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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 – ABSENCE OF THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION**

Mr Speaker made the following statement—

'Honourable Members—

I note the absence of the Leader of the Opposition due to the death of his father. I am sure that all Members will join me in offering our condolences to Mr Springborg and his family.'

**STATEMENT BY ACTING LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION – ABSENCE OF THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION**

Acting Leader of the Opposition (Mr Quinn) made the following statement—

'I wish to inform the House that Lawrence Springborg, the Member for Southern Downs and Leader of the Opposition, will be absent from Parliament all of this week and that during that time, I will be Acting Leader of the Opposition.'

**ASSENT TO BILLS**

Letter from the Governor was reported, informing the House that Her Excellency had, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, assented to the following Bills on 22 February 2006—

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Succession Act 1981* (*Succession Amendment Act 2006* – Act No. 1 of 2006)

A Bill for an Act to safeguard children working in Queensland, and for other purposes (*Child Employment Act 2006* – Act No. 2 of 2006)

A Bill for an Act to provide for matters relating to handling and selling food, securing the safety and suitability of food and fixing standards for food, and for other purposes (*Food Act 2006* – Act No. 3 of 2006)

A Bill for an Act to amend the *Retail Shop Leases Act 1994* (*Retail Shop Leases Amendment Act 2006* – Act No. 4 of 2006)

**STATEMENT BY SPEAKER – DELAYED PRESENTATION OF E-PETITION**

Mr Speaker made the following statement—

'I have received correspondence from the Member for Nicklin concerning an E-petition that closed on 21 February 2006. The E-petition has not yet been presented by the Clerk.

The member raises concerns that the E-petition's conditions of use have not been complied with. The Clerk informs me that certain aspects of the closed E-petition may support this allegation. The failure to comply with the conditions of use may constitute a contempt.

I have referred this matter to the Members' Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee for investigation and report and, therefore, have directed the Clerk to delay presentation of the E-petition until the Committee reports.'

**STATEMENT BY SPEAKER – MEDIA RULES**

Mr Speaker made the following statement—

'I lay upon the table of the House a document titled *Media access to Parliamentary Precinct and the Legislative Assembly Chamber* and direct that its contents be incorporated in the record.

This document outlines the conditions upon which I as Speaker, grant access by the media to the Parliamentary Precinct and the Legislative Assembly Chamber.

The document has been approved by me after consultation with the Queensland Parliamentary Media Gallery ("the Gallery").

The document is being tabled and incorporated for the information of all members and staff.: viz—

**MEDIA ACCESS TO PARLIAMENTARY PRECINCT AND THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY CHAMBER**

This document outlines the conditions upon which the Speaker, who has the responsibility for the Parliamentary Precinct and maintains order in the Legislative Assembly, grants access by the media to the Parliamentary Precinct and the Legislative Assembly Chamber.

This document has been approved by the Speaker after consultation with the Queensland Parliamentary Media Gallery ("the Gallery").

A copy of this document will be tabled in the Legislative Assembly by the Speaker for the information of all Members.

It is the responsibility of the President of the Gallery to ensure that this document is provided to accredited members.

**Accreditation**

1. Parliamentary Access cards will be issued to accredited members of the Queensland Parliamentary Media Gallery.
2. It is the responsibility of the Secretary of the Gallery to provide the Office of the Speaker current list of accredited members.
3. Media who are not accredited members must obtain the permission of the Speaker to photograph or video record in the Legislative Assembly Chamber.

