – That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned on the motion of Ms Struthers.

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT
(Hansard p. 3188, 5.00 pm)
Premier and Treasurer (Mr Beattie), by leave, made a ministerial statement relating to the Forster Report.

Paper: Mr Beattie, during his statement, tabled the following paper—
Queensland Health Systems Review : Discussion document, dated September 2005, marked 'CONFIDENTIAL DRAFT'
Statement relating to the release of the Draft Forster Report
Two copies of a letter (undated) from Mr Beattie to Hon Geoffrey Davies, AO relating to making available ‘data from various hospitals’
Copy of page 3135 of Hansard of 4 October 2005

HOUSING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL
(Hansard p. 3190, 5.07 pm)
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Public Works, Housing and Racing (Mr Schwarten) – 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 13, as read, agreed to.
Clause 14 (Insertion of new pt 2 and pt 3, hdg)—
The following amendment was proposed by Mr Schwarten —
At page 17, lines 5 to 7—
Omit, insert—
'This division does not apply to a residential lease until 1 July 2009 (the application day).'.
Debate ensued.
Question—That Mr Schwarten’s amendment be agreed to – put and agreed to.
Clause 14, as amended, agreed to.
Clause 15, as read, agreed to.
Clause 16 (Insertion of new sch 2)—
The following amendment was proposed by Mr Schwarten —
At page 28, line 19, '5C(1)'—
Omit, insert—
‘5C’.
Debate ensued.
Question – That Mr Schwarten’s amendment be agreed to – put and agreed to.
Clause 16, as amended, agreed to.
Schedule, as read, agreed to.

Consideration in detail completed—

Paper: Mr Schwarten, during his speech, tabled the following paper—
Explanatory Notes to amendments to the Housing Legislation Amendment Bill

Mr Schwarten moved – That the Bill, as amended, be now read a third time.
Question put and agreed to.
Mr Schwarten moved – That the long title of the Bill be agreed to.
Question put and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT  (Hansard p. 3206, 6.49 pm)
Leader of the House (Mr Schwarten) moved – That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

Paper: Mr Wellington, during his speech, tabled the following paper—
Document titled SPIRAL Inc Annual General Meeting Saturday 24th September 2005

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

ATTENDANCE
The following Members were present—

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