

	LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF QUEENSLAND 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND PARLIAMENT
---	---

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

NO. 18 – THURSDAY, 8 MARCH 2007

CONTENTS

MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY	220
PROCEDURE – ACTING SPEAKER'S STATEMENT – MATTERS OF PRIVILEGE SUDDENLY ARISING	220
ACTING SPEAKER'S STATEMENT – ALOLA FOUNDATION	220
PETITION	221
MINISTERIAL PAPER TABLED BY THE CLERK.....	221
MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS (Record of Proceedings p.782)	221
MINISTERIAL NOTICE OF MOTION – INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY	221
MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE – MINISTERIAL NOTICE OF MOTION.....	222
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – PAPER	222
PUBLIC REPORT OF EXPENSES – OFFICE OF THE LEADER OF THE LIBERAL PARTY.....	222
PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENTS (Record of Proceedings p.793).....	222
QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (Record of Proceedings p.795)	222
MOTION – PREMIER BE FURTHER HEARD	222
PROCEDURE – ACTING SPEAKER'S RULING – ANSWER RELEVANT TO QUESTION	222
PROCEDURE – ACTING SPEAKER'S RULING – QUESTION OUT OF ORDER	223
MINISTERIAL STATEMENT (Record of Proceedings p.805).....	223
MOTION – INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY (Record of Proceedings p.808).....	223
WHISTLEBLOWERS (DISCLOSURE TO MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT) AMENDMENT BILL (Record of Proceedings p.823)	224
PERSONAL EXPLANATION (Record of Proceedings p.824)	224
WHISTLEBLOWERS (DISCLOSURE TO MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT) AMENDMENT BILL (Record of Proceedings p.824)	224
MINISTERIAL STATEMENT (Record of Proceedings p.852).....	225
ADJOURNMENT (Record of Proceedings p.852).....	225
ATTENDANCE	226

MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY

The Assembly met at 9.30 am, pursuant to adjournment. The Acting Speaker (Mr J M English) read prayers.

PROCEDURE – ACTING SPEAKER'S STATEMENT – MATTERS OF PRIVILEGE SUDDENLY ARISING

Mr Acting Speaker made the following ruling—

'Honourable Members—

Sessional orders provide that matters of privilege may be raised as the second item of business each sitting day. Further, the morning program each day provides an opportunity for members to make personal explanations.

Generally, members should utilise these two opportunities in the Order of Business to raise matters that involve privilege or a personal explanation.

Standing Orders also provide an opportunity to rise on matters of privilege suddenly arising at any time. A matter of privilege suddenly arising means just that. Firstly, it must be something that is genuinely a matter of privilege and secondly, something that is happening, or has just happened and which could threaten the proceedings of the House or the ability of members to participate in a debate or vote in the House.

Examples of matters of privilege suddenly arising include a members inability to get to the chamber through the obstruction of strangers, or the failure of the high rise elevators, or the unavailability of required papers in the House, such as amendments being moved.

It has been held in this Parliament for some time that a matter of privilege suddenly arising also includes a Member correcting the record of something that they themselves have said. Although a Member may use a matter of privilege suddenly arising to correct an error or a misleading statement that they have made themselves in their earlier speech, they cannot use it to rebut, criticise or make allegations against another member's earlier statement.

It is inappropriate to use the pretence of a matter of privilege suddenly arising as a subterfuge for making a personal explanation or for raising a matter of privilege that is not urgent and could be delayed until the following sitting day, especially if no leave is sought and the member is simply interrupting the business of the House.

Members seeking to abuse the rules of the House in this way are simply being disorderly and will be dealt with accordingly.

A copy of this statement is being provided to all temporary Speakers.'

ACTING SPEAKER'S STATEMENT – ALOLA FOUNDATION

Mr Acting Speaker made the following statement—

'Honourable Members—

Staff of the Parliamentary Service are currently coordinating fundraising for the Alola Foundation, an East Timorese charity that works in the fields of advocacy, employment, education, maternal and child health and humanitarian assistance.