**Photography and video recording on the Parliamentary Precinct**

1. Door stop interviews, press conferences etc., may take place in the following areas of the Parliamentary precinct by accredited members of the Parliamentary Press Gallery:
  - (a) Speaker's Green – except where a function is in progress where approval of Speaker (after consultation with host) has been obtained.
  - (b) Dandir Room (previously called the Media Room), level 5, Parliamentary Annexe.
  - (c) Colonnade, level 5, Parliamentary Annexe – from double glass doors near media rooms to double glass doors near Belle Vue Room. (Note press conferences etc. should generally not be held between double glass doors near media rooms to double doors at Parliament House as this impedes pedestrian access between Parliament House and the Parliamentary Annexe. However, if a function is being held on the colonnade and it is wet weather, preventing use of the Speaker's Green, then press conferences etc may be held in this area.)
  - (d) Western end foyer, level 5, Parliamentary Annexe between glass doors and media rooms.
  - (e) Front of Parliament House (outside).
  - (f) Front of Parliamentary Annexe (outside).
2. Filming may take place in other areas of the Parliamentary precinct only after approval of the Speaker or his delegate. This prohibition without approval includes:
  - (a) In and outside the Speaker's Office.
  - (b) Ministers' offices or corridors adjacent to Ministerial offices (also with the consent of the Minister).
  - (c) In or near the Legislative Council Chamber or outside the Members' Reading Room, Level B, Parliament House to observe members entering and leaving the Legislative Assembly Chamber.
  - (d) Level B Colonnade of Parliament House.
  - (e) Cafeteria, dining rooms or areas immediately adjacent these areas (also with the consent of Members).
  - (f) Function Rooms (ie. Premiers' Hall and Speakers' Hall) – unless approved by the Speaker and/or the Host of the function.
  - (g) Level 7, Parliamentary Annexe, recreation areas.
  - (h) Members bedroom areas.
  - (i) Entry or exits to car parks.
3. In relation to caucus meetings or party meetings – the press may record members arrival, shall not obstruct access but will withdraw from vicinity once meetings have commenced.
4. In relation to Parliamentary committee meetings or hearings, the press will follow the direction of the committee or its chair.
5. No photography or tape recording is permitted in and nor are the media permitted to attempt to interview or seek comment from Members in areas that are designated "Members' Only" areas (eg. outside the Chamber on Level B on sitting days).

**CONDITIONS FOR BROADCASTERS OF PROCEEDINGS**

**Authority to Broadcast**

The Speaker authorises live recording, broadcast and rebroadcast of the proceedings and excerpts of proceedings of the Queensland Parliament on radio and television on the conditions below.

**Conditions**

Access to the proceedings of the Queensland Parliament for the broadcasting and televising of proceedings is subject to an undertaking to observe, and to comply with, the following conditions –

**1. Fair and Accurate Reporting –**

Televising shall be used only for the purposes of fair and accurate reports of proceedings, and shall not be used for –

- (i) political party advertising or election campaigns;
- (ii) satire or ridicule;
- (iii) commercial sponsorship or commercial advertising.

**2. Balanced Reporting**

Reports of proceedings shall be such as to provide a balanced presentation of differing views.

**3. Context**

Excerpts of proceedings are to be placed in context.

**4. Deletions from Hansard**

If the Speaker orders that a remark be deleted from Hansard, either at the time the remark was made or at a later time, the remark, the Speaker's direction and the proceedings relating to the matter, are not to be rebroadcast. (Note this restriction only applies to formal deletions from Hansard, not in circumstances where the Speaker has ordered that comments be withdrawn.)

#### **5. Technical Restrictions**

Footage must be broadcast at normal speed, with synchronised sound and vision.

#### **6. Acknowledgements**

Events in the galleries are not a part of the proceedings and should not generally be covered. However, acknowledgement may be made of distinguished visitors in the Gallery if the Speaker, or their delegate, makes such a reference.

#### **7. Speaker's Instructions**

The instructions of the Speaker of the Queensland Parliament, or the Speaker's delegate, in respect of broadcasting, shall be observed.

#### **8. Guidelines for camera operators in the Legislative Assembly Chamber**

The guidelines for camera operators below are to be followed at all times.

