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

Mr Speaker acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land upon which this Parliament is assembled and the Custodians of the sacred lands of our State.

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

Mr Choi from 1,988 petitioners requesting the House to consider that the proposed concessions of delayed connection to Redlands water, does not fairly compensate Redlands community for the investment in water security already paid for at the expense of other services and infrastructure.

Miss Simpson, from 2,218 petitioners, requesting the House to reject the Mooloolaba Spit futures study and oppose the use of crown land on the Spit for the development of high rise buildings.

Dr Flegg from 311 petitioners requesting the House to implement a new road design to ensure the pedestrian crossing on Moggill Road, at Our Lady of the Rosary School, is safe to cross.

Mr Foley from 449 petitioners requesting the House to liaise with Hervey Bay City Council to establish a new safe all weather boat ramp and associated facilities at the Lions Park end of Burrum Street, Burrum Heads.

Mr Foley from 244 petitioners requesting the House to vote against any form of human cloning research.

Mr Foley from 25 petitioners requesting the House to abandon plans for the proposed dam at Traveston.

Mr Foley from 60 petitioners requesting the House to abandon plans for the proposed dam at Traveston.

Mr Foley from 543 petitioners requesting the House to vote against any proposal to introduce daylight saving into Queensland.

MINISTERIAL PAPERS TABLED BY THE CLERK
The following ministerial papers were tabled by The Clerk—

Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie)—
Letter from the Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) to the Clerk of Parliament accompanying an E-petition request form from Mr Jeffrey Haddrick

Minister for Environment and Multiculturalism (Ms Nelson-Carr)—
Response from the Minister for Environment and Multiculturalism (Ms Nelson-Carr) to a paper petition (658-06) presented by Mr Springborg from 4533 petitioners regarding the Cairns Yacht Club
Response from the Minister for Environment and Multiculturalism (Ms Nelson-Carr) to a paper petition (801-07) presented by Mr Cripps from 1567 petitioners regarding removing crocodiles from near public facilities and populated areas

MINISTERIAL PAPER
The following Ministerial paper, by leave, was tabled—

Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure (Ms Bligh)—
Non-conforming petition from 314 persons relating to the proposed redevelopment of the Yungaba facility at Kangaroo Point

MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS (Record of Proceedings p.1594)
Ministerial statements were made.
Papers: Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie), during his statements, tabled the following papers—
List of newspapers in which Queensland Government advertisements relating to funding for clean coal technology have been placed
Copy of an advertisement from *The Australian* of 23 May 2007

Statements continued.

Paper: Minister for Local Government, Planning and Sport (Mr Fraser), during his statement, tabled the following paper—
Copy of a letter, dated 26 April 2007, from Greg Hallam, Executive Director, Local Government Association of Queensland Inc. to Mr Fraser relating to employment security for local government employees

Statements continued.

Paper: Minister for Public Works, Housing and Information and Communication Technology (Mr Schwarten), during his statement, tabled the following paper—
List (3 pages) of increases in median rentals in each Queensland electorate

Statements continued.

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE – HOURS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR TODAY
Leader of the House (Mr Schwarten), by leave, moved – That notwithstanding anything contained in sessional orders, the House may sit until 8:00 pm this evening at which time it may break for 1 hour for dinner, resuming at 9:00 pm.

Question put and agreed to.

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE – 2007 ESTIMATES COMMITTEES – ORDER OF APPOINTMENT
Leader of the House (Mr Schwarten), by leave, moved – That in accordance with Standing Order 167(3), the order of appointment for 2007 Estimates Committees circulated in my name be agreed to, viz—

2007 ESTIMATES COMMITTEES – ORDER OF APPOINTMENT

(1) The following estimates committees are appointed—

Estimates Committee A
Estimates Committee B
Estimates Committee C
Estimates Committee D
Estimates Committee E
Estimates Committee F
Estimates Committee G

(2) The proposed expenditures stated in the Appropriation Bill 2007 and the Appropriation (Parliament) Bill 2007 are referred to the estimates committees immediately after each of the Bills has been read a second time.

