# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

NO. 13 – TUESDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2007

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MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY

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

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 16 February 2007—

A Bill for an Act to amend the Summary Offences Act 2005, and for other purposes (Summary Offences and Other Acts Amendment Act 2007 – Act No. 1 of 2007)


A Bill for an Act to amend the State Penalties Enforcement Act 1999 and other Acts administered by the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Women (State Penalties Enforcement and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2007 – Act No. 3 of 2007)

Paper: Mr Speaker tabled the following paper—

Letter, dated 16 February 2007, from Her Excellency the Governor to Mr Speaker advising of assent to Bills

SPEAKER’S STATEMENT – RETIREMENT OF CLERK–ASSISTANT AND SERGEANT–AT–ARMS

Mr Speaker made the following statement—

‘Honourable Members—

Our Clerk–Assistant and Sergeant-at-Arms, Ian Thompson, has announced his intention to retire. Ian’s last day with the Service will be 2 March 2007; so this is Ian’s last sitting week.

Ian is one of the longest serving Parliamentary Officers.


Ian will be missed by all Members and staff, none more so than by the Whips during the counting of divisions!

I am sure that all Members will join with me in wishing Ian the very best in retirement.’

PROCEDURE – SPEAKER’S STATEMENT – PARLIAMENTARY LANGUAGE

Mr Speaker made the following statement—

‘Honourable Members—

Members are reminded that Standing Orders and practice and procedure prevent:

• Unparliamentary language
• Personal reflections on other Members
• Members addressing each other directly across the Chamber

All of these rules are aimed at ensuring debate and questioning on issues rather than personal attacks across the Chamber.

Unparliamentary language is difficult to define and no exhaustive list of expressions has ever been able to be provided. It has been held by rulings by previous Speaker’s, with which I concur, that it is basically any language or expression that is unworthy of the dignity of the House or Parliament as an institution.

What may be acceptable language in some places outside Parliament, indeed may even be common usage in some places, does not mean it is acceptable to the dignity of this House.

A further and very separate matter relates to personal reflections. Standing Order 234 provides that imputations of improper motives, personal reflections, unbecoming or offensive words in
relation to another Members is disorderly. A Member has a right to require the withdrawal of such reflections.

Personal reflections are simply not allowed. I ask Members to play the ball, not the player, in debate.

Generally, if the affected Member believes a statement is a reflection, then the Chair will require a withdrawal and will not make an objective assessment. Of course, Members should be able to tolerate a certain level of criticism, as this should be a House of some vigorous debate and often withdrawal is sought in trivial circumstances.

I also remind Members that the behaviour of one Member in the House reflects on all Members and the dignity of the House generally. I call on all Members to help me to uphold the dignity of this House and the respect of the Queensland public, by behaving with dignity.'

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

Mr Hobbs, from 821 petitioners, requesting the House to stop limiting the number of public patients that dentists employed by Queensland Health can treat; pass legislation to allow the operation in Queensland of the Public Sector Dental Workforce Scheme; allow the public sector dentist based in St George to open clinics in Dirranbandi and Mungindi and appoint two dentists to the vacant positions in Roma.

Mr Wellington, from 46 petitioners, requesting the House to reject the application by Maroochy Shire Council for a proposed landfill site at Ferntree Creek Road Kulangoor.

Mr Wellington, from 64 petitioners, requesting the House to reject the application by Maroochy Shire Council for a proposed landfill site at Ferntree Creek Road Kulangoor.

PAPERS TABLED DURING THE RECESS
The Clerk informed the House that the following papers, received during the recess, were tabled on the dates indicated—

12 February 2007—
   Electricity Industry Retail Marketing Conduct Rules made under the Electricity Act 1994
   Response from the Minister for Health (Mr Robertson) to a paper petition (753-06) presented by Mrs Stuckey from 1114 petitioners regarding the proposed Needle Exchange Program for 9/5th Avenue Palm Beach
   Interim Government response from the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Mr Lucas) to the Select Committee on Travelsafe Report No. 46 – Getting Tough on Drink Drivers
   Response from the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Mr Lucas) to a paper petition (750-06) presented by Mr Dickson from 151 petitioners requesting a public bus service for the residents of 'The Palms', Melody Court, Warana

13 February 2007—
   Response from the Minister for Local Government, Planning and Sport (Mr Fraser) to a paper petition (758-06) presented by Mr Moorhead from 730 petitioners regarding regulation of restricted dogs under Chapter 17A of the Local Government Act 1993

14 February 2007—
   Erratum to the Second Reading Speech for the Wild Rivers and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2007

15 February 2007—
   Response from the Minister for Local Government, Planning and Sport (Mr Fraser) to two paper petitions (715-06 and 722-06) presented by Mr Wellington from 726 and 1067 petitioners respectively regarding the proposed landfill site at Ferntree Creek Road, Kulangoor

16 February 2007—
   Explanation from the Minister for Health (Mr Robertson) to the Legislative Assembly regarding an extension of time for the tabling of the Bundaberg Health Services Foundation Annual Report 2005-06
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS
The following statutory instruments were tabled by the Clerk—

Professional Standards Act 2007—
Professional Standards Regulation 2007, No. 9

Local Government Act 1993—
Local Government (Dissolution of Johnstone Shire Council) Regulation 2007, No. 10

Transport Legislation and Another Regulation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2007, No. 11

Workers’ Compensation and Rehabilitation and Another Regulation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2007, No. 12

Electricity Act 1994—
Electricity Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2007, No. 13

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—

Summary Offences and Other Acts Amendment Bill 2006—
Amendments made to Bill
Short title and consequential references to short title—
Omit—
‘Summary Offences and Other Acts Amendment Act 2006’
Insert—
‘Summary Offences and Other Acts Amendment Act 2007’.

Vocational Education, Training and Employment and Other Acts Amendment Bill 2006—
Amendments made to Bill
Short title and consequential references to short title—
Omit—
‘Vocational Education, Training and Employment and Other Acts Amendment Act 2006’
Insert—

State Penalties Enforcement and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2006—
Amendments made to Bill
Long title—
Omit—
‘A Bill for An Act to amend the State Penalties Enforcement Act 1999 and other Acts administered by the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Women’.
Insert—
‘A Bill for An Act to amend the State Penalties Enforcement Act 1999 and other Acts administered by the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Women’.
Short title and consequential references to short title—
Omit—
‘State Penalties Enforcement and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2006’
Insert—
‘State Penalties Enforcement and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2007’.

MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS (Record of Proceedings p.287)
Ministerial statements were made.

Papers: Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie), during his statements, tabled the following papers—
Kit by the Queensland Government addressed to South East Queensland Members containing fact sheets relating to purified recycled water
Public Reports of Ministerial Expenses for the period 1 July 2006 to 31 December 2006
Council of Australian Federation Communique, dated 9 February 2007
Brochure by the Queensland Government, dated February 2007, titled Community Cabinet – taking Government to the people

Statements continued.
Paper: Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries (Mr Mulherin), during his statement, tabled the following paper—
Report, dated 18 February 2007, by Dr David Watson titled The Economic Impact of Sugarcane Smut on the Queensland Sugarcane Industry – Final Report

Statements continued.

Paper: Minister for Public Works, Housing and Information and Communication Technology (Mr Schwarten), during his statement, tabled the following paper—
Table titled Summary of Water Usage at BCC Buildings

Statements continued.

Statements concluded.

SCRUTINY OF LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – PAPER
Chair of the Scrutiny of Legislation Committee (Mrs Sullivan) tabled the following paper—
Scrutiny of Legislation Committee—
Alert Digest No. 2 of 2007

NOTICE OF MOTION – DISALLOWANCE OF STATUTORY INSTRUMENT
Member for Gregory (Mr Johnson) gave notice that he will move – That the Transport and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2006 – Subordinate Legislation 2006 No. 289 tabled in the Parliament on 6 February 2007 – be disallowed.

PRIVATE MEMBER’S STATEMENT (Record of Proceedings p.299)
A private Member’s statement was made.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (Record of Proceedings p.299)
Questions without notice were asked.

Papers: Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) tabled the following papers—
Paper, dated February 2007, by David Peetz, Griffith University titled Brave New Work Choices: What is the Story So Far?
Paper, dated February 2007, by David Peetz, Griffith University titled Collateral Damage: Women and the Workchoices Battlefield

Questions continued.

Papers: Mr Hopper tabled the following papers—
Extract from Hansard (pages 4084-4085) dated 24 October 2002 relating to the Bradfield Scheme
Extract from Hansard (page 2939) dated 28 September 2005 relating to the Bradfield Scheme

Questions continued.

Questions concluded.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST (Record of Proceedings p.310)
Matters of public interest were debated.

Papers: Mr Copeland, during his speech, tabled the following papers—
Transcripts of Weblog contributions by Prep Teachers “Sarah” and “John” relating to Prep Teaching

Debate continued.

Debate concluded.
STATUTORY BODIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL  (Record of Proceedings p.322)
Minister for State Development, Employment and Industrial Relations (Mr Mickel) presented a Bill for an Act to amend various Acts establishing statutory bodies and Explanatory Notes and moved – That the Bill be now read a first time.
Question put and agreed to.
Mr Mickel moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Miss Simpson moved – That the debate be now adjourned.
Question put and agreed to.

PLANT PROTECTION AMENDMENT BILL  (Record of Proceedings p.323)
Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries (Mr Mulherin) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Plant Protection Act 1989 and Explanatory Notes and moved – That the Bill be now read a first time.
Question put and agreed to.
Mr Mulherin moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr Horan moved – That the debate be now adjourned.
Question put and agreed to.

NUCLEAR FACILITIES PROHIBITION BILL  (Record of Proceedings p.324)
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Mines and Energy (Mr Wilson) – That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

AYES 59—
Attwood  Barry  Beattie  Bligh  Bombolas  Boyle  Choi  Croft  Cunningham  Darling  English  Fenlon  Keech  Kiernan  Lawlor  Lee  Hayward  Hinchliffe  Hoolihan  McNamara  Jarratt
Miller  Reeves  Reilly  Roberts  Schwarten  Scott  Shine  Smith  Spence  Stone
Sullivan  Wallace  Weightman  Welford  Wellington  Wells  Wendt  Wettenhall  Wilson

NOES 24—
Copeland  Cripps  Dempsey  Dickson  *  Elmes  Flegg  Gibson  Hobbs  Hopper  Horan  Johnson  Knuth  Langbroek  Lingard  Malone  Mc Ardle  Menkens  Messenger  Nicholls  Rickuss  *  Seeney  Simpson  Springborg  Stevens

Tellers  *
Question agreed to.
Bill read a second time.

Consideration in detail—
Clauses 1 to 24, as read, agreed to.
Schedule, as read, agreed to.

Consideration in detail completed—
Mr Wilson moved – That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and agreed to.
Bill read a third time.
Mr Wilson moved – That the long title of the Bill be agreed to.
Question put and agreed to.
TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AND ANOTHER ACT AMENDMENT BILL  
(Record of Proceedings p.356)

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Mr Lucas) – That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT  
(Record of Proceedings p.362)

A ministerial statement, by leave, was made.

Papers: Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie), by leave, during his statement, tabled the following papers—
Copies of extracts from the Minutes of meetings of the Executive Council of Queensland held on 16 May 2002 and 5 September 2002

TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AND ANOTHER ACT AMENDMENT BILL  
(Record of Proceedings p.362)

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Mr Lucas) – That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

ADJOURNMENT  
(Record of Proceedings p.382)

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

Debate ensued.

Papers: Mr Messenger, during his speech, tabled the following papers—
Copies of correspondence, dated 6 December 2006, from Mr Ian Fleming, Queensland Patient Support Group Inc. to the Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) concerning patient support group funding of costs
Correspondence, dated 16 February 2007, from Mr Fleming to Mr Messenger concerning Attorney General correspondence and visit
Notes from an interview of Ms Leean Van Loon conducted by Ms Melinda Bradford at the Burnett Electorate Office, dated 15 February 2007

Debate continued.

Papers: Mr Gray, by leave, during his speech, tabled the following papers—
Three electoral boundary review maps for the Gold Coast City Council

Question put and agreed to.
The House adjourned at 10.08 pm.

ATTENDANCE
The following Members were present—

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