CASINO (BURSWOOD ISLAND) AGREEMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2007

Introduction and First Reading

Bill introduced, on motion by **Hon Kim Chance (Leader of the House)** on behalf of the Minister for Racing and Gaming, and read a first time.

Second Reading

HON LJILJANNA RAVLICH (East Metropolitan - Minister for Racing and Gaming) [4.48 pm]: I move -

That the bill be now read a second time.

The Casino (Burswood Island) Agreement Amendment Bill 2007 ratifies the eleventh supplementary agreement, which, in turn, amends the agreement scheduled to the Casino (Burswood Island) Agreement Act 1985.

The Burswood Park Board, established to manage and control the Burswood Park C-class reserve, is presently limited to expending its funds solely on or directly in relation to the reserve and the reasonable administration expenses of the board. Clause 6 of the supplementary agreement expands the purposes on which the board may expend its funds to include the protection and enhancement of ecological and community benefits and amenity of the Swan and Canning Rivers and associated lands. This expenditure is to be approved by the minister responsible for the administration of the Swan and Canning Rivers Management Act 2006.

The opportunity has also been taken to change the composition of the Burswood Park Board. Presently, Burswood Casino, the Town of Victoria Park and the Gaming and Wagering Commission of Western Australia each nominate two members to the minister for appointment to the board. Clause 5 of the supplementary agreement provides for the minister to nominate two members, one of whom is to be president of the board. The minister responsible for the administration of the Swan and Canning Rivers Management Act 2006, and Burswood Casino and the Town of Victoria Park are each to nominate to the minister one member for appointment to the board. I commend the bill to the house.

Debate adjourned, pursuant to standing orders.