NOTICES OF MOTIONS
AND
ORDERS OF THE DAY

No. 54

THURSDAY 17 AUGUST 2000

MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

New South Wales’ compliance with the Murray-Darling Basin Water Management Agreements; resumption of the discussion (from 5 April 2000—Minister (Mr Amery) to reply).

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTION—

1  Mr WOODS to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to amend the Local Government Act 1993 in relation to elections, the disclosure of pecuniary interests, tendering, the management of community land and other matters.

(Local Government Amendment Bill).

(Notice given 16 August 2000)
2 Mr KNOWLES to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to provide for the registration of psychologists; to repeal the Psychologists Act 1989; and for other purposes.

(Psychologists Bill).

(Notice given 16 August 2000)

ORDERS OF THE DAY—

1 Water Management Bill; resumption of the adjourned debate, on the motion of Mr Amery, “That this bill be now read a second time” (from 22 June 2000—Mr D. L. Page).

2 Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Amendment (Permanency Planning) Bill; resumption of the adjourned debate, on the motion of Mrs Lo Po’, “That this bill be now read a second time” (from 21 June 2000—Mr Fraser).

3 Criminal Procedure Amendment (Pre-trial Disclosure) Bill; resumption of the adjourned debate, on the motion of Mr Debus, “That this bill be now read a second time” (from 16 August 2000—Mr R. H. L. Smith).

GENERAL BUSINESS

NOTICES OF MOTIONS (for Bills)—

1 Mr ARMSTRONG to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to amend the Pay-roll Tax Act 1971 to grant exemptions from payment of pay-roll tax in relation to employees of country businesses.

(Pay-roll Tax Amendment (Country Employment) Bill).

(Notice given 4 April 2000)

P2 Mr HUMPHERSON to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to preserve the Mona Vale Road Bushland Corridor; and for other purposes.

(Mona Vale Road Bushland Corridor Preservation Bill).

(Notice given 4 May 2000)
Mrs CHIKAROVSKI to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to amend the Jury Act 1977 to provide for majority verdicts by juries in criminal trials; and for other purposes.

(Jury Amendment (Dissenting Juror) Bill).

(Notice given 31 May 2000)

Mr TINK to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to amend the Young Offenders Act 1997 so as to restrict the offences relating to drugs for which young persons may be dealt with under that Act.

(Young Offenders Amendment Bill).

(Notice given 8 June 2000)

Mr D. L. PAGE to move—

That leave be given to bring in a bill for an Act to amend the Conveyancing Act 1919 to make further provision with respect to the duties of mortgagees and chargees.

(Conveyancing Amendment (Mortgages) Bill).

(Notice given 10 August 2000)

Item marked P are postponed

ORDERS OF THE DAY (for Bills)—

Wilderness Amendment (Private Property Rights) Bill; resumption of the adjourned debate, on the motion of Mr Webb, “That this bill be now read a second time” (from 6 April 2000—Mr Yeadon).

Cross-Border Commission Bill; resumption of the adjourned debate, on the motion of Mr D. L. Page, “That this bill be now read a second time” (from 13 April 2000—Mr Stewart).

Freedom of Information Amendment (Open and Accountable Government) Bill; resumption of the adjourned debate, on the motion of Mrs Chikarovski, “That this bill be now read a second time” (from 5 May 2000am—Mr Stewart).

Crimes (Sentencing Procedure) Amendment (Life Sentence Confirmation) Bill; resumption of the adjourned debate, on the motion of Mrs Chikarovski, “That this bill be now read a second time” (from 10 August 2000—Mr Whelan).

Item marked P are postponed
ORDERS OF THE DAY (General Orders)—

1 Metropolitan Area Aboriginal Lands Council; resumption of the adjourned debate, on the motion of Mr Humpherson—

That this House:

(1) Notes with concern that the Metropolitan Area Aboriginal Lands Council is selling the 36 hectare bushland link between Garigal and Ku-ring-gai Chase National Parks without recognising community support for its preservation and incorporation into National Park.

(2) Supports the Government in funding the purchase of the former Crown land following the failure of land swap negotiations.

(3) Acknowledges the critical importance of the preservation of the land so as to maintain the bushland corridor from Sydney Harbour to the Hawkesbury River.

(from 13 April 2000—Ms Nori).

2 Hole in the Ozone Layer over Antarctica; resumption of the adjourned debate, on the motion of Ms Seaton—

That this House notes:

(1) The worsening hole in the ozone layer over Antarctica and the danger this represents for all Australians.

(2) That 16 September 1999 is National Ozone Depletion Awareness Day.

(3) The obligations Australia has taken on in the Montreal Protocol on reduction of ozone depleting activities.

(4) The Olympic Minister’s actions in knowingly over-riding our Green Games obligations when he authorised the use of non-compliant refrigerants in Olympic venues.

(5) The enormous costs to be shouldered by New South Wales taxpayers when we inevitably have to retrofit 2000 Olympic venues with compliant equipment prior to 2010 as a result of the short cut.

(6) The efforts of Greenpeace to highlight the Minister’s failure to maintain the Sydney Games’ compliance with green games guidelines.

(7) The failure of the Minister for the Environment on these issues.

(from 14 April 2000 pm—Mr Hartcher).
3 Seaforth TAFE; resumption of the adjourned debate, on the motion of Mr Barr—

That this House:

(1) Recognises the important role Seaforth TAFE plays in the Northern Beaches community as a provider of vocational training and education.

(2) Calls on the Minister for Education to reverse the decision of the Northern Institute of TAFE to close Seaforth TAFE.

(3) Condemns the Federal Government for its lack of commitment and funding to TAFE.

(from 14 April 2000 pm—Mr Hartcher).

4 Capital Works Expenditure in Hornsby; resumption of the adjourned debate, on the motion of Mr O'Doherty—

“That this House”:

(1) Notes the Premier’s response to my letter of 3 February concerning the lack of any significant capital works expenditure in Hornsby; and

(2) Calls on the Government to give Hornsby a fair go.

Upon which Mr Ashton moved, That all words after “That this House” be left out with a view to inserting instead:

(1) Notes the State Government’s commitment to capital works spending as a means of improving government services, creating jobs and strengthening the State’s economy.

(2) Commends the Carr Government for ensuring a fair share for all of New South Wales.

(from 5 May 2000pm—Mr O'Farrell—speaking).

5 CSIRO Energy Centre; resumption of the adjourned debate, on the motion of Mr Gaudry—

That this House notes the importance of the establishment of the CSIRO Energy Centre at the Steel River Eco Industrial Park in Newcastle to the development of energy research and sustainable energy industries in the Hunter Region.

(from 10 August 2000—Mr Mills).
NOTICES OF MOTIONS (General Notices)—

1 Mr O’FARRELL to move—

That this House notes the statement made in the Legislative Council on 8 September 1999 by the Hon Edward Moses Obeid concerning his involvement with Hapgeti Pty Ltd and the Australian Securities and Investment Commission and his Parliamentary pecuniary interests disclosure.

(Notice given 9 September 1999)

2 Mr O’FARRELL to move—

That this House notes:

(1) The results of the Ku-ring-gai Municipal Council elections held on Saturday 11 September 1999.

(2) The clear message delivered by ratepayers in opposing the Government’s attempts to impose inappropriate, high density development upon Ku-ring-gai.

(Notice given 14 September 1999)

P3 Mr HAZZARD to move—

That this House:

(1) Acknowledges that one year out from the Olympics the Government has not announced any strategy to deal with the predicted increase in homelessness in New South Wales leading up to and during the Sydney Olympics.

(2) Calls on the Government to announce publicly details of any plans that have been or are being made to counter the difficulties relating to the possible increase in Olympics related homelessness.

(3) Demands that the Government establish a co-ordinating body to ensure appropriate responses by government and non government agencies to the Olympics related to a likely increase in homeless people.

(Notice given 15 September 1999)

P4 Mrs CHIKAROVSKI to move—

That this House:

(1) Sends its support to the members of the Australian Defence Forces preparing to participate in the UN Peacekeeping Force in East Timor.

(2) Commends the Prime Minister, the Hon John Howard MP, for his determined and decisive leadership in this difficult period.
(3) Re-affirms its solidarity with the people of East Timor in their march to independence.

(Notice given 16 September 1999)

5 Mr ARMSTRONG to move—

That this House:

(1) Extends its deepest sympathy to the Government and people of Turkey as a result of the recent horrific earthquake occurring in that country.

(2) Call upon the people of New South Wales to support the people of Turkey to the best of their ability during the rehabilitation process within that country.

(Notice given 16 September 1999)

P6 Mr HAZZARD to move—

That this House:

(1) Acknowledges the report released at 1.00 pm on 16 September 1999 by Shelter New South Wales entitled “Ready Set Go” which sets out a plan for action on housing and homelessness for the 2000 Olympics.

(2) Acknowledges that Shelter New South Wales has called for the New South Wales Government to develop a strategy for addressing the issue of homelessness and has called for the Government to stop simply monitoring the situation.

(3) Calls on the Government to respond immediately to the proposed strategy of Shelter involving:

(a) a co-ordinated opening up of church halls and community halls with appropriate and proper supervision for use by people who would otherwise have no accommodation;

(b) development of a code of conduct for police and security guards in regard to their role in safeguarding homeless people now and during the Olympics.

(Notice given 16 September 1999)

P7 Mr HAZZARD to move—

That this House calls on the Government to accept donations of computers into New South Wales from private donors, where these computers will be used to promote rehabilitation of inmates and to reduce the rate of recidivism.

(Notice given 23 September 1999)
8 Mr STONER to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the measures being developed by the Federal Government in consultation with the dairy industry to compensate dairy farmers for the likely loss of milk quotas.

(2) Condemns the Government for its inadequate response to New South Wales dairy farmers of $2.1 million for counselling, funded by the dairy industry itself.

(3) Calls upon the Government to adequately assist New South Wales dairy farmers who need to substantially restructure their operations through funding for retraining, land improvement and equipment upgrade, similar to the Forest Industry Structural Adjustment Program (FISAP), with a commensurate level of funding.

(Notice given 23 September 1999)

9 Mr ARMSTRONG to move—

That this House objects to delays in bringing certain persons charged with drug offences in the Young District before the courts.

(Notice given 23 September 1999)

10 Mr PICCOLI to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes:

(a) the stance of the Government over the issue of fuel prices;

(b) the reported comments by the Minister for Agriculture in the Griffith Area News prior to the 1995 election that: “Country petrol prices would be brought down by a re-activated New South Wales Prices Commission if a Labor Government was elected” and “the Fahey Government had not utilised the Commission to regulate petrol prices and instead wiped its hands of it by passing it off as a Federal matter.”

(c) the comment by the Minister for Fair Trading in the House yesterday that: “we must remember that the regulation of petrol is primarily a Commonwealth responsibility.”

(d) that the price of fuel in regional areas has skyrocketed.

(2) Condemns the Minister for Agriculture for his comments and Labor Members who represent country electorates for their inability to influence Government policy.

(Notice given 23 September 1999)
P11 Mr HAZZARD to move—

That this House calls on the Government to abolish SEPP 5 because of its impact on Manly, Warringah, Pittwater and Ku-ring-gai and other environmentally sensitive areas to ensure it no longer permits medium density development under the guise of aged and disabled housing.

(Notice given 23 September 1999)

12 Mr SOURIS to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes:

(a) That the Nyngan Community is bracing itself for a devastating social crisis as a result of the imminent closure of the town’s main source of employment, the Girilambone Copper Mine.

(b) The question asked by the Member for Murray-Darling in this House just three weeks ago in relation to the Tritton Mine.

(c) The comments by Mr Barry Deans, the manager of the Girilambone Copper Mine where he claimed the mine may never open.

(2) Calls on the Government to immediately implement a rescue package to divert the devastating social crisis facing the Nyngan community.

(Notice given 20 October 1999)

13 Mr SLACK-SMITH to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes:

(a) The urgent need for Government to enact legislation for the use of traceable radio frequency tags for cattle.

(b) The European Union’s December deadline for the overhaul of the Australia’s cattle identification system.

(c) The enormous impact to regional New South Wales and the Australian economy should the European Union restrict the importation of beef into member countries.

(2) Calls on the Minister for Agriculture to explain the delay in introducing and enacting appropriate legislation.

(Notice given 20 October 1999)
Mrs SKINNER to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the Commonwealth Government’s commitment of an additional $600 million for medical research over the next six years.

(2) Expresses concern at the Government’s failure to create a climate in New South Wales which strengthens the scientific basis for health care and fosters investment in the biotechnology industry.

(3) Calls on the Government to follow the lead of the Commonwealth and other States and increase funding to provide necessary infrastructure support for key medical research establishments in New South Wales.

(Notice given 21 October 1999)

Mr ARMSTRONG to move—

That this House:

(1) Condemns the cut-backs to weed funding allocated in the electorate of Lachlan for this coming year.

(2) Condemns the reduction in funding from $403,000 last year to $352,517 this year.

(3) Notes the deleterious effect on the environment of the reduced funding for weed eradication.

(Notice given 21 October 1999)

Mr O’FARRELL to move—

That this House notes with concern the effect of the Government’s increase in transport fares

(Notice given 27 October 1999)

Mr HAZZARD to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes with grave concern the 33.8% increase in Aboriginal deaths in custody in New South Wales in the period 1990-98.

(2) Calls on the Government to recognise the seriousness of the issue in so far as the increase in Aboriginal deaths in custody of 33.8% compares to the increase in Victoria of 2.5%; Western Australia 16.3%; South Australia 12.5%; Tasmania 1.25%; Northern Territory 6.25% and Queensland 27.5%.

(Notice given 28 October 1999)
Mr OAKESHOTT to move—

That this House notes:

(1) The sacking of the Director General of Fisheries on 27 October 1999 with no reason given by the Minister for Fisheries with an undisclosed illness.

(2) That the Minister did not provide the courtesy to personally sack the Director General at 9.30 am, instead leaving the job to an employee.

(3) That the ex-Director General has 2 years to run on his $200,000 a year contract.

(4) That the sacking of the Director General is not an appropriate way for a Government to change policy direction from restricted access fisheries to the Coalition’s share managed fishery approach.

(Notice given 28 October 1999)

Mrs CHIKAROVSKI to move—

That this House notes that the people of New South Wales were deceived in the allocation of Olympic tickets and calls on the Premier to demonstrate the leadership expected of his office of Premier and that he state his position on the allocation of tickets.

