



Speech By
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**WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND REHABILITATION (PROTECTING
FIREFIGHTERS) AMENDMENT BILL**

 **Mr LANGBROEK** (Surfers Paradise—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (4.18 pm): This is a fairly simple proposition. This is a rather small bill that looks to add to some provisions that are already in legislation before the House, which I will not refer to. We need not to look at what those opposite say, as the Leader of the House has just referred to in his contribution, but to look at what they do. Industrial relations legislation is before the House and I will not refer to it, but I refer to the time frame that the House was given to deal with it: three weeks.

Mr Crandon: Seventeen working days.

Mr LANGBROEK: I take the interjection from the member for Coomera; it is 17 working days or three weeks.

The member for Kawana has introduced a relatively simple private member's bill that deals with provisions that are going to be brought in for other members of the Queensland community. He has asked for the committee to report in six weeks. Mr Speaker, I note in your other role, as the member for Nicklin, that you have always expressed the importance of the appropriate use of the committee structure and have always been concerned about curtailing time limits.

It is important to note that there is a bill currently before the House which has had extremely limited time frames—the last two sitting weeks. The member for Kawana has nominated the perfectly reasonable time of six weeks. I believe this a motion that should be supported. I would implore members to support it for the sake of the firefighters whom the member is representing in his private member's bill.