




Speech By
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 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (11.28 am): How out of touch is the health minister to seriously think that we should thank the Leader of the House for shutting down debate because the only way we can thank the parliamentary staff is to stop at six o'clock at night! Colleen has been here for decades—

Dr Miles: Are you going to do it at midnight? Are you going to do it at 1 am?

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: She knows better than most that we have those drinks and it does not matter what time of the day it is. The parliamentary staff absolutely—

Mr Mander: She's filthy she's not getting overtime, that's for sure.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Stewart): Order! Before I call the Leader of the Opposition to resume her speech, there are several members who have already been mentioned by the Speaker. That will continue through until the lunch break. I will have no hesitation asking people to leave the chamber.

Ms TRAD: I rise to a point of order, Mr Deputy Speaker. That was a reflection on a very hardworking member of staff here and the member for Everton should withdraw. That was actually disgusting.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Member for Kawana, you have a point of order?

Mr BLEIJIE: Under what standing order was the Deputy Premier rising to raise any point of order other than to have an attack in debate of a motion that she is not even speaking on?

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will speak with the Clerk. Member for Everton, I ask you to withdraw your comments please.

Mr MANDER: What comment, Mr Deputy Speaker?

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Your unparliamentary comments.

Mr MANDER: Unparliamentary comments?

Government members interjected.

Mr MANDER: I withdraw, Mr Deputy Speaker.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, member for Everton.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: It is the Labor government that uses this parliament as a plaything, and that is exactly what we just saw then by the fake outrage by the Treasurer of this state. She is not even contributing to the debate because—

Mr Mickelberg interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Pause the clock. Member for Buderim, you are warned under the standing orders.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: That from a Labor government which uses the parliament as its own personal plaything. They shut down debate. In the parliament this morning how many times did we hear the Premier say words like 'I'm going to update the House soon' or comments like 'you'll know more about that in the coming months'. The parliament of Queensland is here for that reason. If the Premier has many things to update the House on, let's prove it. Let's actually have a sitting date.

An opposition member: Let's hear it.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: Let's hear it, because we now have only two more sitting dates of this year and it is only 13 November. We all want to thank the parliamentary staff but that can be done in December. That can be done at seven o'clock at night, it can be done at eight o'clock at night and it can certainly be done at nine o'clock at night. The piece of legislation that is before this House today is a very important piece of legislation. If every member of this House chooses to speak on that bill, how long will the Leader of the House give us—3.2 minutes each and that is it. That is not open, that is not accountable, that is not transparent and—

Mrs D'Ath interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Attorney! You have the call, Leader of the Opposition.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Most importantly, the reason we are elected is to be in this great House and represent our constituents. We are here to talk about their issues and get them on the table. It is no wonder this government wants to shut down parliament—not only debate but also more sitting weeks. Listen to the clangers that have happened in 2018—Labor's clangers. It is a big, long list. I will not be able to get through them all. It is no wonder due to these clangers why they do not want to be open and accountable.

Mrs D'ATH: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order on relevance. We are speaking to the time allotted for debate on bills before the House.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Attorney, I have been listening intently and I am giving the Leader of the Opposition some latitude.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: Again, how out of touch this Labor government is. We are debating the fact that the opposition has been shut down and is unable to discuss the Labor clangers that have happened in 2018. We have seen five new taxes introduced. Let us remember this one: the Mackenroth grandstand naming debacle. We would like to discuss these issues. There is the renaming of the Lady Cilento hospital instead of actually looking after sick children.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Pause the clock. Leader of the Opposition, I gave you some latitude. We are debating a procedural motion, not conducting a review of the year. You will have your opportunity to do that later in the week.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. When I have the opportunity to stand up in this House it reminds me of the amount of time that has been taken away from the opposition in speaking spots. And why? Because those opposite are scared of what we will say. They know full well—

Government members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! I call the Leader of the Opposition.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: The arrogance and the lack of scrutiny from this Palaszczuk government is absolutely gobsmacking. Let us remember that we have the highest unemployment rate in the nation, and the minister over there cackles away about it because they do not care about youth unemployment in the regions. They talk about breakfast programs. I doubt that minister would have ever even served at a breakfast program in my electorate—

Ms Fentiman interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Pause the clock. Minister, you are now warned under the standing orders.

Mr Crisafulli interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Who said that? Member for Broadwater, you are also warned under the standing orders. Leader of the Opposition, I will ask you to come back to the procedural motion, otherwise I will ask you to resume your seat. You have 10 seconds remaining.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. It is clear at the last sitting week of parliament in 2018 that Labor have shut down debate because they have no plan for Queensland.

(Time expired)