

METROPOLITAN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BILL 2011

Discharge of Order and Referral to Standing Committee on Legislation — Motion

Resumed from an earlier stage of the sitting.

HON NORMAN MOORE (Mining and Pastoral — Leader of the House) [5.07 pm]: Prior to the adjournment of the debate, I was suggesting to Hon Sally Talbot that she might consider withdrawing her motion to refer the bill to a committee and instead do it further down the track. She has indicated to me—it is entirely up to her to do what she wishes—that she is agreeable to that. In the event that the member does withdraw the motion, it is my intention to move that the debate on this bill be adjourned until the next sitting of the house and then move to members' statements forthwith. The reason for that is that I do not want to resume the second reading debate on this bill and have somebody's speech cut in half in about 10 minutes. If the member does withdraw the motion, we will contemplate dealing with it again some time down the track and we will follow the process I have just outlined.

HON SALLY TALBOT (South West) [5.08 pm]: As the Leader of the House has indicated, we have had some considerable discussion about whether this motion should go ahead. In light of the advice provided to me by the Leader of the House, I am happy to withdraw it. Perhaps I can put a few comments on the record that will remind us when we come back in a couple of weeks where we got to.

The Leader of the House very fairly pointed out to me that because the minister with carriage of the bill has been called away from the house on urgent parliamentary business, he would be in the default position, were I to move this motion and in the absence of advice from the minister who has carriage of the bill, to advise members of the government to vote against my motion. I am not naive enough to infer from that that the Leader of the House is necessarily telling me that when I move this motion again in a few weeks he will support it.

Hon Ken Travers: I am sure that is what he was saying; that is what I heard.

Hon SALLY TALBOT: All I am saying is that I am not naive enough to assume that he will do that.

Hon Norman Moore: I will speak to the minister about it.

Hon SALLY TALBOT: I know that the Leader of the House will listen to the arguments we put and will seek further advice from those who can make the decision. In that spirit, I am happy to withdraw the motion for the sake of good procedural practice in the house and so that we can deal with things when the right people are around with the authority, expertise and understanding of the bill. On that basis, I seek leave to withdraw my motion.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Second Reading Resumed

Debate adjourned, on motion by **Hon Norman Moore (Leader of the House)**.