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MOTION

Business Program

 **Mr POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (11.19 am): I rise to make a very brief statement with regard to the business program motion moved by the Leader of the House. Whilst the motion itself may seem straightforward and the Leader of the House may be looking forward to seeing how unallocated time frames work in this instance, the opposition will be opposing it. The reason for that is not what is in the motion; rather, it is what is not in the motion. As we saw last week, this motion is really not worth the paper it is written on. The government can at any time, as it did last week, move motions that are extraneous to the *Notice Paper*, that are extraneous to the debate of the day, that are extraneous to the priorities of Queenslanders. As we saw, all it does is waste the time of this House—time that we could be spending speaking to the various pieces of legislation. For that reason alone, we will be opposing this motion.

I also make the point that I suspect what we are trialling this week is not because the Leader of the House has finally discovered that the member for Noosa's suggestion that we should try this is worth having a go at. Rather, it is actually because there are only four bills on the *Notice Paper* and if we did not allow a longer speaking time for the two bills listed—the Property Law Bill and the Tow Truck Bill—we would quickly run out of legislation and the government would be left with egg on its face. Therefore, for those reasons, the LNP will be opposing this motion.