(Notice given 9 November 1999)

Ms SEATON to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes in relation to Bowral Hospital:

(a) the State Government’s failure:

   (i) to maintain adequate orthopaedic services;

   (ii) to act on providing public ophthalmology to alleviate the travel and waiting times for elderly people needing cataract and other surgery; and

   (iii) to act to offer other services in the local public system including urology and ENT, when such equipment and facilities are available nearby in the private hospital;

(b) cuts to availability of joint replacement surgery from 4 joint operations per surgeon per month to one joint per surgeon per month until further notice;

(c) the effect on 35 patients on one surgeon’s waiting list, pushing some patients to nearly 3 years of waiting;
(2) Condemns the Minister for Health for his neglect of health services in the Southern Highlands electorate.

(Notice given 9 November 1999)

21 Mrs SKINNER to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the Southern Area Health Service’s admission that it has financial problems and cannot afford to pay creditors.

(2) Notes that some doctors in the region have outstanding bills of up to three months.

(3) Calls on the Minister for Health to provide sufficient funds to the region so it can pay for goods and services needed for delivery of local patient care.

(Notice given 9 November 1999)

22 Mr HAZZARD to move—

That this House:

(1) Recognises the importance of Intensive Reading Programs to ensure the literacy skills and self-esteem of students in New South Wales.

(2) Expresses its concern at the reduction of 2.8 teaching staff in the availability of the Intensive Reading Program to Northern Beaches school students which will make the program less available to students in need.

(3) Notes that currently students in need of Intensive Reading Programs on the Northern Beaches can often not gain access to the programs or when they do gain access there is usually less than optimal time in the program.

(4) Calls on the Minister for Education to intervene to ensure Northern Beaches students get a fair go in improving literacy.

(Notice given 9 November 1999)

23 Mrs SKINNER to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the Mid North Coast Area Health Service Medical Advisory Committee’s recent vote of no confidence in the Mid North Coast Area Health Service Board.

(2) Notes the “Save the Macksville and District Hospital” public meeting held on 1 November, and comments made by Dr Nick Wilcocks that the area health budget is underfunded by approximately $100 per person, or a total of $36 million.
(3) Condemns the Minister for Health for failing to provide adequate health services to meet the needs of this growing community.

(4) Calls on the Minister for Health to increase funding to the Mid North Coast Area Health Service.

(Notice given 9 November 1999)

24 Mr O’DOHERTY to move—

That this House:

(1) Urges the Minister for Roads to immediately begin planning for improvements to the operation and capacity of the intersection of Duffy Avenue with the Esplanade and Chilvers Avenue, Thornleigh and for the widening of the rail bridge at Duffy Avenue.

(2) Notes that the Government’s sale of the Ormond site in 1998, to a developer planning 100 homes on the site, has made the need for this project even more urgent.

(3) Notes that despite Labor’s promise in the 1999 election campaign no money was set aside for this project in this year’s budget.

(4) Calls on the Government to provide a guaranteed time line for funding this project.

(Notice given 10 November 1999)

25 Mr TINK to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes:

(a) the Auditor-General’s finding that tenders of $5.8 million were accepted for Ashfield Police station just six weeks prior to the election without appropriate Treasury or Budget Committee approval;

(b) that the tender review process was completed in just three days compared to the average time of 4-6 weeks; and

(c) that the tenders were called prior to formal approval being given.

(2) Calls on the Minister for Police to table all documents relating to the pre-election fast-tracking of Ashfield Police station in his electorate.

(Notice given 10 November 1999)
26 Mr FRASER to move—

That this House:

(1) Condemns the Government for increasing the cost of distance education subjects to Independent Schools by 1800%.

(2) Notes:

(a) the negative effect this will have on students preparing for their HSC and the widening disparity between Sydney and country students as a result of this increase in costs;

(b) the lack of consultation by the Government with affected schools; and

(c) that the Country Labor Party failed to do anything about these exorbitant fee increases in the Government’s cash for education scandal.

(Notice given 10 November 1999)

27 Mr ARMSTRONG to move—

That this House calls on the Government to amend the acts and regulations concerning the tail tagging of cattle to provide:

(1) That cattle being transported to point of sale from a vendor’s property be properly tail tagged; and

(2) Where a beast loses its tag or tags, the vendor have the power to authorise his or her agent or representative to re-tag the beast with appropriate records being endorsed accordingly.

(Notice given 10 November 1999)

28 Mr FRASER to move—

That this House:

(1) Condemns the Country Labor Party and in particular the Minister for Regional Development, Rural Affairs and Local Government, for failing to halt the downgrading of the Campbell Hospital, Coraki.

(2) Notes:

(a) the failure of the Minister to attend a public meeting held in Coraki to protest against the closure of nine rehabilitation and six acute care beds at the Campbell Hospital, Coraki;

(b) the associated jobs lost at the hospital and the impact this will have on Coraki and surrounding community.
Calls on the Government to abolish all debt in the Northern Rivers Area Health Service and to immediately increase funding to avert a health crisis on the North Coast of New South Wales.

(Notice given 10 November 1999)

Mr STONER to move—

That this House:

(1) 

Notes:

(a) the failure of the Country Labor Party to secure adequate funding for the basic requirements of regional hospitals such as the Macksville and District Hospital;

(b) the admission by the Mid North Coast Area Health Service Director of Operations that in the current financial year the number of patients treated and discharged will have to be kept to the same level as the 1997-98 year, which will result in a blowout in the waiting times for elective surgery;

(c) the Macksville and District Hospital has overspent its budget by $800,000 or 14.3% and is being forced to refund the shortfall; and

(d) with concern, the imminent closure of 10 of the 56 beds at the Macksville and District Hospital and the results this will have on the quality of health care in the Nambucca Shire.

(2) Calls on the Government to abolish all debt in the Mid North Coast Area Health Service and to immediately increase funding to avert a health crisis on the Mid North Coast of New South Wales.

(Notice given 10 November 1999)

Mr FRASER to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes:

(a) the failure of the Country Labor Party to secure adequate funding for the basic requirements of regional hospitals and health services;

(b) the relationship between the Mid North Coast medical staff and the Mid North Coast Area Health Board has reached an historic low;

(c) that doctors at Kempsey, Macksville, Bellingen, Taree and Coffs Harbour have unanimously passed votes of no confidence in the Mid North Coast Area Health Board; and
(d) the failure of the Minister for Health to rectify the funding shortfall to the Mid North Coast Area Health Service which the Board publicly acknowledges is $36 million.

(2) Calls on the Government to abolish all debt in the Mid North Coast Area Health Service and to immediately increase funding to avert a health crisis on the Mid North Coast of New South Wales.

(Notice given 10 November 1999)

31 Ms SEATON to move—

That this House notes the failure of the Minister for the Olympics:

(1) to inform the Southern Highlands community of intended Olympic period rail timetables;

(2) to guarantee that rail services will not be cut during that period; and

(3) to guarantee that tourists and Southern Highlands residents will be able to get to the Olympic venues during the games.

(Notice given 11 November 1999)

32 Mr FRASER to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes:

(a) the failure of the Country Labor Party to halt the economic rationalist agenda of the Government;

(b) with concern, the failure of the Country Labor Party to halt the loss of the jobs from Countrylink; and

(2) Condemns the Minister for Local Government, Regional Development and Rural Affairs for failing to stop the Minister for Transport from cutting two Countrylink jobs at Grafton.

