



MEMBER FOR NICKLIN

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HOLIDAYS AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

Mr WELLINGTON (Nicklin—Ind) (4.47 pm): It gives me a great deal of pleasure to rise to participate in the debate on the Holidays and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012. As I have listened to members' contributions and after studying the parliamentary committee report No. 9, I have had an opportunity to reflect on the bills which this new government has introduced and to consider the importance of not just this bill but a range of other bills which the government has deemed to be of paramount importance that they must be debated and finalised before Christmas 2012. I cast my mind back to only November last year when the previous government introduced a similar bill but with different dates. I cast my mind to the submissions that were made during that debate.

I certainly do not intend to go over matters that have already been raised by members from both sides of this chamber. Suffice it to say that I think there is more important legislation that is worthy of being debated. My view is that this is simply an attempt by the government to send a strong message, which they certainly have the power to do. I will not be supporting the bill. I think it is simply an attempt by the government to show the Labor Party and the labour movement that there is a change of government in Queensland. I look forward to the next bill being introduced for debate later this afternoon.