



TASMANIA

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

SESSION OF 2019

(SECOND SESSION OF THE FORTY-NINTH PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 26

WEDNESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2019

- 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 QUESTIONS SEEKING INFORMATION. - In accordance with Standing Order No. 43, Questions without notice commenced.
- 5 POINT OF ORDER RAISED. - The Honourable Member for Lyons, Ms *White* raised a Point of Order claiming that her Question to the Premier was in order.
- 6 SPEAKER RULES. - The Speaker ruled that the Question reflected on the Speaker and was accordingly out of order.
- 7 DISSENT FROM RULING. - And the Honourable Member for Lyons, Ms *White*, rising in her place took objection from the ruling and moved to dissent therefrom.

A debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

AYES 11

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

NOES 12

Ms Archer
Mr Barnett
Ms Courtney
Mr Ferguson
Mr Gutwein
Mr Hodgman
Mr Jaensch
Mrs Petrusma
Mr Rockliff
Mr Shelton
Mr Tucker
Mrs Rylah (Teller)

So it passed in the Negative.

8 QUESTIONS SEEKING INFORMATION. – Questions without notice continued and concluded.

9 PAPERS. – The Minister for Primary Industries and Water laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-

- (1) Water Management Act 1999: Water Management Regulations 2019 (Statutory Rules 2019, No. 37).
- (2) Strata Titles Act 1998: Strata Titles (Insurance) Regulations 2019 (Statutory Rules 2019, No. 48).
- (3) Inland Fisheries Act 1995:
 - (a) Inland Fisheries (Controlled Fish) Amendment Order 2019, (Statutory Rules 2019, No. 17);
 - (b) Inland Fisheries (Seasons and Waters) Amendment Order 2019 (Statutory Rules 2019, No. 42);
 - (c) Inland Fisheries (World Fly Fishing Championship) Order 2019 (Statutory Rules 2019, No. 43).

10 MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: WAGES - Ms *O'Byrne*, in accordance with Standing Orders, moved - That the House take note of the following matter:

Wages.

And the Question being proposed;

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

11 BILL NO. 26. - The Order of the Day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on Tuesday, 3 September 2019 - That the Roads and Jetties Amendment (Works in Highways) Bill 2019 be now read the Second time;

And the Question being again proposed;
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport was addressing the Chair.

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

13 FOREST GROWTH PLAN. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed—That the House:—

- (1) Supports the Hodgman Majority Liberal Government's Strategic Growth Plan for Tasmania Forests, Fine Timber and Wood Fibre.
- (2) Notes:—
 - (a) our forest growth plan is built on the pillars of resource security, financial sustainability, job security, research and innovation, and a stronger role for the private sector;
 - (b) that through the positive actions of the Hodgman Liberal Government we have seen a 70% increase in the volume of wood fibre delivered from the State's sustainable production forests;

- (c) that the Labor Party's revised State Platform commits Tasmanian Labor to support 'the 2019 policy developed by Federal Labor to grow Tasmania's forest industry';
 - (d) that Paragraph 73 of Chapter 4 of Labor's National Platform is explicit: 'Labor will continue to support the implementation of the Tasmanian Forestry Agreement (TFA) as a future pathway for the forest industry in Tasmania. This includes providing resource security for the iconic special timbers industry, under agreed terms. Labor supports this as a broad industry plan to achieve the outcomes intended from the TFA';
 - (e) that the Labor-Green Tasmanian forestry deal resulted in the loss of more than 4,000 jobs – two out of every three jobs in the industry;
 - (f) that the Leader of the Opposition, Hon. *Rebecca White* MP told the ABC on 20 March 2017 that she has 'no regrets' about this disastrous forestry deal; and
 - (g) that the Greens policy is to close Tasmania's native forestry industry.
- (3) Calls on Labor to abandon its plan for a return to the dark days of the TFA. (*Mrs Rylah*)

A debate arose thereupon.

An Amendment was proposed by Dr *Broad* by leaving out all words after "House" and inserting instead:

- (1) Notes the Hodgman Liberal Government's actions on forestry do not match their words.
- (2) Notes the State Liberals have broken their promise not to support forest lock ups by failing to stand up against the Federal Liberal Government's decision to lock up forests containing Black Gum and Brookers Gum.
- (3) Calls on the Federal Liberal Government to reverse its decision to lock up forests containing Black Gum and Brookers Gum.
- (4) Notes the decision was made without consultation with Tasmanian farmers and will tie the construction of new dams in the North and North East Coast up in red tape.

And the Question being proposed – That the Amendment be agreed to;

A debate arose thereupon.

14 MEMBER SUSPENDED. – In accordance with Standing Order 149, the Speaker directed the Honourable Member for Braddon, Dr *Broad*, to withdraw from the House for 30 minutes owing to repeated interjections.