### **GUIDELINES FOR CAMERA OPERATORS IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY CHAMBER**

1. Cameras will only begin to film when the Speaker (or delegate) enters the Chamber and takes the Chair and will cease filming when the Speaker (or delegate) leaves the Chair. If access is required at other times during debate, the Speaker is to be notified.
2. Cameras should only focus on the Member with the call. Shots should be no closer than "head and shoulders".
3. Fine tuning or variations to depths of field at the discretion of the operator is acceptable.
4. Wide-angle shots of the Chamber may be used during Divisions and Question Time. Sparing use of the wide-angle shot may be used at other times. No prolonged focus should be on particular members who do not have the call.
5. Conversations or interjections between Members during Divisions should not be recorded, broadcasted or rebroadcasted either with or without sound.
6. During Divisions cameras are required to employ only wider group shots, tellers recording and the Speaker.
7. Reaction shots of a Member are permitted –  
when the Member has sought information which is being supplied by a Member having the call; or  
when the Member is referred to in debate at the time they are being referred to; and  
if the Member is in their designated seat.
8. If an exchange between Members is too fast to permit normal camera switching, then a wider camera shot incorporating those involved in the exchange, including the Chair, is permitted.
9. Coverage of the Galleries and the advisers' seats is not generally permitted except when distinguished visitors are referred to by the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker. In this case, the camera may focus briefly on that section of the Gallery where the distinguished visitors are located.
10. In the event of unparliamentary behaviour or disturbance by strangers in the Gallery, the camera is to focus on the Chair or a slightly wider angle shot of the Chamber which incorporates the Chair but which does not show the offending incident.
11. No split-screen shots shall be permitted or broadcast.
12. No close-up shots of Members' papers shall be permitted.
13. Instructions from the Speaker, or the Speaker's delegate, in relation to the operation of the sound and vision equipment in the Queensland Parliament, shall be observed.

#### **PENALTIES**

Breaches of any of the guidelines in this document shall be considered and determined by the Speaker.

Penalties for breaches will also be determined by the Speaker.

The following are examples of penalties that may be instituted against the individual media outlet/s for non-compliance with any matter in this document –

- (i) first breach – access to the broadcast service withdrawn for three sitting days;
- (ii) second breach – access to the broadcast service withdrawn for six sitting days;
- (iii) such other penalty as is agreed by the Speaker.

### **STATEMENT BY SPEAKER – STANDING ORDERS 113(3) AND 114**

Mr Speaker made the following statement—

'Last sitting week, an issue arose about the operation of Standing Orders 113(3) and 114.

Standing Order 113(3) allows a Minister to ask a Member to put a complicated question without notice in writing to be answered on the next sitting day. Standing Order 114 enables Members to put Questions on Notice to be answered in 30 days.

Standing Order 113(3) is not a new provision, it was previously contained in Sessional Orders, and first appeared in Sessional Orders agreed to by the Legislative Assembly on 2 April 1996.

However, despite the provision being part of the procedure of the Legislative Assembly for almost a decade, the Clerk advises me that the matter arising last sitting week was the first occasion where it appears it has been sought to be used.

The matter last sitting week has highlighted a difficulty with the provision.

From hearing the Minister's original answer on 15 February 2006 from the Chair and reading his response in *Hansard*, it is my belief that that the Minister's intention was for the Member to put the question on notice under Standing Order 114.

The Member, on the other hand, thought that the Minister was requesting the Member to put the question in writing under Standing Order 113(3), to be answered the next sitting day.

If a Minister is not overly specific there could be latitude for confusion as to whether the Minister is asking for a question to be placed in writing under Standing Order 113(3) rather than on notice under Standing Order 114.

To make sure this confusion does not occur in the future, I have instructed the Clerk that unless a Minister expressly directs that the matter is to be placed in writing under Standing Order 113(3) and will be answered the next sitting day, it will be assumed that the Minister is merely requesting that the Member place the matter on notice in the normal way under Standing Order 114.'

