




Speech by

Hon. Jeff Seeney

MEMBER FOR CALLIDE

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PARLIAMENT OF QUEENSLAND (REGISTERED POLITICAL PARTIES) AMENDMENT BILL

 **Hon. JW SEENEY** (Callide—LNP) (Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning) (7.27 pm), in reply: I note the comments that have been made by various members in the second reading debate on this bill. I say again for the record that this was an opportunistic grab for cash that first became apparent in this parliament this morning. The government has moved as quickly as is physically possible to ensure that the proper workings of this House are not disrupted by the opportunism of a small number of people who sit at the back of the chamber and do not really participate in the hard work of this chamber.

I refer again to the comments that Peter Beattie made, and that I endorse, about the role that the opposition plays in this place, irrespective of their numbers. Irrespective of their numbers, the opposition plays a role that is essential for the proper operation of this parliament. The bill we have introduced tonight is a move to ensure that this House continues to fulfil the role that it should fulfil for all of the people of Queensland and there is not an opportunity for three members of Katter's Australian Party to opportunistically enrich themselves.

Mr KNUTH: Madam Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I dispute the position of the leader—

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER: That is not a point of order, member for Dalrymple.