



Speech by

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STATE GOVERNMENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Hon. R. E. BORBIDGE (Surfers Paradise—NPA) (Leader of the Opposition) (10.07 a.m.): Last week in this Parliament, the can't do Premier detailed to the House his non-achievements to celebrate his 17 months in office. And going through those particular achievements one by one—the achievements of the can't do Premier—some of them go back to the Bjelke-Petersen era, some of them go back to the Cooper era, some of them go back to the Goss era, and some of them—indeed, the majority of them—go back to the two and a half years of minority coalition Government in this State. In fact, the only project that the Premier can claim as his own is the Lang Park superstadium. He has taken credit for everything that every Government has done in Queensland for well over a decade.

So what do we see? Because this Government needs to cover up this absolute charade of non-performance, we see the weekend stuntman in action. We have a Government of stunts, not of substance. We had some beauties over the course of the weekend. We had the \$100m ransom note to Senator Hill, which was faxed through to his office on Saturday morning with a demand for payment by sunset on Sunday. We then had the incredible admission that we are going to revisit daylight saving, that that is now Labor Party policy in Queensland. And then we had the juiciest of the lot: this Premier is going to do what no other Australian leader has been able to do; he is going to take on the tobacco giants, and he is going to win. So Premier Beattie is going to take on Philip Morris. He is going to take on all the others. Never mind about the jobs, never mind about the billions of dollars that will be wasted by a stuntman, not a Premier.

Time expired.
