



Speech By
Hon. Grace Grace

MEMBER FOR MCCONNEL

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Order of Business

 **Hon. G GRACE** (McConnel—ALP) (Minister for Education and Minister for Industrial Relations) (11.37 am): This goes to the heart of credibility. Here we have an opposition that is what I would call merely wasting time on this. They are so dedicated to debate in this House they debate every single procedural motion that is put forward by the Leader of the House. Even if it is the most trivial of procedural motions we have extensive debate, wasting considerable time in this House, because the member for Kawana loves to hear his own voice.

This is a matter of credibility. When those opposite were in government they sacked the PCCC—sacked, gone, finished—in the middle of the night. That is how much they respected the staff who worked on the PCCC and that is how much they respected the committee process. They sacked them in the middle of the night. That is why they are sitting over there. The arrogance and the manner in which they were so hypocritical when they were in government to what they stand up and say here in the House is absolutely breathtaking. They respect the estimates committees so much that when they were in government they truncated the process. That is the respect they had for the staff and that is the respect they have for the committee process.

I say what the member for Cooper and minister said earlier on: give us a break. Actions speak louder than words. This is nothing but wasting time. It is pathetic. Mr Speaker, in accordance with standing order 88, I move—

That the question be now put.

Mr Powell: You guillotine even this debate.

Ms GRACE: Absolutely!