

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 30

FIRST SESSION OF THE THIRTY-NINTH PARLIAMENT

WEDNESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2013

1. Meeting of Assembly

The Assembly met at 12.00 noon pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker took the Chair.

Prayers were read.

2. Notice of Motion

3. Brief Ministerial Statements

Brief Ministerial Statements were made by –

The Minister for Tourism on the cooperative marketing agreement between the Western Australian Government and Qantas.

The Minister for Racing and Gaming on the examination by the Public Sector Commission into the Western Australian Greyhound Racing Association.

The Minister for Mines and Petroleum on the 22nd Anniversary of the Golden Gecko Awards for Environmental Excellence.

4. Suspension of Standing Orders

Mr B.S. Wyatt, without notice, moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as is necessary to enable the following motion to be moved forthwith –

That this House condemns the Premier for misleading the Parliament and the people of Western Australia in respect of:

- (1) the Government's decision to require the Insurance Commission of WA to pay a dividend; and
- (2) failing to disclose the Government's decision to require the Insurance Commission of WA to pay a dividend in the 2012–2013 Mid-Year Financial Projections Statement.

Debate ensued.

The Leader of the House moved, That the question be now put.

Question put.

The Assembly divided.

Ayes (34)

Mr P. Abetz
 Mr F.A. Alban
 Mr C.J. Barnett
 Mr I.C. Blayney
 Mr I.M. Britza
 Mr T.R. Buswell
 Mr V.A. Catania
 Mr M.J. Cowper
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 Mr P.B. Watson
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Question thus passed.

On the question, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended,

Question put.

The Assembly divided.

Ayes (18)

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Question thus negatived.

5. Notice of Motion after the Time Prescribed

Mr B.S. Wyatt was granted leave to present a late notice of motion.

6. Private Members' Business Precedence

The Leader of the House, pursuant to notice, moved,

That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as is necessary to enable Private Members' Business to have priority from 4.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 11 September 2013.

Question put and passed.

7. Revenue Laws Amendment Bill 2013

The Order of the Day for the third reading of the bill having been read, the Minister for Finance moved, That the bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time and forwarded to the Legislative Council for concurrence.

8. Land Tax Amendment Bill 2013

The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate upon the second reading of the bill was read.

Debate resumed.

Debate interrupted by the Chair (Mr F.M. Logan speaking) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

9. Questions

Questions without Notice were taken.

Questions on Notice Nos 1223 to 1230 were asked.

Questions on Notice Nos 855, 947, 951, 957, 966, 970, 976, 980, 983 to 985 and 987 to 998 were answered.

Paper tabled by the Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Fisheries –

Question on Notice No. 966 – Details of the Treasurer's use of the ministerial air-charter services since 1 January 2013 (759).

Paper tabled by the Minister for Police –

Question on Notice No. 855 – Staffing levels of Western Australia Police for various categories for each year between June 2008 and June 2013 (760).

Paper tabled by the Minister for Local Government; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Youth –

Question on Notice No. 976 – Details of the Minister for Local Government's use of the ministerial air-charter services since 1 January 2013 (761).

10. Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission – Terms of Reference

The Speaker advised members that he had received a letter dated 27 August 2013 from the Chairman of the Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission, advising that the Committee had resolved to conduct an inquiry into the following terms of reference:

The Committee will inquire into and report on:

- (a) the extent of the use of the Part 4 Powers under the *Corruption and Crime Commission Act 2003*;
- (b) the availability to WA Police of any other avenues to access powers substantially similar to the Part 4 Powers;
- (c) the impact of the *Criminal Investigation (Covert Powers) Act 2012* on the use of the Part 4 Powers;
- (d) the current impediments to the regular, efficient and effective use of the Part 4 Powers;
- (e) the steps that can reasonably be taken to remove such impediments; and
- (f) the likely use of the Part 4 Powers in the event the current impediments are removed.

The Committee proposes to report by 12 December 2013.

11. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That consideration of Government Business Order of the Day No. 2 be resumed.

12. Land Tax Amendment Bill 2013

The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate upon the second reading of the bill was read.

Debate resumed.

Question put.

The Assembly divided.

Ayes (33)

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Mr C.J. Tallentire
Mr P.C. Tinley
Mr P.B. Watson
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Question thus passed.

Bill read a second time.

CONSIDERATION IN DETAIL

Clause 1.

Mr W.J. Johnston moved,

Page 2, line 2 – To delete “*Land Tax Amendment Act 2013*” and substitute:

“ *Land Tax Grab and Liberal Tax and Spend Act 2013* ”.

Debate interrupted by the Chair and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

13. Suspension of Standing Orders

The Leader of the House, without notice, moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as is necessary to allow the member for Victoria Park to move forthwith the motion that he gave late notice of earlier today, subject to the debate on the member’s motion being limited to 20 minutes for government members and 20 minutes for non-government members.

Question put.

The Acting Speaker, having counted the House, and there being no absolute majority present, declared the motion to be negatived.

14. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That Private Members’ Business Notice of Motion No. 10 be next considered.

15. Public Education

Dr A.D. Buti, pursuant to notice, moved,

That this House condemns the Barnett Government for its attacks on public education, in particular:

- (a) cuts to school support program resource allocation;
- (b) cuts to teaching and education staff;
- (c) loss of Gonski Better Schools funding; and
- (d) a failure to adequately fund the moving of Year 7s to high school.

Debate ensued.

Debate interrupted by the Chair (Mr C.D. Hatton speaking) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

16. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That consideration of Government Business Order of the Day No. 2 be resumed.

17. Land Tax Amendment Bill 2013

The Order of the Day for the further consideration in detail of the bill was read.

CONSIDERATION IN DETAIL

Clause 1.

Mr W.J. Johnston had moved,

Page 2, line 2 – To delete “*Land Tax Amendment Act 2013*” and substitute:

“ *Land Tax Grab and Liberal Tax and Spend Act 2013* ”.

Amendment put and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 2.

Ms R. Saffioti moved,

Page 2, line 6 – To insert after “Royal Assent;”:

“

and after the Government apologises for its callous and harsh cuts to schools in Western Australia

”.

Amendment put and negatived.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 3 and 4 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

Ordered, That the third reading of the bill be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting of the Assembly.

18. Adjournment

The Leader of the House moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned accordingly at 9.24 p.m. until Thursday, 12 September 2013 at 9.00 a.m.

Members present during any part of the day's proceedings – All the members except Mr G.M. Castrilli, Mr A.P. Jacob and Mr D.A. Templeman.

PETER J. McHUGH
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

HON. MICHAEL SUTHERLAND
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly