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THURSDAY, 15 JUNE 2017

- 1 The House met at Ten o'clock a.m.
- 2 PRAYERS. – The Speaker read Prayers.
- 3 QUESTIONS SEEKING INFORMATION. – In accordance with Standing Order No. 94, Questions without notice were asked.
- 4 PETITION. - Ms *White* presented a Petition from approximately 120 citizens of Tasmania, praying that the House immediately establish a Parliamentary inquiry into Tasmania's Health Crisis.

Which Petition was read and received.

- 5 PAPERS. – The Minister for Health laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-
 - (1) Tasmanian Health Organisation Act 2011:
 - (a) Amendment to the 2016-17 Service Agreement between the Minister for Health and the Tasmanian Health Service – Amendment 3;
 - (b) Amendment to the 2016-17 Service Agreement between the Minister for Health and the Tasmanian Health Service – Amendment 4.
 - (2) Right to Information Act 2009: Right to Information Annual Report 2015-2016.
- 6 STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE: REPORT. – The Minister for Health brought up the following Report of the Standing Orders Committee:-

Proposed Revision of the House of Assembly Standing Orders and Rules (Paper No. 13)

Ordered, That the said Report be received and printed. (The Minister for Health)

- 7 PAPERS. – The Clerk of the House laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

Parliamentary (Disclosure of Interests) Act 1996: Primary Return for Dr *Broad*.
- 8 BILL NO. 39. – The Acting Minister for Justice presented -

“A Bill for an Act to amend, in various Acts, the qualifications for certain appointments and certain references to persons admitted to the legal profession or entitled to engage in legal practice, and to amend, in various Acts, references to the Federal Magistrates Court”

And Mr *Groom* having presented the said Bill, the same was read the First time and made an Order of the Day for tomorrow.

- 9 BILL NO. 38. – The Minister for Resources presented –

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“A Bill for an Act to amend the Mineral Resources Development Act 1995”

And Mr *Barnett* having presented the said Bill, the same was read the First time and made an Order of the Day for tomorrow.

10 LEAVE TO MAKE MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE. - *Ordered*, That the Minister for Health have leave to make a Motion without Notice. (The Minister for Health)

11 ADJOURNMENT. - *Ordered*, That the House, at its rising, adjourn till Tuesday 8 August next. (The Minister for Health)

12 NOTICES OF MOTION. – In accordance with Standing Order No. 83, Notices of Motion commenced.

13 LEAVE TO MAKE MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE. - *Ordered*, That Ms *O'Connor* have leave to make a Motion without Notice. (Ms *O'Connor*)

14 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed - That so much of Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent a Motion of Want of Confidence in the Minister for Primary Industries and Water, of which notice has been given this day, from being brought on for debate forthwith. (Ms *O'Connor*)

An Amendment was proposed by the Minister for Health after “forthwith” by inserting the following:-

“and that debate on the motion be completed by 12.30 p.m., that the Premier, the Leader of the Opposition and Ms *O'Connor* shall speak for no longer than 15 minutes each and other Members speak for not longer than 10 minutes each in speaking to the motion, and that immediately following a vote on the motion the House proceed to ‘Government Business’”.

A debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question as amended being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

15 WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN MINISTER FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND WATER. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed—That the House has no confidence in the Minister for Primary Industries and Water for the following reasons:-

- (1) The Minister has ignored warnings from ex-fish farmers, scientists, conservation groups and the Greens and instead supported a 360 per cent expansion in salmon production in Macquarie Harbour and a fish farm at Okehampton Bay, in the Mercury Passage.
- (2) The Minister has repeatedly ignored scientific reports prepared by industry and ordered by his department and that document licence conditions being breached at all fish farms across Macquarie Harbour and a ‘biological system under stress’ and instead approved an increase in salmon production as recently as April 2016.
- (3) The Minister has ignored pleas from industry to make decisions that will preserve the health of Macquarie Harbour, and their industry’s reputation as far back as September 2014, leading to the Minister’s Department and the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) being sued by Australia’s second largest aquaculture company, on grounds that included, failing to protect the threatened Maugean skate and the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area.
- (4) Under the Minister, Hon Jeremy *Rockliff* MP, no fish farm in Macquarie Harbour has been issued with a fine, with the Minister either ignoring blatant breaches of licence conditions or changing the rules to protect operators.

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- (5) The Minister has attempted to deceive Tasmanians, in stating his government is introducing tough penalties to protect the marine environment and hold fish farms to account, despite the new special penalties not applying to fish farms in Macquarie Harbour.
- (6) The Minister has tried to distance himself from the damage he was causing in Macquarie Harbour, pushing responsibility for monitoring environment and stock levels onto the EPA, just prior to the airing of the explosive Four Corners investigation into Tasmania's fish farm industry. Just months after the Minister saw fit to raise the stock cap to 21,500 tonnes, the EPA has reduced it to 14,000 tonnes.
- (7) The Minister has deliberately excluded the Triabunna-Orford community and businesses from having a say on Tassal's expansion into Okehampton Bay and the wider Tasmanian community on the plastic curtain planned for Storm Bay and on fish farm expansion around the state.
- (8) The Minister has been unable to explain the significant conflicts of interest of members of his Marine Farming Planning Review Panel that he ordered to review the 20 year old Okehampton lease and has refused to release the only record of the decision making of the panel.
- (9) The Minister's announcement of a so called ban on fish farming in 99% of Mercury Passage is an attempt to fool Tasmanians who are worried about 800,000 fish going into Okehampton Bay, polluting the clean, clear waters of the Mercury Passage.
- (10) This Minister has failed Tasmanians, the industry, and the Marine Environment. (Ms O'Connor)

A debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

The House Divided.

