



Speech by

Hon. PETER BEATTIE

MEMBER FOR BRISBANE CENTRAL

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COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENTS MEETING

Hon. PD BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier) (11.31 am): I move—

This House notes the significant reforms arising from the meeting of the Council of Australian Governments on Friday, 10 February. Further, this House notes the cooperative approach taken by the states and Commonwealth in achieving outcomes which will benefit all Queensland. In particular, this House notes:

1. The commitment to formulating a new national competition policy reform agenda to encourage productive investment in, and the efficient use of, infrastructure, as well as the broader national reform initiative agenda on human capital. This House calls on the Commonwealth to honour the Prime Minister's commitment to equitably share the net financial gains arising from such reforms with the states in recognition of their responsibilities for service delivery and infrastructure provision, and the tax benefits that will flow to the Commonwealth;
2. The important reforms relating to health care, including the commitment by the Commonwealth to fund additional medical training places, and calls on the Commonwealth to ensure that Queensland is allocated a fair share of these places;
3. The significant decisions relating to transport pricing and the resolution to ensure that the needs of rural and regional Australia are taken into account in the implementation of these decisions and calls on the Commonwealth to recognise the particular needs of Queensland in this regard; and
4. The agreement between the states and the Commonwealth to continue to work together in the global war on terrorism including the staffing of police at all major Australian airports and calls on the Commonwealth to ensure that Queensland is adequately funded to support all initiatives in the ongoing fight against terror.

Mr LINGARD: Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order.

Mr SPEAKER: What is your point of order?

Mr LINGARD: Mr Speaker, I refer to standing order 70 and your previous ruling on standing order 70 which states that a motion must not be longer than 250 words. As this motion is longer than 250 words, I ask that you rule the motion out of order.

Mr SPEAKER: As standing orders have already been suspended to allow this motion to come before the parliament, I call on the Premier.

Mr LINGARD: I rise to a point of order, Mr Speaker.

Mr SPEAKER: What is the point of order?

Mr LINGARD: The standing orders referred to the fact that this motion could be brought on. Standing order 70 refers specifically to motions which state that motions must not be longer than 250 words.

Mr SCHWARTEN: I rise to a point of order, Mr Speaker.

Mr SPEAKER: What is the point of order?

Mr SCHWARTEN: I say to the honourable member: good try. I suggest that he read the motion I moved. It says 'notwithstanding anything in the standing orders'.

Mr SPEAKER: The motion which the parliament accepted this morning was—

That notwithstanding anything contained in standing and sessional orders the Premier be permitted to move at 11.30 am today the motion of which he has given notice this morning ...

I rule the motion—

Mr LINGARD: A point of order, Mr Speaker—

Mr SPEAKER: There are no further points of order.

Mr LINGARD: I am allowed to take a point of order whenever I want to take a point of order—

Mr SPEAKER: Please take your seat.

Mr LINGARD:—and I ask for a point of order.

Mr SPEAKER: Please take your seat.

Mr LINGARD: I dissent—

Mr SPEAKER: Take your seat. Otherwise I will ask you to leave this chamber.

Mr LINGARD: I dissent against your ruling.

Mr SPEAKER: I ask you to leave the chamber.

Mr LINGARD: I move a motion of dissent against your ruling.

Mr SPEAKER: I ask you to leave the chamber.

Mr LINGARD: I dissent against your ruling.

Mr SPEAKER: I suspend the sitting of this parliament.

Sitting suspended from 11.34 am to 11.50 am.