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WEDNESDAY, 25 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 were asked.
- 5 PAPERS. – The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs laid upon the Table of the House the following Paper:-

Aboriginal Lands Act 1995: Aboriginal Lands (Settlement Point Cemetery) Regulations 2019 (Statutory Rules 2019, No. 18).

- 6 PUBLIC WORKS, PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON: REPORT. – Mrs *Rylah* brought up the following Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

Report on Southern Remand Centre Program (Paper No. 18).

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

- 7 BILL NO. 42. – The Minister for Local Government presented -

“A Bill for an Act to make provision for the establishment and management of cemeteries and crematoria, to provide for, and regulate, the handling and storage of human remains and to repeal the Burial and Cremation Act 2002”.

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

- 8 LEAVE TO MAKE MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE. - *Ordered*, That Ms *Standen* have leave to make a Motion without Notice. (Ms *Standen*)

- 9 HOUSING AFFORDABILITY, SELECT COMMITTEE ON: TIME FOR BRINGING UP REPORT. - *Ordered*, That time for bringing up the report of the Select Committee on Housing Affordability be extended until 28 November next. (Ms *Standen*)

- 10 MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE: BUDGET CUTS – Ms *White*, in accordance with Standing 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.

11 BILL NO. 33. - The Order of the Day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 24 September 2019 - That the Genetically Modified Organisms Control Amendment Bill 2019 be now read the Second time;

And the Question being again proposed;

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And Mrs *Rylah* 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 EXTENSION SCHOOL PROGRAM. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed—That the House:—

- (1) Supports the Hodgman majority Liberal Government's extension school program, which enables greater options for every young Tasmanian to continue to senior secondary education, regardless of their geographical location or personal circumstances.
- (2) Notes that since the introduction of the program in 2015, it has been embraced by the school communities across Tasmania including district and high schools at Campbell Town, St Marys, St Helens, Oatlands, Sorell and the Tasman.
- (3) Commends Extension School staff, students and communities for working collaboratively to drive change in retention and improve attainment.
- (4) Acknowledges that extension schools and colleges work in partnerships to support and ensure senior secondary education is tailored to each students individual needs and learning is at the heart of the extension school initiative.
- (5) Further commends the 43 schools across the State now offering Years 11 and 12, which far exceeds the initial target. (Mr *Tucker*).

A debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

14 HYDROGEN STRATEGY. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed—That the House:—

- (1) Notes the potential of the creation of hundreds of jobs in the establishment of a Hydrogen Industry in Tasmania.
- (2) Recognises that a number of Asian countries, in particular Japan and South Korea are looking to Australia to provide Hydrogen energy to support them in their transition to Hydrogen.
- (3) Acknowledges the work being done nationally, led by Chief Scientist, Alan Finkle in Chairing the National Hydrogen Strategy Group, in the establishment of a National Hydrogen Strategy, due to be released by the end of 2019.
- (4) Further recognises the local community and industry leadership in the Tamar Valley advocating for the creation of this industry in Tasmania.
- (5) Further notes that the States of Queensland, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia all have well established standalone State based strategies to maximise the economic opportunity for Hydrogen in their respective States.

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- (6) Further notes that it is estimated that a hydrogen plant, converting renewable energy into hydrogen for export, would support the creation of 500 jobs in northern Tasmania.
- (7) Condemns the lack of action by the Hodgman Government on this opportunity and their failure to produce a strategy that would allow Tasmania to support the development of this new industry with the hundreds of jobs it would create. These are renewable and skilled jobs that are being squandered by the Hodgman Government because it doesn't have the vision or passion to make this potential billion dollar industry a reality for Tasmania. (Mr *O'Byrne*)

A debate arose thereupon.

An Amendment was proposed by the Minister for State Growth, that the Motion be amended by:

- (1) In clause (6) leaving out the words “would support the creation of 500 jobs” and inserting instead the words “could create significant economic activity and employment”.
- (2) Leaving out clause (7) and inserting instead “(7) Notes that the Tasmanian Government is well advanced in developing a Tasmanian Hydrogen Industry Strategy that will facilitate us as a key player in the future hydrogen market.”

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

A debate arose thereupon.

An Amendment to the Amendment was proposed by Dr *Woodruff* by leaving out all words after “amended by” and inserting instead:

“inserting the following new clauses after clause (6):

() Notes that Geoscience Australia mapping shows that Tasmania has a high potential for hydrogen production through electrolysis, and supports the production of hydrogen through electrolysis in Tasmania.

() Calls on the Government to rule out production of hydrogen in Tasmania from fossil fuel-derived hydrogen coupled with carbon capture and storage as proposed in scenarios 4 and 5 in the Geoscience Australia report on prospective hydrogen production regions of Australia.”

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

A debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put;

It passed in the Negative.

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

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question, as amended, being put;

Resolved, That the House:—

- (1) Notes the potential of the creation of hundreds of jobs in the establishment of a Hydrogen Industry in Tasmania.
- (2) Recognises that a number of Asian countries, in particular Japan and South Korea are looking to Australia to provide Hydrogen energy to support them in their transition to Hydrogen.

