



Speech By
Hon. Yvette D'Ath

MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE

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MOTION

Business Program



Hon. YM D'ATH (Redcliffe—ALP) (Leader of the House) (11.08 am): I move—

1. That the following government business will be considered this sitting week, with the nominated maximum periods of time as specified:
 - (a) the Associations Incorporation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill and the Co-operatives National Law Bill, a maximum of 2 hours to complete all stages;
 - (b) the Community Services Industry (Portable Long Service Leave) Bill, a maximum of 3 hours to complete all stages; and
 - (c) the Electoral and Other Legislation (Accountability, Integrity and Other Matters) Amendment Bill.
2. The following time limits for the bills listed in 1. apply:
 - (a) the minister to be called on in reply for the Electoral and Other Legislation (Accountability, Integrity and Other Matters) Amendment Bill by 30 minutes before the expiry of the maximum hours;
 - (b) consideration in detail to be completed by three minutes before the expiry of the maximum hours;
 - (c) question on third reading to be put by two minutes before the expiry of the maximum hours; and
 - (d) question on long title to be put by one minute before the expiry of the maximum hours.
3. If the nominated stage of each bill has not been completed by the allocated time specified in 2., or by 5.55 pm on Thursday, 18 June 2020, Mr Speaker:
 - (a) shall call on a minister to table any explanatory notes to their circulated amendments, any statement of compatibility with human rights or any statement relating to an override declaration;
 - (b) shall put all remaining questions necessary to either pass that stage or pass the bill without further debate;
 - (c) may interrupt non-specified business or debate on a bill or motion to complete the requirements of the motion; and
 - (d) will complete all stages required by this motion, notwithstanding anything contained in standing and sessional orders.

In moving this motion, firstly I want to thank the minister and member for Sandgate for acting as Leader of the House during the last parliamentary sitting week and thank everyone for their well wishes regarding my injured hand.

Ms Jones interjected.

Mrs D'ATH: Thank you; I will take that interjection. The motion before the House speaks for itself, but obviously we are seeking to debate four bills this week. Just before question time I moved a motion to cognate the bills in relation to the Associations Incorporation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill and the Co-operatives National Law Bill, and I thank the House for supporting that motion. We are also seeking to debate the Community Services Industry (Portable Long Service Leave) Bill, to which the minister has amendments to move to that bill, and also the Electoral and Other Legislation (Accountability, Integrity and Other Matters) Amendment Bill, to which there will also be amendments

moved. It is my hope that I would be circulating those amendments this evening so that members will have the opportunity to look through those thoroughly before they have the opportunity to debate that bill.

Last night there was constructive input from the members who attended the business committee meeting. They said that they believe that the Electoral and Other Legislation (Accountability, Integrity and Other Matters) Amendment Bill is a very significant bill that should have significant time allocated to it. Taking that on board, as the government has, and having regard to the views of the member for Noosa and the member for Kawana, we have allocated more time to the electoral bill debate over the other bills for debate this week. We have allocated two hours maximum for the cognate debate and three hours maximum for the Community Services Industry (Portable Long Service Leave) Bill. The remainder of the time for this week will be spent on the electoral bill. If it is not completed by 5.55 on Thursday the questions will be put.

The Palaszczuk government is getting on with the job of uniting and recovering Queensland after COVID-19. In doing so we will continue to bring legislation forward into this parliament that supports businesses, supports organisations and supports Queenslanders in that recovery. We are also getting on with the job of debating important legislation that is sitting on the *Notice Paper* which parliamentary committees have already considered. One of those is the electoral bill. This is significant reform for this state and I am glad that this is a bill that we are able to bring on this sitting week and have debated and considered because it will be a bill for all Queenslanders and will set the lead in this country as far as electoral reforms and integrity. I will not speak any further so that we can ensure that we are allocating as much time to the electoral bill as possible, but I do ask for all members to support this motion.