



Speech by

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TAB QUEENSLAND LIMITED PRIVATISATION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

Mr PURCELL (Bulimba—ALP) (11.40 a.m.): I rise to support the bill. It is mainly a technical bill to address some items, as the previous speakers have said, about the consequences of UNiTAB and the TAB New South Wales merging. They were going to have a friendly merger. The bill was set up to allow that to happen. Because of a hostile takeover by TABCorp of Victoria, the proposed merger between Queensland and New South Wales never eventuated, so it is no longer appropriate or meaningful for many provisions in the act to remain. The bill before the House amends and consolidate parts of the TAB legislation in Queensland. I will not make any comments, and I will stick truly to your ruling, Mr Deputy Speaker, that I speak only to this bill. I support the bill.