

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No 22

No 22 — Tuesday 23 May 2023

The House started at 12.00 noon.

- 1 The House met according to the resolution of the House on 18 May 2023 — The Speaker took the Chair, read the Prayer and made an Acknowledgement of Country.

- 2 **QUESTION TIME.**

- 3 **STATE TAXATION ACTS AMENDMENT BILL 2023** — Tim Pallas introduced ‘A Bill for an Act to amend the *Duties Act 2000*, the *Fire Services Property Levy Act 2012*, the *Land Tax Act 2005*, the *Payroll Tax Act 2007*, the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, the *Subdivision Act 1988*, the *Taxation Administration Act 1997* and the *Valuation of Land Act 1960* and for other purposes’; and the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

- 4 **VICTORIAN FUTURE FUND BILL 2023** — Tim Pallas introduced ‘A Bill for an Act to establish the Victorian Future Fund and set out the purposes for which money in the Victorian Future Fund may be used and to amend the *Duties Act 2000* and for other purposes’; and the Bill was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow.

- 5 **PETITIONS** — The Clerk announced that the following petitions had been lodged for presentation:

Collapse of home construction companies — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly provides support for people experiencing financial hardship following the collapse of home construction companies, bearing 305 signatures (*Richard Riordan*)

Lower the driver licence age to 17 — Requesting that the Legislative Assembly amends the *Road Safety Act 1986* to lower the driver licence age to 17 years, bearing 27 signatures (*Danny O’Brien*).

Ordered to be tabled.

- 6 **PETITION — COLLAPSE OF HOME CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES** — Motion made and question — That the petition presented by the Member for Polwarth be taken into consideration tomorrow (*Cindy McLeish*) — put and agreed to.

7 DOCUMENTS

BUDGET PAPERS 2023–24 —

2023–24 Budget Paper No 1 — Treasurer’s Speech
 2023–24 Budget Paper No 4 — State Capital Program
 2023–24 Budget Overview
 2023–24 Budget Information Paper — COVID Debt Repayment Plan
 2023–24 Budget Information Paper — Gender Equality Budget Statement

tabled by leave (*Tim Pallas*).

SCRUTINY OF ACTS AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE — Iwan Walters, Chair, tabled the Alert Digest No 5 of 2023 from the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee on the:

Energy Legislation Amendment (Electricity Outage Emergency Response and Other Matters) Bill 2023
 Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Amendment (Facilitation of Timely Reporting) Bill 2022

together with appendices.

Ordered to be published.

DOCUMENTS TABLED UNDER ACTS OF PARLIAMENT — The Clerk tabled:

Financial Management Act 1994:

2023–24 Budget Paper No 2 — Strategy and Outlook
 2023–24 Budget Paper No 3 — Service Delivery
 2023–24 Budget Paper No 5 — Statement of Finances (incorporating Quarterly Financial Report No 3)

Planning and Environment Act 1987 — Notices of approval of amendments to the following Planning Schemes:

Corangamite — C60
 Merri-bek — C218
 Yarra — C303, C316
 Yarra Ranges — C197 Part 1A

Statutory Rules under the following Acts:

Architects Act 1991 — SR 28
Local Government Act 1989 — SR 29
Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 — SR 27

Subordinate Legislation Act 1994 — Documents under s 15 in relation to Statutory Rules 28, 30

Wildlife Act 1975 — Wildlife (Closure of Lake Connemara State Game Reserve) Notice (*Gazette S233 16 May 2023*).

- 8 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR — ASSENT TO BILLS** — Informing the Legislative Assembly that she had, today, given the royal assent to the following bills, presented to her by the Clerk of the Parliaments:

Disability and Social Services Regulation Amendment Bill 2023
Water Legislation Amendment Bill 2023.

- 9 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Appropriation (2023–2024) Bill 2023, and accompanying Estimates of Expenditure requiring annual appropriation in the financial year 2023/2024.

Estimates ordered to be tabled.

- 10 **APPROPRIATION (2023–2024) BILL 2023** — Tim Pallas introduced ‘*A Bill for an Act for the appropriation of certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund for the ordinary annual services of the Government for the financial year 2023/2024 and for other purposes*’; and the Bill was read a first time. In accordance with SO 61(3)(a), the House proceeded immediately to the second reading.

Tim Pallas tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time (*Tim Pallas*).

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned (*Brad Rowsell*) — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until tomorrow. Debate adjourned until 24 May 2023.

- 11 **MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR** — Recommending an appropriation for the purposes of the Appropriation (Parliament 2023–2024) Bill 2023, and accompanying Estimates of Expenditure for Parliament requiring annual appropriation in the financial year 2023/2024.

Estimates ordered to be tabled.