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- (3) Acknowledges the work being done nationally, led by Chief Scientist, Alan Finkle in Chairing the National Hydrogen Strategy Group, in the establishment of a National Hydrogen Strategy, due to be released by the end of 2019.
- (4) Further recognises the local community and industry leadership in the Tamar Valley advocating for the creation of this industry in Tasmania.
- (5) Further notes that the States of Queensland, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia all have well established standalone State based strategies to maximise the economic opportunity for Hydrogen in their respective States.
- (6) Further notes that it is estimated that a hydrogen plant, converting renewable energy into hydrogen for export, could create significant economic activity and employment in northern Tasmania.
- (7) Notes that the Tasmanian Government is well advanced in developing a Tasmanian Hydrogen Industry Strategy that will facilitate us as a key player in the future hydrogen market.

15 GLOBAL CLIMATE STRIKE. – A Motion being made and the Question being proposed—
That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges on 20 September 2019 as part of a Global Climate Strike, over 15,000 people gathered on Parliament House Lawns in Hobart, with others striking around the State in Launceston, Devonport, Burnie, Wynyard, Zeehan, Currie and St Helens.
- (2) Recognises there is widespread and growing public demand for climate action in the form of mass mobilisation and protest around the State, Country and the global community, with an estimated 150 million people taking part in the global climate strikes.
- (3) Commits to standing by young people and the wider community in their fight for climate action and for their futures.
- (4) Supports the global climate strike movement. (Ms *O'Connor*)

A debate arose thereupon.

An Amendment was proposed by the Treasurer:

- (1) By inserting the following new clause after clause (2): “(3) Notes the Tasmanian Government acknowledges that the impact of climate change is a serious issue that requires local, national and international action.”
- (2) In clause (3) by inserting the following words after the word “futures”: “noting that Tasmania is one of the lowest net emitters of carbon dioxide on the planet.”
- (3) By inserting the following new clauses after clause (3):
 - () “Notes that Tasmania has the lowest per capita emissions out of all states and territories.”
 - () “Acknowledges that Tasmania will be 100% renewable in terms of electricity generation by 2022, well in advance of the 2030 target being called for.”
 - () “Notes Tasmania’s Climate Change Action Plan 2017-2021 sets our agenda for reducing emissions and taking action on climate change through to 2021.”
 - () “Encourages all Tasmanians to engage and fully understand Tasmania’s global leading position on climate change.”
- (4) In clause (4) by leaving out the word “support” and inserting instead the following words “Acknowledges the concerns that have led to”.

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

A debate arose thereupon.

An Amendment to the Amendment was proposed by Ms *Standen* in clause (4) by leaving out the words “Acknowledges the concerns that have led to” and inserting instead the word “Supports”.

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

A debate arose thereupon.

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And the Question being put;

The House divided.

AYES 11

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

NOES 11

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

PAIRS

Ms O'Byrne

Mr Jaensch

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

So it passed in the Negative.

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

The House divided.

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AYES 20

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

NOES 3

Ms O'Connor
Ms Ogilvie
Dr Woodruff (Teller)

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Main Question, as amended, being put;

The House divided.

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AYES 20

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

NOES 3

Ms O'Connor
Ms Ogilvie
Dr Woodruff (Teller)

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the House:—

- (1) Acknowledges on 20 September 2019 as part of a Global Climate Strike, over 15,000 people gathered on Parliament House Lawns in Hobart, with others striking around the State in Launceston, Devonport, Burnie, Wynyard, Zeehan, Currie and St Helens.
- (2) Recognises there is widespread and growing public demand for climate action in the form of mass mobilisation and protest around the State, Country and the global community, with an estimated 150 million people taking part in the global climate strikes.
- (3) Notes the Tasmanian Government acknowledges that the impact of climate change is a serious issue that requires local, national and international action.
- (4) Commits to standing by young people and the wider community in their fight for climate action and for their futures noting that Tasmania is one of the lowest net emitters of carbon dioxide on the planet.
- (5) Notes that Tasmania has the lowest per capita emissions out of all states and territories.
- (6) Acknowledges that Tasmania will be 100% renewable in terms of electricity generation by 2022 well in advance of the 2030 target being called for.
- (7) Notes Tasmania's Climate Change Action Plan 2017-2021 sets our agenda for reducing emissions and taking action on climate change through to 2021.
- (8) Encourages all Tasmanians to engage and fully understand Tasmania's global leading position on climate change.
- (9) Acknowledges the concerns that have led to the global climate strike movement.

16 ADJOURNMENT. - The time being Six o'clock, the Speaker proposed - That the House do now adjourn and called for issues to be raised;

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The House adjourned at fifty-seven minutes past Six o'clock.

SHANE DONNELLY, *Clerk of the House.*

MEMBERS. - All present during the day except Ms *O'Byrne.*