




Speech By
Hon. Mark Bailey

MEMBER FOR MILLER

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MOTION

Business Program

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (12.24 pm): As sure as night follows day, you know that the member for Kawana will use up his entire speaking time on the Business Committee motion, wasting this chamber's time. There is a business motion. That is entirely normal. It should be accepted and we should be rolling on. This week we are dealing with two bills. There is adequate time for the opposition, government and crossbenchers to speak on it. What we are really seeing here, of course, is that when you have lost three elections all you can do is try to prevent the government from legislating by filibustering and wasting time. That is about the extent of the opposition's tactics here, driven by the member for Kawana. It is a pretty low-grade tactic, one might say. As a government we are not going to be distracted from our mandate by the people of Queensland in terms of getting things done and getting legislation through.

Mr Watts interjected.

Mr Power interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pause the clock. Member for Toowoomba North and member for Logan, cease your private conversation.

Mr BAILEY: We will fulfil our duties with our mandate to legislate, as per what the people of Queensland want. We are not going to be distracted. I do take objection to the plagiarism of the member for Kawana in using the term 'amateur thespian'. He is starting to use my lingo. You know you are in trouble when you cannot even phrase your own debate. When you have to pillage the government's phraseology you are running out of ideas. One of these days those opposite will realise that the member for Kawana is a liability, not an asset, to that side. If ever there is a great example of it, it is this silly routine that he goes through during the Business Committee motion.

I am not going to use up my five minutes and waste this chamber's valuable time. This is a logical motion about ordering business. The opposition needs to not give repetitive speeches as well, to be quite frank. When they get up their speeches are all from the same song sheet. They use the same key lines and themes. It is not always a genuine contribution. I endorse the motion; it is logical and should be supported. I oppose the amendment.