## PAPERS TABLED BY THE SPEAKER – STATEMENTS FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

Mr Speaker tabled the following papers—

Statement of Public Disclosure – Statement of Recurrent Expenditure for The Honourable D Fouras MP – Acting Speaker of the Legislative Assembly for the period 22 to 24 July 2005

Statement of Public Disclosure – Office of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly for the period 25 July 2005 to 8 August 2005 – Acting Speaker: The Honourable D Fouras MP

Statement for Public Disclosure – Office of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly for the period 9 August 2005 to 31 December 2005 – Speaker: The Honourable T McGrady MP

## E-PETITION

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

Mr Caltabiano, from 221 petitioners, requesting the House to call a full public inquiry into the reasons for the State Government's back-flip from its stated action to refurbish Yungaba, the subsequent conduct of sale and approval procedures and the use of "call in" powers and to suspend the sale process and to engage in proper community consultation about suitable public uses for Yungaba, including full consideration of Yungaba continuing to be used for multicultural purposes.

## PAPERS TABLED DURING THE RECESS

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

20 February 2006—

Child Protection Queensland – 2004-05 Performance Report

National Australia Trustees Limited and its Controlled Entity – Annual Financial Report for the year ended 30 September 2005

22 February 2006—

Interim response by the Minister for Health (Mr Robertson) to Public Works Committee Report No. 89 titled *Redevelopment of the Mabuiag Island Primary Health Care Centre*, Report No. 90 titled *Redevelopment of the Iama (Yam) Island Primary Health Care Centre*, Report No. 91 titled *Redevelopment of the Moa Island (Kubin Community) Primary Health Care Centre*, Report No. 92 titled *Erub (Darnley) Island Primary Health Care Centre*, Report No. 93 titled *Warraber (Sue) Island Primary Health Care Centre* and Report No. 94 titled *The Weipa Health Precinct*

24 February 2006—

National Environment Protection Council – Annual Report 2004-05

27 February 2006—

Letter, dated 24 February 2006, from the Premier (Mr Beattie) to the Clerk of the Parliament enclosing a copy of a letter from the Commonwealth Parliament's Joint Standing Committee on Treaties listing the proposed international treaty actions tabled in the Commonwealth Parliament on 7 and 8 February 2006 and the National Interest Analyses for the proposed treaty actions listed

Government Response to Members' Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee Report No. 70 titled *Registration of Members' Interests – Matter Referred under Schedule 2 of the Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Assembly*

Government Response to Members' Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee Report No. 71 titled *Matter of Privilege referred by the Speaker on 9 November 2005 Relating to an Alleged Threat Against a Member and Alleged Reflections on the Chair*

## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

The following statutory instruments were tabled by the Clerk—

### *Financial Administration and Audit Act 1977—*

Financial Administration and Audit Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2006, No. 13

### *Electrical Safety Act 2002—*

Electrical Safety Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2006, No. 14 and Explanatory Notes and Regulatory Impact Statement for No. 14

### *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000—*

Police Powers and Responsibilities Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2006, No. 15

### *Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994—*

Transport Operations (Marine Safety—Commercial Ships and Fishing Ships Miscellaneous Equipment) Standard 2006, No. 16 and Explanatory Notes for No. 16

Transport Operations (Marine Safety—Designing and Building Commercial Ships and Fishing Ships) Standard 2006, No. 17 and Explanatory Notes for No. 17

Transport Operations (Marine Safety—Accreditation as Ship Designer, Ship Builder or Marine Surveyor) Standard 2006, No. 18 and Explanatory Notes for No. 18

Transport Operations (Marine Safety—Recreational Ships Miscellaneous Equipment) Standard 2006, No. 19 and Explanatory Notes for No. 19

Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2006, No. 20 and Explanatory Notes for No. 20

### *Public Health Act 2005—*

Proclamation commencing certain provisions, No. 21

### *Liquor Act 1992—*

Liquor Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2006, No. 22 and Explanatory Notes and Regulatory Impact Statement for No. 22

### *Building Act 1975—*

Standard Building Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2006, No. 23 and Explanatory Notes and Regulatory Impact Statement for No. 23

### *Public Trustee Act 1978—*

Public Trustee Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2006, No. 24

### *Fisheries Act 1994—*

Fisheries Management Plans Amendment Management Plan (No. 1) 2006, No. 25 and Explanatory Notes for No. 25

### *Fisheries Act 1994, State Penalties Enforcement Act 1999, Transport Operations (Marine Safety) Act 1994—*

Fisheries and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2006, No. 26 and Explanatory Notes and Regulatory Impact Statement for No. 26

### *Electrical Safety Act 2002—*

Electrical Safety (Codes of Practice) Amendment Notice (No. 1) 2006, No. 27

### *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995—*

Transport Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2006, No. 28

## 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—

**Succession Amendment Bill 2005—**

Amendments made to Bill—

**Short title and consequential references to short title, amended—**

*omit—*

'2005'

*insert—*

'2006'.

**Clause 6—**

At page 27, line 13, '(3)'—

*omit, insert—*

'(2)'.

**Clause 6—**

At page 27, line 13, '(4)'—

*omit, insert—*

'(3)'.

**Child Employment Bill 2005—**

Amendments made to Bill—

**Short title and consequential references to short title, amended—**

*omit—*

'2005'

*insert—*

'2006'.

**Food Bill 2005—**

Amendments made to Bill—

**Short title and consequential references to short title, amended—**

*omit—*

'2005'

*insert—*

'2006'.

**Retail Shop Leases Amendment Bill 2005—**

Amendments made to Bill—

**Short title and consequential references to short title, amended—**

*omit—*

'2005'

*insert—*

'2006'.

## MINISTERIAL PAPERS

The following Ministerial papers were tabled—

*Minister for Environment, Local Government, Planning and Women (Ms Boyle)—*

A proposal for the revocation of the setting apart and declaration as state forest under the *Forestry Act 1959* of certain state forest areas

A brief explanation of the proposal

A map showing the proposed revocation area

## MINISTERIAL NOTICE OF MOTION – ABSENCE AND LEAVE OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Premier (Mr Beattie), by leave, gave notice that he will move—

That the House request that the Members' Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee review the provisions covering the absence and leave of Members of Parliament, including—

- how many days a Member can be absent from the Legislative Assembly before he or she is required to notify the House;
- the development of guidelines on how Members of Parliament should be required to notify the Parliament or their electorate if they will be absent for a sustained period of time;
- consideration of appropriate reasons for extended absence from both Parliament and the Member's electorate; and
- whether it is appropriate for Members of Parliament to engage in business activities or employment which would require significant time away from electoral duties and, if so, whether guidelines for such activities should be developed.

**MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE – COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

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

- (a) the Member for Mackay be discharged as a member of the Scrutiny of Legislation Committee and that the Member for Aspley be appointed to that Committee; and
- (b) the Member for Aspley be discharged as a member of the Public Accounts Committee and that the Member for Sandgate be appointed to that Committee.

Question put and agreed to.

**MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE – PREMIER'S NOTICE OF MOTION** (Hansard p.263, 9.39am)

Leader of the House (Mr Swarten), by leave moved – That, notwithstanding anything contained in Standing and Sessional Orders, the Premier be permitted to move at 2:30 pm today the Motion of which he has given notice this morning, with time limits for speeches and debate as follows—

Premier – 10 minutes

Leader of the Opposition ( or nominee) – 10 minutes

All other members – 5 minutes

Total debate time before question put – 1 hour

Debate ensued.

Question put and agreed to.

**MINISTERIAL NOTICE OF MOTION – REVOCATION OF STATE FOREST**

Minister for Environment, Local Government, Planning and Women (Ms Boyle) gave notice that, after the expiration of at least 14 days as provided in the *Forestry Act 1959*, she will move—

- (1) That this House requests the Governor in Council to revoke by regulation the setting apart and declaration as State Forest under the *Forestry Act 1959* of those areas as set out in the proposal tabled by me in the House on 28 February 2006; viz—

**Description of areas to be revoked**

Wongi State Forest (SF 1294)	Area described as within stations 11-3-2-14-13-12-10-11 on SP159823 and Lots 1-9 and 99 on AP13122 and containing about 321.0761 hectares as illustrated on the attached sketch marked "B"
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- (2) That Mr Speaker and the Clerk of the Parliament forward a copy of this resolution to the Minister for Environment, Local Government, Planning and Women for submission to the Governor in Council.

**MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS** (Hansard p.263, 9.41am)

- (a) Premier (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to the national survey on health and the latest figures from the Australian Bureau of Statistics on obesity.

- (b) Premier (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to the Queensland Health Code of Conduct.

*Paper:* Mr Beattie, during his statement, tabled the following paper—  
Queensland Health Code of Conduct, dated March 2006

- (c) Premier (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to the Sonoma Coal project.

*Paper:* Mr Beattie, during his statement, tabled the following paper—  
Copy of pp. 689-696 *Queensland Government Gazette* No. 40 – Notice under the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971*, in relation to Sonoma Infrastructure Facility

- (d) Premier (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to the Bundaberg Community Cabinet.

- (e) Premier (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to the Brisbane City Safety Action Plan.

*Paper:* Mr Beattie, during his statement, tabled the following paper—  
Document, dated February 2006, titled *Brisbane City Safety Action Plan Progress Report*



- (f) Premier (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to the Road Safety Summit held at Parliament House.
- (g) Premier (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to the Service Delivery and Performance Commission.
- (h) Premier (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to briefings for the Western Corridor Recycled Water Scheme and the Burdekin to Moranbah water pipeline.
- (i) Premier (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to the Commonwealth Grants Commission and the distribution of GST revenue to Queensland and disaster relief funding for north west Queensland.
- (j) Premier (Mr Beattie) made a ministerial statement relating to the resignation of the Member for Gaven (Mr Poole).

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

Letter of resignation (undated) from the Member for Gaven (Mr Poole) to Mr Beattie

- (k) Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for State Development, Trade and Innovation (Ms Bligh) made a ministerial statement relating to the Commonwealth Grants Commission Relativities Update Report for 2006.
- (l) Minister for Health (Mr Robertson) made a ministerial statement relating to public reporting by Queensland health and information available on the Queensland Health website – <http://www.health.qld.gov.au/>.
- (m) Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Mr Lucas) made a ministerial statement relating to the Tugun Bypass.
- (n) Minister for Tourism, Fair Trading and Wine Industry Development (Ms Keech) made a ministerial statement relating to the Queensland Tourism Strategy.
- (o) Minister for Education and Minister for the Arts (Mr Welford) made a ministerial statement relating to the literacy framework.

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

Document by the Department of Education and the Arts titled *Literacy the Key to Learning: Framework for Action 2006-2008*

#### **PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS** (Hansard p.274, 10.18am)

- (a) Dr Flegg made a personal explanation.
- (b) Mr Langbroek made a personal explanation.

#### **SCRUTINY OF LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – PAPER**

Chair of the Scrutiny of Legislation Committee (Mr Hayward) tabled the following paper—

*Scrutiny of Legislation Committee—*

Alert Digest No. 2 of 2006

#### **NOTICE OF MOTION – DISALLOWANCE OF STATUTORY INSTRUMENT**

Deputy Leader of the Opposition (Mr Seeney) gave notice that he will move – That the Water and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2005 (Subordinate Legislation 2005 No. 334) tabled in the Parliament on 14 February 2006, be disallowed.

#### **PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENTS** (Hansard p.276, 10.26am)

Private Members' statements were made.

#### **QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE** (Hansard p.277, 10.30am)

Questions without notice were asked.

**Paper:** Minister for Police and Corrective Services (Ms Spence) tabled the following paper—  
Document (undated) showing a table detailing the annual number of road crashes (by severity) on the Pacific Motorway between Springwood and Tugun between January 2000 and November 2005

Questions continued.

Questions concluded.

#### **MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST** (Hansard p.289, 11.30am)

Matters of public interest were debated.