The fundraising efforts being coordinated by parliamentary staff are specifically focussed on maternal and child health needs in east Timor, a country which has among the highest rates of maternal and child mortality in the world. Funds raised by parliamentary staff will be used by the Alola Foundation to purchase maternity packs for pregnant women in east Timor. Possessing a maternity pack allows women to give birth in hospital which ultimately reduces high mortality rates for east Timor's mothers and their babies. Each pack costs \$25 to supply.

I am sure members will agree that this is an appropriate charitable cause to support on International Women's Day.

I urge all Honourable members to support these important fundraising efforts. A document has been circulated in the chamber explaining how donations can be made.'

PETITION

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

Dr Flegg from 397 petitioners requesting the House to provide a new modular or demountable building comprising of two classroom areas and a withdrawal room to the Mt Crosby State School as a matter of urgency.

MINISTERIAL PAPER TABLED BY THE CLERK

The following ministerial paper was tabled by The Clerk—

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

Response from the Minister for Local Government, Planning and Sport (Mr Fraser) to a paper petition (707-06) presented by Mr Cummins from 57 petitioners regarding the Maroochy Shire Council's handling of water quality issues within Chancellor Park.

MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS ([Record of Proceedings p.782](#))

Ministerial statements were made.

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

Letter, dated 1 March 2007, from the Archbishop of Brisbane to Mr Beattie relating to the Forum on Young People, Alcohol and Drugs

Report by the Service Delivery and Performance Commission, dated February 2007, titled *Review of the Roles and Responsibilities of The Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Water, Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries*

Calling card titled *Michael Caltabiano MP*

Community Newsletter from Ross Vasta MP dated November 2005

Community Newsletters from Adrian Schrinner, Councillor for Chandler Ward, dated April 2006 and July 2006

Statements continued.

Papers: Minister for Local Government, Planning and Sport (Mr Fraser), during his statement, tabled the following papers—

Letter, dated 23 February 2007, from Douglas Shire Council to Mr Fraser relating to the council's response to the Show Cause Notice issued by the Minister for Local Government, Planning and Sport

Report by J Brady, dated 7 March 2007, titled *Report on the Review of the Response from Douglas Shire Council to the Show Cause Notice issued by the Minister for Local Government, Planning and Sport*

Report by G B Baker, dated March 2007, titled *Report on investigation into the Douglas Shire Council's handling of the Beach Club (Port Douglas) development application*

Statements continued.

Statements concluded.

MINISTERIAL NOTICE OF MOTION – INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Minister for Tourism, Fair Trading, Wine Industry Development and Women (Mrs Keech) gave notice that she will move – That this House—

- recognises International Women's Day on 8 March, and notes that the Queensland Government is celebrating International Women's Day under the theme 'Women at work, know your rights';
- honours the contribution and achievements of working women of Queensland; and
- expresses regret that the Australian Government has undermined the rights and opportunities for working women in Queensland through its Workchoices industrial relations regime.

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE – MINISTERIAL NOTICE OF MOTION

Leader of the House (Mr Swarten), by leave, moved –That notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing and Sessional Orders, the Minister for Women be permitted to move, at 11.30 am today, the Motion of which she has given notice this morning, with time limits for speeches and debate as follows—

Minister – 10 minutes

Leader of the Opposition (or nominee) – 10 minutes

All other Members – 5 minutes

Total debate time before question put – 1 hour 30 minutes

Question put and agreed to.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – PAPER

Chair of the Public Works Committee (Ms Stone) tabled the following paper—

Public Works Committee—

Report 95 – Roma Street Fire and Ambulance Station, March 2007

PUBLIC REPORT OF EXPENSES – OFFICE OF THE LEADER OF THE LIBERAL PARTY

The following report was tabled—

Leader of the Liberal Party (Dr Flegg)—

Public Report of Office Expenses for the Office of the Leader of the Liberal Party for the period 8 March 2006 to 31 December 2006

PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENTS ([Record of Proceedings p.793](#))

Private Members' statements were made.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE ([Record of Proceedings p.795](#))

Questions without notice were asked.

Papers: Leader of the Opposition (Mr Seeney) tabled the following papers—

Graph titled *QLD1 30 minute Demand and Price for period 7 March 2007 to 9 March 2007*

Extract from Tarong Energy Annual Report relating to 2005-06 highlights

Document relating to CS Energy key financial indicators 2003-04 to 2005-06

Questions continued.

And the Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) having exhausted the time allocated for answering a question without notice—

MOTION – PREMIER BE FURTHER HEARD

Leader of the House (Mr Swarten) moved – That Mr Beattie be further heard.

Question put and agreed to.

Questions resumed.

PROCEDURE – ACTING SPEAKER'S RULING – ANSWER RELEVANT TO QUESTION

Under Standing Order 118(b), Mr Acting Speaker ruled that the answer given by the Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) was relevant to Dr Flegg's question.

Questions resumed.

PROCEDURE – ACTING SPEAKER’S RULING – QUESTION OUT OF ORDER

Mr Acting Speaker ruled that the Question asked by Ms Barry was out of order.

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ([Record of Proceedings p.805](#))

A ministerial statement, by leave, was made.

Questions resumed.

Papers: Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) tabled the following papers—
 Campaign material from Glen Ryan, Liberal candidate for Mansfield
 Bundle of Liberal Party printed material
 Bundle of Labor Party printed material

Questions continued.

Questions concluded.

MOTION – INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY ([Record of Proceedings p.808](#))

Minister for Tourism, Fair Trading, Wine Industry Development and Women (Mrs Keech) moved –
 That this House—

- recognises International Women's Day on 8 March, and notes that the Queensland Government is celebrating International Women's Day under the theme '*Women at work, know your rights*';
- honours the contribution and achievements of working women of Queensland; and
- expresses regret that the Australian Government has undermined the rights and opportunities for working women in Queensland through its WorkChoices industrial relations regime.

Motion seconded by Ms Jones.

Debate ensued.

The following amendment was proposed by Mrs Menkens—

That all words after ‘House’ be deleted and the following inserted—

- Recognises International Women’s Day on 8 March, and notes that the Queensland Government is celebrating International Women’s Day; and
- Honours the contribution and achievements of ALL women in Queensland.

Amendment seconded by Miss Simpson.

Debate ensued.

Paper: Mrs Pratt, during her speech, tabled the following paper—

Copy of an article from *The Courier-Mail*, dated 8 March 2007, titled *Toxic culture not empowering our girls*

Debate continued.

Question put – That Mrs Menkens’ amendment be agreed to.

The House divided.

AYES 24—

<i>Copeland</i>	<i>Elmes</i>	<i>Horan</i>	<i>Lee Long</i>	<i>Menkens</i>	<i>Simpson</i>
<i>Cripps</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Johnson</i>	<i>Lingard</i>	<i>Messenger</i>	<i>Springborg</i>
<i>Dempsey</i>	<i>Hobbs</i>	<i>Knuth</i>	<i>Malone</i>	<i>Nicholls</i>	<i>Stevens</i>
<i>Dickson *</i>	<i>Hopper</i>	<i>Langbroek</i>	<i>McArdle</i>	<i>Rickuss *</i>	<i>Stuckey</i>

