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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.

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 28 May 2007—

A Bill for an Act to amend the Lotteries Act 1997 and other legislation (Lotteries Amendment Act 2007 – Act No. 22 of 2007)
A Bill for an Act to make further provision for industrial relations, and for other purposes (Industrial Relations Act and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2007 – Act No. 23 of 2007)
A Bill for an Act to provide for admission to, and the regulation of, the legal profession, and for entities involving members of the legal profession, and for other purposes (Legal Profession Act 2007 – Act No. 24 of 2007)
A Bill for an Act to amend and repeal the Banana Industry Protection Act 1989, and to amend the Sugar Industry Act 1999 (Primary Industries Acts Amendment and Repeal Act 2007 – Act No. 26 of 2007)
A Bill for an Act to amend Acts administered by the Minister for Health and the Ambulance Service Act 1991, and for other purposes (Health and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2007 – Act No. 28 of 2007)

Paper: Mr Speaker tabled the following paper—
Letter, dated 29 May 2007, from Her Excellency the Governor to Mr Speaker advising of assent to Bills on 28 May 2007

SPEAKER’S STATEMENT – ADDRESS IN REPLY – PRESENTATION AND REPLY
Mr Speaker made the following statement—
Honourable Members—
I have to report that on Friday 25 May 2007, accompanied by Honourable Members, I presented to Her Excellency the Governor, the Address of the Legislative Assembly, adopted by this House on 14 March 2007 in reply to Her Excellency’s Opening Speech, and that Her Excellency has been pleased to make the following reply—
‘Mr Speaker and Members—
On the 10th of October 2006, I had the honour to deliver the opening speech at the Official Opening of the first Session of the Fifty–Second Parliament of Queensland. As the representative of Her Majesty the Queen, I now extend to you and to the Members of the Parliament of Queensland, my sincere thanks for the formal Address—in–Reply.

It will be my pleasant duty to convey to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second the expression of loyalty and affection from the Members of the Queensland Parliament.

The Queen remains a strong and unifying figure for the peoples of our Commonwealth of Nations, and a sign of our shared beliefs in freedom and democracy.

Within our own community of Queensland, I encourage all Members of the Legislative Assembly in their endeavours to promote the well–being and prosperity of our State.
On behalf of the people of Queensland, I trust that your efforts will be rewarded with much success.’

Paper: Mr Speaker tabled the following paper—
Response to Address-in-Reply from Her Excellency the Governor

SPEAKER’S STATEMENT – BROADCAST OF PARLIAMENT OPERATIONAL

Mr Speaker made the following statement—

‘Honourable Members—
I advise that the new video broadcast system is now fully operational from today and is being broadcast via the internet, intranet and the internal television network.
Television cameras are still being permitted access during a four month trial period and final decisions will be made after that trial and further consultation.
In the interim, feedback on the system is most welcome.
I table for the information of Members and the media, the conditions for broadcasters of proceedings and the guidelines for camera operators that I have approved on an interim basis. These conditions and guidelines will also be incorporated into the records of the House.
These conditions and guidelines apply to the operation of the Parliament’s cameras and the broadcast of material captured by those cameras and streamed to the media. The existing conditions and guidelines relating to the media’s cameras and footage remain unaffected during the trial period.

Papers: Mr Speaker, during his statement, tabled the following papers—
Document titled Conditions for Broadcasters of Proceedings
Document titled Guidelines for Camera Operators

