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## BUILDING AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

### Declared Urgent; Allocation of Time Limit Order

**Mr MESSENGER** (Burnett—LNP) (4.44 pm): It is simply outrageous that the Leader of the House has moved this urgency motion. This is about the 30th urgency motion that she has moved in two years. It indicates how inefficient this government is in managing the legislation before the House.

As the shadow minister has correctly stated, this legislation is relevant to every Queenslanders and it is being pushed through this chamber with unseemly haste and without the ability of each member, as is their own democratic right, to speak out about this legislation and the effects it will have on their constituents. This legislation fundamentally affects the building industry and the ability of older people in particular to sell their house. As members on this side have correctly pointed out, it is going to contribute to red tape in the building industry and it is going to contribute to the cost of selling houses. It is absolutely abhorrent that the government, once again, is trying to stifle debate in this House. Once again it shows the need for an upper house in this place. This place needs an upper house so that decisions like this are not pushed through on an ad hoc basis and with unseemly haste.