(Notice given 11 November 1999)

33 Mr WEBB to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes:

(a) the extent which the weed Serrated Tussock (Nassella trichtoma) is endemic in Cooma Monaro Shire, and particularly in the Nimmitabel and Numeralla Landcare area;
(b) the occurrence of the weed in the adjoining Snowy River and Bombala Shires with these three shires joining forces to attack weeds on a regional basis;

c) the infestation categories and the weeds impending spread potential;

(d) the occurrence elsewhere of the weed and its potential to devastate large areas of Monaro and the Southern Tablelands if left unchecked; and

(e) the inadequacy and dangers of the control measures currently promoted by the Department of Agriculture.

(2) Calls on the Government to immediately move to reintroduce “Frenock” as an available control agent.

(Notice given 11 November 1999)

34 Mr PICCOLI to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the continuing public service staff freeze across the New South Wales Public Service.

(2) Condemns:

(a) the Government for failing to fill these needed positions in regional New South Wales; and

(b) the Country Labor Party for failing to stand up to the Sydney centric Government and for letting the Government cut money and jobs out of struggling regional communities.

(3) Calls on the Government to advise how many positions remain unfilled in regional New South Wales and how much money the Government has saved as a result of the Premier’s public service staff freeze.

(Notice given 11 November 1999)

35 Ms HODGKINSON to move—

That this House:

(1) Expresses its deep concern at the possible closure of the highly successful Crookwell Neighbourhood Centre.

(2) Urges the Government to take every possible action to ensure the centre remains open.

(3) Notes that the possible loss of State Government funding for the Mature Workers Program is the most likely catalyst for the closure of the centre.
(4) Calls upon the Minister for Education and Training to ensure funding for this important program is maintained, thereby maximising the chances of Crookwell Neighbourhood Centre maintaining its operations into 2000 and well beyond.

(Notice given 11 November 1999)

36 Mr FRASER to move—

That this House:

(1) Condemns the Minister for Local Government, Regional Development and rural Affairs for spending $170,000 on a corporate box at the Sydney Olympic Games for his personal use and that of Country Labor.

(2) Notes that this outlay of $170,000 for a corporate box is more money than the Government has spent on helping communities such as Kempsey, Casino, Scone, Aberdeen, Lithgow, Blayney and Nyngan devastated by the closure or imminent closure of the community’s major employer.

(3) Condemns the Country Labor Party for failing to halt the excesses of the Government and notes its silence on this issue.

(Notice given 11 November 1999)

37 Mr GEORGE to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes that the Minister for Local Government, Regional Development and Rural Affairs spent $298,000 on advertising in which he personally appeared.

(2) Condemns:

(a) the Minister for spending more money on promoting himself with taxpayers money, than has been spent on helping regional communities such as Kempsey, Scone, Aberdeen, Lithgow, Blayney and Nyngan all of which have or are facing the loss of the community’s major employer; and

(b) the Country Labor Party for failing to inform the people of these communities about the Minister’s use of taxpayers money for his own political purposes.

(Notice given 11 November 1999)

38 Mr WEBB to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes:

(a) that basic health services are in jeopardy in Queanbeyan and Cooma despite some very high class facilities;
(b) with concern, the closure of beds at the Queanbeyan Hospital and the possible closure of the “Confused and Disturbed Elderly” unit and “Peppertree Lodge” following the current review;

(c) that the Southern Area Health Service received only a 4.3% increase in funding this year, below the State average of 4.6% and insufficient to overcome the $8 million loss incurred last year;

(d) the limited parameters that the Government and the Department of Health expect Southern Area Health Service to operate within; and

(e) the complete failure of Country Labor to identify these problems and influence the Government to immediately address the shortcomings.

(2) Calls on the Government to immediately increase funding to adequate levels for the Southern Area Health Service and abolish the outstanding debt, to avert a health crisis in Queanbeyan and Monaro.

(Notice given 11 November 1999)

39 Mr STONER to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes:
(a) the claims by a Mid North Coast Magistrate that some young people in Kempsey are intentionally committing crimes so they can be flown to a juvenile justice centre;

(b) the Magistrate’s reported comments that he has several concerns as to whether young people are being coerced to commit crimes and feel safer in a detention centre, or if imprisonment is seen as a status symbol;

(c) the comments by Aboriginal elders in Kempsey agreeing with the Magistrate’s comments; and

(2) Condemns the Government for ignoring social problems emanating from regional New South Wales.

(Notice given 16 November 1999)

40 Mr J.H. TURNER to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes:
(a) the Government’s handling of the New South Wales timber industry on the Mid North Coast;
(b) that the timber shortage is so severe it is costing jobs and creating massive social problems on the Mid North Coast;

(c) the recent problems encountered by the Great Lakes Council in trying to secure 25 logs from the local area to replace a timber bridge north of Bulahdelah; and

(2) Calls on the Government, in light of the Auditor-Generals report which shows the Mid North Coast timber industry will have to be compensated millions of dollars because of the flawed methodology used by the Government, to immediately review the Mid North Coast Regional Forest Agreement.

(Notice given 16 November 1999)

41 Mr SLACK-SMITH to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes:

(a) the closure of businesses and services in Brewarrina due to the continued destruction of property by vandals;

(b) the closure of services and business in Brewarrina due to continued theft;

(c) with concern the offensive behaviour of people under the influence of alcohol in the streets and parks which are classified as alcohol free zones; and

(2) Calls on the Minister for Police to immediately take steps to allow people to walk the streets and conduct their businesses in safety.

(Notice given 16 November 1999)

42 Mr D.L. PAGE to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes:

(a) the imminent loss of jobs from the Bathurst Land and Information Centre;

(b) the Minister for Information Technology, Energy, Forestry and Western Sydney does not make people redundant, he restructures them.

(Notice given 16 November 1999)

43 Mr FRASER to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes:
(a) the concerns of the Dorrigo Veterinary Clinic in relation to massive price increases in the cost of Government veterinary laboratory tests;

(b) the lack of concern and action taken by the Sydney centric Country Labor Party; and

(2) Condemns the Government for risking the disease free status of the beef industry on the North Coast by imposing the massive veterinary laboratory fee increases.

(Notice given 16 November 1999)

44 Mr OAKESHOTT to move—

That this House:

(1) Congratulates Karrie Webb on attaining her ranking of Number one Women’s Professional Golfer.

(2) Congratulates the phenomenal come back of Sydney surfer Mark Occhilupo to win this year’s World Surfing Championships.

(3) Congratulates the Australian Men’s Baseball team on winning the Intercontinental Cup to become unofficial world champions.

(4) Congratulates the Australian Women’s Netball team on once again winning the World Championship.

(5) Congratulates the Australian Cricket team on winning the World Cup.

(6) Congratulates the Australian Rugby League team on their recent victories over Great Britain and New Zealand.

(7) Welcomes home the William Webb Ellis Trophy and the all conquering Australian Wallabies Rugby Union team.

(8) Celebrates the depth of talent in all sports in New South Wales today.

(Notice given 16 November 1999)

45 Ms HODGKINSON to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the ongoing widespread concern that administration of Ovine Johnes Disease controls in New South Wales discriminates against producers in certain regions, especially the Southern Tablelands.

