



Speech by

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ELECTION OF SPEAKER

Hon. P. D. BEATTIE (Brisbane Central— ALP) (Premier) (11.55 a.m.): Mr Speaker, on behalf of the Government I congratulate you on the high office that you have achieved and wish you well in the work that you will have to perform over the next three years. Can I say that I support the comments that you made before in relation to lifting the standards of this House. I pledge to you today the support of the Government for lifting the standards of Parliament. While I note that there was some concern and some cynicism expressed a little earlier about lifting the standards of this House, can I say to all members that it is a matter of leadership and it is a matter for all of us to behave in a better way. I know that some of you will say that it has been a little bit like Saul on the way to Damascus—that we have seen the light. Well, let it be that we have seen the light. It comes down to every leader in this Parliament doing their bit to lift the standards. I am not going to allow a little bit of cynicism to stand in the way of improving the performance of this Parliament and winning back the respect of the community. Mr Speaker, I wish you well.