(3) Members are appointed to estimates committees as follows—

Estimates Committee A – Ms Nolan (Chair), Dr Flegg, Mr Seeney, Mr Stevens, Ms Struthers, Mr Wendt, Mr Wettenhall
Estimates Committee B – Mr Weightman (Chair), Mrs Kieman, Mr Langbroek, Mr Messenger, Ms Stone, Mrs Stuckey, Ms van Litsenburg
Estimates Committee C – Mr O’Brien (Chair), Mr Choi, Mr Gray, Mr Hopper, Mr Johnson, Ms Jones, Miss Simpson
Estimates Committee D – Ms Darling (Chair), Mr Hinchliffe, Ms Jarratt, Mr Knuth, Mr Malone, Mr McNamara, Mrs Pratt
Estimates Committee E – Ms Palaszczuk (Chair), Mr Bombolas, Mr Copeland, Mr Hobbs, Mr Hoolihan, Mr Reeves, Mr Wellington
Estimates Committee F – Mrs Reilly (Chair), Mr Lee, Mr McArdle, Mrs Menkens, Mr Nicholls, Mrs Scott, Hon Wells
Estimates Committee G – Mr Moorhead (Chair), Mrs Cunningham, Mr Hayward, Mr Horan, Mr Lawlor, Mr Lingard, Mrs Miller

(4) Organisational units and portfolios are allocated to committees for examination as follows—

Estimates Committee A—
Office of the Governor

Organisational units within the portfolios of the following Ministers are also allocated to Estimates Committee A—
Premier and Minister for Trade
Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure
Minister for Public Works, Housing and Information and Communication Technology

Estimates Committee B—

Organisational units within the portfolios of—
Minister for Child Safety
Minister for Health
Minister for Police and Corrective Services

Estimates Committee C–
Organisational units within the portfolios of–
Minister for Transport and Main Roads
Minister for State Development, Employment and Industrial Relations
Minister for Natural Resources and Water and Minister Assisting the Premier in North Queensland

Estimates Committee D–
Organisational units within the portfolios of–
Minister for Mines and Energy
Minister for Emergency Services

Estimates Committee E–
Organisational units within the portfolios of–
Minister for Education, Training and Minister for the Arts
Minister for Local Government, Planning and Sport

Estimates Committee F–
Organisational units within the portfolios of–
Minister for Tourism, Fair Trading, Wine Industry Development and Women
Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister Assisting the Premier in Western Queensland
Minister for Environment and Multiculturalism

Estimates Committee G–
Legislative Assembly

Organisational units within the portfolios of the following Ministers are also allocated to Estimates Committee G–
Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries
Minister for Communities, Minister for Disability Services Queensland, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Minister for Seniors and Youth

(5) The estimates committees are to meet to hear evidence in accordance with the following schedule–

Estimates Committee A – Tuesday 10 July 2007
Estimates Committee B – Wednesday 11 July 2007
Estimates Committee C – Thursday 12 July 2007
Estimates Committee D – Friday 13 July 2007
Estimates Committee E – Tuesday 17 July 2007
Estimates Committee F – Wednesday 18 July 2007
Estimates Committee G – Thursday 19 July 2007

(6) Estimates committees to report

(a) Estimates Committees A to E are to examine and report by no later than Monday 6 August 2007 on the proposed expenditures for the organisational units allocated to them.

(b) Estimates Committees F to G are to examine and report by no later than Tuesday 7 August 2007 on the proposed expenditures for the organisational units allocated to them.

Question put and agreed to.

NOTICE OF MOTION – LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM

Leader of the Opposition (Mr Seeney) gave notice that he will move—

That this Parliament ensures:

• councils can go to the next Local Government Elections in March 2008 on their present boundaries;

• the reinstatement of the Size Shape and Sustainability process including a new Regional Representative Commission to oversee its completion during the next Council term; and

• that referendums of affected Local Government Areas be held to allow the people to accept or reject the recommendations of the Commission.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (Record of Proceedings p.1607)

Questions without notice were asked.

Papers: Leader of the Opposition (Mr Seeney) tabled the following papers—
Document (undated) titled Financial Sustainability Review: Ratings
Document (undated) titled Rating Characteristics

Questions continued.
Paper: Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) tabled the following paper—
Article from Bundaberg News Mail, dated 10 April 2007, titled CEO salary ticked off beyond merger
Article from Bundaberg News Mail, dated 11 April 2007, titled Pay question
Article from Bundaberg News Mail, dated 26 April 2007, titled Isis CEO given new contract until 2013

Questions continued.

Paper: Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure (Ms Bligh) tabled the following paper—
Copy of a letter (undated) from the Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) to the Prime Minister (Mr Howard), relating to Commonwealth funding for the Western Corridor Recycled Water Project

Questions continued.

