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 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services) (11.22 am): Members will be pleased to know, although they are probably already aware, that I do not like repeating myself nearly as much as the member for Kawana. Let me be brief. The member for Kawana just gave us a five-minute speech where he railed against the evils of the guillotine and then moved an amendment to add a further guillotine to the motion that we are debating, so the debate on my bill will not have just one guillotine but two guillotines if the member for Kawana gets his way. Not only that, but he felt so strongly about it that he did not bother to suggest it yesterday afternoon in the parliamentary Business Committee meeting, which is precisely where we discuss these things.

Again, we come to the point that the Manager of Opposition Business is not empowered by his caucus to manage his business. Let me repeat: on behalf of the Leader of the House, we will work with those opposite to ensure that there is sufficient time for consideration in detail, provided those opposite can manage their speaking time to do so also. As a result, we will this week deal with the three bills related to this motion and allow ample time for a fourth bill to be considered and for everyone who wants to have a say on it to have a say. That is why this process is important. I commend the motion to the House.