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**PROGRESSIVE COAL ROYALTIES PROTECTION (KEEP THEM IN THE BANK)
BILL**

 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (8.53 pm): I stand to speak on the Progressive Coal Royalties Protection (Keep Them in the Bank) Bill. This bill typifies everything that is wrong about this government and this Treasurer.

Mr Sullivan: But aren't you supporting that? Aren't you voting for it?

Mr MANDER: I take that interjection from the member for Stafford. I will explain the issues we have. An issue we have is that this bill is purely about politics. When the government have nothing to speak about in terms of their record, when they have nothing to speak about in terms of their past, they will try to create these political wedges about absolutely nothing—about a bill, about legislation that we have supported in the last two budgets. This Treasurer is so desperate that he has to create what he sees as mayhem, but it does not do that at all. An issue we have is when those opposite make a promise to the electorate 26 times that there are not going to be increased taxes and then the Treasurer is tricky, saying, 'I never talked about businesses. I never meant that,' despite being asked that directly.

We have an issue when legislation is brought to this chamber and there is no consultation with the people it impacts. We have an issue with that, about the limited consultation. We have an issue about the sovereign risk that is increased when they do not do that—when they do not consult with the people it affects and when international companies are taken by surprise. They are the issues that we have on this bill, and that talks about the political nature of this particular bill. This talks also about the ego of the Treasurer.

Who will go down as the worst treasurer in the history of Queensland? The first question he was asked when he became Treasurer he fluffed. He did not know the debt level. The 'shadow Treasurer'—there he is working the room for the next election, working the room to get votes for who is going to be the next leader of the Labor Party. There he is, working them over. All the members are getting sucked in by him. Look at him. What is he saying now to them?

Mr HEALY: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I am trying to seek some kind of relevance here.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Martin): I think the member for Everton, whilst he is being loud, is being relevant and is within the long title of the bill. This bill has a wide interpretation and, as such, all members have been talking about lots of different things.

Mr MANDER: This is the Treasurer who the shadow Treasurer exposed did not know the difference between credit spread and credit rating. He had no idea what that meant. No matter who is in the Treasury in the future government, it will take decades to repair the reputational damage to our state and also to our economy. This Treasurer could not wipe the shoes of former Labor treasurers like Keith De Lacy and even Terry Mackenroth, may they rest in peace. They would be turning over in their grave to see how this Labor Treasurer has ruined the economy of this great state.

We talk about the ego of this Treasurer. This bill is nothing but an ego trip for this Treasurer, and isn't it ironic that it is the last bill of this 57th Parliament? How ironic might it be! This is the Treasurer who is more focused on posing for presidential photos, thinking he is some sort of American president. This is the Treasurer who claimed he found the Binna Burra bell. He came out of the bushfire that destroyed forests, looking pristine in his sports shirt and his pants, saying, 'We found the Binna Burra bell,' and all those poor volunteer firemen, who actually did find it and saved people's lives—this is how he uses those volunteer workers. This bill is all about the Treasurer auditioning for the leader of—

Mr Hinchliffe: Who was talking earlier about living rent free?

Mr MANDER: I will take that interjection, and I see the Leader of the House standing there. This is also the brilliant tactician. This is the Treasurer who is the one who orchestrates all the so-called tactics. The Leader of the House is simply a lap-dog who does whatever he is told. We have this supposedly brilliant tactician, but every time he gets up it is a disaster.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Pause the clock. Resume your seat please, member for Everton. I believe you used some unparliamentary language. I would ask you to withdraw.

Mr MANDER: I withdraw. As I said at the beginning of my contribution, this bill tells us everything we need to know about this government and about this Treasurer—total and utter incompetence and embarrassment about their past record. The only thing they have to rest on now is to try to create these fear campaigns, whether it is about different personalities or making up things that are not true with regard to who supports this policy and who does not support that policy. This is a government that is desperate—desperate—for ideas, a government for which the time has come. If we want to see change, we have to change the government. Let us show those opposite the door in '24.