




Speech By
Dr Christian Rowan

MEMBER FOR MOGGILL

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MOTION

Cognate Debate; Declared Urgent; Allocation of Time Limit Order; Order of Business

-  **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (Leader of the House) (3.03 pm), by leave, without notice: I move—
1. That, in accordance with standing order 172, the Energy Roadmap Amendment Bill and the Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment Bill be treated as cognate bills for their remaining stages, with—
 - (a) separate questions being put in regard to the second readings;
 - (b) the consideration of the bills in detail together; and
 - (c) separate questions being put for the third readings and long titles;
 2. Under the provisions of standing order 137, the following bills be declared urgent bills:
 - (a) Health Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 3);
 - (b) Energy Roadmap Amendment Bill;
 - (c) Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment Bill; and
 - (d) Defamation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill.
 3. The following time limits for the bills listed in 2. apply:
 - (a) The minister to be called to reply to the Health Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 3) by 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 9 December 2025 with all remaining stages of the bill to be completed by 8.00 pm on Tuesday, 9 December 2025;
 - (b) The minister to be called to reply to the Energy Roadmap Amendment Bill and the Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment Bill (cognate debate) by 8.15 pm on Wednesday, 10 December 2025 with all remaining stages of the bill to be completed by 9.00 pm on Wednesday, 10 December 2025;
 - (c) The minister to be called to reply to the Defamation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill by 5.00 pm on Thursday, 11 December 2025 with all remaining stages of the bill to be completed by 5.30 pm on Thursday, 11 December 2025.
 4. If all stages have not been completed by the times specified in 3., Mr Speaker shall put all remaining questions necessary to complete consideration of the bills, including clauses en bloc and any amendments to be moved by the minister in charge of the bills, without further amendment or debate.
 5. The special adjournment motion (valedictory speeches) to be moved immediately after the passage of the Defamation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill with the total time allowed for debate 30 minutes.
 6. Adjournment to be moved following the special adjournment motion with no adjournment debate.

I will briefly address this motion. This is a procedural motion that sets out the order of business for the sitting week. It is entirely consistent with longstanding parliamentary practice and is one that the Labor opposition would be very familiar with, having moved similar motions when they were in government. This motion provides certainty, giving all members clarity about the program of business before the House this week, and it ensures that sufficient, structured and orderly time is provided for debate on the bills listed.

The special adjournment and valedictory speeches being held at the completion of the Defamation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill on Thursday is also entirely consistent with long-established precedent. It is a practice that has occurred across multiple parliaments, including under the former Labor government, which routinely adopted the same arrangement with respect to timings and the commencement of valedictory and special adjournment proceedings during the final sitting week of a parliamentary calendar year.

The Crisafulli Liberal National Party state government has been highly productive over the last 12 months, and that productivity has been underpinned by disciplined, methodical and orderly management of the House. This motion reflects that approach and ensures the Queensland government continues to operate in a calm, methodical, considered and effective manner on behalf of all Queenslanders.

Mr de BRENNI: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order in relation to the procedures of this House. A motion of this nature, with its level of complexity and detail, was read in a way that I am sure all members would agree was not intelligible. The member who is moving that motion is duty bound to table that motion so that members can consider the motion before debate ensues.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Krause): What is your point of order?

Mr de BRENNI: My point of order is in relation to the procedures of this House. The standing orders require a motion of this nature to be tabled and circulated to members. It has not been circulated to members. Debate is about to ensue. It is clear that the Leader of the House has done this—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Manager of Opposition Business, I understand your point of order and I am going to seek some advice about it. I have sought advice. The House granted leave to the Leader of the House to move the motion without notice. I understand the motion is being copied and is in the process of being circulated. There is no point of order.

Dr ROWAN: In continuing, I say to the Manager of Opposition Business that the motion has been provided to the clerks for circulation, as has been indicated. As Leader of the House and manager of government business, I commend the motion to the House.