

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 196

FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTIETH PARLIAMENT

WEDNESDAY, 20 MAY 2020

1. Meeting of Assembly

The Assembly met at 12.00 noon pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker took the Chair.

An Acknowledgement of Country and Prayers were read.

2. Paper

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

By the Clerk –

Conservation and Land Management Act 1984 – Lease No. 1683/97 between the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions and Sand Box Holdings Pty Ltd for a dam site for commercial purposes in State Forest No. 39 (3398).

3. Brief Ministerial Statements

Brief Ministerial Statements were made by –

The Minister for Mental Health on protecting mental health and wellbeing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Minister for Emergency Services on WOW Day 2020, which recognises WA State Emergency Service volunteers.

The Minister for Corrective Services on prison specific pandemic emergency management plans.

4. Suspension of Standing Orders – Precedence of Private Members' Business

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 pm to 8.00 pm on Wednesday, 20 May 2020.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

5. Suspension of Standing Orders – Joint Select Committee on Palliative Care in Western Australia

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

That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as is necessary to enable the Private Members' Business Notice of Motion relating to the Joint Select Committee on Palliative Care in Western Australia to be moved and dealt with during time when Government Business has precedence.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

6. Suspension of Standing Orders – Planning and Development Amendment Bill 2020

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

That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as is necessary to enable the *Planning and Development Amendment Bill 2020* to be introduced without notice and to proceed without delay between the stages.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

7. 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 enable the following motion to be moved forthwith –

That the Assembly's vote earlier today regarding precedence of Private Members' Business be rescinded.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

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

8. Precedence of Private Members' Business – Rescission of Earlier Vote

The Leader of the House, pursuant to the foregoing motion, moved,

That the Assembly's vote earlier today regarding precedence of Private Members' Business be rescinded.

Question put and passed.

9. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That Private Members' Business Notice of Motion No. 14 be next considered.

10. Joint Select Committee into Palliative Care in Western Australia

Mr C.J. Tallentire, pursuant to notice, moved,

1. That a Joint Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council into Palliative Care in Western Australia be established.
2. That the Joint Select Committee inquire into and report on:
 - a) the progress in relation to palliative care, in particular implementation of recommendations of the Joint Select Committee into End of Life Choices;
 - b) the delivery of the services associated with palliative care funding announcements in 2019 – 2020;
 - c) the delivery of palliative care into regional and remote areas; and

- d) the progress on ensuring greater equity of access to palliative care services between metropolitan and regional areas.
- 3. That the Joint Select Committee consist of six members, of whom:
 - a) three will be members of the Assembly; and
 - b) three will be members of the Council.
- 4. That the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly relating to standing and select committees will be followed as far as they can be applied.
- 5. That the Joint Select Committee report to both Houses by 19 November 2020.
- 6. That the Legislative Council be requested to agree to a similar resolution.
- 7. That, subject to the Legislative Council agreeing to the above paragraphs, the following Legislative Assembly members be appointed:
 - a) the Member for Dawesville;
 - b) the Member for Moore; and
 - c) the Member for Thornlie.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

11. Speaker's Statement – Acknowledgement of Parliamentary Staff

The Speaker expressed his sincere thanks to all staff at Parliament House for their efforts in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Speaker also acknowledged Keith Barker for his 30 years of service in Parliament's kitchen and wished him all the best in his retirement.

12. Questions

Questions without Notice were taken.

Questions on Notice Nos 6149 to 6168 were asked.

Question on Notice No. 5957 was answered.

13. Planning and Development Amendment Bill 2020

The Minister for Planning, pursuant to the suspension of Standing Orders, moved,

That a bill for "An Act to amend the *Planning and Development Act 2005*, and to make related amendments to the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* and the *Community Titles Act 2018*." be introduced and read a first time.

Question put and passed.

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

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

Mr A. Krsticevic moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

14. Children and Community Services Amendment Bill 2019

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

Debate ensued.

Debate interrupted by the Chair (Minister for Water speaking) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

15. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That Private Members' Business Notice of Motion No. 13 be next considered.

16. West Australian Small Businesses and Industries

Mr V.A. Catania, pursuant to notice, moved,

That this House calls upon the Labor Government to immediately address the shortfall in support for West Australian small businesses and industries suffering because they are unable to access relief and recovery measures.

Debate ensued.

Debate interrupted by the Chair (Minister for Industrial Relations speaking) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

17. Adjournment

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

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned accordingly at 7.00 pm until Thursday, 21 May 2020 at 9.00 am.

Members present during any part of the day's proceedings – All the members except Mrs R.M.J. Clarke, Ms J. Farrer, Mr K.J.J. Michel and Mr K.M. O'Donnell.

KIRSTEN M. ROBINSON
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

HON. PETER WATSON
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly