HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

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(SECOND SESSION OF THE FORTY-NINTH PARLIAMENT)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 53

THURSDAY, 30 APRIL 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 MEETING EARLIER THAN DATE OF ADJOURNMENT: PROCLAMATION UNDER SECTION 13 OF THE CONSTITUTION ACT. The Clerk of the House read the following Proclamation:-

PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the sittings of the House of Assembly and of the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Tasmania now stand adjourned until 18 August 2020 And whereas it is desirable that the said Parliament should be called together for the despatch of business before the expiration of such adjournment: Now therefore I, PROFESSOR THE HONOURABLE KATE WARNER, Companion of the Order of Australia, Governor in and over the State of Tasmania and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, in pursuance of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution Act 1934, do declare that the said Parliament shall meet for the despatch of business on 30 April 2020, at 10:00a.m. in the House of Assembly of the said Parliament, and at 2.30p.m. in the Legislative Council of the said Parliament, situated in the City of Hobart, in Tasmania, and the Members of the said Parliament are hereby required to give their attendance at the same time and place accordingly.

GIVEN under my hand in Hobart in Tasmania on 21 April 2020.

C. Warner, Governor.

By Her Excellency's Command,

PETER GUTWEIN, Premier.

- 5 QUESTIONS SEEKING INFORMATION. In accordance with Standing Order No. 43, Questions without notice were asked.
- 6 PAPERS. The Premier laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-
 - (1) Covid-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020:
 - (a) Notice under Section 17;
 - (b) Notice under Section 18 and 19; and

- (c) Notice under Section 23.
- (2) State Service Act 2000: State Service Amendment Regulations 2020 (Statutory Rules 2020, No.).
- (3) Tasmanian Economic Regulator: Comparison of Regulated Standing Offer Electricity Prices and of Gas Prices in Australia, March 2020.
- 7 PAPERS. The Minister for Health laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-
 - (1) Public Health Act 1997: Public Health (Infringement Notices) Amendment Regulations 2020 (Statutory Rules 2020, No. 23).
 - (2) Poisons Act 1971:
 - (a) Poisons Amendment Regulations 2020 (Statutory Rules 2020, No. 3); and
 - (b) Poisons Amendment (Miscellaneous) Regulations 2020 (Statutory Rules 2020, No. 22).
- **8** PAPERS. The Minister for Infrastructure and Transport laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

Greater Hobart Act 2019: Greater Hobart Regulations 2019 (Statutory Rules 2019, No. 83).

- 9 PUBLIC WORKS, PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON: REPORTS. Mrs *Rylah* brought up the following Reports of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:
 - (1) Report on Major Redevelopment of Devonport High School (Paper No. 5).
 - (2) Report on Major Redevelopment of Penguin District School (Paper No. 29 of 2019).

Ordered, That the said Reports be received. (Mrs Rylah)

10 SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION, PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON: REPORT. – Mr *Tucker* brought up the following Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Subordinate Legislation:

Scrutiny of Notices Issued Under the COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020 – Report No. 1. (Paper No. 6)

Ordered, That the said Report be received. (Mr Tucker)

11 PAPERS. – The Minister for Local Government laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

Local Government Act 1993: Hobart City Council: Single Use Plastics By-Law No. 1 of 2020.

12 MESSAGE FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR. – The Speaker read the following Message from Her Excellency the Governor:-

MESSAGE.

C. WARNER, Governor.

A Bill for an Act to make provision to deal with certain risks, arising from the disease, known as a coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), to the effective performance and exercise of judicial, administrative or legislative functions and powers in relation to the State, to mitigate in certain circumstances the financial and social effects related to those risks, to amend the Emergency

Management Act 2006 and the Residential Tenancy Act 1997 and for related purposes (Bill No. 14 (*Act No.11 of 2020*))

Government House, Hobart, 27 March 2020.

13 MESSAGE FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR. – The Speaker read the following Message from Her Excellency the Governor:-

MESSAGE.

