

CHILD SUPPORT (ADOPTION OF LAWS) AMENDMENT BILL 2009

Second Reading

Resumed from 25 November 2009.

MR D.A. TEMPLEMAN (Mandurah) [10.33 pm]: One of the difficulties when a person is the Whip and sends people home is that he might send too many people home and then come to regret it later. So with those preliminary words, I am in fact now the lead speaker on this bill. Therefore, I will make some brief comments, as I have perused this bill with great interest and certainly am across it slightly. Let me just say that this bill was obviously referred to in the second reading speech as a bill that looks good in its structure. From reading the second reading speech of the Attorney General, obviously what the bill does is to ensure that Western Australia comes into line with other states that have adopted appropriate legislation with regard to the commonwealth. I am sounding pretty good, am I not, Mr Speaker? I am very impressed by my start! I could of course pad for some time while I wait for all my members to be recalled from wherever they may be, but I will not do that.

Obviously, this legislation is supported by the opposition. I note in the second reading speech that the commonwealth legislation has been amended on several occasions but in Western Australia those amendments do not apply until they are in fact adopted by this Parliament. I assume that is what we are doing this evening. I am hoping that we may simply finish. I am looking for love again from the Leader of the House.

Mr R.F. Johnson: You will not get it from me. You are looking in the wrong direction.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: I do not mind trying. I am assuming that we will finish the second reading debate, adjourn the house and, therefore, leave the consideration in detail and third reading stages for another time. I am very thankful for that.

Mr R.F. Johnson: You sought love and you received it.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: I did. With that, I note the warmth coming from the other side. I am sure all members opposite are well aware of how well across this bill I am. Therefore, I will terminate my contribution forthwith.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

House adjourned at 10.37 pm
