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WEDNESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2018

- 1 The House met at Ten o'clock a.m.
- 2 **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL PEOPLE.** - The Speaker made a statement acknowledging the traditional people of the land.
- 3 **PRAYERS AND REFLECTION.** – The Speaker read Prayers.
- 4 **DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.** – The Speaker said “I welcome to the Chamber the Sergeant-at-Arms, the Chief Librarian and Research Officers from the Parliament of Samoa, who the Parliament is hosting this week through the United Nations Development Programme as part of Parliament’s twinning relationship with the Parliament of Samoa”
- 5 **QUESTIONS SEEKING INFORMATION.** – In accordance with Standing Order No. 43, Questions without notice commenced.
- 6 **PAPERS.** – The Minister for Health laid upon the Table of the House a document relating to rooms used at the Royal Hobart Hospital for patients.
- 7 **QUESTIONS SEEKING INFORMATION.** – Questions without notice continued.
- 8 **MEMBER SUSPENDED.** – In accordance with Standing Order 149, the Speaker directed the Honourable Member for Denison, Mr *Bacon*, to withdraw from the House for the remainder of Question Time owing to repeated interjections.
- 9 **QUESTIONS SEEKING INFORMATION.** – Questions without notice continued.
- 10 **MEMBER SUSPENDED.** – In accordance with Standing Order 149, the Speaker directed the Honourable Member for Denison, Ms *O'Connor*, to withdraw from the House for the remainder of Question Time owing to repeated interjections.
- 11 **QUESTIONS SEEKING INFORMATION.** – Questions without notice continued.
- 12 **MEMBER SUSPENDED.** – In accordance with Standing Order 149, the Speaker directed the Honourable Member for Franklin, Dr *Woodruff*, to withdraw from the House for the remainder of Question Time owing to repeated interjections.
- 13 **QUESTIONS SEEKING INFORMATION.** – Questions without notice continued and concluded.
- 14 **PAPERS.** – The Deputy Premier laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-
 - (1) Heavy Vehicle (Registration) National Regulation 2018.
 - (2) Heavy Vehicle National Legislation Amendment Regulation 2018.

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15 BILL NO. 33. – The Attorney-General presented -

A Bill for an Act to amend the Corrections Act 1997

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

16 MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: HEALTH. - Ms *Standen*, in accordance with Standing Orders, moved - That the House take note of the following matter:

Health

And the Question being proposed;

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

17 BILL NO. 25. - The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of the Emergency Management Amendment Bill 2018.

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

A Debate arose thereupon.

And Mr *Brooks* was addressing the Chair.

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

19 TASMANIAN LABOR PARTY RULES. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the Tasmanian Labor Party's rule "appointments to electorate or ministerial offices of State and Federal members of the Parliamentary Labor Party must be members of the Party, and a financial member of the relevant Union".
- (2) Further notes that to get a taxpayer-funded job with the Labor Party you need to have paid membership fees to the Labor Party and the Unions, maintain that membership for the period of their employment, and obey the rules of both organisations.
- (3) Further notes that the Labor Party rules effectively enforcing compulsory union and party membership are a potential breach of Federal and/or State legislation.
- (4) Calls on the Labor Party to act immediately to remove this discriminatory requirement from its Tasmanian Labor Party rules. (Mr *Hidding*)

A debate arose thereupon.

20 MEMBER SUSPENDED. – In accordance with Standing Order 149, the Speaker directed the Honourable Member for Denison, Mr *Bacon*, to withdraw from the House for one hour owing to repeated interjections.

21 TASMANIAN LABOR PARTY RULES. – And the Question being again proposed;

The House resumed the Debate.

Amendment proposed (Ms *O'Connor*) after paragraph (4) by adding the following paragraphs:

- “(5) Acknowledges freedom of expression and freedom from discrimination are crucial to a healthy workplace culture;

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- (6) Notes the Liberal Government's intention to refer the Labor Party to the Anti-Discrimination Commission, and;
- (7) Reaffirms its support for the State's Anti-Discrimination Act 1998."

A debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

AYES 13

NOES 9

Ms Archer
Mr Barnett
Ms Courtney
Mr Ferguson
Mr Gutwein
Ms Hickey
Mr Hidding
Mr Jaensch
Ms O'Connor
Mrs Petrusma
Mr Rockliff
Dr Woodruff
Mr Shelton (Teller)

Dr Broad
Ms Butler
Ms Haddad
Ms Houston
Mr O'Byrne
Ms O'Byrne
Ms Standen
Ms White
Ms Dow (Teller)

PAIRS

Mr Hodgman

Mr Bacon

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question as amended being put;

The House divided.

