




Speech By
Hon. Yvette D'Ath

MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE

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MOTION

Suspension of Standing and Sessional Orders

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) (11.51 am): I ask members to support the motion being put forward by the government for a number of reasons. Firstly, this issue was flagged last night in the Business Committee meeting and the opposition raised no issues in relation to it. Once again, they come in here and start huffing and puffing about democracy and the impact on democracy. This morning they have spent almost 20 minutes debating the Business Committee motion, arguing that they want time to debate important issues on the appropriation and revenue bills, yet they are now choosing to chew up time by debating a procedural motion as opposed to getting on with dealing with the bills. They say those bills are critical to this parliament and that they all want to have a say on them, yet they are deliberately delaying that debate.

I have to comment on the statements of the Manager of Opposition Business in relation to this motion. He said that in this country the Palaszczuk government is from the party that is the least tolerant of other people's views. In directly responding to the issues raised by the Manager of Opposition Business in the debate, only last sitting week three members of the opposition exercised their conscience vote and rightly so. A decision was made—

Opposition members interjected.

Mrs D'ATH: No, the Manager of Opposition Business chose to go there and I am responding.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Stewart): Attorney-General, I bring you back to the debate, please. Just because the member for Kawana veered off course and became irrelevant, I ask you not to do that. I bring you back to what we are debating here, which is the postponement of committee reports. I bring you back to the motion.

Mrs D'ATH: There will be more than adequate time for the debate on the committee reports in future sitting weeks. It is important that we give opportunities not just to debate the bills of this House but also to allow members to deliver their address-in-reply speeches. Those on the other side have been critical that we have not finished the address-in-reply debate, so this week people will have the chance to deliver their address-in-reply speeches. We can then move on to the business before the House and debate the bills that those opposite claim are so important to them and to the people of Queensland. I move—

That the question be now put.