C. WARNER, Governor.

A Bill for an Act to enable the disposal of certain uncollected goods, to repeal the Disposal of Uncollected Goods Act 1968, and for related purposes (Bill No. 16 of 2019 (Act No. 2 of 2020))

A Bill for an Act to establish the Place Names Advisory Panel, to make provision for the naming and registration of certain place names in Tasmania, to wind up the Nomenclature Board and to consequentially amend other Acts (Bill No. 38 of 2019 (Act No.1 of 2020))

A Bill for an Act to amend the Duties Act 2001 (Bill No. 56 of 2019 (Act No. 3 of 2020))

having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, she has, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen, assented to the said Bills.

Government House, Hobart, 30 March 2020.

14 MESSAGE FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR. – The Speaker read the following Message from Her Excellency the Governor:-

MESSAGE.

C. WARNER, Governor.

A Bill for an Act to amend the Criminal Code Act 1924 and the Sentencing Act 1997 (Bill No. 3 (Act No.10 of 2020))

A Bill for an Act to amend the Evidence Act 2001 (Bill No. 4 (Act No. 7 of 2020))

A Bill for an Act to amend the Criminal Code Act 1924 and to consequentially amend other relevant legislation (Bill No. 5 (Act No 8. of 2020))

A Bill for an Act to amend the First Home Owner Grant Act 2000, the Payroll Tax Act 2008 and the Payroll Tax Rebate (Apprentices, Trainees and Youth Employees) Act 2017 (Bill No. 13 (Act No.9 of 2020))

having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, she has, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen, assented to the said Bills.

Government House, Hobart, 6 April 2020.

15 MESSAGE FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR. – The Speaker read the following Message from Her Excellency the Governor:-

MESSAGE.

C. WARNER, Governor.

A Bill for an Act for the Appropriation of money out of the Public Account for the service of the financial year ending on 30 June 2020 for the purpose of making contributions to each of Division 1, Brand Tasmania, Division 2, Department of Communities Tasmania, Division 3, Department of Education,

Division 4, Finance-General, Division 5, Department of Health, Division 6, Department of Justice, Division 7, Ministerial and Parliamentary Support, Division 8, Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management, Division 9, Department of Premier and Cabinet, Division 10, Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment, Division 11, Department of State Growth, Division 12, Tourism Tasmania, and Division 13, Department of Treasury and Finance, of Schedule 1 to the Appropriation Act (No. 1) 2019 (Bill No. 10 (Act No. 4 of 2020))

A Bill for an Act to make interim provision for the appropriation of \$3,019,438,000 out of the Public Account for the services of the Government for the financial year ending on 30 June 2021 (Bill No. 11 (Act No. 5 of 2020))

A Bill for An Act to make interim provision for the appropriation of \$17,765,000 out of the Public Account for the services of the Government in respect of Parliament and Statutory Offices for the financial year ending on 30 June 2021 (Bill No. 12 (Act No. 6 of 2020))

having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, she has, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen, assented to the said Bills.

Government House, Hobart, 6 April 2020.

16 BILL NO. 17. – The Minister for Justice presented -

"A Bill for an Act to provide for special measures, related to the social effect of, and the risk of the spread of, COVID-19 disease in the State, by amending, or modifying the application of, the Constitution Act 1934, the COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020, the Electoral Act 2004, the Emergency Management Act 2006, the Public Health Act 1997, the Tasmanian Health Service Act 2018, the Taxi and Hire Vehicle Industries Act 2008 and the Vehicle and Traffic Act 1999".

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

17 BILL NO. 18. – Ms *Ogilvie* presented -

"A Bill for an Act to make provision with respect to supply chains and slavery, slavery-like practices and human trafficking and to provide for a Code of Conduct, appointment of a Commissioner, to address the issue of modern slavery in supply chains, to ensure goods and services are not a product of supply chains in which modern slavery is taking place and to establish practices that can be used to remediate or monitor identified risks of modern slavery in Tasmania's supply chains".

