




Speech By
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ADJOURNMENT

Guillotining of Debates

 **Mr LISTER** (Southern Downs—LNP) (7.03 pm): I was just guillotined by the Labor majority in this House. I was unable to speak on the Disaster Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill. The Labor Party used their numbers in here yet again to prevent members like me from speaking up for my community. Well, I will make my speech now.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Members, please leave the chamber quietly and members who are not in their seats will stop interjecting.

Mr Sullivan: It's not our fault you can't put yourself up the list.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Stafford, you are warned under the standing orders.

Mr LISTER: I take that interjection from the member for Stafford.

Mr SPEAKER: It is not helpful.

Mr LISTER: However, I do say that the guillotining and the dropping off the list is what is going to happen to some other people if they do not start governing this state properly.

One example of that is the bill that was just guillotined and which I was prevented from speaking on—the Disaster Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill. One of the things which I have watched with great irritation in the course of the debate on that bill was government members rolling their eyes and sniggering over our questions about what will happen to the funds that have been raised by individual rural fire brigades. Rural fire brigades have raised these funds with lamington drives, barbecues, fundraising and so forth. I understand that the commissioner at the public hearing of the committee considering this bill was unable to assure the committee that the funds would not become government funds. Looking at the bill and the explanatory notes and the explanations we have had so far—

Mr de BRENNI: Madam Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. It has been brought to my attention that the member is referring directly to a bill before the House. I would ask you to provide him guidance in respect of anticipation.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms Lui): I will get some advice. Member, I ask you to stay away from any bills currently being mentioned in the House.

Mr LISTER: I will rise at a more appropriate occasion and speak about how I was guillotined then.