



Speech By  
**Joseph Kelly**


**MEMBER FOR GREENSLOPES**

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**ACTING SPEAKER'S STATEMENT**

**Committee of the Legislative Assembly**

 **Mr ACTING SPEAKER:** Honourable members, Mr Speaker has prepared a statement to bring to the attention of the House three requests to government for amendments to legislation relating to the administration of the parliament that have been made by the Speaker, either as Speaker or as chairperson of the Committee of the Legislative Assembly, in recent times. Mr Speaker has requested that in his absence I seek leave to incorporate the Speaker's statement circulated in his name.

Leave granted.

**SPEAKER'S STATEMENT—CLA REQUESTS FOR AMENDMENT TO PARLIAMENTARY LEGISLATION**

Honourable members,

I wish to bring to the attention of the House three requests to government for amendments to legislation relating to the administration of the Parliament that have been made by myself either as Speaker or as Chairperson of the Committee of the Legislative Assembly in recent times.

The requests suggest changes to *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* and the *Parliamentary Service Act 1988* to:

- a) refine the process by which a member of the Legislative Assembly in a state of ill health has their request for a proxy vote notified to the Assembly;
- b) clarify that since 23 April 1998, members of parliamentary committees have been able to participate in committee meetings by telephone, video or other electronic means; and
- c) rectify an oversight from 1995, and provide that for the purposes of the PS Act, the Assembly chamber and its galleries are considered to be part of the parliamentary precinct when the Assembly is sitting thus allowing persons accused of disturbing the Assembly to be pursued by way of summary offence under the Justices Act 1886.

I understand that the Government is considering bringing forward amendments in response to these requests in the near future.