

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 57

THURSDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2009

1. Meeting of Council

The Council assembled at 11.00am pursuant to order.

The President, Hon Barry House, took the Chair and read prayers.

2. Ministerial Statement - Wave Energy Project - Carnegie Corporation

The Minister for Environment made a Ministerial Statement with respect to the Low Emissions Energy Development Fund - Carnegie Corporation's Wave Energy Project.

Ordered - That consideration of the Ministerial Statement be made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

3. Ministerial Statement - Sittings of the House

The Leader of the House made a Ministerial Statement with respect to a proposed additional sitting week to be scheduled for the end of the 2009 sitting year.

Hon Sue Ellery, by leave, made a brief statement in relation to the Ministerial Statement made by the Leader of the House.

4. Paper

The following Paper was laid on the Table by -

Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General

Financial Statements -

Legal Contribution Trust (For the six months ending 30 June 2009)
(Date received 14/10/2009)..... 1423

5. Kimberley Liquefied Natural Gas Precinct

Motion No. 1 having been called, Hon Jon Ford continued his introductory remarks in moving the following motion -

- (1) That this House expresses its concern at the comments made by the Premier to the Committee for Economic Development Australia Conference on Tuesday, 3 March 2009 in which he referred to a proposed LNG precinct to the north of Broome and stated -

“...we are proceeding in developing an LNG precinct to the north of Broome. That's not the spectacular part of the Kimberley coast, it's flat tableland, no people living within probably 30 or 40 kilometres of the area.That's important, we're trying to do that by negotiation, the timetable is

the end of this month. If we can't do it by negotiation, the State will resume the land. I'll do that reluctantly, but we will do it. We will not hold up economic development and we will not deny the people of the Kimberley – and particularly the Aboriginal people – the opportunity from some economic independence and some economic security.”

- (2) This House calls on the Premier to -
 - (a) explain how he can claim to be negotiating in good faith when he put on public record that if he doesn't get a negotiated outcome he will resume the land to develop an LNG precinct to the north of Broome; and
 - (b) explain why he is presenting a veiled threat to indigenous people in respect of this matter and whether this is a sign of things to come.

Interruption of Debate [SO 195].

6. Consideration of Committee Reports

Pursuant to Standing Orders for the consideration of Committee Reports.

(Hon Matt Benson-Lidholm in the Chair)

Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations - Eighteenth Report - Budget of the Office of the Auditor General

The Order of the Day having been read, debate resumed on the motion of Hon Giz Watson, That the Report be noted.

Question - put and passed.

Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations - Twentieth Report - “Royalties for Regions” Policy

The Order of the Day having been called, Hon Giz Watson moved, That the Report be noted.

Interruption of Debate [SO 61A].

The Deputy President resumed the Chair.

The Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee of the Whole House had considered the -

- (1) Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations - Eighteenth Report - Budget of the Office of the Auditor General and had noted same.
- (2) Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations - Twentieth Report - “Royalties for Regions” Policy, made progress, and asked leave to sit again

Report adopted.

7. Order of Business

Ordered - That Order of the Day No. 1, *City of Albany Keeping and Welfare of Cats Local Law 2008 - Disallowance*, be taken after Order of the Day No. 5, *Bush Fires Amendment Bill 2009*. (Leader of the House).

8. Statutes (Repeals and Minor Amendments) Bill 2009

The Order of the Day having been read for the third reading of this Bill.

The Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

The Deputy President having reported that the Chairman of Committees had certified that the fair print of the Bill was in accordance with the Bill as agreed to in Committee, and reported.

Question - put and passed.

Bill read a third time and passed.

9. Gas Supply (Gas Quality Specifications) Bill 2009

The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned debate on the second reading of this Bill.

Debate resumed.

10. Questions Without Notice

Questions without notice were taken.

The Minister for Environment tabled documents in relation to the Dalyellup Waste Site - Basic Summary of Records Search Response and letter dated 29 September 2009 from the Radiation Council to the Department of Environment and Conservation, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Giz Watson. (Tabled paper 1425).

The Minister for Energy tabled, and by leave incorporated into Hansard, documents in relation to the Synergy Hardship Utility Grant Scheme - Details of applications during September 2008-2009, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Sue Ellery. (Tabled paper 1426).

The Minister for Energy tabled, and by leave incorporated into Hansard, documents in relation to Synergy residential electricity bills for the suburb of Samson from July-September 2008 and July-September 2009, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Kate Doust. (Tabled paper 1427).

The Minister for Environment tabled documents in relation to details of funding received in the form of cash from grants, gifts and environmental offsets for 2007-2008 and 2008-2009, in response to question on notice No. 1187 asked by Hon Robin Chapple. (Tabled paper 1428).

11. Gas Supply (Gas Quality Specifications) Bill 2009

Debate resumed on the second reading of this Bill (cf item 9 above).

Interruption of Debate [SO 61(b)].

12. Paper

The following Paper, by leave, was laid on the Table by -

Minister for Energy

Annual Reports -

Verve Energy (2008-2009) (Date received 15/10/2009)..... 1424

13. Co-operatives Bill 2009

The following Message from the Legislative Assembly was reported -

Mr President

Message No. 56

The Legislative Assembly acquaints the Legislative Council that it has agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the *Co-operatives Bill 2009*.

Ms L.L. Baker

Acting Speaker

Legislative Assembly Chamber

Perth, 15 October 2009

14. Adjournment

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

Debate ensued.

Question - put and passed.

The House adjourned at 5.37pm until Tuesday, 20 October 2009 at 3.30pm.

Members present during the day's proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members.

MALCOLM PEACOCK
Clerk of the Legislative Council

HON BARRY HOUSE
President of the Legislative Council