NOES 51—

<i>Attwood</i>	<i>Finn</i>	<i>Lavarch</i>	<i>Nolan *</i>	<i>Roberts</i>	<i>Welford</i>
<i>Barry</i>	<i>Foley</i>	<i>Lawlor</i>	<i>O'Brien</i>	<i>Schwarten</i>	<i>Wellington</i>
<i>Beattie</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Palaszcuk</i>	<i>Shine</i>	<i>Wells</i>
<i>Bligh</i>	<i>Gray</i>	<i>Male *</i>	<i>Pearce</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Wendt</i>
<i>Bombolas</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>McNamara</i>	<i>Pitt</i>	<i>Struthers</i>	<i>Wettenhall</i>
<i>Boyle</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Pratt</i>	<i>Sullivan</i>	<i>Wilson</i>
<i>Choi</i>	<i>Hoolihan</i>	<i>Moorhead</i>	<i>Purcell</i>	<i>Van Litsenburg</i>	
<i>Croft</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Mulherin</i>	<i>Reeves</i>	<i>Wallace</i>	
<i>Cunningham</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Nelson–Carr</i>	<i>Reilly</i>	<i>Weightman</i>	

*Tellers **

Question negatived.

Question – That the motion be agreed to – put and agreed to.

WHISTLEBLOWERS (DISCLOSURE TO MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT) AMENDMENT BILL
(Record of Proceedings p.823)

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned on the motion of Mr McArdle.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION ([Record of Proceedings p.824](#))

Mr Fenlon, by leave, made a personal explanation.

Distinguished visitor—

Mr Acting Speaker informed the House of the presence in the Gallery of Mr Tom McLoughlin, the former mayor of Caboolture Shire.

WHISTLEBLOWERS (DISCLOSURE TO MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT) AMENDMENT BILL
([Record of Proceedings p.824](#))

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

AYES 53

Attwood	Darling	Keech	Mulherin	Reilly	Van Litsenburg
Barry	Finn	Kiernan	Nelson–Carr	Roberts	Wallace
Beattie	Fraser	Lavarch	Nolan *	Schwarten	Weightman
Bligh	Gray	Lawlor	O'Brien	Scott	Welford
Bombolas	Hayward	Lee	Palaszczyk	Shine	Wells
Boyle	Hinchliffe	Male *	Pearce	Smith	Wendt
Choi	Hoolihan	McNamara	Pitt	Spence	Wettenhall
Croft	Jarratt	Mickel	Purcell	Stone	Wilson
Cunningham	Jones	Moorhead	Reeves	Sullivan	

NOES 23

Cripps	Flegg	Horan	McArdle	Pratt	Springborg
Dempsey	Gibson	Langbroek	Menkens	Rickuss *	Stevens
Dickson *	Hobbs	Lee Long	Messenger	Seeney	Stuckey
Elmes	Hopper	Malone	Nicholls	Simpson	

*Tellers **

Question agreed to.

Bill read a second time.

Consideration in detail—

Clauses 1 to 3, as read, agreed to.

Clause 4—

Debate ensued.

Question put – That Clause 4, as read, stand part of the Bill.

The House divided.

AYES 50—

Attwood	Fraser	Lavarch	Nolan *	Scott	Welford
Barry	Gray	Lawlor	O'Brien	Shine	Wells
Beattie	Hayward	Lee	Palaszcuk	Smith	Wendt
Bombolas	Hinchliffe	Male *	Pearce	Spence	Wettenhall
Boyle	Hoolihan	McNamara	Purcell	Stone	Wilson
Choi	Jarratt	Mickel	Reeves	Sullivan	
Croft	Jones	Moorhead	Reilly	Van Litsenburg	
Darling	Keech	Mulherin	Roberts	Wallace	
Finn	Kiernan	Nelson–Carr	Schwarten	Weightman	

NOES 24—

Cripps	Elmes	Hopper	Malone	Nicholls	Simpson
Cunningham	Flegg	Horan	McArdle	Pratt	Springborg
Dempsey	Gibson	Langbroek	Menkens	Rickuss *	Stevens
Dickson *	Hobbs	Lee Long	Messenger	Seeney	Stuckey

*Tellers **

Question agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 7, as read, agreed to.

Clause 8—

Debate ensued.

Question put – That Clause 8, as read, stand part of the Bill.

