

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 150

FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT

WEDNESDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2023

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. Aboriginal Heritage Legislation Amendment and Repeal Bill 2023

Message No. 111 dated 17 October 2023 from the Legislative Council was reported agreeing to the bill without amendment.

3. Death of Alexander Donald Taylor AM – a former Member of the Legislative Assembly

The Premier, without notice, moved,

That the House records its sincere regret at the death of Alexander Donald Taylor AM and tenders its deep sympathy to his family.

The motion was supported by Mr R.S. Love and Ms L. Mettam.

Question put and passed unanimously with members and officers of the Assembly standing in their places as a mark of respect.

4. Notice of Motion

5. Brief Ministerial Statements

Brief Ministerial Statements were made by –

The Minister for Water on the seasonal bushfire outlook for Spring 2023.

The Minister for Local Government on the local government reform regulations.

The Minister for Seniors and Ageing on the recent Ageism Awareness Day.

6. Planning and Development Amendment Bill 2023

The Minister for Planning, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a bill for “An Act to:

- amend the *Planning and Development Act 2005*; and
- make consequential and related amendments to other Acts; and
- repeal the *Power of Entry and Inspection Regulations*.”

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 P.J. Rundle moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

7. Western Australian Marine Amendment Bill 2023

The Minister assisting the Minister for Transport, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a bill for “An Act to amend the *Western Australian Marine Act 1982* and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.” be introduced and read a first time.

Question put and passed.

The Minister assisting the Minister for Transport presented an explanatory memorandum and bill read a first time.

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

Mr P.J. Rundle moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

8. Electoral Amendment (Finance and Other Matters) Bill 2023

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

Debate ensued.

Debate interrupted by the Chair (Minister for Electoral Affairs speaking in reply) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

9. Questions

Questions without Notice were taken.

10. Additional Information

The Premier provided additional information relating to Question without Notice No. 767 from Mr R.S. Love.

11. Suspension of Standing Orders

Ms L. Mettam, 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 this House calls on the Premier to reverse his government’s decision to locate the new Women’s and babies’ hospital at Murdoch, noting the advice from his own Child

and Adolescent Health Service clinicians that it will lead to increased risk of death and disability to babies.

Debate ensued.

The Minister for Ports moved, To add to the motion –

“

, subject to the debate being limited to 10 minutes for government members and 10 minutes for non-government members.

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Debate ensued.

Amendment put and passed.

On the question, That the motion, as amended, be agreed to,

Question put.

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

12. Women’s and Babies’ Hospital

Ms L. Mettam, pursuant to the foregoing motion, moved,

That this House calls on the Premier to reverse his government’s decision to locate the new Women’s and babies’ hospital at Murdoch, noting the advice from his own Child and Adolescent Health Service clinicians that it will lead to increased risk of death and disability to babies.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The Assembly divided.

Ayes (6)

Ms M.J. Davies
Dr D.J. Honey

Mr R.S. Love
Ms L. Mettam

Mr P.J. Rundle
Ms M. Beard (*Teller*)

Noes (42)

Mr S.N. Aubrey
Mr G. Baker
Ms L.L. Baker
Ms H.M. Beazley
Mr J.N. Carey
Ms C.M. Collins
Mr R.H. Cook
Ms L. Dalton
Ms D.G. D’Anna
Mr M.J. Folkard
Ms K.E. Giddens
Ms M.J. Hammat
Mr T.J. Healy
Mr W.J. Johnston

Mr H.T. Jones
Mr D.J. Kelly
Ms E.J. Kelsbie
Ms A.E. Kent
Dr J. Krishnan
Mr P. Lilburne
Mrs M.R. Marshall
Ms S.F. McGurk
Mr D.R. Michael
Mr S.A. Millman
Mr Y. Mubarakai
Ms L.A. Munday
Mrs L.M. O’Malley
Mr P. Papalia

Mr D.T. Punch
Mr J.R. Quigley
Ms M.M. Quirk
Ms A. Sanderson
Mr D.A.E. Scaife
Ms J.J. Shaw
Mrs J.M.C. Stojkovski
Dr K. Stratton
Mr C.J. Tallentire
Mr P.C. Tinley
Ms C.M. Tonkin
Mr R.R. Whitby
Ms S.E. Winton
Mr S.J. Price (*Teller*)

Question thus negatived.

13. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That consideration of Government Business Order of the Day No. 1 be resumed.

14. Electoral Amendment (Finance and Other Matters) Bill 2023

The Order of the Day for the resumption of the debate upon the third reading of the bill was read.

Debate resumed.

Paper

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

By the Minister for Electoral Affairs –

Minister for Electoral Affairs – Union electoral contributions for the 2017 and 2021 State General Election (2442).

Question put.

The Assembly divided.

Ayes (40)

Mr S.N. Aubrey
Mr G. Baker
Ms L.L. Baker
Ms H.M. Beazley
Mr J.N. Carey
Ms C.M. Collins
Mr R.H. Cook
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Noes (6)

Ms M.J. Davies
Dr D.J. Honey

Mr R.S. Love
Ms L. Mettam

Mr P.J. Rundle
Ms M. Beard (*Teller*)

Question thus passed.

Bill read a third time and forwarded to the Legislative Council for concurrence.

15. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That Private Members' Business Notice of Motion No. 1 be next considered.

16. The Management of WA's Health System

Ms L. Mettam, pursuant to notice, moved,

That this House condemns WA Labor's years of neglect and mismanagement of the WA health system and its failure to prioritise patient safety and support our hardworking health workers.

Speaker's Ruling – Official Documents

The Speaker advised that her ruling had been sought as to whether a letter quoted by the Minister for Health in debate today is an “official document”.

Standing Order 157 provides “A Minister who has quoted from an official document will table that document if requested by any other member either during, or immediately after the conclusion of the remarks which include the quotation.”

Having viewed the document, which is a letter not on official letterhead, and which is addressed to the Minister. In the Speaker's view it lacks the formality of an official piece of correspondence, and does not on its face appear to have originated through a recognised process within the Department of Health.

The Speaker determined that this document is not an “official document” within the meaning of Standing Order 157.

Debate ensued.

Debate interrupted by the Chair (Ms H.M. Beazley speaking) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

17. Marine Safety (Domestic Commercial Vessel National Law Application) Bill 2023

Message No. 112 dated 18 October 2023 from the Legislative Council was reported agreeing to the bill without amendment.

18. Adjournment

The Minister for Ports moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned accordingly at 7.01 pm until Thursday, 19 October 2023 at 9.00 am.

Members present during any part of the day's proceedings – All the members except Ms E.L. Hamilton, Mr M. Hughes, Mr K.J.J. Michel, Ms C.M. Rowe, Ms R. Saffioti and Ms R.S. Stephens.

KIRSTEN M. ROBINSON
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

HON. MICHELLE H. ROBERTS
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly