

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 141

FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTIETH PARLIAMENT

WEDNESDAY, 7 AUGUST 2019

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. Death of Hon John Kobelke – a former Member of the Legislative Assembly

The Premier, without notice, moved,

That the House records its sincere regret at the death of Hon John Kobelke and tenders its deep sympathy to his family.

The motion was supported by Mrs L.M. Harvey, Mr D.T. Redman, Mrs M.H. Roberts, Mr T.J. Healy, Ms M.M. Quirk, Mr J.E. McGrath, Dr A.D. Buti, Ms J.M. Freeman, Ms R. Saffioti, Mr D.A. Templeman, Ms L.L. Baker, Mr C.J. Tallentire, Mrs J.M.C. Stojkovski, Ms A. Sanderson, Mr R.H. Cook, Mr D.R. Michael and the Speaker.

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

3. Questions

Questions without Notice were taken.

Questions on Notice Nos 5339 to 5373 were asked.

Questions on Notice Nos 5189, 5199 to 5202, 5205, 5231, 5236, 5240, 5241, 5244, 5245 and 5248 were answered.

4. Petition

Geraldton Sobering Up Centre – Mr I.C. Blayney presented a petition from 453 people asking the Legislative Assembly to call on the Premier to re-open the Geraldton Sobering Up Centre (P. 142).

5. Education and Health Standing Committee

The Acting Speaker reported that responses by the Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Health; and Minister for Housing to the recommendations of the Education and Health Standing Committee's Report No. 6, The Food Fix: The role of diet in type 2 diabetes prevention and management, had not been received by the required time.

6. Paper

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

By the Clerk –

Community Protection (Offender Reporting) Act 2004 – Review of the operation and effectiveness of the public notification scheme established by Part 5A of the Act (2633).

7. Messages from the Legislative Council

Messages from the Legislative Council were reported returning the following bills without amendment –
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Appropriation (Recurrent 2019–20) Bill 2019 (Message No. 90).

Appropriation (Capital 2019–20) Bill 2019 (Message No. 91).

8. Brief Ministerial Statements

Brief Ministerial Statements were made by –

The Minister for Health on the 50th anniversary of the Australian Breastfeeding Association in Western Australia.

The Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests on Languages Week and the Community Languages Teacher of the Year Award 2019.

The Minister for Child Protection on National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day and on funding for the Noongar Family Safety and Wellbeing Council.

9. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That Business of the Assembly Order of the Day No. 1 be postponed until the next sitting of the Assembly.

10. Suspension of Standing Orders

The Minister for Police, without notice, moved, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as is necessary to enable –

- (a) Government Business to have precedence after 4.00 pm today to allow the Minister for Health to move the first and second reading of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2019 and complete his second reading speech; and
- (b) Private Members' Business to commence immediately after debate has been adjourned on that Bill following the Minister's speech and to take precedence for three hours from that point.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

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

11. Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2019

The Minister for Health, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a bill for "An Act –

- to provide for and regulate access to voluntary assisted dying; and
- to establish the Voluntary Assisted Dying Board; and
- to make consequential amendments to other Acts." be introduced and read a first time.

Question put and passed.

The Minister for Health presented an explanatory memorandum and bill read a first time.

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

Papers

The following papers were presented and ordered to lie upon the Table of the House –

By the Minister for Health –

Health, Minister for – Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2019, Process Flowchart (2634).

Health, Minister for – Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2019, Summary of Safeguards (2635).

Mrs A.K. Hayden moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

12. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That Private Members' Business Notices of Motion Nos 20 and 11 be next considered.

13. Western Australia Country Medical Services

Ms M.J. Davies, pursuant to notice, moved,

That this House expresses its grave concern about the medical crisis in country Western Australia and the lack of resources and priority for country health.

Debate ensued.

Debate interrupted by the Chair (Mr D.T. Punch speaking) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

14. Adjournment

Mr D.R. Michael moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned accordingly at 7.13 pm until Thursday, 8 August 2019 at 9.00 am.

Members present during any part of the day's proceedings – All the members except Mr V.A. Catania, Mr W.J. Johnston, Mr F.M. Logan and Mr K.J.J. Michel.

KIRSTEN M. ROBINSON
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

HON. PETER WATSON
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly