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WEDNESDAY, 7 AUGUST 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 were asked.
- 5 PUBLIC WORKS, PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON: REPORT. – Mrs *Rylah* brought up the following Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

West Tamar Highway Safety Improvements (Paper No. 13).

*Ordered*, That the said Report be received and printed. (Mrs *Rylah*)

- 6 MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: BUDGET CUTS - Mr *Bacon*, in accordance with Sessional Orders, moved - That the House take note of the following matter:

Budget Cuts.

And the Question being proposed;

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

- 7 BILL NO. 30. - The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of the Civil Liability Amendment Bill 2019.

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

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Attorney-General was addressing the Chair.

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

**9** HOUSING AFFORDABILITY. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed—  
That the House:—

- (1) Agrees that:—
  - (a) housing is a fundamental human right, and is foundational for participation in society;
  - (b) affordable rent prices are essential for equal participation in society and social mobility;
  - (c) Hobart is now the least affordable capital city in Australia;
  - (d) sharp increases in rents as a result of the housing supply squeeze and increase in short stay accommodation listings have forced many Tasmanians out of their homes, communities, and into homelessness; and
  - (e) the current trend of rent price increases is unsustainable and unjustifiable.
- (2) Amends the terms of reference of the Select Committee on Housing Affordability by inserting the following after paragraph (k):—

"(ka) regulation of rent price increases, with particular reference to the A.C.T. model". (Ms *O'Connor*)

A debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

**10** JOBLESS RATE. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that Tasmania's jobless rate is 6.7%, which is the worst in Australia.
- (2) Further notes that the jobless rate for Tasmanian women is 7.1%, the highest in Australia.
- (3) Further notes that more than 6,200 Tasmanian full time jobs have been lost in the last year, 4,100 of whom were women.
- (4) Further notes that the jobless rate for Tasmanians under 25 years old is 13.5%, the second worst in Australia.
- (5) Further notes that Tasmania's underemployment rate is 10.4%, which is the worst in the nation.
- (6) Further notes that average duration of unemployment in Tasmania is 70.9 weeks, well above the national average.
- (7) Further notes that there are fewer Tasmanians in full-time work than when the Liberals were elected in 2014.
- (8) Acknowledges that the Government is failing to grow secure, full time jobs in Tasmania.
- (9) Calls on the Government to adopt Labor's policy for free TAFE courses across key industry sectors where there are skills shortages, including disability and aged care, building and construction, and hospitality. (Ms *O'Byrne*)

A debate arose thereupon.

Amendment proposed (Ms *O'Connor*) in paragraph (9) by leaving out the words "policy for" and inserting instead the words "only policy -"

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

A debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

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The House divided.

AYES 14

NOES 10

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

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

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question, as amended, being put;

The House divided.

AYES 12

NOES 12

*Mr Bacon*  
*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)*

*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)*

SPEAKER GIVES CASTING VOTE. – The Speaker said: “The numbers being equal, I cast my vote with the Noes”.

So it passed in the Negative.

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**11** MINIMUM MANDATORY SENTENCES. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed—That the House:—

- (1) Welcomes the Federal Labor party's recent sensible backflip on minimum mandatory sentences for crimes relating to child abuse.
- (2) Acknowledges the Tasmanian Labor Party is now out of step with its Federal Labor colleagues.
- (3) Supports the introduction of minimum mandatory sentences for serious sexual offences against children. (Mr *Tucker*)

A debate arose thereupon.

And the Attorney-General was addressing the Chair.

**12** 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-three minutes past Six o'clock.

SHANE DONNELLY, *Clerk of the House*.

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MEMBERS. - All present during the day.