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The Assembly met at 9.30 am, pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (Honourable M F Reynolds) read prayers.

PRIVILEGE – MATTER RAISED – COMMENTS BY MEMBER FOR BURNETT (Record of Proceedings p.209)
Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) rose on a matter of privilege.

DAILY TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE CLAIMS BY MEMBERS – ANNUAL REPORT
The following paper was tabled by the Speaker—

Daily Travelling Allowance Claims by Members of the Legislative Assembly – Annual Report 2005–06

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

Mr Cripps, from 287 petitioners, requesting the House to increase Patient Transfer Subsidy Scheme payments in line with the increase in transport and accommodation costs, and thereafter index the subsidies in line with inflation.

PAPER TABLED BY THE CLERK – EXEMPT STATUTORY INSTRUMENT
The following statutory instrument was tabled by the Clerk—

Central Queensland University Act 1998—
Central Queensland University Statute No. 3 (Admission and Enrolment) Repeal Statute 2006

MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS (Record of Proceedings p.209)
Ministerial statements were made.

Papers: Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie), during his statements, tabled the following papers—

Report by the Queensland Government, dated February 2007, titled Reclaiming the vision: Restoring Australia’s federal balance
Government Response to the Legal, Constitutional and Administrative Review Committee Report No. 55 titled Voices and Votes – A Parliamentary Committee Inquiry into Young People Engaging in Democracy

Statements continued.
Statements concluded.

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE – AMENDMENTS TO BILLS AND THE SCRUTINY OF LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
Leader of the House (Mr Schwarten), by leave, moved – That the House confers upon the Scrutiny of Legislation Committee the function and discretion to examine and report to the House, if it so wishes, on the application of the Fundamental Legislative Principles to amendments to Bills, whether or not the Bill to which the amendments relate has received Royal Assent.
Question put and agreed to.

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE – AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS
Leader of the House (Mr Schwarten), by leave, moved – That Standing Orders be amended by the insertion of a new Chapter 38A to Standing Orders, regarding the absence of members, circulated in my name: viz—

CHAPTER 38A ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

263A. Notification of absence of member for more than 12 consecutive sitting days
(1) If a member is absent, or intends to be absent, from the Legislative Assembly for more than 12 consecutive sitting days, the member shall notify the Speaker in writing of their absence or intended absence. The notification must state the length of the absence.

(2) Upon receipt of a written notification by a member in accordance with (1), the Speaker shall, on the next sitting day, report the member’s absence, or intended absence, to the House.

263B. Leave of absence of member for more than 21 consecutive sitting days

(1) The House may, by motion without notice, grant a member a leave of absence from attending the Legislative Assembly for 21 consecutive sitting days or more. The motion must state the length of leave of absence.

(2) A member shall be excused from attending sittings of the House, or any committee, so long as they have a leave of absence in accordance with (1).

(3) A leave of absence shall cease if the member attends a sitting of the House or any committee before the expiry of the period of leave.

Question put and agreed to.

MEMBERS’ ETHICS AND PARLIAMENTARY PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE – PAPER

Chair of the Members' Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee (Ms Palaszczuk) tabled the following paper—

Members Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee—

Report No. 80 – Matter Referred under Schedule 2 of the Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Assembly

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (CANDIDATES FOR STATE ELECTIONS) AMENDMENT BILL  (Record of Proceedings p.226)

Member for Warrego (Mr Hobbs) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Local Government Act 1993 and Explanatory Notes and moved – That the Bill be now read a first time.

Question put and agreed to.

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

Debate ensued.

Minister for Local Government, Planning and Sport (Mr Fraser) moved – That the debate be now adjourned.

Question put and agreed to.

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ STATEMENTS  (Record of Proceedings p.228)

Private Members' statements were made.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE  (Record of Proceedings p.229)

Questions without notice were asked.

Paper: Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) tabled the following paper—

Queensland Government advertisement titled Want to be part of Baz Luhrmann’s new production?

Questions continued.

Papers: Minister for Police and Corrective Services (Ms Spence) tabled the following papers—

Table detailing the number of deaths in police watchhouses 1989 – 2007

Table detailing the number of deaths in prison custody from unnatural causes 1989 – 2007

Brochure titled Interlock The Professional Choice Employee Assistance Program

Document titled Interlock The Professional Choice, Critical Incident Stress Management Form

Questions continued.

Questions concluded.

PRIVILEGE – MATTER RAISED – LANGUAGE USED IN DEBATE  (Record of Proceedings p.240)

Mr Messenger rose on a matter of privilege.
MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE – LEAVE TO MOVE GRANTED

Leader of the House (Mr Schwarten) sought leave to move a motion without notice.

Question put.

The House divided.

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Question agreed to.

NOTICE OF MOTION – CENSURE OF MEMBER FOR BURNETT (Record of Proceedings p.241)

Leader of the House (Mr Schwarten) moved – That the Member for Burnett be censured for his conduct in abusing the Standing Orders of this House.

