



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR GLASS HOUSE**

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**MOTION**

**Order of Business**

 **Mr POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (5.23 pm): I did not think those opposite could get any lower when it comes to abusing the democratic institution of parliament. This is a gag of the most horrific and offensive order. All of what the Leader of the House has said has already occurred. The private member's bill has been on the *Notice Paper* for months. It has gone through committee, as the Leader of the House suddenly determines this bill should. All this motion achieves, and the Leader of the House knows it, is to gag the opposition's private member's bill. This will not be debated this term of parliament, which is exactly what those opposite wanted because they want to protect their mate Jackie Trad. This is a protection racket of the highest order and those opposite should hang their heads in shame at what they have done to this chamber. This is a new low in the parliament of Queensland across its entire 100-plus year history. We will not support it, not for one moment.