

BUSINESS TAX REVIEW (ASSESSMENT) BILL (NO. 2) 2003
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Council's Message

The following message from the Legislative Council was received and read -

The Legislative Council acquaints the Legislative Assembly that the Bills contained in Legislative Council Message Nos 101 and 102 were transmitted before they had completed their passage in the Legislative Council.

The Legislative Assembly is therefore requested to return the Bills to the Legislative Council in order that they may pass through their remaining stages.

Leave granted for the message to be considered forthwith.

Motion

MR J.C. KOBELKE (Nollamara - Leader of the House) [7.45 pm]: I move -

That the Business Tax Review (Assessment) Bill (No. 2) 2003 and the Business Tax Review (Taxing) Bill (No. 2) 2003, which were forwarded by messages Nos 101 and 102 from the Legislative Council before they had completed their passage in that House, be returned to the Legislative Council so that they can pass through the remaining stages.

MR R.F. JOHNSON (Hillarys) [7.46 pm]: It is an unusual situation to find that some Bills have come from the other place when it has not actually finished dealing with them. The Opposition is obviously keen to see the outcome of this legislation, and we in no way wish to delay its passage through both Houses of Parliament.

Mr C.J. Barnett: Labor accuses the upper House of delaying legislation, and now that House is putting Bills through without a third reading!

Mr R.F. JOHNSON: Absolutely right! As always, the Opposition in this House is very happy to do whatever it can to help the Government get its legislation through at some stage. We need to scrutinise all legislation properly, and that is what we will do later with the other legislation that will be coming on after we have dealt with this legislation. I suggest that the best thing the Opposition can do with this legislation is to help the Government out once again, showing full cooperation. I am sure that will be reciprocated over the next three weeks up to Christmas time. I am sure some good Christmas spirit will be shown by the Leader of the House and the Labor Government towards the Opposition for all the good work we try to do. We will accept that these Bills should go forthwith, with due haste, to the other place so that they can be read a third time. I am sure they will come back as speedily.

Question put and passed.

The Council acquainted accordingly.