



Speech by

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MEMBER FOR SURFERS PARADISE

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NOTICE OF MOTION

Nuttall, Mr G

Mr LANGBROEK (Surfers Paradise—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (10.28 am): I give notice that I shall move—

That this parliament:

- Notes that on 7 December 2005 the CMC provided the Attorney-General with a report into the former member for Sandgate and former minister asking state parliament to consider whether misleading evidence provided to an estimates committee should be dealt with in criminal law or as a matter of contempt;
- Notes that at a special recall of parliament on 9 December 2005 the government majority voted to deal with the member for Sandgate's actions as a contempt;
- Notes that the House relied upon character references proffered by government members including the current Deputy Premier;
- Notes the former member for sandgate, Gordon Nuttall, has since been found guilty and jailed for official corruption;
- Notes the CMC has forwarded a further brief to the Director of Public Prosecutions on further allegations of corruption and notes that no decision has been made by the DPP to proceed; and
- Instructs the Attorney-General that, if the DPP does not pursue issues contained in the brief, then the DPP provide the Members' Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee with a copy of that brief to ascertain whether the matters contained in the brief should be dealt with as contempt by the parliament.

Mr SPEAKER: Before I call for question time I note that in the public gallery throughout the day the following schools will be here: North Lakes State College in the electorate of Murrumba, St Anthony's School at Toowoomba in the electorate of Toowoomba South and St Mary's school, lower campus, Warwick, in the electorate of Southern Downs.

Mr DICK: I rise to a point of order. Mr Speaker, could I ask you to look very closely at the terms of that notice of motion. The matter is currently before the privileges committee, as I understand it. I am not aware of the parliament being able to instruct the Attorney-General to do anything as prescribed in that motion. I would ask you to carefully consider that notice of motion to determine whether it is, in fact, in order with the standing orders of the parliament.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! Allow me to investigate fully with the Clerk the terms of the notice of motion. Once I have studied that, I will report back to the House as to which parts of the motion are in order and what is currently before the privileges committee. We will do that over the course of question time. What I want to do is give both sides the opportunity to debate a motion tonight, but I want to make sure that that motion is in order.