Motion seconded by the Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure (Ms Bligh).

Debate ensued.

Mr Schwarten moved – That the question be now put.

Question put and agreed to.

Question put – That the motion be agreed to.

The House divided.

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Tellers *

Question agreed to.

VOCACTIONAL EDUCATION, TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT AND OTHER ACTS AMENDMENT BILL. (Record of Proceedings p.249)

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Education and Training Minister for the Arts (Mr Welford) – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned on the motion of the Acting Leader of the House (Mr Fraser).
MINISTERIAL PAPER
The following Ministerial paper was tabled—

Minister for Local Government, Planning and Sport (Mr Fraser)—

Local Government (Dissolution of Johnstone Shire Council) Regulation 2007, tabled pursuant to section 73 of the Constitution of Queensland 2001

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE – DISSOLUTION OF JOHNSTONE SHIRE COUNCIL (Record of Proceedings p.252)

Minister for Local Government, Planning and Sport (Mr Fraser), by leave, moved—

That this House—

(1) notes the regulation, approved by the Governor in Council, on 8 February 2007, dissolving the Johnstone Shire Council;

(2) notes that the Minister for Local Government, Planning and Sport has tabled a copy of the regulation in this House in accordance with section 73 of the Constitution of Queensland 2001; and

(3) ratifies the regulation in accordance with section 164(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.

Motion seconded by Minister for Child Safety (Ms Boyle).

Debate ensued.

Question put and agreed to.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT AND OTHER ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (Record of Proceedings p.258)

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Education and Training Minister for the Arts (Mr Welford) – 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 20, as read, agreed to.

Consideration in detail completed—

Mr Welford moved – That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

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

Question put and agreed to.

POSTPONED ORDERS – GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Acting Leader of the House (Mr Welford) moved – That Government Business Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 19 be postponed.

Question put and agreed to.

NOTICE OF MOTION – REVOCATION OF STATE FOREST (Record of Proceedings p.263)

Minister for Environment and Multiculturalism (Ms Nelson-Carr), pursuant to notice, moved—

(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 today on 28 November 2006; viz—

Description of area to be revoked

Beerburrum East Area described as Lot 1 on SP185011 and containing 21.17 State hectares as illustrated on Forest (SF611) the attached sketch marked “B”.

(2) That Mr Speaker and the Clerk of the Parliament forward a copy of this resolution to the Minister for Environment and Multiculturalism for submission to the Governor in Council.
Debate ensued.
Question put and agreed to.

STATE PENALTIES ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL  (Record of Proceedings p.266)

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Education and Training for the Arts and Acting Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Women (Mr Welford) – That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

Papers:  Mr Nicholls, during his speech, tabled the following papers—

Department of Justice and Attorney-General—
Position Description, dated 6 September 2005, for Public Advocate
Position Description, dated 7 December 2005, for Adult Guardian

Debate continued.
Question put and agreed to.
Bill read a second time.

Consideration in detail—

Clauses 1 to 39, as read, agreed to.
Clauses 40 to 42—
Debate ensued.
Question put – That Clauses 40 to 42 stand part of the Bill.
The House divided.

AYES 48—

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Barry  Frazer  Kieran  Miller  Reeves  Stone
Bombolas  Gray  Lawlor  Moorhead  Reilly  Sullivan
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Cripps  Elmes  Johnson  Menkens  Seeney  Stuckey
Cunningham  Flegg  Knuth  Messenger  Simpson
Dempsey  Gibson  Lee Long  Nicholls  Springborg

Tellers *

Question agreed to.
Clauses 43 to 59, as read, agreed to.

Consideration in detail completed—

Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister Assisting the Premier in Western Queensland (Mr Shine) moved – That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and agreed to.
Bill read a third time.
Mr Shine moved – That the long title of the Bill be agreed to.
Question put and agreed to.

SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT

Acting Leader of the House (Mr Lucas) moved – That the House at its rising do adjourn until 9.30 am on Tuesday, 20 February 2007.
Question put and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT (Record of Proceedings p.277)

Acting Leader of the House (Mr Lucas) moved – That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

Paper: Mrs Cunningham, by leave, during her speech, tabled the following paper—
Letter, dated 28 January 2007, to Mrs Cunningham from Mr L Freeman, together with enclosures relating to the National Australia Bank Limited

Debate continued.

Paper: Mr Weightman, during his speech, tabled the following paper—
Document titled Dunwich to Pt Lookout Cycleway Petition

Debate continued.

Papers: Mr Nicholls, during his speech, tabled the following papers—
Copy of a letter, dated 30 January 2004, from the Premier (Mr Beattie) addressed Dear Resident relating to the Eagle Farm and Doomben racecourses
Copy of a letter, dated 4 February 2004, from Mr Beattie to Mr Staines relating to the racing industry
Copy of a document, undated, titled A Message from Liddy

Debate continued.

Question put and agreed to.
The House adjourned at 5.41 pm.

ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present—

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