15 FOREST GROWTH PLAN. – And the Question being again proposed;

The House resumed the Debate.

And the Question being put – That the Amendment be agreed to;

The House divided.

AYES 9

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

NOES 14

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

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

AYES 12

Ms Archer
Mr Barnett
Ms Courtney
Mr Ferguson
Mr Gutwein
Mr Hodgman
Mr Jaensch
Mrs Petrusma
Mr Rockliff
Mr Shelton
Mr Tucker
Mrs Rylah (Teller)

NOES 11

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It was resolved in the Affirmative.

16 INVESTMENT IN JOBS. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed—That the House:—

- (1) Condemns the Liberals and the Greens for failing to stand up for working people.
- (2) Further condemns the Premier, Hon. *Will Hodgman* MP for breaking his promise to make Tasmania's unemployment rate the best in the country – instead Tasmania has the worst jobless rate in the country.
- (3) Notes the Liberals have done nothing in response to the loss of 5,100 full time jobs in the past year.
- (4) Recognises Hon. *Will Hodgman* MP has no plan to protect jobs at Temco or diversify the economy by investing in new industries such as hydrogen generation.

- (5) Further notes Hon. *Will Hodgman* MP has failed to invest in the Burnie Port.
- (6) Agrees that when it comes to jobs, the Greens are just as bad as the Liberals.
- (7) Further notes the hypocrisy of the Greens has held back jobs and investment in Tasmania for decades.
- (8) Further notes that at the height of the forestry debate the Greens claimed tourism was the answer. Now tourism is the enemy.
- (9) Further notes the Greens claim to support renewable energy but Bob Brown argued for the construction of a coal fired power station in the Fingal Valley and Senator Nick McKim famously described wind farms as “giant parrot blenders.”
- (10) Agrees that only Labor can be trusted to fight for working people. (Ms *White*)

A debate arose thereupon.

17 MEMBER SUSPENDED. – In accordance with Standing Order 149, the Speaker directed the Honourable Member for Franklin, Mr *O’Byrne*, to withdraw from the House for the remainder of the day’s sitting owing to repeated interjections.

18 INVESTMENT IN JOBS. – And the Question being again proposed;

The House resumed the Debate.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

AYES 9

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

NOES 14

Ms Archer
Mr Barnett
Ms Courtney
Mr Ferguson
Mr Gutwein
Ms Hickey
Mr Hodgman
Mr Jaensch
Ms O’Connor
Mr Rockliff
Mr Shelton
Mr Tucker
Dr Woodruff
Mrs Rylah (Teller)

So it passed in the Negative.

19 CHINESE GOVERNMENT CONTROL. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed—That the House:—

- (1) Notes with admiration the struggle of young people in Hong Kong for a more free future and recognises their legitimate fear of Chinese Government control.
- (2) Agrees the Chinese Government is an oppressive regime that uses fear and intimidation tactics to suppress dissent.
- (3) Further notes with concern the recent reports of vehicles in Tasmania with Chengguan municipal police markings.
- (4) Recognises that to many Chinese people, the Chengguan local police force represents arbitrary arrest, detention and violent oppression under the Chinese Government.

- (5) Further agrees the timing and nature of these reports of fake Chinese police cars across the country suggest that they are profoundly unlikely to be unconnected 'jokes'.
- (6) Further notes comments made by former residents of Hong Kong now living in Tasmania that the sight of this vehicle evoked great fear.
- (7) Asserts that foreign powers do not have the right to infringe on the safety and security of citizens and guests of Tasmania.
- (8) Will not tolerate the continued harassment and intimidation tactics being used by Chinese Government-aligned individuals and organisations in Tasmania.
- (9) Calls on the Attorney-General to develop an amendment Bill to ban in Tasmania, the impersonation of any law enforcement agency of any jurisdiction. (Ms *O'Connor*)

A debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

AYES 2

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

NOES 21

Ms *Archer*
Mr *Barnett*
Dr *Broad*
Ms *Butler*
Ms *Courtney*
Ms *Dow*
Mr *Ferguson*
Mr *Gutwein*
Ms *Haddad*
Mr *Hodgman*
Ms *Houston*
Mr *Jaensch*
Mr *O'Byrne*
Ms *O'Byrne*
Mrs *Petrusma*
Mr *Rockliff*
Mr *Shelton*
Ms *Standen*
Mr *Tucker*
Ms *White*
Mrs *Rylah* (Teller)

So it passed in the Negative.

20 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 fifty-six minutes past Six o'clock.

SHANE DONNELLY, *Clerk of the House.*

MEMBERS. - All present during the day.