

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 52

FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT

THURSDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2021

1. Meeting of Assembly

The Assembly met at 9.00 am pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker took the Chair.

An Acknowledgement of Country and Prayers were read.

2. Petition

Protection of Bushland at 179 Erindale Road Hamersley – Mrs J.M.C. Stojkovski presented a petition from 1,381 people asking the Legislative Assembly to protect the bushland at Lots 802 and 803, 179 Erindale Rd Hamersley because of its importance to the environment and biodiversity (P. 23).

3. Papers

The following papers were presented and ordered to lie upon the Table of the House –

By the Clerk –

Chief Advocate for Residents of Declared Places under the Declared Place (Mentally Impaired Accused) Act 2015 – Annual Report 2020–2021 (837).

Communities, Department of – Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) Progress Report 2020–2021 (838).

Premier and Cabinet, Department of the – Ministerial Resourcing Report as at 28 October 2021 (839).

WA Industry Link – Annual Report 2020–2021 (840).

4. Brief Ministerial Statements

Brief Ministerial Statements were made by –

The Minister for Heritage on the 2021 Western Australian Heritage Awards.

The Minister for Culture and the Arts on the Perth Festival 2022.

The Minister for Road Safety on road safety during the Christmas holiday period.

The Minister for Veterans Issues on the ANZAC Day 2021 Trust Grants program.

The Minister for Mines and Petroleum on the commencement of works for the Future Battery Industries Cooperative Research Centre's Cathode Precursor Production pilot plant.

The Minister for Mines and Petroleum on the viability of a green steel industry in Western Australia.

The Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests on promoting COVID-19 vaccination within culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

5. Grievances

The Acting Speaker called for grievances which were then made.

6. Personal Explanation

Dr D.J. Honey made a personal explanation regarding comments made by the Minister for Planning on his office's use of social media images.

7. Public Accounts Committee

Mrs L.M. O'Malley, as Chair, presented the following report which was ordered to lie upon the Table of the House –

Public Accounts Committee – Review of Selected Auditor General Reports 2018–2021, Report No. 4 (841).

8. Health and Disability Services (Complaints) Amendment Bill 2021

The Minister for Health, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a bill for “An Act to amend the *Health and Disability Services (Complaints) Act 1995*.” be introduced and read a first time.

Question put and passed.

The Minister for Health presented an explanatory memorandum and bill read a first time.

The Minister for Health moved, That the bill be now read a second time.

Mr P.J. Rundle moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

9. Animal Resources Authority Amendment and Repeal Bill 2021

The Minister for Health, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a bill for “An Act –

- to amend the *Animal Resources Authority Act 1981* to provide for the winding up of the Animal Resources Authority; and
- to repeal the *Animal Resources Authority Act 1981*; and
- to make consequential amendments to other Acts.” be introduced and read a first time.”

Question put and passed.

The Minister for Health presented an explanatory memorandum and bill read a first time.

The Minister for Health moved, That the bill be now read a second time.

Mr P.J. Rundle moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

10. Police Amendment (Compensation Scheme) Bill 2021

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

CONSIDERATION IN DETAIL

Clauses 4 to 6 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Consideration in detail concluded.

Leave was granted to proceed forthwith to the third reading of the bill.

The Minister for Police moved, That the bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

11. Forest Products Amendment Bill 2021

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 V.A. Catania speaking) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

12. Members' Statements

The Deputy Speaker called for members' statements which were then made.

13. Questions

Questions without Notice were taken.

Questions on Notice Nos 325 to 352 were asked.

14. Speaker's Statement – Memoranda of Understanding

The Speaker advised members that Memoranda of Understanding had been signed between the Corruption and Crime Commission and the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council, and additionally between the Western Australia Police Force and the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council. The Memoranda of Understanding cover the execution of search warrants and the issuing of notices or orders by the Corruption and Crime Commission or the Western Australia Police Force that may involve material that is subject to a claim of parliamentary privilege.

Papers

The following papers were presented and ordered to lie upon the Table of the House –

By the Speaker –

Speaker – Memorandum of Understanding between the Corruption and Crime Commission of Western Australia, Legislative Assembly of Western Australia and Legislative Council of Western Australia (842).

Speaker – Memorandum of Understanding between the Western Australia Police Force, Legislative Assembly of Western Australia and the Legislative Council of Western Australia (843).

