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SMALL BUSINESS

Mr KNUTH (Burdekin—ONP) (10.29 a.m.): The Minister for State Development and Trade has declared that Queensland is a small-business State. That is very true. It is a motherhood and God statement with which very few would disagree. I would also remind the Minister that small business employs about 70% of the work force. However, the same small businesses are being crippled by the extended trading hours given to the huge multinational food chains that are now proposing to compete for petrol services.

One Nation does not support the currently proposed so-called GST, but we find it ironic that the Labor Party supports the extended trading hours of its pretended big enemy, the multinationals and their trade and food stores. I take this opportunity to plead with the Labor Party to reconsider its stand on extended trading hours. The Minister may imply that the majority support extended trading hours——

Time expired.