(2) Calls on the Minister for Agriculture to:
acknowledge the impact of OJD zoning on property values and acknowledge that compensation should be payable for losses arising from these declines in value;

(b) outline in precise terms how much funding will be made available to producers affected by OJD zonings under the voluntary levy scheme and under what conditions compensation will be paid;

(c) also allocate substantial New South Wales Government funding for compensation purposes;

(d) in the absence of State funding, immediately review the need for the current arbitrary zonings which in some cases see properties divided by a few metres of bitumen; and

(e) immediately allocate adequate resources for Rural Lands Protection Boards to undertake the OJD responsibilities placed upon them by the New South Wales Government.

(Notice given 16 November 1999)

46 Mr GEORGE to move—

That this House:

(1) Condemns the Minister for Local Government, Regional Development and Rural Affairs for failing to stand up to his Cabinet colleague, the Minister for Education.

(2) Notes:

(a) the loss of two full time teaching positions at the Grafton TAFE campus and the loss of teaching hours for part time and casual TAFE teachers;

(b) the failure of the Sydney centric Country Labor Party to halt the downgrading of rural and regional education, by the Government which is further widening the gap between Sydney and country communities; and

(3) Condemns the Government for removing jobs and wages from Grafton.

(Notice given 16 November 1999)

47 Mr WEBB to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes:

(a) the failure of the Member for Murray-Darling to help avert industrial action by teachers in Broken Hill;
(b) the disruption to Broken Hill students when teachers walk off the job on Thursday 18 November 1999 and follow it with a series of two hour stoppages;

(c) comments from the Member for Murray-Darling to the local media about his concern over his Government’s handling of the situation;

(d) the stress caused to parents in Broken Hill when teachers walk off the job again;

(e) the Minister for Education has not met teachers to discuss the salary issue since 25 May 1999;

(f) the failure of SLAC (the State Labor Advisory Committee) to stem the crisis in the New South Wales school system; and

(2) Calls on the Member for Murray-Darling and the Government to immediately address the growing crisis in the New South Wales school system.

(Notice given 16 November 1999)

48 Mr PICCOLI to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes:

(a) that SLAC (the State Labor Advisory Committee) is the most appropriate acronym to come from this Government yet, given its handling of industrial disputes in New South Wales;

(b) the disaffection of the Unions with SLAC;

(c) the failure of the New South Wales Labor Party to secure a compromise deal with school teachers to ensure the education of children in regional and rural New South Wales is not further disrupted;

(d) the inconvenience and stress that will be caused to parents of school children in regional and rural New South Wales on Thursday 18 November 1999, when school teachers again walk off the job;

(e) that more than 10 million class room hours have been lost through industrial disputes this year; and

(2) Calls on the Government to immediately fix the crisis in the New South Wales school system and restore morale in New South Wales schools.

(Notice given 16 November 1999)
Mr J.H. TURNER to move—

That this House:

(1) Condemns the Member for Murray-Darling for his failure to secure funding for a flood way just south of Kelly’s Creek on the Silver City Highway, despite the building materials for the construction of the bridge left lying on the side of the road for the last five years; and

(2) Calls on the Member for Murray-Darling to join with the National Party in lobbying the Minister for Roads to provide funding for this project which will go a long way in ensuring the major link between Broken Hill and the Sunraysia region does not become impassable when it rains.

(Notice given 16 November 1999)

Mr STONER to move—

That this House:

(1) Condemns the Sydney centric country Labor Party for allowing the National Parks and Wildlife Service to reintroduce entry fees to National Parks.

(2) Notes the Government’s change of mind on this issue in April 1998 after intense lobbying by the New South Wales National Party and other concerned country residents.

(3) Calls on the Government to abandoned this latest entry fee charge on country people.

(Notice given 16 November 1999)

Mr R.W. TURNER to move—

That this House:

(1) Calls on the Government to outline its economic rationalist agenda for the Mid Western Area Health service, in particular its intentions for the future of Orange Base Hospital’s Howse Ward.

(2) Condemns the government for its decision to close the Howse Ward.

(3) Notes the distress and discomfort of patients who have been told that the second and third floors of the Orange Base Hospital will be turned into mixed sex medical and surgical wards, despite being totally unsuitable for this type of occupancy without major refits.

(4) Calls on the Government to stop its assault on regional health services and to halt its downgrading of the Orange Base Hospital.

(Notice given 16 November 1999)
Mr ARMSTRONG to move—

That this House:

(1) Expresses its deepest sympathy to the families and the people of the Young district on the tragic deaths of three 17 year old men in a car accident near Blayney on Sunday 14 November 1999.

(2) Recognises the vulnerability of young people driving motor vehicles particularly during the teenage years.

(3) That the Government reinforce and improve road safety policy and driver training and testing procedures in order to contain further unnecessary road deaths.

(Notice given 16 November 1999)

Mr O’DOHERTY to move—

That this House:

(1) Condemns the Government for repeatedly failing to recognise Cowan’s legitimate right to be included in the backlog sewerage program.

(2) Notes the importance of reticulated sewerage both to the people of Cowan and the environment of the Berowra Creek catchment.

(3) Calls on the Government to immediately include Cowan in the program.

(Notice given 17 November 1999)

Mr R.H.L. SMITH to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes a meeting of Shoalhaven teachers at the Bomaderry Bowling Club where the Member for South Coast:

(a) confirmed last week’s attack by Labor backbenchers upon Dr Ken Boston and the Minister for Education and Training;

(b) regretted issuing a misleading donut press release on the teachers’ dispute;

(c) claimed he had been misled by the Government over the nature of the proposed teachers’ award.

(2) Notes the meeting’s establishment of a group called STRAWS (Shoalhaven Teachers Rallying Against Wayne Smith) to actively campaign against the Member.
(3) Calls upon the Member for South Coast to stand up for local teachers and effectively fight against the unreasonable actions of the Minister for Education and Training.

(Notice given 17 November 1999)

55 Mr J.H. TURNER to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes:

(a) that due to the staffing crisis in the Manning-Great Lakes Area Command, police officers have been working without pay and in their own time;

(b) the shortage of officers is due chiefly to the high number of police staff on long term sick report and officers drawn back from front line policing duties because of the reform process and budget cuts;

(c) that during the Sydney Olympic Games a quarter of the police force will be removed from the Manning-Great Lakes Area Command to come to Sydney to provide security during the Games.

(2) Acknowledges that because of under staffing, the long term problem of police with stress related illnesses has led to a significant occupational health and safety problem at the Command.

(3) Condemns:

(a) the Government for failing to provide additional police resources to the Manning-Great Lakes Area Command, despite it being 30% under its staffing capacity.

(b) the Sydney centric Country Labor Party for failing to convince the Minister for Police that regional New South Wales is just as important as Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong and entitled to have their regional area commands at full authorised strength 24 hours a day, seven days a week and for 12 months of the year.

(Notice given 17 November 1999)

56 Mr FRASER to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes:

(a) the failure of the Country Labor Party to secure adequate funding for the most basic requirements of regional hospitals and health services; and

(b) the recent comments by the Chairman of the Government’s committee investigating the need for multi-purpose centres in rural areas that the hospitals in many country towns were being held together only by paint.
(2) Calls on the Government to abolish all debt in regional Area Health Services and to immediately increase funding to avert the impending health crisis in rural and regional New South Wales.

