



Speech by
Judy Spence

MEMBER FOR SUNNYBANK

Hansard Friday, 19 June 2009

MOTION: ALLOCATION OF TIME LIMIT ORDER

Ms SPENCE (Sunnybank—ALP) (2.24 am), by leave: I move—

That the following time limits apply to the Infrastructure Investment (Asset Restructuring and Disposal) Bill and the Fuel Subsidy Repeal and Revenue and Other Legislation Amendment Bill, both Bills having already been declared urgent Bills—

- (1) Infrastructure Investment (Asset Restructuring and Disposal) Bill
 - (a) Consideration in detail to be completed by 2.40
 - (b) Third reading by 2.41; and
 - (c) Long Title agreed by 2.42.
- (2) Fuel Subsidy Repeal and Revenue and Other Legislation Amendment Bill
 - (a) Consideration in detail to be completed by 3.15
 - (b) Third reading by 3.16; and
 - (c) Long Title agreed by 3.17.

If the stage has not been completed by the time specified, Mr Speaker shall put all remaining questions necessary to pass the Bill, including clauses and schedules en bloc and any amendments to be moved by the Minister in charge of the Bill, without further amendment or debate.

On any fair assessment everyone has had a fair go in debating these bills—

Opposition members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms SPENCE: I was going to try to make this as brief as possible, but if I am going to keep getting interrupted it will just bite into the time already allocated. The government and I did not want to guillotine these bills, but obviously—

Opposition members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms SPENCE: Obviously the opposition has taken an irresponsible attitude to the debate tonight. In the past two hours 13 opposition speakers have spoken on one amendment to one clause in these bills. That is why the government has been forced down this path. If they had been responsible in their attitude to the debate on this bill and put their amendments forward in the normal fashion, nominating a couple of members to speak and then voting on it, we would not have come in here tonight and had to restrict the debate.

We have had 22 hours of debate on the second reading stage and 78 members have spoken on the bills. Every member who wanted to speak on these bills has had that opportunity. I am sure that every member has made a worthy contribution in the debate on these bills and I do not believe it will be made more erudite by people repeating their contributions in their second reading speeches. If we sit here for another 12 or 24 hours, we will not hear anything new, either from members of the opposition or the government. All members of parliament have had the opportunity to state their case very clearly on this

legislation and we are not going to be better served by sitting here for hours. I encourage all members to support this motion.

Hon. AM BLIGH (South Brisbane—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (2.30 am): I second the motion.

An opposition member: Yeah, you would!

Honourable members interjected.