



Speech by

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**CONSTITUTION OF QUEENSLAND; PARLIAMENT OF QUEENSLAND BILL**

**Mr WELLINGTON** (Nicklin—Ind) (3.24 p.m.): I rise to participate in the debate on the Constitution of Queensland and Parliament of Queensland Bill. In particular, I refer to the minister's second reading speech, in which he referred to the democratic convention that requires the Governor to act in accordance with advice from his or her ministers. He also referred to the Queensland government foreseeing a day when the Australian head of state is popularly elected by people of this state and the nation.

I take this opportunity to put on the public record my support, respect and admiration for our current Governor, Governor Arnison, and his wife. I believe that Governor Arnison and his wife are also held in very, very high regard by all Queenslanders for the dignified way in which they conduct themselves wherever they go.

My question to the minister is: in light of his government's view on the appointment of a person to the position of the Australian head of state, what is the government's view on the continuation of the current method of appointment of successive governors in Queensland? I endorse the bill. I will wait to hear the minister's reply to the second reading debate.

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