



Speech by

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MOTION OF CONDOLENCE: DEATH OF MR EC ROW

Hon. KR LINGARD (Beaudesert—NPA) (9.48 am): It is ironic that we are having condolence motions for two men, Ted Row and Tommy Burns, on the same day because the fights between the two men in this chamber were legendary. The fights were virtually about the fact that Ted was the Deputy Speaker and Tom was the Deputy Leader of the Opposition. If members want to go back to page 1000 of *Hansard* in 1987 they will see a magnificent debate. Tom was debating the fact that many of the places in the Valley were not exactly restaurants, they were other things. I allowed a little bit of leeway but unfortunately then Ted came into the chamber and tried to make Tom be relevant to the particular bill which was the gambling and vagrancy legislation.

It finally ended up that Ted ruled that not only should Tom be relevant but that Tom should always look at the Speaker when he was talking. Trying to make him do that was absolutely impossible and it became legend from there on, because never would we allow Ted to be Speaker when Tom was speaking as it was just an inevitable fight. I was at the funeral for Ted and it was amazing and fantastic to hear of his record in the community, his work in the hospitals, his work in the cane industry and of course his passion for Hinchinbrook and his passion for Mission Beach. I also congratulate Connie. She was a great partner for Ted and I wish that family all of the best. I extend my sympathies to the Row family.