




Speech By  
**Ray Stevens**

**MEMBER FOR MERMAID BEACH**

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**CRIME AND MISCONDUCT AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL:  
REPORTING DATE MOTION**

 **Mr STEVENS** (Mermaid Beach—LNP) (3.57 pm): Mr Deputy Speaker, we have just heard the most irrational rant from the Leader of the Opposition based on totally incorrect and deliberately false information. I would point out to the Leader of the Opposition that today is 19 March. If she looks up there at the little screen, it says '19 March'.

Thirty days hath September, April, June and November. All the rest have 31 ...

There are 12 days left in March and we have 30 days in April. That makes 42 days. If we divide 42 by seven, you get six weeks. You jump up and you say 'four weeks' deliberately to give effect to your ridiculous objection, which is based on just trying to scare the community about the changes to the CMC that have been mooted for ages. The Attorney-General has stood in this House and said that they are coming.

The legal affairs committee, under the great generalship of Mr Ian Berry, the member for Ipswich, is not crying about the time that it has to deal with this matter. There are no urgency issues with this bill, as you claim again. Through you, Mr Deputy Speaker: if it was urgent, the bill would be through this week.

This is not an urgent bill. It is a bill that will be well considered by the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee. Everyone will have an opportunity to have input to that committee, as they should. Opposition members and non-government members who are on that committee will have every opportunity to have input into this very important bill for Queensland. It is an absolute furphy—an absolute red herring—to say that six weeks is not long enough. It might be a hurried time for the Labor Party, but for normal people, and those who are not Sleepy, Dopey and Grumpy, it would be plenty of time for them to deal with this bill. The legal affairs committee has six weeks to deal with this bill and this is a motion that should be agreed to by this House.