



HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

SESSION OF 2019 - 2020

(SECOND SESSION OF THE FORTY-NINTH PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 69

WEDNESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2020

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

Land Acquisition Act 1993: Notice of Acquisition pursuant to Section 18:

- (i) Dated 31 March 2020, land situate in the Town of Sorell, Municipal Area of Sorell, Lot 1 on Plan of Survey P250741, registered in the name of Dale Steven Wiggins for road purposes;
- (ii) Dated 31 March 2020, land situate in the Parish of Sorell, Land District of Pembroke, Municipal Area of Sorell, Lot 1 on Plan of Survey P78728, registered in the name of Patrick John Hoffman for road purposes; and
- (iii) Dated 31 August 2020, land situate in the Town of Sorell, Municipal Area of Sorell, Lots 1 and 2 on Plan of Survey P179122, registered in the names of Estate of Noel Wilson Norman, Estate of Alec Ernest Schofield and Estate of Leslie Gray Young for road purposes.

- 6 BILL NO. 38. – The Minister for Building and Construction presented -

“A Bill for an Act to regulate electricity infrastructure, electrical installations, electrical equipment, and certain activities near electricity infrastructure and electrical installations; to provide for safety and related technical standards that ensure that the electricity infrastructure, electrical installations and electrical equipment are safe, designed, maintained and managed in a manner that protects persons and property; to amend the Electricity Supply Industry Act 1995; to repeal the Electricity Industry Safety and Administration Act 1997 and for related purposes”.

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

- 7 MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: COST OF LIVING. – Mr *O'Byrne*, in accordance with Standing Orders, moved - That the House take note of the following matter:

Cost of Living.

And the Question being proposed;

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

8 SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed – That the House agrees that Tasmanians deserve a fair social and economic recovery. (Ms *Ogilvie*)

A debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

10 BUSHFIRE PREPARATION. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed – That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges the ongoing importance of preparing for bushfires in Tasmania and the leadership the Tasmanian Liberal Government has shown by taking strong action each year since 2014.
- (2) Notes that bushfire preparation is a shared responsibility between land owners and occupiers, asset managers, and different levels of Government.
- (3) Further acknowledges the significant additional financial contributions from the Australian Government and the State Fire Commission enabling additional aerial resources to be added for the 2020-21 summer bushfire season.
- (4) Commends the cooperative approach to planning and preparation of all levels of Government, and recognises the key role Local Government plays in responding to emergencies and during recovery.
- (5) Further notes Tasmania is a national leader in bushfire policy and preparation through our Fuel Reduction Program which gives communities and our firefighters a better chance to combat fires.
- (6) Further commends the Tasmanian Fire Service and other firefighting agencies and landowners for a highly successful autumn and winter burning program, and notes the spring burning campaign is already underway.
- (7) Further notes the Government is developing legislation to make it even easier for landowners to manage risks on their land.
- (8) Further notes the Government is also investing in the Red Hot Tips Program to support landowners, and is investing in additional burn crews to get more fuel reduction burning done.
- (9) Thanks all volunteers and career staff in our fire agencies, who are making Tasmania safer by year on year increasing our readiness to deal with future fire seasons. (Mr *Tucker*)

A debate arose thereupon.

An Amendment was proposed by Ms *Butler*, to add a new Clause (10) as follows:

- “(10) Commits that there will be no closure of Tasmanian Volunteer Fire Brigades by stealth or forced amalgamation.”

A debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

AYES 10

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

NOES 12

Ms Archer
Ms Courtney
Mr Ferguson
Mr Gutwein
Mr Jaensch
Ms Ogilvie
Mrs Petrusma
Mr Rockliff
Mr Shelton
Mr Street
Mr Tucker
Mr Ellis (Teller)

PAIRS

Ms Houston

Mr Barnett

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

11 PREMIER'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RECOVERY ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT. –
A Motion being made and the Question being proposed – That the House:—

- (1) Notes the Government accepted all recommendations of the July 2020 Premier's Economic and Social Recovery Advisory Council (PESRAC) report on 18 August 2020.
- (2) Further notes recommendation two states, "The State Government should explain to the community its future COVID-19 management strategy including how any future outbreaks will be handled."
- (3) Acknowledges PESRAC identified this recommendation for immediate action.
- (4) Calls on the Government to detail in full its response to recommendation two and table the management strategy by 24 September 2020. (*Ms White*)

A debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

AYES 10

Dr Broad
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Ms Dow
Mr O'Byrne
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NOES 12

Mr Barnett
Ms Courtney
Mr Ellis
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Mr Gutwein
Mr Jaensch
Ms Ogilvie
Mrs Petrusma
Mr Rockliff
Mr Shelton
Mr Tucker
Mr Street (Teller)

PAIRS

Ms Houston

Ms Archer

So it passed in the Negative.

12 JOBS GUARANTEE PROGRAM. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed – That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges the economic shockwaves from COVID-19 will continue for years.
- (2) Notes that unemployment and underemployment were already significant, ongoing issues prior to the pandemic.
- (3) Recognises intergenerational inequality has resulted in poor economic, health, and educational outcomes for thousands of Tasmanians.
- (4) Accepts the majority of unemployed and underemployed people are in unfortunate circumstances through no fault of their own.
- (5) Understands access to a reliable and liveable income is essential to meet basic needs like food, housing, healthcare, transport, bills, and education.
- (6) Further recognises that providing more work opportunities benefits individuals, society and the economy as a whole.
- (7) Further accepts that dealing with the colliding challenges of the climate emergency, long-term disadvantage and the impact of coronavirus will require ambitious Government action.
- (8) Further notes in the decades following the Second World War, the Australian Government was committed to a policy of full employment.
- (9) Further notes that since the full employment policy was abandoned, the private sector has never employed all willing labour participants, even in economic booms.
- (10) Calls on the Gutwein Government to investigate how a Jobs Guarantee program could be adopted in lutruwita/Tasmania to strengthen our COVID recovery and support economic transition to tackle the climate emergency. (*Ms O'Connor*)

A debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

AYES 11

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

NOES 11

Ms Archer
Mr Barnett
Ms Courtney
Mr Ferguson
Mr Jaensch
Mrs Petrusma
Mr Rockliff
Mr Shelton
Mr Street
Mr Tucker
Mr Ellis (Teller)

PAIRS

Ms Houston

Mr Gutwein

SPEAKER GIVES CASTING VOTE. – The Speaker said: “The result of the division is 11 Ayes and 11 Noes. I therefore have to use a casting vote in accordance with Standing Order 167. I usually give a reason for my ruling. I do not have a problem with this Motion, particularly as it is only asking the Government to investigate a jobs guarantee program. I believe it is beholden on everyone in this Parliament to find as many ways to get people back into work as possible, therefore I find in favour of the Ayes.”

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

13 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-eight minutes past Six o'clock.

SHANE DONNELLY, *Clerk of the House.*

MEMBERS. - All present during the day except *Ms Houston*.