




Speech By
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Business Program

 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services) (11.26 am): I rise to speak in support of the parliamentary business motion moved by the Leader of the House. For the benefit of those in the gallery, particularly the students in the gallery, let me talk them through what we are doing here. This is a motion that we move at the start of every sitting week to determine how much time we should spend on each bill. Kids, it is a bit like what your teacher does at the start of every school day. Your teacher decides how much time there is for class work. They think about when the bell will go at the end of the day—take out lunchtime, take out brain break—and then work out how much time to spend on each subject. Kids, imagine there is someone in your class who just does not shut up. Imagine there is someone in your class—

Mr LANGBROEK: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pause the clock. One moment. Member for Surfers Paradise?

Mr LANGBROEK: Mr Deputy Speaker, I know he wants to be a parliamentary tour guide, but he is actually in the parliament.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: What is your point of order?

Mr LANGBROEK: Standing order 247. Comments should be directed to you.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, members! Member for Murrumba, I ask you to direct your comments through the chair please.

Dr MILES: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I am sure every class has a dobber as well. Imagine that person liked to talk so much that they think that you should not be able to go home when the bell rings; you should have to sit and listen to them on and on and on and on and on like we just did. The member for Kawana is that person.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

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Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, members! Pause the clock. Members, I remind you that several of you are on warnings already. I will not have hesitation in implementing the procedural orders.

Dr MILES: I am sure that to everyone in the gallery five hours to discuss a bill sounds like a pretty long time. It is in fact plenty of time for this place to consider that important bill.

Also for the benefit of those who might not make it along to parliament all of the time, during this debate so far you will have heard the term ‘filibuster’ and you might not have heard that word before. ‘Filibuster’ is when a whole heap of members of the opposition get given speaking notes by the

opposition leader's office, all of which sound very similar, and they stand up and they read them out one after the other so they can come along next week and complain that they missed out. That is what a filibuster is, kids, and if you hang around for a bit longer today you are about to see some more of it.

Mr BLEIJIE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. With respect to my colleague, before raising standing order 247, there is also convention in the parliament, whether we sit in Townsville or in Brisbane—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Stewart): Your point of order, please.

Mr BLEIJIE:—not to address the gallery. The address is to the Deputy Speaker or the Speaker.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you member, for Kawana. Member for Murrumba, I ask you to direct all your comments through the chair, please.

Dr MILES: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. In the interests of ensuring that we have as much time as possible to debate the bills that are on the *Notice Paper* for the week, I will simply endorse and encourage members to support the motion moved by the Leader of the House.