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PAIRS

Mr Hodgman

Mr Bacon

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the House:—

- (1) Notes the Tasmanian Labor Party's rule "appointments to electorate or ministerial offices of State and Federal members of the Parliamentary Labor Party must be members of the Party, and a financial member of the relevant Union".
- (2) Further notes that to get a taxpayer-funded job with the Labor Party you need to have paid membership fees to the Labor Party and the Unions, maintain that membership for the period of their employment, and obey the rules of both organisations.
- (3) Further notes that the Labor Party rules effectively enforcing compulsory union and party membership are a potential breach of Federal and/or State legislation.
- (4) Calls on the Labor Party to act immediately to remove this discriminatory requirement from its Tasmanian Labor Party rules.
- (5) Acknowledges freedom of expression and freedom from discrimination are crucial to a healthy workplace culture;
- (6) Notes the Liberal Government's intention to refer the Labor Party to the Anti-Discrimination Commission, and;
- (7) Reaffirms its support for the State's Anti-Discrimination Act 1998.

22 GST DISTRIBUTION MODEL. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed—
That the House:—

- (1) Notes State Treasurers will meet in October 2018 to decide whether to support changes to the distribution of the GST.
- (2) Recognises the current GST distribution model ensures that all jurisdictions can provide similar quality public services, such as health and education, which all citizens can enjoy regardless of where they live.
- (3) Agrees any move away from full horizontal fiscal equalisation would reduce the level of equity between the states and territories and disadvantage Tasmania.
- (4) Further agrees that all Members of Parliament should be fully informed about the implications of the proposed changes to the GST distribution model and the impact this will have on Tasmania.
- (5) Calls on the Treasurer, Hon Peter Gutwein MP, to facilitate a briefing for all Members of State Parliament from the State Department of Treasury on the Federal

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Government's GST policy before the State Treasurers meeting in October 2018. (Ms *White*)

A debate arose thereupon.

Amendment proposed (The Treasurer)

- (1) in paragraph (3) by inserting after the word "equalisation" the following words "without appropriate ongoing compensation"
- (2) in paragraph (5) by leaving out the words "facilitate a briefing for all Members of" and inserting instead the words "provide an update to".
- (3) In paragraph (5) by leaving out the words "on the Federal Government's GST policy before" and inserting instead the word "following".

A debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

AYES 11

Ms Archer
Mr Barnett
Ms Courtney
Mr Ferguson
Mr Gutwein
Ms Hickey
Mr Hidding
Mr Jaensch
Mrs Petrusma
Mr Rockliff
Mr Shelton (Teller)

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Mr Bacon
Dr Broad
Ms Butler
Ms Haddad
Ms Houston
Mr O'Byrne
Ms O'Connor
Ms Standen
Ms White
Dr Woodruff
Ms Dow (Teller)

PAIRS

Mr Hodgman

Ms O'Byrne

DEPUTY SPEAKER GIVES CASTING VOTE. – The Deputy Speaker, Mr *Brooks*, said: "The numbers being equal, I vote with the Ayes."

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question as amended being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the House:—

- (1) Notes State Treasurers will meet in October 2018 to decide whether to support changes to the distribution of the GST.
- (2) Recognises the current GST distribution model ensures that all jurisdictions can provide similar quality public services, such as health and education, which all citizens can enjoy regardless of where they live.
- (3) Agrees any move away from full horizontal fiscal equalisation without appropriate ongoing compensation would reduce the level of equity between the states and territories and disadvantage Tasmania.

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- (4) Further agrees that all Members of Parliament should be fully informed about the implications of the proposed changes to the GST distribution model and the impact this will have on Tasmania.
- (5) Calls on the Treasurer, Hon Peter Gutwein MP, to provide an update to State Parliament from the State Department of Treasury following the State Treasurers meeting in October 2018. (Ms White)

23 MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CHINA. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed—That the House orders the Premier to lay upon the Table of the House a copy of each Memorandum of Understanding between the Chinese Government, or Chinese Government controlled entities and the State of Tasmania or Tasmanian State entities since March 2014 on or before 27 September 2018. (Ms O'Connor)

A debate arose thereupon.

Amendment proposed (The Deputy Premier)

- (1) By leaving out the word “orders” and inserting instead the words “calls on”;
- (2) By leaving out the words “lay upon the Table of the House a copy of” and inserting instead the words “make available”; and
- (3) By leaving out the words “since March 2014 on or before 27 September 2018”.

A debate arose thereupon.

24 PAPERS. – Ms O'Connor, *by leave*, laid upon the Table of the House the following paper:

“China’s Expanding Antarctic Interests: Implications for New Zealand”.

25 MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CHINA. – And the Question being again proposed;

The House resumed the Debate.

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.

Resolved, That the House calls on the Premier to make available each Memorandum of Understanding between the Chinese Government, or Chinese Government controlled entities, and the State of Tasmania or Tasmanian State entities.

26 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 forty-seven minutes past Six o'clock.

SHANE DONNELLY, *Clerk of the House*.

MEMBERS. - All present during the day except Mr *Hodgman*.