



Speech by

# Hon. Robert Swarten

MEMBER FOR ROCKHAMPTON

Hansard Tuesday, 10 February 2009

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## MOTION

### Suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders

**Hon. RE SCHWARTEN** (Rockhampton—ALP) (Leader of the House) (9.31 am), by leave, without notice: Given the dire and tragic circumstances that far-north Queenslanders find themselves in and the appalling, horrific events in Victoria as a result of the worst bushfires in the history of this country, I move— That so much of standing and sessional orders be suspended to enable the order of business for this day's sitting until 2.30 pm to be as follows—

- messages from the Governor;
- condolence motion for a former member;
- condolence motion regarding the Victorian fires and a condolence motion regarding the north Queensland floods (cognate debate, 1 hour);
- matters of public interest (1 hour); and
- introduction of government bills.

After the introduction of government bills, proceedings will be suspended until 2.30 pm, when the normal order of business for a Tuesday's afternoon and evening sitting will resume.