



Speech By
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MEMBER FOR MERMAID BEACH

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ELECTORAL LAWS (RESTORING ELECTORIAL FAIRNESS) AMENDMENT BILL

YOUTH JUSTICE (ELECTRONIC MONITORING) AMENDMENT BILL

MAJOR SPORTS FACILITIES AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

Declared Urgent; Allocation of Time Limit Order

 **Mr STEVENS** (Mermaid Beach—LNP) (12.22 pm): In the 15 steps it takes to go from the position of Leader of the House to the position of Manager of Opposition Business on the other side of the House, we have seen the epitome of hypocrisy by the Manager of Opposition Business in terms of his new penchant for whining and whingeing about matters that he considered in his previous occupation as being the prerogative of a government doing good business. I support the Leader of the House in the efficacy of making these bills pass this week for the benefit of Queensland.

We heard from the Manager of Opposition Business that they are probably very important bills and he probably would be supporting them. The fact of the matter is that he wants to drag these matters out when Queensland wants the Crisafulli government to get on with governing for Queensland. That is what the Leader of the House is doing. I congratulate him on ensuring that this legislation is passed this week. These are very important bills to deal with, particularly when it comes to youth justice. In Mermaid Beach I had young hoodlums, a matter of a couple of weeks ago, causing all sorts of problems. Youth justice monitoring will assist police. That is why it is important that we pass that bill this week.

Ms Grace interjected.

Mr de BRENNI: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Krause): Before I take your point of order, Manager of Opposition Business, member for McConnell, you are on a warning and interjecting in the House. I would ask you to leave the House for one hour.

Whereupon the honourable member for McConnell withdrew from the chamber at 12.24 pm.

Mr de BRENNI: Mr Deputy Speaker, I submit to you that the member is anticipating debate and should confine his comments to the motion before us rather than to the bills to which it pertains.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, Manager of Opposition Business. Member for Mermaid Beach, I would strongly advise you to remain relevant to the procedural motion before the House rather than debate any issues in the bills.

Mr STEVENS: Thank you for your advice on the matter, Mr Deputy Speaker. As I understand it, one of the bills to be debated according to the Leader of the House's motion is this bill. It is necessary for this bill to be enacted this week. That is why we are ensuring that these bills are passed this week.

That is why I was referring to that, without going into the intricacies of the bill. When I have my opportunity later, as will many other members of the House, to speak to this bill I will certainly be making clear references to why this bill is great for Queenslanders.

The Leader of the House has said that these bills need to pass this week. The Manager of Opposition Business said, 'No, we need to drag them out, talk for longer and have more parliamentary investigations.' The people of Queensland want this government to act and act quickly on the issues that these bills deal with. That is why the Leader of the House has moved to declare these bills urgent.

We remember what the Manager of Opposition Business did when we were in opposition and the number of guillotined bills. That seemed okay for good governance back then, but now that the Manager of Opposition Business has taken the 15 steps across to the other side of the House he now believes that it is not fair and reasonable for his team not to have elongated discussions about the matter.

I support the Leader of the House. He is doing a great job. We should agree to his program for the House.