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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.

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 Elmes, from 30 petitioners, requesting the House to prorogue/dissolve the Government of Queensland over the matter of the abolition of local Shire Councils, and to repeal the recent Act that covers the forced amalgamation of local councils.

Mrs Stuckey, from 31 petitioners, requesting the House to abandon the increase in the cost of international adoption assessments.

Mr Langbroek, from 574 petitioners, requesting the House to relocate the Needle Exchange Program which recently opened in Burleigh Heads.

Ms Lee Long, from 3,196 petitioners, requesting the House to allow a patient's own GP to attend to them in public hospital, re-introduce ward based training for nurses and re-introduce the position of Matron.

Mr Foley, from 526 petitioners, requesting the House to abandon plans for the dam at Traveston and consider other options.

Mr Pearce, from 346 petitioners, requesting the House to implement an alternative staffing model to one-teacher schools in Queensland so that teacher–student ratios reflect the demand of younger students on teacher time.

MINISTERIAL PAPERS TABLED BY THE CLERK

The following ministerial papers were tabled by The Clerk—

Minister for Main Roads and Local Government (Mr Pitt)—
Response from the Minister for Main Roads and Local Government (Mr Pitt) to a paper petition (804-07) presented by Mr Wellington from 237 petitioners requesting a pedestrian crossing on the Nambour-Mapleton Road

Minister for Sustainability, Climate Change and Innovation (Mr McNamara)—

MINISTERIAL PAPERS

The following Ministerial paper was tabled—

Minister for Natural Resources and Water and Minister Assisting the Premier in North Queensland (Mr Wallace)—
Administration of the Foreign Ownership of Land Register Act 1988 – Annual Report 2006–07

MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS (Record of Proceedings p.3321)

Ministerial statements were made.

Papers: Premier (Ms Bligh), during her statements, tabled the following papers—
Details of the scientists providing independent advice to the Freshwater Species Conservation Centre
Report by the Tropical Cyclone Larry Relief Appeal Distribution Committee, dated August 2007

Statements continued.
SPEAKER’S STATEMENT – PHOTOGRAPHER IN CHAMBER

Mr Speaker made the following statement—

'I advise honourable members that I have given permission for a Courier-Mail photographer to be present in the chamber this morning operating under the approved guidelines.

Statements resumed.

Paper: Minister for Main Roads and Local Government (Mr Pitt), by leave, during his statement, tabled the following paper—
Report by AgForce Queensland titled Blueprint for the Bush, A year of progress, Annual Report 2006-07

Statements continued.

Statements concluded.

NOTICE OF MOTION – TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr Nicholls gave notice that he will move – That this Parliament acknowledges the failure of the Queensland Labor Government to adequately plan for and provide in a timely manner both public transport infrastructure and services in south east Queensland.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE (Record of Proceedings p.3332)

Questions without notice were asked.

Paper: Leader of the Liberal Party (Dr Flegg) tabled the following paper—
Photograph displaying syringes at the needle syringe prevention program office

Questions continued.

Paper: Deputy Premier and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning (Mr Lucas) tabled the following paper—
Letter, dated 7 September 2007, from Mr Peter Jacob, Managing Director, Marsden Jacob Associates to Mr Richard Priman, Queensland Water Commission, relating to the Traveston Crossing and Wyaralong Dams EIS

Questions continued.

Questions concluded.

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT (Record of Proceedings p.3343)

A Ministerial statement, by leave, was made.

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ STATEMENTS (Record of Proceedings p.3344)

Private Members’ statements were made.

Paper: Mr Speaker, during his statement, tabled the following paper—
Non-conforming petition relating to the proposed relocation of the Townsville Showgrounds

CRIMINAL CODE (ASSAULTS AGAINST POLICE AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT BILL (Record of Proceedings p.3345)

Member for Burnett (Mr Messenger) presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Criminal Code and Explanatory Notes and moved – That the Bill be now read a first time.

Question put and agreed to.

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

Debate ensued.

