

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 132

FIRST SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

WEDNESDAY, 28 MARCH 2007

1. Meeting of Assembly

The Assembly met at 12 noon pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker took the Chair.

Prayers were read.

2. Petition

Shortage of Housing and Land in Esperance - Dr G.G. Jacobs presented a petition from 206 persons requesting that the Government address the shortage of low cost affordable housing and land for Esperance residents (P. 197).

3. Paper

The following paper was presented and ordered to lie upon the Table of the House -

By the Speaker -

Auditor General, Office of the [OAG] - Public Sector Performance Report 2007 No. 2, March 2007 (2539).

4. Corrections to Tabled Paper

The Speaker announced that he had authorised corrections under Standing Order No. 156 to the following Tabled Paper tabled on 17 October 2007 -

State Administrative Tribunal - Annual Report 2005 - 2006 (Authorised corrections to Tabled Paper 28 March 2007) (2102).

5. Notice of Motion

6. Brief Ministerial Statements

The following Brief Ministerial Statements were made by -

The Minister for Corrective Services on the recapture of three high-security prisoners who escaped on 27 March 2007 from the maximum-security section of the Broome Regional Prison.

The Minister for Tourism on the success of the Surf Life Saving Championships held last week at Scarborough Beach.

The Minister for the Environment on an exchange program between the United States and Western Australia to allow Department of Environment and Conservation staff to expand their professional experience and expertise in relation to the conservation of national parks and nature reserves.

7. Information Privacy Bill 2007

The Attorney General, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a bill for “An Act to —

- provide for the privacy of personal information and health information held by certain persons and bodies; and
- provide for access to, and amendment of, health records held by certain persons and bodies; and
- authorise the disclosure in certain circumstances of personal information or health information held by government agencies; and
- establish the office of Privacy and Information Commissioner; and
- amend the *Freedom of Information Act 1992*, the *Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1971* and other Acts as a consequence of the enactment of this Act,

and for related purposes.” be introduced and read a first time.

Question put and passed.

The Attorney General presented an explanatory memorandum and bill read a first time.

The Attorney General moved, That the bill be now read a second time.

Mr T.R. Sprigg moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

8. Freedom of Information Amendment Bill 2007

The Attorney General, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a bill for “An Act to amend the *Freedom of Information Act 1992*.” be introduced and read a first time.

Question put and passed.

The Attorney General presented an explanatory memorandum and bill read a first time.

The Attorney General moved, That the bill be now read a second time.

Mr A.J. Simpson moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

9. **Human Reproductive Technology Amendment Bill 2007**

The Minister for Health, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a bill for “An Act to amend the *Human Reproductive Technology Act 1991*.” 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 T.R. Sprigg moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

10. **National Environment Protection Council (Western Australia) Amendment Bill 2007**

The Minister for the Environment, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a bill for “An Act to amend the *National Environment Protection Council (Western Australia) Act 1996*.” be introduced and read a first time.

Question put and passed.

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

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

Mr A.J. Simpson moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

11. **Medical Practitioners Bill 2006**

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

Debate resumed.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Ordered, That the consideration in detail of the bill be made an Order of the Day for a later stage of the sitting.

12. **Public Trustee and Trustee Companies Legislation Amendment Bill 2006**

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

CONSIDERATION IN DETAIL

Clauses 1 to 5 agreed to.

Clause 6.

The Attorney General moved,

Page 4, lines 19 and 20 – To delete the lines and substitute –

“

“**Common Account**” means the account established and continued under section 39A(1).

”.

Amendment put and passed.

The Attorney General moved,

Page 4, lines 23 and 24 – To delete the lines and substitute –

“

“Fund” means the Common Account or a strategic common account.

”.

Amendment put and passed.

The Attorney General moved,

Page 4, lines 27 and 28 – To delete the lines and substitute –

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“strategic common account” means an account established under section 39B(1).

”.

Amendment put and passed.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 7 and 8 agreed to.

Clause 9.

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

13. Questions

Questions without notice were taken.

Questions on notice Nos 2102 to 2110 were asked.

Questions on notice Nos 1700 and 1706 were answered.

Paper

The following paper was presented and ordered to lie upon the Table of the House -

By the Treasurer -

Carbon Neutral Vehicle - Sticker presented by the Treasurer (2540).

14. Suspension of Standing Orders

Dr K.D. Hames, without notice, moved,

That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as is necessary to enable the following motion to be debated forthwith under the time limits for a Matter of Public Interest -

This House calls on the Government to abandon its plans to close Royal Perth Hospital as a tertiary hospital, and its ill-conceived and impractical plan to change Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital to a 1,500-bed site, and instead support the Opposition's plans for the future development of the hospital.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

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

15. Closure of Royal Perth Hospital

Dr K.D. Hames, pursuant to the foregoing motion, moved,

This House calls on the Government to abandon its plans to close Royal Perth Hospital as a tertiary hospital, and its ill-conceived and impractical plan to change Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital to a 1,500-bed site, and instead support the Opposition's plans for the future development of the hospital.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The Assembly divided.

Ayes (20)

Mr C.J. Barnett	Ms K. Hodson-Thomas	Dr S.C. Thomas
Mr D.F. Barron-Sullivan	Dr G.G. Jacobs	Mr M.W. Trenorden
Dr E. Constable	Mr R.F. Johnson	Mr T.K. Waldron
Mr M.J. Cowper	Mr J.E. McGrath	Ms S.E. Walker
Mr J.H.D. Day	Mr P.D. Omodei	Mr G.A. Woodhams
Mr B.J. Grylls	Mr A.J. Simpson	Mr T.R. Sprigg (<i>Teller</i>)
Dr K.D. Hames	Mr G. Snook	

Noes (27)

Mr P.W. Andrews	Mr J.A. McGinty	Ms J.A. Radisich
Mr J.J.M. Bowler	Mr M. McGowan	Mr E.S. Ripper
Mr A.J. Carpenter	Ms S.M. McHale	Mrs M.H. Roberts
Mr J.B. D'Orazio	Mr A.D. McRae	Mr T.G. Stephens
Dr J.M. Edwards	Mrs C.A. Martin	Mr D.A. Templeman
Mr J.N. Hyde	Mr M.P. Murray	Mr P.B. Watson
Mr J.C. Kobelke	Mr A.P. O'Gorman	Mr M.P. Whitely
Mr R.C. Kucera	Mr P. Papalia	Mr B.S. Wyatt
Mr F.M. Logan	Ms M.M. Quirk	Mr S.R. Hill (<i>Teller</i>)

Question thus negatived.

16. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That Private Members' Business Order of the Day No. 20 and Private Members' Business Notice of Motion No. 12 be next considered.

17. Independent Review of the Road Safety System

The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of debate on the motion moved by Mr J.E. McGrath,

That this House acknowledges the loss of 64 lives on Western Australian roads this year, nine in the weekend just gone, and calls on the Government to undertake a comprehensive and independent review of the road safety system.

Debate resumed.

The Minister for Community Safety moved,

To delete all words after “House” and substitute the following –

“

acknowledges the unacceptable loss of lives on Western Australian roads in 2006 and this year, supports the Government in completing its current road safety initiatives and calls on the Government to undertake on a bi-partisan basis, a comprehensive and independent review of road safety in its process of formulating the next road safety strategy to start from 2008. ”.

Debate ensued.

On the question, That the words be deleted,

Question put and passed.

On the question, That the words be substituted,

Question put and passed.

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

Question put and passed.

18. Harvey International Slalom Course

Mr T.R. Sprigg, pursuant to notice, moved,

That this House calls on the Government to ensure the Water Corporation honours its commitment to provide \$10.85 million in financial assistance to Canoeing WA to replace the Harvey International Slalom Course it was forced to relinquish in 1998.

Debate ensued.

Debate interrupted by the Chair (Mr T.R. Sprigg speaking) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

19. Adjournment

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

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned accordingly, at 7.00 p.m. until Thursday, 29 March 2007 at 9.00 a.m.

Members present during any part of the day's proceedings - All the members except Mr G.M. Castrilli.

PETER J. McHUGH
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

HON. FRED RIEBELING
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly