



Speech by

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STATUTE LAW (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL

Hon. T. M. MACKENROTH (Chatsworth— ALP) (Minister for Communication and Information and Minister for Local Government, Planning, Regional and Rural Communities) (11.31 a.m.): I move—

"That the Bill be now read a second time."

The Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 1999 is essentially an omnibus Bill that incorporates legislative amendments that are concise, minor and non-controversial. It is designed to save the time of the Parliament by using one Bill to effect the amendments instead of 83 Bills. This streamlining of procedure not only saves time in the Parliament but also saves the time and resources of Government and departments.

No amendment involving policy changes or issues of substance are included in the Bill. Many of the amendments deal with outdated references to the District Court in various Acts. These consequential amendments were made necessary after the establishment of a single District Court for the whole of the State in the Justice and Other Legislation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (No. 2) 1997. Another significant amendment is the amendment of the South Bank Corporation Act 1989 that increases the membership of the corporation by two members.

An amendment of the Environmental Protection Act 1994 inserts a provision authorising the making of a regulation to implement national environmental protection measures. This is in accordance with the State's intention to implement national environment protection measures as stated in the National Environment Protection Council (Queensland) Act 1994, section 7. I commend the Bill to the House.