PRIVILEGE – SPEAKER’S RULING – INDIGNITY TO PRECINCT

Mr Speaker made the following ruling—

‘Honourable Members—
On 24 May 2007, I brought to the attention of the House a protest outside the front of Parliament House where placards and other items were affixed to the Parliament’s fence. The protest involved the Member for Maroochydore and the Member for Burdekin.
As per my request, both Members have written to me about their involvement in the protest.
Both Members allege that the material was affixed to the fence by protesters. Both have admitted that a direction to remove the material was given by an authorised officer of the parliament, but the material was not removed for some time afterwards. I am convinced that the removal of the material was clearly delayed until the media coverage was completed.
I make the following matters clear.
It is the undoubted right of Queenslanders to peacefully protest and I support the right of peaceful protest and the right of Members to engage with protesters. However, that should not extend to any action that is an indignity to the precinct – which I maintain affixing material to its fences is.
Members involved in a protest cannot hide behind the actions of protesters when they are taking clear advantage of the same actions for a ‘media grab’.
Importantly, Members have a high duty to maintain the dignity of this House and its precinct. Members should use their best endeavours to ensure no indignity to the House or precinct occurs and not simply stand idly by waiting for an opportunity to gain politically.
Despite the above matters, I have decided on this occasion not to waste the resources of the Members’ Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee or give the Members more attention than they deserve by referring this matter to the Committee.
Instead, I trust that the Members concerned will act honourably, reflect upon their action (or lack of action) and take it upon themselves to behave honourably in the future.’
SPEAKER’S RULING – BADGES, PLACARDS AND DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIAL IN CHAMBER

Mr Speaker made the following ruling—

‘Honourable Members—

In recent sittings issues have arisen regarding the distribution of material in the House, the wearing of badges and use of display signs, placards or even newspaper headlines in the Chamber.

I believe it is timely to reiterate some basic rules and clarify some issues.

I have consulted precedents in this House on such things and note a previous ruling by Speaker Hollis in which the wearing of badges and display of signs and placards was discussed.

Speaker Hollis stated:

It has long been practice and procedure in this House for members in observing general decorum and order to not wear badges, display signs or other insignia, such as t-shirts and stickers, that are protests.

It is in order for members to wear badges that, for example, support or promote a charitable purpose as long as it is reasonable in all the circumstances. However, it is out of order for members to wear badges that are a protest.

I intend to adopt and enforce this general rule.

I wish to make it clear that Members are free to wear badges that support a charitable purpose – for example, poppies or legacy badges on ANZAC or Remembrance Day, pink ribbons for breast cancer awareness and the like are more than acceptable.

Similarly, the use of charts and newspaper headlines and the like in explanation during a speech is acceptable.

But badges and displays of signs or placards or shirts with logos that are a form of protest or support of political ideals are not to be worn and will be considered disorderly. Placards, newspaper headlines being used as placards or similar forms of protest or support of political ideals are not to be displayed and will also be considered disorderly.

In terms of distribution of material in the Chamber, material should only be distributed if it is material that is tabled, such as reports. If any Member wishes to distribute other material, permission must be first sought from the Speaker. Generally, permission will be granted for bona fide information material or for a charitable purpose, but permission will not be granted for protest material.’

PETITIONS

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

Mr Foley, from 103 petitioners, requesting the House to take steps to change the boundary, to officially make all of Division Three, Tiaro Shire, a part of Cooloola Shire.

Mr Wendt, from 4,850 petitioners, requesting the House to ensure the Minister for Education approves the relocation of Amberley State School and Amberley Out of School Hours Care within the local area.

The following E-petitions, sponsored by the Members indicated, were received—

Mr Wendt, from 463 petitioners, requesting the House to ensure the Minister for Education approves the relocation of Amberley State School and Amberley Out of School Hours Care.

Mr Beattie, from 5 petitioners, requesting the House to prohibit the sale of tobacco products within Queensland.

Mrs Stuckey, from 87 petitioners, requesting the House to upgrade the Nerang and Mudgeeraba Police Stations to 24 hour counter operations as a matter of urgency.

PAPERS TABLED DURING THE RECESS

The Clerk informed the House that the following papers, received during the recess, were tabled on the dates indicated—
25 May 2007—
Explanatory Notes for the Workplace Health and Safety Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2007
(Subordinate Legislation No. 75 of 2007)
Report on Engineering Evaluation of Ann, Alice and Elizabeth Streets ramps and other
maintenance issues on the Riverside Expressway, Brisbane – 11 May 2007

28 May 2007—
Letter, dated 24 May 2007, from the Premier and Minister for Trade (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 proposed international treaty actions tabled in both houses of the
Federal Parliament on 9 May 2007 and the National Interest Analyses for the proposed treaty
actions listed

4 June 2007—
Response from the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister Assisting the Premier in
Western Queensland (Mr Shine) to a paper petition (803-07) presented by Ms Lee Long from 3694
petitioners regarding the granting of bail for serious, violent, repeat alleged offenders
Response from the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister Assisting the Premier in
Western Queensland (Mr Shine) to an e-petition (784-07) presented by Ms Lee Long from 120
petitioners regarding the granting of bail for serious, violent, repeat alleged offenders

