

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 181

FIRST SESSION OF THE THIRTY-EIGHTH PARLIAMENT

THURSDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2011

1. Meeting of Assembly

The Assembly met at 9.00 a.m. pursuant to adjournment.

The Speaker took the Chair.

Prayers were read.

2. Petition

Swan Valley Poultry Farm – Ms R. Saffioti presented a petition from 210 persons requesting that the Legislative Assembly note the local opposition to the proposed retrospective extension to the Swan Valley Poultry Farm (P. 496).

3. Paper

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

By the Clerk –

Premier and Cabinet, Department of – Report on Ministerial Resourcing as at 27 October 2011 (4205)

4. Brief Ministerial Statements

Brief Ministerial Statements were made by –

The Premier on the Implementation of the Keelty Report recommendations.

The Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests on the Dalwallinu Repopulation Project.

The Minister for Transport on the Overseas Study Tour undertaken to Singapore, Germany, Sweden and Norway.

Paper

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

By the Minister for Transport –

Transport, Minister for – Summary Report on the Overseas Study Tour undertaken to Singapore, Germany, Sweden and Norway, September 2011 (4206).

5. Grievances

The Speaker called for grievances which were then made.

6. Iron Ore Agreements Legislation (Amendment, Termination and Repeals) Bill 2011

The Minister for State Development, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a bill for “An Act –

- to amend these Acts –
 - the *Iron Ore (Mount Newman) Agreement Act 1964*;
 - the *Iron Ore (Mount Goldsworthy) Agreement Act 1964*;
 - the *Iron Ore (Goldsworthy-Nimingarra) Agreement Act 1972*;
 - the *Iron Ore (McCamey’s Monster) Agreement Authorisation Act 1972*;
 - the *Iron Ore (Marillana Creek) Agreement Act 1991*;

and

- to ratify an agreement between the State and BHP Billiton Direct Reduced Iron Pty. Ltd. and others that provides for the termination of an agreement made on 16 October 1995 and subsequently varied by an agreement made on 11 April 2000, between the State and BHP Billiton Direct Reduced Iron Pty. Ltd. (under its former name, BHP Direct Reduced Iron Pty. Ltd.);

and

- to repeal these Acts –
 - the *Iron Ore Beneficiation (BHP) Agreement Act 1996*;
 - the *Iron Ore – Direct Reduced Iron (BHP) Agreement Act 1996*;
 - the *Iron Ore Processing (BHP Minerals) Agreement Act 1994*.”

be introduced and read a first time.

Question put and passed.

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

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

Mr M. McGowan moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

7. Iron Ore Agreements Legislation Amendment Bill 2011

The Minister for State Development, pursuant to notice, moved,

That a bill for “An Act to amend these Acts –

- the *Iron Ore (Hamersley Range) Agreement Act 1963*;
- the *Iron Ore (Robe River) Agreement Act 1964*;
- the *Iron Ore (Mount Bruce) Agreement Act 1972*;
- the *Iron Ore (Hope Downs) Agreement Act 1992*;
- the *Iron Ore (Yandicoogina) Agreement Act 1996*.”

be introduced and read a first time.

Question put and passed.

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

The Premier moved, That the bill be now read a second time.

Mr M. McGowan moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

8. Suspension of Standing Orders

The Leader of the House, pursuant to notice, moved,

That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as is necessary to enable Private Members' Business – Notice of Motion No. 10, *Distribution of GST Revenue*, to be considered and dealt with during the time allocated for Government Business on Thursday, 10 November 2011, according to the time limits of a Matter of Public Interest.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

9. Local Government Amendment Bill 2011

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

Debate resumed.

Debate interrupted by the Chair (Dr M.D. Nahan speaking) and adjourned until a later stage of the sitting.

10. Members' Statements

The Acting Speaker called for members' statements which were then made.

11. Questions

Questions without Notice were taken.

Questions on Notice Nos 6802 and 6803 were asked.

Question on Notice No 6193 was answered.