15. Speaker's Statement – Broadcast Timer and Divisions

The Speaker advised members that, in accordance with the result of the recent Procedure and Privileges Committee survey, members' speaking times would continue to be displayed in the Legislative Assembly broadcast feed. The results of the second survey question relating to the conduct of divisions in the chamber would be considered by the Committee before sittings commenced next year.

16. Papers

The following papers were presented and ordered to lie upon the Table of the House –

By the Clerk –

Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency – Annual Report 2020–2021 (844).

National Health Practitioner Ombudsman – Annual Report 2020–2021 (845).

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17. Suspension of Standing Orders

Ms M.J. Davies, 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 and Treasurer for his arrogant dismissal of the serious findings contained in the *Annual 2020–21 Financial Audits of State Government Entities* report, and his refusal to take responsibility for his Government accruing the highest number of qualified audit opinions ever reported by the Office of the Auditor General.

The Leader of the House moved, To add to the motion –

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, subject to the debate being limited to 10 minutes for government members and 10 minutes for non-government members.

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Amendment put and passed.

On the question, That the motion, as amended, be agreed to,

Question put.

The Speaker having counted the House, and an absolute majority being present and there being no dissentient voice, declared the motion, as amended, to be carried with the concurrence of an absolute majority of the whole number of members of the House.

18. Auditor General – Financial Audits

Ms M.J. Davies, pursuant to the foregoing motion, moved,

That this House condemns the Premier and Treasurer for his arrogant dismissal of the serious findings contained in the *Annual 2020–21 Financial Audits of State Government Entities* report, and his refusal to take responsibility for his Government accruing the highest number of qualified audit opinions ever reported by the Office of the Auditor General.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The Assembly divided.

Ayes (6)

Mr V.A. Catania
Ms M.J. Davies

Dr D.J. Honey
Mr R.S. Love

Ms L. Mettam
Mr P.J. Rundle (*Teller*)

Noes (47)

Mr S.N. Aubrey
Mr G. Baker
Dr A.D. Buti
Mr J.N. Carey
Mrs R.M.J. Clarke
Ms C.M. Collins
Mr R.H. Cook
Ms L. Dalton
Ms D.G. D'Anna
Mr M.J. Folkard
Ms K.E. Giddens
Ms E.L. Hamilton
Ms M.J. Hammat
Ms J.L. Hanns
Mr T.J. Healy
Mr M. Hughes

Mr W.J. Johnston
Mr H.T. Jones
Mr D.J. Kelly
Ms E.J. Kelsbie
Ms A.E. Kent
Dr J. Krishnan
Mr P. Lilburne
Mr M. McGowan
Ms S.F. McGurk
Mr D.R. Michael
Mr K.J.J. Michel
Mr S.A. Millman
Mr Y. Mubarakai
Ms L.A. Munday
Mrs L.M. O'Malley
Mr P. Papalia

Mr S.J. Price
Mr J.R. Quigley
Ms M.M. Quirk
Ms R. Saffioti
Ms A. Sanderson
Mr D.A.E. Scaife
Ms R.S. Stephens
Mrs J.M.C. Stojkovski
Mr C.J. Tallentire
Mr D.A. Templeman
Mr P.C. Tinley
Ms C.M. Tonkin
Mr R.R. Whitby
Ms S.E. Winton
Ms C.M. Rowe (*Teller*)

Question thus negatived.

19. Variation to the Order of Business

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

20. Forest Products Amendment Bill 2021

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

Debate resumed.

The Leader of the House moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

21. Address in Reply

The Order of the Day for the resumption of debate upon the Address in Reply to His Excellency the Governor's speech was read.

Question put and passed.

22. Message from the Governor

Message No. 29 from His Excellency the Governor was reported assenting to the following bills –

Constitutional and Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Equality) Bill 2021, Act No. 20 of 2021.

COVID-19 Response Legislation Amendment (Extension of Expiring Provisions) Bill (No. 2) 2021, Act No. 21 of 2021.

23. Special Adjournment

The Leader of the House moved, That the House at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, 15 February 2022 at 2.00 pm.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

24. Adjournment

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

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned accordingly at 5.55 pm until Tuesday, 15 February 2022 at 2.00 pm.

Members present during any part of the day's proceedings – All the members except Ms L.L. Baker, Mr D.T. Punch and Ms J.J. Shaw.

KIRSTEN M. ROBINSON
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

HON. MICHELLE H. ROBERTS
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly