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**CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT (PUBLIC INTEREST DECLARATIONS)
AMENDMENT BILL**

 **Mr KNUTH** (Dalrymple—KAP) (3.48 pm): We have a committee chair here who gets an extra \$37,000. We have backbenchers here who get an extra \$8,000 to be a member of a committee. What a waste of money. Why was this committee process put in place where we are being paid to be on these committees if we are not utilising it? Last night everyone here in the chamber supported the bill but what we wanted was a proper process put in place, just like what is going on here today. I hear that there was no public register put in place. The family association has been pushing for years in regard to this legislation. You could have had the opportunity to speak to them. You could have had the opportunity to put this legislation through a committee. But, no, you are rushing through a bill that has the opportunity to be good legislation on the grounds of a political decision, on the grounds of a smokescreen. When you were in opposition you condemned this parliament for suspending standing orders and putting legislation through all the time without consulting the people of Queensland.

There are a lot of good bills that go through the House and there are a lot of good bills that do not go through this House. But the people of Queensland should have the opportunity to have these bills scrutinised before the House otherwise we may as well throw the committee system out because it is becoming a waste of time for us. It is not good enough waking up and going to these committee meetings if legislation that is very important to us all is pushed through, rammed through, and we do have not the opportunity to scrutinise and question the legislation on behalf of the people of Queensland.