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

18 LEAVE TO MAKE MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE. - *Ordered*, That the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport have leave to make certain Motions without Notice. (The Minister for Infrastructure and Transport)

19 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS. – *Ordered*, That:

- (1) So much of Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would prevent the COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill (No. 2) from proceeding through all stages at this day's sitting.
- (2) For this day's sitting the House shall not:-
 - (a) be suspended at 1:00 p.m.; and
 - (b) stand adjourned at 5:25 p.m. and that the House continues to sit past 5.25 p.m. (The Minister for Infrastructure and Transport)

- **20** SESSIONAL ORDERS. A Motion being made and the Question being proposed That, for the remainder of this Session:
 - (a) Standing Order 18, paragraphs (d) and (e) be suspended and the following paragraph be inserted instead:-
 - "(d) When the House adjourns in accordance with paragraph (b) of this Standing Order or the adjournment is moved in accordance with paragraph (c) of this Standing Order:-
 - (i) the Speaker shall call speakers on the COVID-19 Emergency Matter of Public Importance. Members may speak to such matter for seven minutes each and the debate shall not exceed thirty-five minutes; and
 - (ii) following the conclusion of any debate under sub-paragraph (i), the Speaker shall then call for adjournment speakers, when any Member may speak to any matter for seven minutes. After these issues have been debated for a maximum period of one hour, the House shall stand adjourned, without Question being put, until the next sitting day; and
 - (b) Sessional Order 18A be amended, by taking out "Six o'clock p.m." and insert "the time prescribed for the adjournment in Standing Order 18 (a)". (The Minister for Infrastructure and Transport)

And the Question being proposed;

A debate arose thereupon.

An Amendment was proposed by Dr Woodruff by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph (b):

"(c) Sessional Order 48A be suspended and the following Sessional Order be inserted instead:

48A Minimum number of Questions

Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 47, the Speaker shall ensure that a minimum of questions without notice to be asked shall be nine by the Opposition, three by Members of the Greens and two by the Independent Member for Clark if such Member seeks the call."

A debate arose thereupon.

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

The House divided.

AYES 7 NOES 9

Ms Haddad Ms Archer
Mr O'Byrne Mr Ferguson
Ms O'Connor Mr Jaensch
Ms Standen Ms Ogilvie
Ms White Mrs Petrusma
Dr Woodruff Mr Shelton
Dr Broad (Teller) Mr Street
Mr Tucker

Mrs Rylah (Teller)

PAIRS

Ms Butler Mr Barnett
Ms Dow Ms Courtney
Ms Houston Mr Gutwein
Ms O'Byrne Mr Rockliff

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

21 SUSPENSION OF SITTING. - *Ordered*, That the Speaker leave the Chair until the ringing of the Division Bells. (The Minister for Infrastructure and Transport)

At twenty-six minutes past Twelve o'clock the Speaker left the Chair.

At thirty-six minutes past One o'clock the Speaker resumed the Chair.

22 PAPERS. – The Minister for Infrastructure and Transport laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

Response to Petition HA11/2019.

- BILL NO. 17. The COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill (No. 2) 2020 was read the Second time.
- BILL NO. 17. INSTRUCTION TO COMMITTEE. A Motion being made and the Question being proposed That pursuant to Standing Order 279, the Committee of the whole House be instructed to consider provision for necessary amendments to the COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill (No. 2) 2020 in relation to the Subordinate Legislation Committee (Ms *O'Connor*).

A debate arose thereupon;

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

AYES 8 NOES 8

Ms Butler Ms Archer
Ms Haddad Ms Courtney
Mr O'Byrne Mr Ferguson
Ms O'Connor Mr Gutwein
Ms Ogilvie Mr Jaensch
Ms Standen Mr Street
Ms White Mr Tucker

Dr Woodruff (Teller) Mrs Rylah (Teller)

PAIRS

Dr Broad Mr Barnett
Ms Dow Ms Hickey
Ms Houston Mr Rockliff
Ms O'Byrne Mr Shelton

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

So it passed in the Negative.

- 25 MINISTERIAL STATEMENT: COVID-19 RESPONSE MEASURES. The Premier made a Statement to the House in relation to COVID-19 Response Measures.
- 26 MINISTERIAL STATEMENT NOTED. A Motion was made and the Question proposed That the Ministerial Statement made by the Premier be noted. (Ms *White*)

A debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

BILL NO. 17. - The COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill (No. 2) 2020 was, according to Order committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

And the Speaker having left the Chair, the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee)

Mrs Rylah took the Chair.

BILL NO. 17. - DECLARED URGENT. - The Minister for Justice declared the COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill (No. 2) 2020 to be an Urgent Bill.