- 12 **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT 2023–2024) BILL 2023** — Mary-Anne Thomas introduced ‘*A Bill for an Act for the appropriation of certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund for the Parliament in respect of the financial year 2023/2024 and for other purposes*’; and the Bill was read a first time. In accordance with SO 61(3)(a), the House proceeded immediately to the second reading.

Mary-Anne Thomas tabled a statement of compatibility in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

Motion made and question proposed — That this Bill be now read a second time (*Mary-Anne Thomas*).

The second reading speech was incorporated into Hansard.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned (*Brad Rowsell*) — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until tomorrow. Debate adjourned until 24 May 2023.

- 13 **CONCURRENT DEBATE** — Motion made, by leave, and question — That this House authorises and requires the Speaker to permit the second reading and subsequent stages of the Appropriation (2023–2024) Bill 2023 and the Appropriation (Parliament 2023–2024) Bill 2023 to be moved and debated concurrently (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put and agreed to.

- 14 **SITTING OF THE HOUSE** — Motion made and question — That the House, at its rising, adjourns until 30 May 2023 (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — put and agreed to.

- 15 **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS PROGRAM** — Motion made and question — That, under SO 94(2), the Order of the Day, Government Business, relating to the Energy Legislation Amendment (Electricity Outage Emergency Response and Other Matters) Bill 2023 be considered and completed by 7.00 pm on 23 May 2023 (*Mary-Anne Thomas*) — after debate, put.

The House divided (the Speaker, Maree Edwards, in the Chair) —

AYES 53

Juliana Addison; Jacinta Allan; Daniel Andrews; Colin Brooks; Josh Bull; Anthony Carbines; Ben Carroll; Darren Cheeseman; Anthony Cianflone; Sarah Connolly; Chris Couzens; Jordan Crugnale; Lily D'Ambrosio; Daniela De Martino; Steve Dimopoulos; Paul Edbrooke; Will Fowles; Matt Fregon; Ella George; Luba Grigorovitch; Bronwyn Halfpenny; Paul Hamer; Martha Haylett; Mathew Hilakari; Melissa Horne; Natalie Hutchins; Lauren Kathage; Sonya Kilkeny; Nathan Lambert; Gary Maas; Alison Marchant; Kathleen Matthews-Ward; Steve McGhie; Paul Mercurio; John Mullahy; Danny Pearson; Pauline Richards; Tim Richardson; Michaela Settle; Ros Spence; Nick Staikos; Natalie Suleyman; Meng Heang Tak; Jackson Taylor; Nina Taylor; Kat Theophanous; Mary-Anne Thomas; Emma Vulin; Iwan Walters; Vicki Ward; Dylan Wight; Gabrielle Williams; Belinda Wilson.

NOES 27

Brad Battin; Jade Benham; Roma Britnell; Tim Bull; Martin Cameron; Annabelle Cleeland; Chris Crewther; Wayne Farnham; Sam Groth; Matthew Guy; David Hodgett; Emma Kealy; Tim McCurdy; Cindy McLeish; James Newbury; Danny O'Brien; Michael O'Brien; Kim O'Keeffe; John Pesutto; Richard Riordan; Brad Rowsell; Ryan Smith; David Southwick; Bill Tilley; Peter Walsh; Kim Wells; Jess Wilson.

Question agreed to.

- 16 **STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS** — Members made statements.

- 17 **ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ELECTRICITY OUTAGE EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time; debate resumed.

Motion made and question — That the debate be now adjourned (*Pauline Richards*) — put and agreed to.

Ordered — That the debate be adjourned until later this day.

- 18 **POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY** — Ordered — That the consideration of Government Business, Orders of the Day, Nos 2 to 4 inclusive, be postponed until later this day.

- 19 **STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this House notes the overwhelming support at the 2022 election for the Victorian Labor Government's plan to: (1) Bring back the State Electricity Commission; (2) Reach 95 per cent renewables by 2035, and net zero by 2045; (3) Install 100 neighbourhood batteries across Victoria; and (4) Create 59,000 renewable energy jobs — and, after debate —

Allocation of time — The Deputy Speaker advised that the time allocated for consideration of bills under the resolution of the House today had expired.

- 20 **ENERGY LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (ELECTRICITY OUTAGE EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND OTHER MATTERS) BILL 2023** — Order read for resuming debate on question — That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question — That this Bill be now read a second time and a third time — put and agreed to.

Bill sent to the Legislative Council and their agreement requested.

Business interrupted at 7.00 pm under sessional orders.

- 21 **ADJOURNMENT** — The Deputy Speaker announced that the time for the adjournment of the House had arrived and, after debate, left the Chair at 7.27 pm.

BRIDGET NOONAN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

MAREE EDWARDS MP
Speaker