#### **WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND REHABILITATION AMENDMENT BILL** (Hansard p.300, 12.31pm)

Minister for Employment, Training and Industrial Relations and Minister for Sport (Mr Barton) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 2003* and Explanatory Notes and moved – That the Bill be now read a first time.

Question put and agreed to.

Mr Barton moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr Rowell moved – That the debate be now adjourned.

Question put and agreed to.

#### **CHILD SAFETY (CARERS) AMENDMENT BILL** (Hansard p.301, 12.41pm)

Minister for Child Safety (Mr Reynolds) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Child Protection Act 1999*, the *Child Safety Legislation Amendment Act 2005* and the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* and Explanatory Notes and moved – That the Bill be now read a first time.

Question put and agreed to.

Mr Reynolds moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mrs Menkens moved – That the debate be now adjourned.

Question put and agreed to.

#### **MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE – SEAT DECLARED VACANT**

Premier (Mr Beattie), by leave, moved – That the seat in this House for the Electoral District of Gaven has become and is now vacant by reason of the resignation of Mr Robert Lindsay Poole.

Motion seconded by Deputy Leader of the Opposition (Mr Seeney).

Question put and agreed to.

#### **NOTICE OF MOTION – ABSENCE AND LEAVE OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT** (Hansard p.306, 2.31pm)

Premier (Mr Beattie), by leave, moved—

That the House request that the Members' Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee review the provisions covering the absence and leave of Members of Parliament, including—

- how many days a Member can be absent from the Legislative Assembly before he or she is required to notify the House;
- the development of guidelines on how Members of Parliament should be required to notify the Parliament or their electorate if they will be absent for a sustained period of time;
- consideration of appropriate reasons for extended absence from both Parliament and the Member's electorate; and
- whether it is appropriate for Members of Parliament to engage in business activities or employment which would require significant time away from electoral duties and, if so, whether guidelines for such activities should be developed.

Debate ensued.

Motion seconded by Leader of the House (Mr Swarten).  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and agreed to.

**BREAKWATER ISLAND CASINO AGREEMENT AMENDMENT BILL** (Hansard p.317, 3.32pm)

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for State Development, Trade and Innovation (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 8, as read, agreed to.

*Consideration in detail completed—*

Ms Bligh moved – That the Bill be now 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.

**RETIREMENT VILLAGES AMENDMENT BILL** (Hansard p.334, 5.18pm)

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for State Development, Trade and Innovation (Ms Bligh) – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.  
 Debate adjourned on the motion of Mrs Scott.

**ADJOURNMENT** (Hansard p.355, 8.46 pm)

Leader of the House (Mr Swarten) moved – That this House do now adjourn.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and agreed to.  
 The House adjourned at 9.15 pm.

**ATTENDANCE**

The following Members were present—

Attwood	English	Knuth	Messenger	Reeves	Spence
Barton	Fenlon	Langbroek	Mickel	Reilly	Stone
Beattie	Finn	Lavarch	Miller	Reynolds	Struthers
Bligh	Flegg	Lawlor	Molloy	Rickuss	Stuckey
Boyle	Foley	Lee long	Mulherin	Roberts, E	Sullivan, C
Briskey	Fouras	Lingard	Nelson–Carr	Roberts, N	Sullivan, T
Caltabiano	Fraser	Livingstone	Nolan	Robertson	Wallace
Choi	Hayward	Lucas	Nuttall	Rogers	Welford
Clark, E	Hobbs	Male	O'Brien	Rowell	Wellington
Clark, L	Hoolihan	Malone	Palaszcuk	Swarten	Wells
Copeland	Hopper	McArdle	Pearce	Scott	Wilson
Croft	Horan	McGrady	Pratt	Seeney	
Cummins	Johnson	McNamara	Purcell	Shine	
Cunningham, E	Keech	Menkens	Quinn	Smith	

**A McGRADY**  
**SPEAKER**

**N J LAURIE**  
**CLERK OF THE PARLIAMENT**

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