And the Question being put – That the Bill be considered an Urgent Bill;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

ALLOTMENT OF TIME. A Motion being made and the Question being proposed – That all remaining stages of the Bill be completed by half-past Six o'clock p.m. today. (The Minister for Justice)

A debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative

Clauses 1 to 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 read.

Amendment made (The Minister for Justice) in the definition of "emergency cessation day".

Leave out the definition

Insert instead the following definition:

"emergency cessation day" has the same meaning as in the COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020;

Clause 3 as amended agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 9 agreed to.

Clause 10 read.

Amendment proposed (Ms *O'Connor*) by inserting in subsection (1) before the definition of *the Act* the following definition –

Committee has the same meaning as in the Public Accounts Committee Act 1970;

And the Question being put;

The Committee divided.

AYES 7 NOES 9

Ms Butler Ms Archer
Mr O'Byrne Mr Ferguson
Ms O'Connor Mr Jaensch
Ms Standen Ms Ogilvie
Ms White Mr Rockliff
Dr Woodruff Mr Shelton
Ms Haddad (Teller) Mr Street

Mrs Petrusma (Teller)

Mr Tucker

PAIRS

Ms Dow Mr Barnett
Dr Broad Ms Courtney
Ms Houston Mr Gutwein
Ms O'Byrne Ms Hickey

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause 10 as read agreed to.

Clauses 11 to 20 agreed to.

New Clause A was brought up by Ms O'Connor and read the First Time as follows:

A. Section 60A amended

Section 60A of the Principal Act is amended as follows -

(a) by inserting in subsection (1), before the definition of *personal information*, the following definition:

emergency cessation day has the same meaning as in the COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2020;

- (b) by inserting the following subsection after subsection (2)
 - (3) This section is repealed on the emergency cessation day.

Question put – That new Clause A read the Second Time and be made part of the Bill to follow Clause 20;

The Committee divided.

AYES 2 NOES 14

Ms O'Connor Ms Archer

Dr Woodruff (Teller) Ms Butler

Mr Ferguson
Mr Gutwein
Ms Haddad
Mr Jaensch
Mr O'Byrne
Ms Ogilvie
Mrs Petrusma

Mr Shelton Ms Standen

Mr Tucker Ms White

Mr Street (Teller)

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause 21 read.

Amendments proposed (Ms O'Connor)

(a) by inserting in subsection (1), before the definition of *infringement offence*, the following definition:

emergency cessation day has the same meaning as in the COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2020;

- (b) by inserting the following subsection after subsection (6)
 - (7) This section is repealed on the emergency cessation day.

Question put – That the amendments be agreed to;

It passed in the Negative.

Clause 21 as read agreed to.

Clauses 22 to 28 agreed to.

Clause 29 disagreed to.

Clause 30 read.

Amendment proposed (Ms O'Connor) by inserting the following subsection after subsection (9)

(10) This section is repealed on the emergency cessation day, and any regulations made under this Act are rescinded on the emergency cessation day.

LIMITATION OF DEBATE. - And the time allotted for consideration of the Bill having expired, according to Order, the Question was put – That the Amendment be agreed to:

The Committee divided.

AYES 7 NOES 9

Ms Butler Ms Archer Ms Haddad Mr Ferguson Mr O'Byrne Mr Gutwein Ms O'Connor Mr Jaensch Ms Ogilvie Ms Standen Ms White Mrs Petrusma Dr Woodruff (Teller) Mr Shelton

Mr Tucker

Mr Street (Teller)

PAIRS

Dr Broad Mr Rarnett Ms Dow Ms Courtney Ms Houston Ms Hickey Ms O'Byrne Mr Rockliff

So it passed in the Negative.

According to Order, The following Questions were put:

That the Clause as read stand part of the Bill;

That the remaining Clauses be agreed to;

That the title be agreed to;

And that the Bill be reported to the House with Amendment.

Such Questions were resolved in the Affirmative.

The House being resumed, Mrs Rylah reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in Committee, be now taken into consideration. And the Amendments were, accordingly, read and agreed to.

