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 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (11.52 am): Again we see that this parliament has become the personal plaything of the Premier and the Palaszczuk Labor government as they come in here and do as they please with disregard for every other member in this House. That is what they do. The Leader of the House has just said that it worked so well last sitting that it is a good indication that the new process is working. If it is such a good indication that it is working, why are we now back, as we were two sitting weeks ago, not having an automatic adjournment? We are sitting past when the House is meant to adjourn. It is chaos in this place. It is absolute chaos because they cannot get their act together.

Early on in the year we had the family-friendly hours so members of parliament can go home. Then we have had three debates since where we extended the sittings past the family-friendly hours because it was important to be here. Then last sitting week we went back to the important family-friendly hours. Now we are going back to sitting past seven o'clock because family-friendly hours do not apply today because it does not suit the government. It is an absolutely chaotic, shambolic mess.

Then the Premier stood in here this morning and tabled, during a ministerial statement, amendments that the minister is supposedly going to make to legislation dealing with the worst of the worst child sex offenders in the state of Queensland and said that the legislation must be passed today, but they say that it has nothing to do with a particular individual in our community or in supervised detention. They say that it has nothing to do with that individual but we must pass it today. We must have it urgently debated, not as a bill on its own but as amendments tagged on to the Police Powers and Responsibilities and Other Legislation Amendment Bill that we are going to be debating later today.

We have just seen the Leader of the Opposition try to move a motion without notice in this House to introduce really tough legislation dealing with all sex offenders.

**Dr Miles:** Invalid legislation.

**Mr BLEIJIE:** I take the interjection. 'Invalid', he calls, like he is sitting in the High Court in Canberra. The Minister for Health was yelling out, 'Invalid.'

**Honourable members** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Stewart): Order, Minister for Health! Order, members! While this debate can be quite lively, we need to respect the speaker on his feet.

**Mr BLEIJIE:** I will tell the Minister for Health this—

**Mr Mander:** He's a doctor. He'd know!

**Mr BLEIJIE:** He is a doctor of unions. He wrote his thesis on the union movement. I will tell the good doctor this: the LNP will do whatever we can to keep violent sexual predators and offenders off our streets and out of our communities. If that means going before the courts and trying and trying and trying, we will because we will not—

**Ms Jones** interjected.

**Mr BLEIJIE:** I take personal offence at the hand gesture the Minister for Tourism just made. I ask her to withdraw.

**Ms JONES:** I withdraw but I do not think you should have invalid law.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Minister—

**Ms JONES:** I withdraw unconditionally.

**Mr Mickelberg:** You're a disgrace—absolutely disgraceful behaviour!

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Members, the Speaker this morning gave a warning across the chamber that that will not be accepted. Member for Buderim, you are now warned under standing orders. Minister for Education, you have withdrawn. You do not need to add anything further to it. Do you have anything to add?

**Ms JONES:** No.

**Mr BLEIJIE:** The government cannot get their own house in order. We have seen amendments just tabled by the Premier and the government will not even afford the opposition the opportunity to cogently debate the tough laws that we will introduce into this place. The only reason they need to finish their bill tonight dealing with child sex offenders, not all violent sex offenders—as was noted by the member for Mudgeeraba, women who are raped by sickos in this community will not be covered by Labor's laws. Yes, they are targeting child sex offenders, but they are not targeting all violent sex offenders. The LNP's laws will target all violent sex offenders including child sex offenders.

I ask the government: why are they okay to target child sex offenders but they are oblivious and okay with the idea that violent sex offenders against adult women are able to roam free in the state of Queensland and are able to live next door to people? The Attorney-General was once asked in this place when she announced the bail-house law, 'Would you be happy for one of the offenders in the bail house to live next door to you?' and she replied, 'Yes.' Would the Attorney-General be happy for one of these sicko, violent, monstrous sex offenders to live next door to her or to live next door to the Premier? I suspect it will be a very different answer to the one she gave about the bail-house offenders.

The whole point is that the opposition should be able to introduce this law today. We will keep at the forefront of our minds the safety of the Queensland community. The safety of the Queensland community should be paramount and the priority of all governments and all members of parliament. We will continue to do that and we will continue to put laws in place to keep the community safe. This parliament is chaotic under the Premier.

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