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS
The following statutory instruments were tabled by the Clerk—

Transport Legislation and Another Act Amendment Act 2007—
Proclamation commencing certain provisions, No. 93

Queensland Building Services Authority Act 1991—
Queensland Building Services Authority and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1)
2007, No. 94

Housing Act 2003—
Housing Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2007, No. 95

Supreme Court of Queensland Act 1991—
Uniform Civil Procedure Amendment Rule (No. 1) 2007, No. 96

Public Trustee Act 1978—
Public Trustee Amendment Regulation (No. 3) 2007, No. 97

Acquisition of Land Act 1967, Building Units and Group Titles Act 1980, Foreign Ownership of Land
Land Title Act 1994, Surveyors Act 2003, Valuation of Land Act 1944, Valuers Registration Act 1992,
Natural Resources and Water Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2007, No. 98

MINISTERIAL ITEM TABLED BY THE CLERK
The following ministerial item was tabled by The Clerk—

Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie)—
Videotape of news items to accompany the report on a Trade Mission (overseas travel) to Hong
Kong, the Republic of Korea and the United States of America undertaken from 30 April to 14 May

MEMBER’S PAPER TABLED BY THE CLERK
The following Member’s paper was tabled by The Clerk—

Member for Mount Ommaney (Mrs Attwood)—
Report on an overseas visit to New Zealand by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for
Child Safety (Mrs Attwood), New Zealand Child Safety Initiatives, 29 April to 4 May 2007
MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS (Record of Proceedings p.1777)

Ministerial statements were made.

Papers: Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie), during his statements, tabled the following papers—
Document, dated June 2007, by the Queensland Government titled Nine Years of the Beattie Government
Document titled Queensland Greats Bios
Document titled Growing the Smart State PhD Funding Program 2006 Grant Recipients

Statements continued.

Paper: Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure (Ms Bligh), during her statement, tabled the following paper—

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. 6 of 2007

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ STATEMENTS (Record of Proceedings p.1790)

Private Members' statements were made.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (Record of Proceedings p.1791)

Questions without notice were asked.

Paper: Mrs Menkens, by leave, tabled the following paper—
Copy of an ABC Online article, dated 4 June 2007, titled North Qld to get clean coal base load power station

Questions continued.

Papers: Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Mr Lucas) tabled the following papers—
Copy of a media release, dated 30 May 2007, titled Commonwealth Government supports local residents in opposing western Brisbane bypass
Copy of a transcript of an interview, held on 29 May 2007, with the Leader of the Liberal Party (Dr Flegg) by Madonna King on 612 ABC Brisbane
Bundle of documents relating to questions on and without notice asked by Dr Flegg of Mr Lucas between 25 November 2004 and 30 March 2006

Questions continued.

SPEAKER’S RULING – QUESTION OUT OF ORDER

Mr Speaker ruled – That the Question by the Member for Maryborough was out of order in accordance with Standing Order 115(c)(ii), as it was seeking a legal opinion.

Questions concluded.
MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST  

Matters of public interest were debated.

Papers: Mr Rickuss, during his speech, tabled the following papers—
   - Bundle of Bushmans monthly price lists dated June 2006 to 4 May 2007
   - Copy of a letter, dated 27 May 2007, from Marilyn Hill to the Manager, Bushman Group Pty Ltd relating to the delivery of a rainwater tank

Debate continued.
Debate concluded.

DANGEROUS PRISONERS (SEXUAL OFFENDERS) AMENDMENT BILL  

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Attorney–General and Minister for Justice and Minister Assisting the Premier in Western Queensland (Mr Shine) – That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned on the motion of Mr McArdle.

CLEAN COAL TECHNOLOGY SPECIAL AGREEMENT BILL  

Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure (Ms Bligh) presented a Bill for an Act to establish the Clean Coal Council and to authorise the Premier to enter into the Queensland Clean Coal Agreement and Explanatory Notes and moved – That the Bill be now read a first time.
Question put and agreed to.
Ms Bligh moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

Paper: Ms Bligh, during her speech, tabled the following paper—
   - Copy of a letter, dated 4 June 2007, from Mr Williams, Chairman, Coal21 Fund to Mr Booker, Department of Premier and Cabinet, relating to Signing of Queensland Clean Coal Agreement.

