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TRANSPORT AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

 **Mr CRAWFORD** (Barron River—ALP) (4.30 pm): I rise to speak briefly to the Transport and Other Legislation Amendment Bill. As a member of the Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee, I can confirm that the committee has recommended that the bill be passed. The committee received two submissions on the bill and both of those submissions were supportive. The bill centres around the current Department of Transport and Main Roads issued adult proof of age card, or the 18+ card, which, to state the obvious, is available to people aged 18 years and over who reside in Queensland, whether or not they have a driver's licence. The bill proposes to amend the age qualification for the card to include 15- to 17-year-olds to allow them the ability to prove their identity if required, for example, for employment, access to venues, access to transport ticketing and the like. The committee recommended that concessional discounts be considered for the proposed photo identification card for young people aged 15 to 17 years, as the committee understood the cost to be around the \$66 mark, as opposed to lower costs in other states.

The bill includes changes to the Heavy Vehicle National Law Act, clarifying the head of power for the specification of fees payable for a matter under the Heavy Vehicle National Law. Clauses 58 and 79 amend legislation governing the transportation of infectious substances. The amendment removes any technical argument that an exemption available for the transport of small quantities of dangerous goods could also be available for the transport of infectious substances. The committee recommended that the Deputy Premier, in her second reading speech, clarify the implications of clauses 58 and 79. Having listened to her second reading speech I am satisfied that she has done so.

The final recommendation made by the committee was around consultation by the department. The committee did not believe appropriate public consultation took place in the preparation of the bill. I acknowledge the Deputy Premier's address of that matter in her second reading speech. With that, I commend the bill to the House.