



Speech by

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ENERGEX; TREASURER

Mr SPRINGBORG (Southern Downs—NPA) (Leader of the Opposition) (10.17 a.m.): The common denominator in this whole Energex saga has been the Treasurer. The Treasurer has been there since day one. The Treasurer ignored the warnings. He raided the dividends. He says that he did not know that the electricity system was crumbling in Queensland. He says that he did not know that the blackouts were coming. He took no action against his Labor mate Scott Flavell, the head of the Office of Energy, who he says lost the Energex memo warning that the electricity system was about to crumble in Queensland. The Treasurer appointed the investigators to interview Greg Maddock. He appointed his Labor cronies to government boards.

Mr MACKENROTH: I rise to a point of order. I did not appoint the investigator. That is untrue and I ask it to be withdrawn.

Mr SPRINGBORG: I withdraw. The Treasurer appointed his Labor cronies to the boards. He appointed numerous Labor cronies to the boards.

Mr MACKENROTH: I rise to a point of order. In relation to Energex, I have appointed no new people to Energex. All of the people who were appointed to Energex prior to my becoming the minister were reappointed. I have appointed no new people.

Mr SPRINGBORG: Let the record of the state speak for itself on who the Treasurer has appointed to the government owned corporations throughout this state. Yet intriguingly, this man bears no responsibility.

Mr MACKENROTH: Point of order, Mr Speaker. I draw to the member's attention that most of the people appointed to the Energex board were appointed by the Borbidge government.

Mr SPRINGBORG: This man says that he bears—

Mr SPEAKER: Order! 'The honourable member', not 'this man'.

Mr SPRINGBORG: The Treasurer bears no responsibility. Let us cast our minds back 10 years. When the Treasurer failed Wayne Goss's very high standards of accountability and integrity, he was sacked.

Time expired.