

Speech By

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MOTION

Amendments to Sessional Orders

Mr BOOTHMAN (Theodore—LNP) (12.02 pm): I rise to support the Leader of the House's motion. This is about restoring the orderly progress of legislation in this chamber. I have found it quite interesting to listen to some of the remarks of the members opposite and their so-called frustration about speeches. As somebody who puts speaking lists together for each bill we debate in this chamber, I would like to remind members that there are times when members do drop off speaking lists. That has happened in this session of parliament where members of the opposition have decided not to speak on legislation. It is important that we have an orderly progress of legislation in this chamber for the people of Queensland because the people of Queensland elect us to these very important roles.

As somebody who sits in this chamber almost all day in my role as a whip, I get to listen to a lot of speeches. The speeches from the government side are very thoughtful and well considered. Government members are on topic, they talk about their electorates and they speak about what is going on in their areas and how the legislation will affect their constituencies. Then we hear those opposite, like the member for McConnel. I love her whingeing and whining—

Ms GRACE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I take offence and I ask that it be withdrawn.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Theodore?

Mr BOOTHMAN: I withdraw. I find it very interesting to hear the negativity from those opposite on any bit of legislation that is put forward in this chamber. They do not have any constructive criticism; they are just all over the shop. Their talking points from their union masters are all over the shop, and they do not have constructive criticism. I move—

That the question be now put.