



Speech by

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**AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS**

**Mr NELSON** (Tablelands—ONP) (10.25 a.m.): One Nation opposes this motion on the grounds that it does not coincide with the Premier's stance on improving the decorum of this House. I agree with statements made today by members of the Opposition. The only way to improve the decorum of this House is to get tough in the use of Standing Order 123A, using it to the fullest extent in ejecting members of the House so that they cannot vote.

We all agree that this House is on a razor's edge in that our numbers are finely balanced. The only way punishment can be seen to be meted out is by the ejection of members so that they cannot vote. Members of the Opposition would accept that—and I would say that those in the Government would as well—because they want to see the public's faith in this House restored. I do not believe that the amendment to Standing Order 123A will do this because, in reality—let us talk about reality—it could be misused, as members of the Opposition have said. Though One Nation would support any changes that would see the decorum of this House improved, we will not support this change because we do not believe it will do that.

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