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 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services) (11.22 am): I rise again this week to support the parliamentary Business Committee motion moved by the Leader of the House. It is again a sensible motion and the result of a sensible discussion by the committee last night.

I note that the member for Kawana again outlined his opposition to this process and pointed to his belief that more members would like to have a say on these bills than will be able to in the time allowed. He did not acknowledge the information that the Leader of the House has been able to provide, which very clearly confirms that more people are getting more opportunities to speak on more bills under these arrangements than the arrangements that were in place prior. The member for Kawana noted his opposition and then moved off the topic of the motion to seemingly less relevant matters: a surprising and lengthy defence of Clive Palmer, which the House probably did not need and I am not sure reflects the views of his constituents.

I imagine that the only place Clive Palmer is less popular than the Sunshine Coast would be Townsville, but the LNP came in here anyway and stood up for their mate, Clive Palmer, and stood up for the deal that Scott Morrison has done to desperately try to cling to power with the help of Clive Palmer and One Nation. The state LNP should be able to tell their federal counterparts how those kinds of deals end: not well. They did not work out very well for them at the state election, and I do not think that the member for Kawana's defence is much help to anyone. It is not much help to Clive Palmer, not much help to the Morrison government and certainly not much help to those opposite.

The motion moved by the Leader of the House gives the House significant time to deal with one bill that has already been debated, another bill to be cognately debated with the private member's bill which, as the Leader of the House has outlined, the government will agree to debate cognately, and what to me is a very important bill, the Health and Wellbeing Queensland Bill, which will create a new agency to help Queenslanders make healthier choices. I certainly look forward to the debate on all three of those, but of course in particular the bill that I brought to the House. I commend the Leader of the House's motions.