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

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

28 BILL NO. 17. - 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 special measures, related to the social effect of, and the risk of the spread of, COVID-19 disease in the State, by amending, or modifying the application of, the Constitution Act 1934, the COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020, the Electoral Act 2004, the

Emergency Management Act 2006, the Public Health Act 1997, the Tasmanian Health Service Act 2018, the Taxi and Hire Vehicle Industries Act 2008 and the Vehicle and Traffic Act 1999",

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

House of Assembly, 30 April 2020.

SUE HICKEY, Speaker.

- 29 LEAVE TO MAKE MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE. *Ordered*, That the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport have leave to make a Motion without Notice. (The Minister for Infrastructure and Transport)
- **30** ADJOURNMENT. A Motion being made and the Question being proposed That the House, at its rising, adjourn till Thursday, 7 May next. (The Minister for Infrastructure and Transport)

A debate arose thereupon.

An Amendment was proposed by Mr *O'Byrne* to leave out "Thursday, 7" and insert instead "Wednesday, 6".

A debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

AYES 7	NOES 9
Ms Butler	Ms Archer
Mr O'Byrne	Mr Ferguson
Ms O'Connor	Mr Gutwein
Ms Standen	Mr Jaensch
Ms White	Ms Ogilvie
Dr Woodruff	Mr Rockliff
Ms Haddad (Teller)	Mr Street
	Mr Tucker

Mrs Petrusma (Teller)

PAIRS

Ms Dow Mr Barnett
Dr Broad Ms Courtney
Ms Houston Mrs Rylah
Ms O'Byrne Mr Shelton

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Main Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

31 SUSPENSION OF SITTING. - *Ordered*, That the Speaker leave the Chair until the ringing of the Division Bells at Eight o'clock a.m. tomorrow. (The Minister for Infrastructure and Transport)

At eleven minutes past Seven o'clock the Speaker left the Chair.

And the suspension having continued past Twelve o'clock midnight;

FRIDAY, 1 MAY 2020

At Eight o'clock the Speaker resumed the Chair.

32 BILL NO. 17. - A Message from the Legislative Council -

MADAM SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has agreed, without Amendment, to a Bill, intituled - "A Bill for an Act to provide for special measures, related to the social effect of, and the risk of the spread of, COVID-19 disease in the State, by amending, or modifying the application of, the Constitution Act 1934, the COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020, the Electoral Act 2004, the Emergency Management Act 2006, the Public Health Act 1997, the Tasmanian Health Service Act 2018, the Taxi and Hire Vehicle Industries Act 2008 and the Vehicle and Traffic Act 1999".

Legislative Council, 1 May 2020.

C.M. FARRELL, President.

- 33 LEAVE TO MAKE MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE. *Ordered*, That the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport have leave to make a Motion without Notice. (The Minister for Infrastructure and Transport)
- 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 debate to note the COVID-19 Emergency from taking place forthwith. During such debate Members may speak to such matter for seven minutes each and the debate shall not exceed thirty-five minutes. (The Minister for Infrastructure and Transport)

A debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

35 COVID-19 EMERGENCY. – According to Order, the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport moved – That the House take note of the COVID-19 Emergency.

And the Question being proposed;

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Ouestion being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

36 SUSPENSION OF SITTING. - *Ordered*, That the Speaker leave the Chair until the ringing of the Division Bells at Ten o'clock a.m. on Wednesday, 6 May. (The Minister for Infrastructure and Transport)

At one minute past Nine o'clock the Speaker left the Chair.

And the suspension having continued past Twelve o'clock midnight;

SATURDAY, 2 MAY 2020

SUNDAY, 3 MAY 2020

MONDAY, 4 MAY 2020

TUESDAY, 5 MAY 2020 WEDNESDAY, 6 MAY 2020

At Ten o'clock the Speaker resumed the Chair.

37 MESSAGE FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR. – The Speaker read the following Message from Her Excellency the Governor:-

MESSAGE.

C. WARNER, Governor.

A Bill for an Act to provide for special measures, related to the social effect of, and the risk of the spread of, COVID-19 disease in the State, by amending, or modifying the application of, the Constitution Act 1934, the COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020, the Electoral Act 2004, the Emergency Management Act 2006, the Public Health Act 1997, the Tasmanian Health Service Act 2018, the Taxi and Hire Vehicle Industries Act 2008 and the Vehicle and Traffic Act 1999 (Bill No. 17 (Act No.12 of 2020))

Government House, Hobart, 5 May 2020.

