



Speech by

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JUPITERS CASINO AGREEMENT AMENDMENT BILL

Hon. D. J. HAMILL (Ipswich—ALP) (Treasurer) (12.53 p.m.), in reply: I again thank the Opposition for its support of the measures. I have never been a great fan of the Tudors.

An honourable member interjected.

Mr HAMILL: No, I have never been a great fan of the Tudors. I always thought that the Earl of Richmond was really a bit of a pretender to the throne. I was always a bit of a supporter of Richard. I thought he got very bad press by that Tudor playwright William Shakespeare. Nevertheless, I did think Henry VIII was a fairly effective monarch. It is probably unduly discrediting that great English monarch with the repugnance that this House has for Henry VIII clauses in this latter day.

Nevertheless, it is for a good cause that we remove the Henry VIII clauses in this particular piece of legislation. The development of the Jupiters complex at the Gold Coast is a very significant project for Queensland. Jupiters have been very good corporate citizens of Queensland, and certainly the project on the coast will provide a significant boost for tourism and employment in that area. It is also good for Queensland tourism as well. I thank the Opposition for its support of the Bill. I believe that it will presage a very important development for Queensland.