And the Minister for Local Government, Planning and Sport (Mr Fraser) having exhausted the time allocated for answering a question without notice—

MOTION – MINISTER BE FURTHER HEARD
Leader of the House (Mr Schwarten) moved — That the Minister be further heard.
Question put and agreed to.

Paper: Minister for Local Government, Planning and Sport (Mr Fraser) tabled the following paper—
Copy of a letter (undated) from Mr Fraser to Bob Longland, Chair, Local Government Reform Commission

Questions continued.

TRANSPORT OPERATIONS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL (Record of Proceedings p.1619)
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.

Paper: Mr Lucas, during his speech, tabled the following paper—
Explanatory Notes to Mr Lucas’ amendments to the Transport Operations Legislation Amendment Bill

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

Consideration in detail—
Clause 1, as read, agreed to.
Clause 2 (Commencement)—
Mr Lucas moved — That Clause 2 be postponed until after amendment No. 2 circulated in my name is considered.
Question put and agreed to.
Clauses 3 to 7, as read, agreed to.
New Clause 7A—
The following amendment was proposed by Mr Lucas—
At page 7, after line 17—
insert—
‘7A Amendment of s 144 (Transport arrangements for pupils)
‘(1) Section 144, heading, ‘pupils’—
omit, insert—
‘students’.
‘(2) Section 144(1) and (2)(a), ‘pupils’—
omit, insert—
‘students’.
‘(3) Section 144(2)(b), ‘pupils’ —
omit, insert—
‘students’.
‘(4) Section 144—
insert—
‘(3) The chief executive may ask an education authority to give the chief executive information about a student, or a student’s parent, that is relevant to the administration of the arrangements, including, for example, information relevant to the student’s eligibility for assistance under the arrangements.
Examples of information that may be relevant to the administration of arrangements—
• the home address of a student or a student’s parent
• information about whether or not a student is enrolled in a stated educational establishment
• information about a student’s attendance at the student’s educational establishment
• a student’s date of birth or year level at the student’s educational establishment
‘(4) If the chief executive makes a request under subsection (3), the education authority must give the chief executive the requested information.
‘(5) Subsection (4) applies to requested information in the education authority’s possession or to which the authority has access.
‘(6) Subsection (4) applies despite any other Act or law of the State, including, for example, the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006, section 426.
‘(7) A relevant person who has gained or has access to information obtained under subsection (4) must not make a record of the information, use the information or disclose the information to anyone else, unless the recording, use or disclosure is—
(a) for a purpose of this Act; or
(b) with the written consent of the person to whom the information relates or, if the person is a student who is a child, of the student’s parent; or
(c) in compliance with lawful process requiring production of documents or giving of evidence before a court or tribunal; or
(d) permitted or required by another Act.
Maximum penalty—50 penalty units.
‘(8) In this section—
disclose, information, includes give access to the information.
education authority means—
(a) the chief executive of the department in which the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 is administered; or
(b) the principal of a State instructional institution as defined under the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006.
parent, of a student, means—
(a) if the student is a child—a person who is the student’s parent as defined under the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006, section 10; or
(b) if the student is an adult—a person who was the student’s parent as defined under the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006, section 10, immediately before the student stopped being a child.
relevant person means a person who—
(a) is performing or has performed a function under this Act; or
(b) is or was otherwise engaged in the administration of this Act.’.

Debate ensued.
Question – That Mr Lucas’ amendment be agreed to – put and agreed to.
Clause 2 (Commencement)—
The following amendment was proposed by Mr Lucas—
At page 4, line 7, after ‘Part 2’—
insert—
‘, other than section 7A’,.
Question – That Mr Lucas’ amendment be agreed to – put and agreed to.
Clause 2, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses 8 to 13, as read, agreed to.
Consideration in detail completed—
Mr Lucas moved – That the Bill, as amended, be now read a third time.
Question put and agreed to.
Bill, as amended, read a third time.
Mr Lucas moved – That the long title of the Bill be agreed to.
Question put and agreed to.

PRIMARY INDUSTRIES ACTS AMENDMENT AND REPEAL BILL  (Record of Proceedings p.1646)
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries (Mr Mulherin) – 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 14, as read, agreed to.

Consideration in detail completed—
Mr Mulherin moved – That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and agreed to.
Bill read a third time.
Mr Mulherin moved – That the long title of the Bill be agreed to.
Question put and agreed to.