12. Variation to the Order of Business

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

13. Local Government Amendment Bill 2011

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

Debate resumed.

The Leader of the House moved, That the debate be adjourned.

Question put and passed.

14. Variation to the Order of Business

Ordered, That Private Members' Business Notice of Motion No. 10 be next considered.

15. Distribution of GST Revenue

Mr B.J. Grylls, pursuant to notice, moved,

That this House:

- (1) notes that GST revenues are distributed to the States and Territories in accordance with a formula driven by horizontal fiscal equalisation principles and legislated for in the *Federal Financial Relations Act 2009* (Cth);
- (2) notes that for 2010–2011 Western Australia received just 68 per cent of what it would have received if GST revenue were distributed across Australia on a per capita basis – the lowest relativity applied to any State since the formula was introduced;
- (3) notes that every other State and Territory, by contrast, received not less than 91 per cent of what it would have received if GST revenue was distributed equally across Australia;
- (4) calls on the Federal Government to amend the Act to stipulate a minimum GST revenue-sharing relativity of 75 per cent, which would allow continuing respect for the principles of horizontal fiscal equalisation, but with proper recognition for

population and without Western Australia being unfairly penalised for its disproportionate contribution to our national economic prosperity; and

- (5) calls on Federal Members of Parliament to support the Private Members' motion as moved by Mr Tony Crook MP, Member for O'Connor, in relation to a fairer GST distribution.

Debate ensued.

Mr E.S. Ripper moved,

In paragraph (4) of the motion moved by the Member for Central Wheatbelt – To delete the words “calls on the Federal Government to amend the Act to stipulate a minimum GST revenue-sharing relativity of 75 per cent” and substitute:

“

calls on the Federal Government and Federal Opposition to amend the Act to stipulate a minimum GST revenue-sharing relativity of 90 per cent

”.

Debate ensued.

On the question, That the words be deleted,

The Assembly divided.

Ayes (20)

Ms L.L. Baker	Mr M. McGowan	Mr C.J. Tallentire
Dr A.D. Buti	Mrs C.A. Martin	Mr P.C. Tinley
Mr R.H. Cook	Mr M.P. Murray	Mr A.J. Waddell
Mr J.N. Hyde	Mr A.P. O’Gorman	Mr M.P. Whitely
Mr W.J. Johnston	Mr P. Papalia	Mr B.S. Wyatt
Mr J.C. Kobelke	Mr J.R. Quigley	Ms M.M. Quirk (<i>Teller</i>)
Mr F.M. Logan	Mr E.S. Ripper	

Noes (25)

Mr F.A. Alban	Dr K.D. Hames	Dr M.D. Nahan
Mr C.J. Barnett	Mrs L.M. Harvey	Mr C.C. Porter
Mr I.C. Blayney	Mr A.P. Jacob	Mr D.T. Redman
Mr I.M. Britza	Dr G.G. Jacobs	Mr M.W. Sutherland
Mr T.R. Buswell	Mr R.F. Johnson	Mr T.K. Waldron
Mr G.M. Castrilli	Mr A. Krsticevic	Dr J.M. Woollard
Mr V.A. Catania	Mr J.E. McGrath	Mr A.J. Simpson (<i>Teller</i>)
Mr J.M. Francis	Mr W.R. Marmion	
Mr B.J. Grylls	Ms A.R. Mitchell	

Amendment thus negatived.

On the question, That the motion be agreed to,

Question put and passed.

16. Special Adjournment

The Leader of the House moved, That the House at its rising adjourn until Tuesday, 22 November 2011 at 2.00 p.m.

Question put and passed.

17. Adjournment

The Leader of the House moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

The Assembly adjourned accordingly at 5.01 p.m. until Tuesday, 22 November 2011 at 2.00 p.m.

Members present during any part of the day's proceedings – All the members except Dr E. Constable, Mrs M.H. Roberts and Mr T.G. Stephens.

PETER J. McHUGH

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

HON. GRANT WOODHAMS

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly