



Speech by

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**BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY (PORTABLE LONG SERVICE LEAVE) AMENDMENT  
BILL**

**Mr WELLINGTON** (Nicklin—IND) (5.11 p.m.): I rise to speak in support of the Building and Construction Industry (Portable Long Service Leave) Amendment Bill. On 3 August 1998, I took the time to attend a construction industry forum when the building industry task force visited the Sunshine Coast to explain the Government's proposed package of initiatives providing direct training benefits to the industry. Present at that meeting were a number of builders, plumbers and other interested industry representatives.

I was also pleased to receive a briefing in relation to the Opposition's concerns about this Bill from the shadow Minister for Employment, Training and Industrial Relations, the member for Clayfield. For the record, I point out that this briefing occurred prior to the reported direction by the Leader of the Opposition that shadow Ministers were not to meet with me and discuss with me their concerns about proposed pieces of legislation. I appreciated the briefing that I received from the member for Clayfield and I thank him for taking the time to draw to my attention the Opposition's concerns about sections of this legislation. As a result of that briefing, I raised various issues with the Minister's office and, after receiving further briefings from the Minister's office and representatives from the Construction Training Centre and other interested parties, I formed the view to support the Bill because of its potential to play a pivotal role in the creation of more jobs in the building industry.

Some members in this House claim that I do not speak long enough in various matters of debate. I have a different view. I challenge my detractors to go through Hansard, the official record of the spoken word in this Chamber, and see how much waffle and padding could be removed from speeches and how many speakers line up one after the other to speak about matters that have no direct or critical connection to the matters before the House, or simply repeat the views and comments of speakers already on the record in the debate. I commend the Bill to the House.

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