PRIVILEGE – SPEAKER'S RULING – ALTERATION OF TABLED DOCUMENT
Mr Speaker made the following ruling—

‘Honourable Members—
I refer to the matter of privilege raised by the Leader of the Opposition in correspondence to me today.

During Question time today, the Leader of the Opposition in a question to the Premier, referred to two documents and tabled those documents. It is important here to note that a sensible answer to the question could probably have only be made by the Premier if the Premier had seen those documents immediately.

In order to enable the Premier to answer, the documents were immediately provided to the Premier by the Clerk, prior to their stamping and signing by the Clerk.

During and after the Premier’s answer, the documents were in the possession of two other Ministers, the Deputy Premier and the Minister for Local Government. The documents were eventually returned to the Clerk who then signed and stamped the documents.

Unbeknown to the Clerk, between them being passed to the Premier and returned to the Clerk, the Deputy Premier had made written notations on the documents. The Leader of the Opposition has rightly raised the alteration of a tabled document as a matter of privilege.

I am in little doubt that the alteration of a tabled document may in certain circumstances, such as where done deliberately with an intention to deceive, may amount to a contempt.

I am, however, satisfied that the Deputy Premier altered the documents inadvertently; not being aware or appreciating that original tabled documents were in her possession.

The problem that remains is that original tabled documents have alterations on them. I have discussed this matter with the Clerk, and I have instructed as follows:

• A copy of the documents, with the additions removed, will effectively replace the original tabled documents. This copy will effectively be considered the tabled documents.

• The documents with alterations will also remain with the replacement copy, together with a copy of this ruling, so that anyone who accesses the documents in the future can understand what has happened.’
MOTION – LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM (Record of Proceedings p.1664)

Leader of the Opposition (Mr Seeney) moved—
That this Parliament ensures:

• Councils can go to the next Local Government Elections in March 2008 on their present boundaries;

• the reinstatement of the Size Shape and Sustainability process including a new Regional Representative Commission to oversee its completion during the next Council term; and

• that referendums of affected Local Government Areas be held to allow the people to accept or reject the recommendations of the Commission.

Motion seconded by Mr Hobbs.
Debate ensued.

Papers: Mr Hobbs, during his speech, tabled the following papers—
Document (undated) titled Rating Characteristics

Debate continued.

The following amendment was proposed by the Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie)—

That all words after ‘Parliament’ are deleted and the following words inserted:
‘supports the Government’s timetable for reform of Local Government across Queensland and notes its confidence in the independent Local Government Reform Commission.’

Amendment seconded by the Minister for Local Government, Planning and Sport (Mr Fraser).
Debate ensued.

Withdrawal of Disorderly Member—
And the Member for Gregory (Mr Johnson), after warning, continuing to be disorderly, under the provisions of Standing Order 253, the Speaker ordered Mr Johnson to withdraw immediately from the Chamber.
Mr Johnson withdrew from the Chamber at 6.24 pm.

Debate resumed.
Question put – That Mr Beattie’s amendment be agreed to.
The House divided.

AYES 52—

Attwood
Barry
Bombolas
Boyle
Choi
Croft
Darling
English
Fenlon

Finn
Fraser
Gray
Hayward
Hinchliffe
Hoolihan
Jarratt
Jones
Keech

Kiernan
Lavarch
Lawlor
Lee
Lucas
Male *
McNamara
Mickel
Miller

Moorhead
Nelson–Carr
Nolan *
O’Brien
Palaszczuk
Pearce
Purcell
Reeves
Reilly

Roberts
Schwarten
Scott
Shine
Smith
Spence
Struthers
Sullivan
Van Litsenburg

NOES 27—

Copeland
Cripps
Cunningham
Dempsey
Dickson *

Elmes
Flegg
Gibson
Hobbs
Hopper

Horan
Johnson
Langbroek
Lee Long
Lingard

Malone
McArdle
Menkens
Messenger
Nicholls

Pratt
Rickuss *
Simpson
Simpson
Springborg

Tellers *

Question agreed to.
Question put – That the motion, as amended, be agreed to.
The House divided.
AYES 52—

