



Speech by

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DAIRY INDUSTRY [IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL ADJUSTMENT ARRANGEMENTS] AMENDMENT BILL

Hon. K. W. HAYWARD (Kallangur—ALP) (11.16 p.m.): Tonight I wish to take the opportunity to say a few words about this Bill. The Dairy Industry (Implementation of National Adjustment Arrangements) Amendment Bill 2000 is very important. I can understand the emotion that this sort of Bill can generate. We have seen that tonight in this Parliament. That is something that we expect.

We have to understand what this Bill is about. That was made clear by the Minister in his second-reading speech when he said that this Bill paves the way for Queensland's participation in the National Dairy Industry Adjustment Program, which is proposed to commence on 1 July 2000. Tonight some members have argued that the whole process of deregulation should be opposed, although not everybody agreed. There is a bit of a mixed message. But it should also be understood—and the Minister said this in his second-reading speech—that this is being done at the Commonwealth's insistence. We hear silence on that point from members opposite. At the Commonwealth's insistence, the Bill provides for the deregulation of the Queensland dairy industry. I have not heard one member opposite—not even the members at the back of the Chamber—say anything about the National Party or the Labor Party in Canberra.

Mr Veivers interjected.

Mr HAYWARD: I am happy to concede to the member for Southport—

Mr PAFF: I rise to a point of order. That is not correct. That has been said many times by members on this side of the House.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! There is no point of order.

Mr HAYWARD: I have had conversations with the member in the corridor. I know his position. The corridor can be slightly different from this place, as we know—as the member sitting next to the member for Southport knows and as a lot of other members know. I am prepared to accept that the honourable member is sure that he has been dudded by his Commonwealth colleagues. There is no doubt about that.

Mr VEIVERS: I rise to a point of order. What the honourable member just said is a total fabrication. I ask that it be withdrawn.

Mr HAYWARD: I will withdraw it. But I will say that he has been dudded by his Commonwealth colleagues. I will say it; someone has to say it. We cannot get anyone opposite to acknowledge that this Bill is here because of the Commonwealth's insistence. It is not here for fun. It is here because the Commonwealth insisted that it be here. It is here because of the lack of leadership by Howard from the Liberal Party and Anderson from the National Party. They have not been able to do anything.