Minister for Education and Training Minister for the Arts (Mr Welford) moved – That the debate be now adjourned.

Question put and agreed to.
PRIVATE MEMBERS’ STATEMENTS  (Record of Proceedings p.3346)
Private Members’ statements were made.

Paper: Leader of the Liberal Party (Dr Flegg), during his statement, tabled the following paper—
Copy of a flyer headed Live and Aware

Statements continued.

Paper: Ms Darling, by leave, during her statement, tabled the following paper—
Non–conforming petition relating to global warming

Statements continued.

Paper: Mr Cripps, by leave, during his statement, tabled the following paper—
Non–conforming petition relating to high voltage powerlines

Statements continued.

Paper: Mr Elmes, during his statement, tabled the following paper—
Copy of a letter, dated 27 September 2007, from Mr Elmes to the Minister for Health (Mr Robertson), relating to the Nambour Hospital

Statements continued.

Statements concluded.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AMENDMENT BILL  (Record of Proceedings p.3352)
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the (then) Minister for Environment and Multiculturalism (Ms Nelson–Carr) – That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and agreed to.

Consideration in detail—

Clauses 1 to 7, as read, agreed to.

Consideration in detail completed—

Minister for Sustainability, Climate Change and Innovation (Mr McNamara) moved – That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and agreed to.
Bill read a third time.
Mr McNamara moved – That the long title of the Bill be agreed to.
Question put and agreed to.

RESEARCH INVOLVING HUMAN EMBRYOS AND PROHIBITION OF HUMAN CLONING AMENDMENT BILL  (Record of Proceedings p.3361)
Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Health (Mr Robertson) – That the Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

Paper: Leader of the Liberal Party (Dr Flegg), during his speech, tabled the following paper—
Copy of an article by Melissa Sweet titled Beware the stem cell hard sell

Debate continued.
Debate adjourned on the motion of Ms Struthers.

MOTION – TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE  (Record of Proceedings p.3389)
Mr Nicholls moved – That this Parliament acknowledges the failure of the Queensland Labor Government to adequately plan for and provide in a timely manner both public transport infrastructure and services in south east Queensland.
Motion seconded by Mr Stevens.
Debate ensued.

The following amendment was proposed by the Premier (Ms Bligh)—
That all words after ‘acknowledges’ are deleted and the following words inserted:
‘the extraordinary growth in infrastructure spending on passenger transport and substantial increases in the availability of passenger services leading to a 30% increase in public transport patronage in the past three years in South East Queensland.’

Amendment seconded by the Minister for Transport, Trade, Employment and Industrial Relations (Mr Mickel).

Debate ensued.

Question put – That Ms Bligh’s amendment be agreed to.

The House divided.

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Question agreed to.

Question put – That the motion, as amended, be agreed to.

The House divided.

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Question put and agreed to.

Motion, as agreed—

That this Parliament acknowledges the extraordinary growth in infrastructure spending on passenger transport and substantial increases in the availability of passenger services leading to a 30% increase in public transport patronage in the past three years in South East Queensland.

TERRORISM, ORGANISED CRIME AND ANTI–CORRUPTION SURVEILLANCE BILL  
(Record of Proceedings p.3399)

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Leader of the Opposition (Mr Seeney) – That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.
Paper: Mr McArdle, during his speech, tabled the following paper—

Debate continued.
Question put.
The House divided.

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Question negatived.

POSTPONED ORDERS – GENERAL BUSINESS

Acting Leader of the House (Ms Spence) moved – That General Business Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 7 be postponed.
Question put and agreed to.

RESEARCH INVOLVING HUMAN EMBRYOS AND PROHIBITION OF HUMAN CLONING AMENDMENT BILL. (Record of Proceedings p.3408)

Order of the day read for the adjourned debate on the motion of the Minister for Health (Mr Robertson) – That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

ADJOURNMENT (Record of Proceedings p.3422)

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

Debate ensued.
Question put and agreed to.
The House adjourned at 10.35 pm.
ATTENDANCE

The following Members were present—

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