Attwood  Barry  Bombolas  Boyle  Choi  Croft  Darling  English  Fenlon

Finn  Fraser  Gray  Hayward  Hinchliffe  Hoolihan  Jarratt  Jones  Keech

Kieman  Lavarch  Lawlor  Lee  Lucas  Male  *  McNamara  Michel  Miller

Moorhead  Nelson–Carr  Nolan  *  Palaszczuk  Pearce  Purcell  Reeves  Reilly

Roberts  Schwarten  Scott  Shine  Smith  Spence  Struthers  Sullivan  Van Litsenburg

Weightman  Welford  Wellington  Wells  Wendt  Wettenhall  Wilson

NOES 27—

Copeland  Cripps  Cunningham  Dempsey  Dickson  *

Elmes  Flegg  Gibson  Hobbs  Hopper

Horan  Johnson  Langbroek  Lee Long  Lingard

Malone  McArdoie  Menkens  Messenger  Nicholls

Pratt  Rickuss  *  Stuckey  Simpson  Springborg

Tellers  *

Question agreed to.

Motion, as agreed—

That this Parliament supports the Government’s timetable for reform of Local Government across Queensland and notes its confidence in the independent Local Government Reform Commission.

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT (Record of Proceedings p.1675)

A Ministerial statement, by leave, was made.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (CANDIDATES FOR STATE ELECTIONS) AMENDMENT BILL. (Record of Proceedings p.1676)

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Member for Warrego (Mr Hobbs) – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Paper: Leader of the Opposition (Mr Seeney), during his speech, tabled the following paper—

Copy of an article in The Courier-Mail, dated 2 April 2007, titled Labor says councillor can stay while campaigning by Martin Phillip

Debate continued.

SPEAKER’S STATEMENT – WITHDRAWAL OF IMPUTATION

Mr Speaker made the following statement—

‘Honourable Members—

This evening during the Private Member’s Motion, I made an observation from the Chair about members of the Opposition.

On reflection, I believe that my comments were an imputation of the type that, whilst not personal to any individual Member, were of a nature that should not have been made.

As Speaker, I demand a high standard of conduct by Members as I believe this is important for the dignity of the House.

I will abide by the same standards that I demand.

I will, therefore, withdraw my comments made earlier tonight.’

Debate resumed.

Question put.

The House divided.
AYES 22—

Copeland  Dickson *  Hopper  McArdle  Rickuss *  Stuckey
Cripps  Elmes  Langbroek  Menkens  Seeney  Wellington
Cunningham  Gibson  Lingard  Messenger  Simpson
Dempsey  Hobbs  Malone  Pratt  Stevens

NOES 43—

Attwood  Fenlon  Kiernan  Nolan *  Smith  Wendt
Barry  Finn  Lavarch  O'Brien  Spence  Wettenhall
Bombolas  Fraser  Lawlor  Palaszczuk  Stone  Wilson
Boyle  Gray  Lee  Pearce  Reilly  Sullivan
Choi  Hayward  Male *  Reilly  Roberts  Van Litsenburg
Croft  Jarratt  Miller  Roberts  Van Litsenburg
Darling  Jones  Moorhead  Scott  Weightman
English  Keech  Nelson–Carr  Shire  Wells

Tellers *

Question negatived.

ADJOURNMENT  (Record of Proceedings p.1686)

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

Question put and agreed to.

The House adjourned at 7.55 pm.

ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present—

Attwood  English  Jones  Johnson  Menkens  Merkens  Reeves  Stone
Barry  Fenlon  Jones  Keech  Messenger  Reilly  Reynolds  Struthers
Beattie  Finn  Kiefer  Keighley  Mickel  Rickuss  Stuckey
Bligh  Flegg  Kiernan  Lachlan  Miller  Roberts  Sullivan
Bombolas  Foley  Langbroek  Moorhead  Mulherin  Robertson  Van Litsenburg
Boyle  Fraser  Lavarch  Nelson–Carr  Nicholls  Scott  Wallace
Choi  Gibson  Lawlor  Nelson–Carr  O'Brien  Seeney  Wellington
Copeland  Gray  Lee  Nolan  O'Brien  Seelby  Wells
Cripps  Hayward  Lee Long  Nolan  Palaszczuk  Simpson  Wendt
Cunningham  Hobbs  Lucas  Pearce  Smith  Wettenhall
Darling  Hoyle  Male  Pitt  Spence  Wilson
Dempsey  Hopper  Malone  Pratt  Springborg
Dickson  Horn  McArdle  Purcell  Stevens
Elmes  Jarratt  McNamara 