Debate continued.
Mr Lingard moved – That the debate be now adjourned.
Question put and agreed to.

REVENUE AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL  

Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure (Ms Bligh) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Duties Act 2001, the Electricity Act 1994, the Electricity and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2006, the Land Tax Act 1915 and the Petroleum Products Subsidy Act 1965 and Explanatory Notes and moved – That the Bill be now read a first time.
Question put and agreed to.
Ms Bligh moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr Lingard moved – That the debate be now adjourned.
Question put and agreed to.

BUDGET PAPERS

Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure (Ms Bligh) tabled the following papers—

Queensland State Budget 2007–08—
   - Budget Speech – Budget Paper No. 1
   - Budget Strategy and Outlook – Budget Paper No. 2
   - Capital Statement – Budget Paper No. 3
   - Queensland State Budget 2007-08 at a glance
   - Budget Highlights
   - Queensland the Smart State – Water for the future
Ministerial Portfolio Statements—
Premier and Minister for Trade
Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure
Speaker’s Portfolio Statement – Legislative Assembly of Queensland
Attorney–General and Minister for Justice and Minister Assisting the Premier in Western Queensland
Minister for Child Safety
Minister for Communities, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Minister for Seniors and Youth
Minister for Education and Training Minister for the Arts
Minister for Emergency Services
Minister for Environment and Multiculturalism
Minister for Health
Minister for Local Government, Planning and Sport
Minister for Mines and Energy
Minister for Natural Resources and Water and Minister Assisting the Premier in North Queensland
Minister for Police and Corrective Services
Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries
Minister for Public Works, Housing and Information and Communication Technology
Minister for State Development, Employment and Industrial Relations
Minister for Tourism, Fair Trading, Wine Industry Development and Women
Minister for Transport and Main Roads

Regional Budget Statements—
Darling Downs and West Moreton
Far North Queensland
Fitzroy
Greater Brisbane
Mackay–Whitsunday
North Coast
North Queensland
South Coast
Western Queensland
Wide Bay–Burnett

APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT) BILL. (Record of Proceedings p.1821)
Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure (Ms Bligh) presented a message from Her Excellency the Governor, viz:

“MESSAGE
APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT) BILL 2007
Constitution of Queensland 2001, section 68
I, QUENTIN BRYCE, Governor, recommend to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled—
A Bill for an Act authorising the Treasurer to pay amounts from the consolidated fund for the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service for the financial years starting 1 July 2007 and 1 July 2008.
Quentin Bryce
GOVERNOR
31 May 2007”
Ms Bligh presented a Bill for an Act authorising the Treasurer to pay amounts from the consolidated fund for the Legislative Assembly and parliamentary service for the financial years starting 1 July 2007 and 1 July 2008 and Explanatory Notes and moved – That the Bill be now read a first time.
Question put and agreed to.
Ms Bligh moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr Lingard moved – That the debate be now adjourned.
Question put and agreed to.

**APPROPRIATION BILL**  *(Record of Proceedings p.1822)*

Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure (Ms Bligh) presented a message from Her Excellency the Governor, viz:

**“MESSAGE**

**APPROPRIATION BILL 2007**

*Constitution of Queensland 2001, section 68*

I, QUENTIN BRYCE, Governor, recommend to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled—

A Bill for an Act authorising the Treasurer to pay amounts from the consolidated fund for departments for the financial years starting 1 July 2007 and 1 July 2008.

Quentin Bryce
GOVERNOR

31 May 2007”

Ms Bligh presented a Bill for an Act to authorising the Treasurer to pay amounts from the consolidated fund for departments for the financial years starting 1 July 2007 and 1 July 2008 and Explanatory Notes and moved – That the Bill be now read a first time.

Question put and agreed to.

Ms Bligh moved – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Leader of the Liberal Party (Dr Flegg) moved – That the debate be now adjourned.

Question put and agreed to.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Question put and agreed to.

The House adjourned at 3.14 pm.

**ATTENDANCE**

The following Members were present—

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