- 38 LEAVE TO MAKE MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE. *Ordered*, That the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport have leave to make a Motion without Notice. (The Minister for Infrastructure and Transport)
- **39** SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS. A Motion being made and the Question being proposed That so much of Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would prevent:-
 - (a) the House immediately proceeding with the following additional daily business:-
 - (i) Ouestion Time:
 - (ii) Petitions;
 - (iii) Papers, Answers to Questions on Notice, and Government responses to Petitions; and
 - (iv) Introduction of Bills.
 - (b) The COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Commercial Leases) Bill 2020 from proceeding through all stages at this day's sitting. (The Minister for Infrastructure and Transport)

A debate arose thereupon.

An Amendment was proposed to the Question by the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, in paragraph (a), to insert a new paragraph (iv) as follows:

(iv) Other formal business; and

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

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put – That the Motion as amended be agreed to;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That so much of Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would prevent:-

- (a) the House immediately proceeding with the following additional daily business:-
 - (i) Question Time;
 - (ii) Petitions;
 - (iii) Papers, Answers to Questions on Notice, and Government responses to Petitions;

- (iv) Other formal business; and
- (v) Introduction of Bills.
- (b) The COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Commercial Leases) Bill 2020 from proceeding through all stages at this day's sitting.
- **40** QUESTIONS SEEKING INFORMATION. In accordance with Standing Order No. 43, Questions without notice were asked.
- 41 PAPERS. The Premier laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-
 - (1) COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020: Notice under Section 15 Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993.
 - (2) COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020: Notice under Section 19 Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993.
 - (3) COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020: Notice under Section 13 Constitution Act 1934 Legislative Council Elections.
- 42 PAPERS. The Attorney-General laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-

COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020: Notice Under Section 20:

- (a) Supreme Court; and
- (b) Magistrates Court.
- **43** PAPERS. The Minister for Primary Industries and Water laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

Nature Conservation Act 2002: Wildlife (General) Amendment (Deer) Regulations 2019 (Statutory Rules 2019, No. 84).

- 44 PAPERS. The Minister for Finance laid upon the Table of the House the following Papers:-
 - (1) Payroll Tax Act 2008: Payroll Tax (Pandemic) Order 2020 (Statutory Rules 2020, No.).
 - (2) Duties Act 2001: Duties (Concession Extension) Order 2020 (Statutory Rules 2020, No.).
 - (3) Response to Petition: Petition HA9/2019.
 - (4) Response to Petition: Petition HA8/2019.
- 45 BILL NO. 19. The Minister for Building and Construction presented -

"A Bill for an Act to provide for special measures, related to the social and financial effects of the COVID-19 disease in the State, in relation to commercial leases".

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

46 BILL NO. 19. - The Order of the Day being read for the Second reading of the COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Commercial Leases) Bill 2020.

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

A Debate arose thereupon.

- 47 SUSPENSION OF SITTING. At One o'clock the Speaker left the Chair. At half-past Two o'clock the Speaker resumed the Chair.
- BILL NO. 19. And the Question being again proposed;

The House resumed the Debate.

- 49 LEAVE TO EXTEND A MEMBER'S SPEAKING TIME. *Ordered*, That the Minister for Building and Construction have an extension of speaking time of thirty minutes. (The Minister for Infrastructure and Transport)
- BILL NO. 19. And the Question being again proposed;

The House resumed the Debate.

And the Question being put;

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.

51 BILL NO. 19. - 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 special measures, related to the social and financial effects of the COVID-19 disease in the State, in relation to commercial leases",

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

House of Assembly, 6 May 2020.

SUE HICKEY, Speaker.

52 ADJOURNMENT. – In accordance with Sessional Orders, the House proceeded to take note of the COVID-19 Emergency, following which, Adjournment issues were raised.

The House adjourned at twenty-two minutes past five o'clock.

SHANE DONNELLY, Clerk of the House.

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

The Minister for Sport and Recreation and Minister for Racing attended Question Time.