

ROAD TRAFFIC AMENDMENT BILL 2001
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Second Reading

Resumed from 8 November.

HON N.D. GRIFFITHS (East Metropolitan - Minister for Racing and Gaming) [5.36 pm]: I note that all three Bills received support from members. No observations were made on the Road Traffic Amendment (Vehicle Licensing) (Taxing) Bill that I need comment on. Hon Bill Stretch made some interesting observations about the Road Traffic Amendment (Vehicle Licensing) Bill. He supported the legislation, but he made the observation that the definition of “motorcycle” in the Control of Vehicles (Off-road areas) Act 1978 would be better dealt with in regulation. However, it is not quite the line that the committee was moving towards; nor is it one that the Government now accepts. The view seems to be based on the member’s concern that a number of off-road motorcycles that have more than two wheels - members may recall Hon Bill Stretch’s very eloquent remarks about a most interesting motorcycle that was made up of a number of parts - may not fall within the current definition in the Act. I am advised that parliamentary counsel has drafted a definition, which, it is hoped is sufficiently broad to cater for motorcycles that have more than two wheels. That is something that can be dealt with in committee.

The Road Traffic Amendment Bill has the support of members, and I thank them for that. Hon Jim Scott sought assurances that the regulations would be good regulations and would be easily understood by the people who drive trucks. One hopes that all regulations are easily understood by all those who are affected by them. A number of amendments will be moved in committee to deal with matters raised in the report of the Standing Committee on Legislation and a number of other matters. I am advised that there may be some difficulties with the amendments that have been provided to me by the department. I foreshadow that following the conclusion of the second reading debate, if the questions are passed, I will move that consideration in committee of the Bills be made an order of the day for the next day’s sitting.

Questions put and passed.

Bills read a second time.

As to Committee Stage

HON N.D. GRIFFITHS (East Metropolitan - Minister for Racing and Gaming) [5.41 pm]: I move -

That consideration in committee of the three Bills be made an order of the day for the next day’s sitting.

Point of Order

Hon M.J. CRIDDLE: Does the Leader of the House intend to have the matter debated tomorrow?

Hon KIM CHANCE: Yes, it is my intention to finalise the matter tomorrow, if we can. I understand that some of the amendments that have been presented require a little more work.

Question put and passed.