The House divided.

AYES 51—

Attwood	Darling	Keech	Moorhead	Roberts	Weightman
Barry	Finn *	Kiernan	Mulherin	Schwarten	Welford
Beattie	Fraser	Lavarch	Nelson–Carr	Scott	Wells
Bligh	Gray	Lawlor	O'Brien	Shine	Wendt
Bombolas	Hayward	Lee	Palaszcuk	Smith	Wettenhall
Boyle	Hinchliffe	Male *	Pearce	Stone	Wilson
Choi	Hoolihan	McNamara	Purcell	Sullivan	
Croft	Jarratt	Mickel	Reeves	Van Litsenburg	
Cunningham	Jones	Miller	Reilly	Wallace	

NOES 21—

Cripps	Flegg	Horan	Messenger	Seeney	Stuckey
Dempsey	Gibson	Langbroek	Nicholls	Simpson	
Dickson *	Hobbs	McArdle	Pratt	Springborg	
Elmes	Hopper	Menkens	Rickuss *	Stevens	

*Tellers **

Question agreed to.

Clauses 9 to 15, as read, agreed to.

Consideration in detail completed—

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

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

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

Question put and agreed to.

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ([Record of Proceedings p.852](#))

A ministerial statement, by leave, was made.

ADJOURNMENT ([Record of Proceedings p.852](#))

Acting Leader of the House (Ms Boyle) moved – That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and agreed to.

The House adjourned at 6.21 pm.

ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present—

<i>Attwood</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Johnson</i>	<i>McNamara</i>	<i>Purcell</i>	<i>Struthers</i>
<i>Barry</i>	<i>Fenlon</i>	<i>Jones</i>	<i>Menkens</i>	<i>Reeves</i>	<i>Stuckey</i>
<i>Beattie</i>	<i>Finn</i>	<i>Keech</i>	<i>Messenger</i>	<i>Reilly</i>	<i>Sullivan</i>
<i>Bligh</i>	<i>Flegg</i>	<i>Kiernan</i>	<i>Mickel</i>	<i>Rickuss</i>	<i>Van Litsenburg</i>
<i>Bombolas</i>	<i>Foley</i>	<i>Knuth</i>	<i>Miller</i>	<i>Roberts</i>	<i>Wallace</i>
<i>Boyle</i>	<i>Fraser</i>	<i>Langbroek</i>	<i>Moorhead</i>	<i>Schwarten</i>	<i>Weightman</i>
<i>Choi</i>	<i>Gibson</i>	<i>Lavarch</i>	<i>Mulherin</i>	<i>Scott</i>	<i>Welford</i>
<i>Copeland</i>	<i>Gray</i>	<i>Lawlor</i>	<i>Nelson—Carr</i>	<i>Seeney</i>	<i>Wellington</i>
<i>Cripps</i>	<i>Hayward</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Nicholls</i>	<i>Shine</i>	<i>Wells</i>
<i>Croft</i>	<i>Hinchliffe</i>	<i>Lee Long</i>	<i>Nolan</i>	<i>Simpson</i>	<i>Wendt</i>
<i>Cunningham</i>	<i>Hobbs</i>	<i>Lingard</i>	<i>O'Brien</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>Wettenhall</i>
<i>Darling</i>	<i>Hoolihan</i>	<i>Lucas</i>	<i>Palaszczuk</i>	<i>Spence</i>	<i>Wilson</i>
<i>Dempsey</i>	<i>Hopper</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Pearce</i>	<i>Springborg</i>	
<i>Dickson</i>	<i>Horan</i>	<i>Malone</i>	<i>Pitt</i>	<i>Stevens</i>	
<i>Elmes</i>	<i>Jarratt</i>	<i>McArdle</i>	<i>Pratt</i>	<i>Stone</i>	

J M ENGLISH
ACTING SPEAKER

N J LAURIE
CLERK OF THE PARLIAMENT