AYES 3

Ms O'Connor
Ms Woodruff
Ms Dawkins (Teller)

NOES 21

Mr Bacon
Mr Barnett
Dr Broad
Mr Brooks
Ms Courtney
Mr Ferguson
Ms Giddings
Mr Groom
Mr Gutwein
Mr Hidding
Mr Hodgman
Mr Llewellyn
Ms O'Byrne
Ms Ogilvie
Mrs Petrusma
Mr Rockliff
Mrs Rylah
Mr Shelton
Mr Street
Ms White
Mr Jaensch (Teller)

So it passed in the Negative.

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16 BILL NOS. 31 AND 32. - ESTIMATES COMMITTEES: REPORTS BROUGHT UP. - The Order of the Day being read for further consideration of the Reports of Estimates Committees A and B on the Consolidated Fund Appropriation Bills (No. 1) and (No. 2) 2017, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House.

(In the Committee)

The Chair of Committees took the Chair.

Estimates of the Minister for Infrastructure and Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management.

Question proposed - That the proposed expenditures be agreed to and the resolutions or expressions of opinion agreed to by the Committee in relation to those expenditures be noted.

A Debate arose thereupon.

SUSPENSION OF SITTING. - At One o'clock the Chair of Committees left the Chair. At half-past Two o'clock the Chair of Committees resumed the Chair.

And the Question being again proposed;

The Committee resumed the Debate.

Question put and agreed to.

And according to Order, the Questions were put:-

That the remainder of the Bills be agreed to;
That the Titles be the Titles of the Bills; and
That the Bills be reported to the House without amendment.

Which Questions were resolved in the Affirmative.

Bills to be reported without Amendment.

The House being resumed, Mr *Shelton* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bills, and had directed him to report the same to the House without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bills be now read the Third time:

And the Bills were, accordingly, read the Third time.

17 BILL NO. 31. - A Message to the Legislative Council. -

MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly hath passed a Bill, intituled "A Bill for An Act for the appropriation of \$4,447,030,000 out of the Consolidated Fund for the services of the Government for the financial year ending on 30 June 2018"

to which the House desires the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

House of Assembly, 15 June 2017.

ELISE ARCHER, *Speaker.*

18 BILL NO. 32. - A Message to the Legislative Council. -

MR PRESIDENT

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The House of Assembly hath passed a Bill, intituled “A Bill for An Act for the appropriation of \$31,795,000 out of the Consolidated Fund for the services of the Parliament and Statutory Offices for the financial year ending on 30 June 2018”

to which the House desires the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

House of Assembly, 15 June 2017.

ELISE ARCHER, *Speaker.*

19 BILL NO. 37. – The Fire Service (Extension of Regulations) Bill 2017 was, according to Order, read the Second time, and in accordance with Standing Orders, there being no Member wishing to speak to the Clauses in the Committee of the whole House;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the Third time.

And the Bill was, accordingly, read the Third time.

20 BILL NO. 37. - A Message to the Legislative Council. -

MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly hath passed a Bill, intituled “A Bill for an Act to provide for the retrospective postponement of the repeal of the Fire Service (Finance) Regulations 2006 and for related purposes”

to which the House desires the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

House of Assembly, 15 June 2017.

ELISE ARCHER, *Speaker.*

21 BILL NO. 40. - The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Amendment (Transitional Provisions) Bill 2017.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed - That the Bill be now read the Second time. (The Treasurer)

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

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AYES 21

NOES 3

Mr *Bacon*
Mr *Barnett*
Dr *Broad*
Mr *Brooks*
Ms *Courtney*
Mr *Ferguson*
Ms *Giddings*
Mr *Groom*
Mr *Gutwein*
Mr *Hidding*
Mr *Hodgman*
Mr *Jaensch*
Mr *Llewellyn*
Ms *O'Byrne*
Ms *Ogilvie*
Mrs *Petrusma*
Mr *Rockliff*
Mrs *Rylah*
Mr *Shelton*
Ms *White*
Mr *Street* (Teller)

Ms *Dawkins*
Ms *O'Connor*
Ms *Woodruff* (Teller)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Bill was, accordingly, read the Second time, and in accordance with Standing Orders, there being no Member wishing to speak to the Clauses in the Committee of the whole House;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the Third time.

And the Bill was, accordingly, read the Third time.

22 BILL NO. 40. - A Message to the Legislative Council. -

MR PRESIDENT

The House of Assembly hath passed a Bill, intituled "A Bill for an Act to amend the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993"

to which the House desires the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

House of Assembly, 15 June 2017.

ELISE ARCHER, *Speaker*.

23 BILL NO. 35. - The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of the Public Health Amendment (Healthy Tasmania) Bill 2017.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed - That the Bill be now read the Second time. (The Minister for Health)

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Minister for Health was addressing the Chair.

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24 ADJOURNMENT. - The time being Six o'clock, the Speaker proposed - That the House do now adjourn and called for issues to be raised;

The House adjourned at thirteen minutes past Six o'clock.

SHANE DONNELLY, *Clerk of the House.*

MEMBERS. - All present during the day.