(Notice given 17 November 1999)

57 Mr R.H.L. SMITH to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes:

(a) the withdrawal of emergency surgery from the Pambula Hospital;

(b) the withdrawal of operative obstetric services from the Pambula Hospital and the forced transfer of expectant mothers to Bega Hospital for emergency treatment; and

(c) the urgent need for management planning and strategies to ensure that trained nursing and theatre staff are available at Pambula Hospital to assist in these emergency procedures.

(2) Calls on the Government to take action to ensure that doctors’ VMO payments and local creditors are paid promptly and without unnecessary delay.

(Notice given 17 November 1999)

58 Ms HODGKINSON to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes:

(a) the warning by volunteer bush fire fighters that they will consider not fighting fires unless they are legally protected; and

(b) the decision by lawyers representing the Rural Fire Service not to represent some individual volunteers at an inquest.

(2) Contrasts the Rural Fire Services’ refusal to legally represent volunteer bush fire fighters, with the Treasurer expending $500,000 of taxpayers’ money in legal battles trying to halt the tabling of documents in the Legislative Council.

(Notice given 17 November 1999)

59 Mr GEORGE to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes:
(a) the concerns of the CFMEU in relation to the Government’s application of “free market principles” in the pricing of electricity; and

(b) that the Union believes the application of such principles is a direct threat to the employment security of hundreds of power workers.

(2) Condemns the Sydney centric Country Labor party for failing to support electricity workers and for failing to guarantee job security of the thousands of workers employed by the power industry in rural and regional New South Wales.

(Notice given 17 November 1999)

60 Mr ARMSTRONG to move—

That:

(1) the RTA’s computer licensing record system not be recognised as a bona fide process for the establishment of personal identification;

(2) Mr Danny Sellars’ brother fraudulently obtained a licence in Danny’s name;

(3) on the RTA replacement application form it states “You must provide a reference statement if you do not have or are unable to produce a New South Wales Licence. If your referee cannot be contacted a replacement licence will not be issued”; and

(4) as a result of licence fraud Mr Danny Sellars of Cootamundra was unable to work in his normal occupation as a truck driver.

(Notice given 17 November 1999)

61 Mr WEBB to move—

That, in relation to the lost snow boarders, this House:

(1) Notes the discovery on 16 November 1999 of the site of a snow cave by a Navy training helicopter, 2 km from Ramshead Chairlift, Thredbo.

(2) Expresses its sincere and deepest condolences to the three families of the lost snow boarders.

(3) Thanks all the forces, services and volunteers for their efforts over the last three months in locating the bodies of the four young men.

(Notice given 17 November 1999)
Mr R.H.L. SMITH to move—

That this House:

(1) Condemns the Government for its indecision over the need for a new primary school at Merimbula.

(2) Notes the distress and overcrowding on an inadequate site where seven demountable classrooms make up half the total classroom capacity of the school.

(3) Calls on the Government to make funding available without further delay to plan for a new public school for Merimbula.

(Notice given 17 November 1999)

Mr SLACK-SMITH to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes:

(a) the failure of the Country Labor Party to secure adequate funding for even the most basic requirements of regional hospitals and health services; and

(b) that as a result of inadequate funding, the breakdown of the main boiler at the Narrabri Hospital, which forced it to rely on a small backup system, resulting in hot water being rationed at the Hospital.

(2) Calls on the Government to abolish all debt in regional Area Health Services and to immediately increase funding to avert the impending health crisis in rural and regional New South Wales.

(Notice given 17 November 1999)

Mr R.W. TURNER to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes:

(a) the Government’s plans to downgrade Portland Hospital to a Primary Care Centre, which will result in the closure of 20 acute care beds, the loss of 10 jobs, the downgrading of the Hospital to a virtual casualty ward with restricted access hours during the day time only, the transfer of long term patients to other communities and the lack of after hours emergency facilities; and

(b) after community outrage about the plans to close the Portland Hospital, a consultation process with the Portland community was set up and is to be finalised before Christmas.
(2) Calls on the Government to honour its promise that no regional hospitals would be closed or downgraded and to stop destroying health services in rural and regional communities.

(Notice given 17 November 1999)

65 Mr STONER to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the recent national study by the Melbourne University Youth Research Centre, which found that 2 in 5 students in remote and rural schools are unable to study the subjects of their choice.

(2) Condemns the City controlled Country Labor faction for supporting the Minister for Education and Training in increasing distance education fees by 1,900%, exacerbating this inequity between country and city.

(3) Condemns the Government for escalating secondary education fees while opposing charges to tertiary education fees.

(Notice given 17 November 1999)

66 Mr OAKESHOTT to move—

That this House notes the disappointment of the organisers of the Little Athletics State Championships to be held on 18-19 March 2000 at being asked to pay $60,000 to conduct the event at Stadium Australia.

(Notice given 17 November 1999)

67 Mr BROGDEN to move—

That this House notes the Premier’s statement in the House encouraging citizens of Sydney to

(Notice given 17 November 1999)

68 Mr PICCOLI to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes:

 (a) because of the Government’s incompetence in managing the rural health service in the Greater Murray Area, the Health Service is set to close ten hospitals in the region over the Christmas, New Year period because of severe nurse shortages;

 (b) the affected hospitals include Leeton, Tocumwal, Finley, Hillston, Junee, Tumbarumba, Urana, Culcairn, Henty and Jerilderie;
(c) that due to the tyranny of distance the entire southern region of the State will be totally under resourced during the Christmas/New Year period.

(2) Calls on the Minister for Health to work with the National Party in ensuring that the Southern Region is adequately resourced during the Christmas/New Year period, so that any potential tragedies are averted.

(3) Condemns the Sydney centric Labor Party for allowing this situation to develop in regional New South Wales and for failing to get from the Government a fair share of health funding for regional communities.

(Notice given 17 November 1999)

69 Mr HAZZARD to move—

That this House:

(1) Recognises that up to 90% of inmates in New South Wales correctional facilities have drug and/or alcohol dependencies.

(2) Condemns the Government’s failure to provide adequate drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs in prisons.

(3) Calls on the Government to recognise its failure to provide adequate rehabilitation, ensuring that inmates leaving the prison system are very likely to re-offend.

(Notice given 17 November 1999)

70 Mr ARMSTRONG to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes:

(a) the total failure of SLAC (the State Labor Advisory Committee) and the Government to stem the industrial relations crises sweeping New South Wales;

(b) essential professionals, including teachers, nurses and ambulance officers, are striking or threatening industrial action due to the Government’s inability to negotiate with them; and

(c) the Labour Council minutes of SLAC’s inaugural meeting in which it was stated that even the Premier is concerned about the way the teachers’ dispute is being handled.

(2) Calls on the Premier to abandon SLAC and show some leadership to sort out the rash of disputes plaguing New South Wales under his Government.

(Notice given 17 November 1999)
Mr FRASER to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes a letter sent to the Minister for Health by Dr William Ross entitled, “Thursday, 11 November 1999 - A Day to Remember”.

(2) Notes the claims by Dr William Ross that on the 11 November 1999:

(a) elective operating list at Coffs Harbour Base Hospital had been cancelled;

(b) one in five elective surgery sessions at Coffs Harbour Base Hospital had been cut in an attempt to meet the budget demands imposed by the Mid North Coast Area Health Service;

(c) one patient on his waiting list (which exceeds 600) had been offered admission to Grafton Hospital for their procedure as there was no waiting list there and could be admitted within four weeks;

(d) another patient (concerned about the delayed diagnosis of cancer was offered a place in Newcastle.

(3) Condemns the Government and Country Labor Party for failing to ensure regional New South Wales gets its fair share of funding for health services.

(Notice given 18 November 1999)

Mr R.H.L. SMITH to move—

That this House:

(1) Calls on the Premier to guarantee that he will never establish a shooting gallery in the Bega Electorate.

(2) Calls on the Premier to fund a dramatic increase in drug education, treatment and rehabilitation.

(Notice given 18 November 1999)

Mr ARMSTRONG to move—

That this House:

(1) Condemns the Government and particularly city based Country Labor for deserting pensioners trying to travel on Country Link at Christmas time.

(2) Calls on the Government to provide adequate seats to be serviced by pensioner travel allowances and staff asking them to pay senior card rates on economy travel.

(3) Calls on the Government to ensure pensioners may request window seats and travel on alcohol free coaches.
(4) Recognise that pensioners only get two free trips a year and stop Country Link from making extra money out of pensioners, many of whom just want to travel to be with their families at Christmas time.

(Notice given 18 November 1999)

74 Ms HODGKINSON to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the Minister for Health has been made aware of and asked to intervene in a dispute between the Southern Area Health Service and doctors at Goulburn, Yass and Young who are threatening to cut back services available to the towns hospitals unless delays in being paid for services provided are rectified.

(2) Notes the Southern Area Health Service has admitted that it has financial problems and that delays of three months or more for doctors and tradespeople not getting paid in not uncommon.

(3) Condemns the Government and the city based Country Labor Party for failing to ensure rural and regional New South Wales gets its fair share of health funding.

(Notice given 18 November 1999)

75 Mr STONER to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the recent Australian Institute of Criminology report indicating that every case of child abuse in Australia costs the economy almost $160,000.

(2) Notes that the Vinson Report, “Unequal in Life” identifies disadvantaged areas in New South Wales including the Mid North Coast in which child abuse occurs at four times the rate of other areas.

(3) Calls on the Government to implement the post 2000 jobs plan to create a better socio-economic climate to lessen child abuse in those disadvantaged areas.

(4) Condemns the Government for voting against a Motion in this House on 28 October 1999, calling for the Post 2000 Jobs Plan to be directed towards those disadvantaged areas.

(Notice given 18 November 1999)

76 Dr KERNOHAN to move—

That this House calls on the Minister for Health to provide sufficient funding to restore testing of all kindergarten aged children for vision and hearing problems.

(Notice given 18 November 1999)
Mr R.H.L. SMITH to move—

That this House:

(1) Condemns the Minister for Health for failing to upgrade facilities at Milton Hospital.

(2) Condemns the Minister for failing to provide funds to set up a Diabetes Service in the Southern Shoalhaven.

(3) Condemns the Member for South Coast on this issue for his failure to once mention the urgent need for upgrading Milton Hospital.

(Notice given 18 November 1999)

Mr FRASER to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes that on 20 July 1998 the then Minister for Sport and Recreation, wrote to the Coffs Harbour Sporting Shooters Association to inform them that they had been successful in obtaining a grant for the connection of electricity of $1,115.

(2) Notes the letter from the then Minister for Sport and Recreation states, “The Sporting Shooters Association of Australia’s appropriate acknowledgment of the support provided by the State Government would be appreciated”.

(3) Condemns the Government for failing to provide the money, despite the Association writing to the Minister of three occasions now and having received verbal confirmation in July 1999 that the cheque was in the mail, the Association is still waiting to receive its money from the Government.

(Notice given 18 November 1999)

Mr WEBB to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the outrage of Denise of Queanbeyan at the new computer system in Countrylink.

(2) Notes the silence of both the Sydney centric Country Labor Party and the Minister for Transport over the installation of the new computer reservation system in countrylink.

(3) Notes the Minister for Transport's refusal to return any media organisations calls in relation to any bad news stories and notes that Wayne Geddes has been working overtime in the last two weeks as a result of the numerous errors within the Department of Transport.

(Notice given 18 November 1999)
Mr STONER to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the waste and mismanagement under the administration of the Government.

(2) Condemns the Government for spending:
   
   (a) $1,500 on a consultant to provide expert advice on wall paper renovations.
   
   (b) $901 on a consultant to provide an assessment of habitat of green and golden bell frogs at Culburra.
   
   (c) $16,271.95 on consultants to provide advice on an analysis of bat calls.
   
   (d) $100 on a consultant to provide advice as assessment of potential impact of car park on red crowned toadlets on Pittwater Road, East Ryde.

(3) Notes that the Government has spent more money on a consultant to provide information on wall paper than it has helping communities such as Kempsey, Casino, Macksville, Scone, Aberdeen and Nyngan all of which have or are facing the loss of the communities major employer.

(4) Condemns the Sydney centric Country Labor Party for its silence on the waste and mismanagement under the Government.

(Notice given 18 November 1999)

Mr R.W. TURNER to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the failure of the Premier’s strike breaking State Labor Advisory Committee to avert the worsening industrial crisis in regional New South Wales.

(2) Condemns the Minister for Transport for failing to avert strike action by the train controllers at Broadmeadow and Orange.

(3) Notes the failure of the Sydney controlled Country Labor Party to warn country commuters of the strike, which as a result 1,200 passengers were stranded.

(4) Calls on the Government to halt the worsening industrial crisis in the New South Wales public service sector, before the entire public service walks off the job because of its lack of confidence in the administration of the Government.

(Notice given 18 November 1999)

Mr D.L. PAGE to move—

That this House calls on the Member for Murray-Darling to join with the New South Wales National Party in lobbying the Minister for Land and Water Conservation to extend the “West
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2000” program by providing additional funding when the program concludes halfway through next year.

(Notice given 18 November 1999)

Mr PICCOLI to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the failure of the Government to secure adequate funding for even the most basic requirements at some regional hospitals and health services.

(2) Notes the financial performance of the Greater Murray Area Health Service which has overspent its budget by $5.1 million.

(3) Acknowledges the capital works project at Griffith Hospital, but notes it is the only capital works project in the Greater Murray Area Health Service.

(4) Notes the pressure now being placed on hospitals in the Greater Murray Area Health Service to find budget savings, with frontline services the first to be affected.

(5) Notes the failure of the Greater Murray Area Health Service to pay local creditors on time and the hardship and stress this places on small businesses in the region.

(6) Calls on the Government to abolish all debt in the Greater Murray Area Health Service and to immediately increase funding to avert the impending health crisis in the southern region of New South Wales.

(Notice given 18 November 1999)

Mr ARMSTRONG to move—

That this House:

(1) Recognises the Federal Government announcement, through Minister John Fahey, that it will support any move to re-open the Tumut to Cootamundra rail line.

(2) Further acknowledges that the Chairman of Visy Industries Com. has stated his preparedness to invest in such an endeavour.

(3) Calls on the New South Wales Government to acknowledge these commitments and calls upon the National Government to make an unequivocal statement that it will see the rail line upgraded and re-opened ready to rail out the first product from the Visy Board project to Cootamundra for re-direction on rail.

(Notice given 18 November 1999)
Mr SLACK-SMITH to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the report commissioned by the minister for land and water Conservation which recommends no more cropping be allowed in the Brewarrina Shire.

(2) Notes that cropping in the Brewarrina Shire is one of the major contributors to the local economy.

(3) Condemns the Government and the Country Labor Party for trying to curtail the development of legitimate private business enterprises in western New South Wales.

(4) Calls on the Minister for Land and Water Conservation to public abandon the recommendation to halt any new cropping activities in the Brewarrina shire or any other region in regional New South Wales.

(Notice given 18 November 1999)

Mr OAKESHOTT to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the Minister for Regional Development recently released a guide to regional New South Wales titled “Investing and Living in New South Wales”.

(2) Notes the Minister has incorrectly used Tamworth’s Golden Guitar as the promotional photo for Mid North Coast.

(3) Notes Hastings Council’s G.M. and E.D.O. have no record of meeting a representative from the company as claimed by the Minister’s office.

(Notice given 18 November 1999)

Mr SOURIS to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the outrage of Brian from Tamworth in relation to the Government’s massive 1800% slug on rural students wanting to study subjects not available in regional New South Wales.

(2) Notes that his daughter has been studying Spanish through distance education for the past three years and is now in year eleven doing the subject for the HSC.

(3) Notes Brian’s comments that the Carinya Christian School is neither wealthy nor elitist and that the Government’s decision to slug the battlers is blatant discrimination against people living in the country.

(4) Notes that Brian will not be able to afford to pay $800 for his daughter to continue the Spanish course and notes that there is nowhere in the community for her to take this course.

(Notice given 18 November 1999)

88 Mr HAZZARD to move—

That this House:

(1) Calls on the Government to improve the availability of bus travel from the Northern Beaches to the city and other cross regional services.

(2) Condemns the Government for its failing to provide increased bus services in response to the overwhelming acceptance of commuters to the “Park and Ride” facilities established by Northern Beaches Councils.

(3) Notes the Government’s arrogant disregard for the many commuters being left on the roadside in the period 7.30 am to 8.45 am particularly in the Dee Why area due to inadequate timetables and availability of buses.

(Notice given 18 November 1999)

89 Mr HICKEY to move—

That this House:

(1) Condemn the Member for Upper Hunter and Leader of the National Party for his continued silence on rural and regional issues, particularly, Telstra Service; Mudgee Hospital; GST on Petrol Prices, Caravan Parks and livestock; and natural disaster funding for far west and northwest farmers.

(2) Congratulate him for supporting Country Labor’s plan to stop the Federal Government’s plan to force regional airlines to Bankstown airport.

(3) Expresses concern about his reported plan to bus 1.2 million migrants to rural and regional NSW.

(4) Notes the importance of country Members of Parliament speaking out for their community.

(Notice given 4 April 2000)

90 Mr STONER to move—

That this House:

(1) Condemns the lack of response by the Treasurer and Minister for Roads to urgent requests for funding to repair flood damaged roads made by Mid North Coast Councils, including the Nambucca and Kempsey Shire Councils, in July 1999 and on several occasions since.
(2) Notes the contrast of this inaction to the disaster declaration made by the Minister for Agriculture in respect of the July 1999 floods on the Mid North Coast, and the immediate road funding provided to the Far West of the State following recent flooding in that part of NSW.

(3) Calls on the Premier to immediately provide the necessary funding to these councils to repair roads extensively damaged in the July 1999 floods.

(Notice given 4 April 2000)

91 Mr ARMSTRONG to move—

That this House:

(1) Congratulates the Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales on its initiative in bringing the country to the city with its Man from Snowy River promotion a feature at the Year 2000 Royal Easter Show commencing 14 April 2000.

(2) Further congratulates the Royal Agricultural Society on the magnificent country parade happening in the streets of Sydney on 5 April 2000.

(3) Calls on the Parliament to extend every best wish for a successful end of the century Royal Easter Show, marking the fact that the Royal Agricultural Society is arguably Australia’s oldest continuous voluntary organisation which will have bridged three centuries as it moves through this Year 2000 Royal Easter Show.

(Notice given 5 April 2000)

92 Mr FRASER to move—

That this House:

(1) Calls on the Premier to declare whether he supports the 5 April 2000 announcement of the UN’s Narcotics Control Boards visit later in April 2000, to investigate heroin shooting galleries in New South Wales.

(2) Notes the Government’s support for UN intervention on other issues in other jurisdictions.

(Notice given 5 April 2000)

93 Mr STONER to move—

That this House:

(1) Note the anguish caused to New South Wales dairy farmers and their communities by this Government’s commitment to de-regulate their industry.

(2) Note that the stress and uncertainty surrounding de-regulation of the dairy industry has regrettably contributed to the suicide of at least 2 dairy farmers in this state.
(3) Condemns the response to this anguish by the Minister for Agriculture, in claiming that the Fresh Schools Milk Program was under threat due to unwillingness by dairy farmers to continue to fund it.

(4) Note the dismissal of this inaccurate claim by the Managing Director of New South Wales’s largest dairy processing co-operative.

(Notice given 5 April 2000)

94 Mr ARMSTRONG to move—

That where the State Government makes funding available for State Development projects, it guarantees the productivity from the establishment, construction and bringing to fruition of such projects remains preferably within the State of New South Wales but most certainly within Australia.

(Notice given 5 April 2000)

95 Mr BARR to move—

That this House:

(1) Condemns Northern Area Health’s closure, in January 2000, of the Manly Hospital Paediatrics Ward.

(2) Calls on the Government to:

(a) re-open the Paediatrics ward at Manly Hospital with adequate staffing and resources;

(b) maintain adequate funding to Manly Hospital commensurate with community expectations of a well functioning local hospital.

(Notice given 5 April 2000)

96 Mr WEBB to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes that the cost to small business in isolated rural areas of constant and extended power outages is severely affecting their viability.

(2) Notes that the excessive costs of electricity supply to new developments is restricting growth in regional New South Wales.

(3) Notes that contact between parents and their children while they are at school is non existent during power outages.

(4) Act to remove the discriminatory “Supply” charge imposed on some consumers.

(Notice given 5 April 2000)
Mr HUMPHERSON to move—

That this House notes the Labor Party Branch stacking in the Parramatta electorate by the Minister for Transport in support of his staff member Liz McNamara.

(Notice given 6 April 2000)

Ms SEATON to move—

That this House notes:

(1) The dedication of the Korean National War Memorial in Canberra on 18 April.

(2) The significant contribution made by Australian servicemen and women to the preservation of freedom in the Republic of South Korea.

(3) The deaths of 339 Australians in the course of action between 1950–1953.

(4) And affirms our appreciation of the sacrifices made by the Royal Australian Airforce, Royal Australian Navy and Australian Army in that conflict, and the contribution of the people of New South Wales to that National Memorial, and commends the Committee for their vision and dedication in creating this memorial.

(Notice given 6 April 2000)

Mr FRASER to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes that post the Olympic Games the Minister for the Olympics will be a Minister without Portfolio.

(2) Notes that because of the Minister for the Olympics seniority he will be given a senior replacement portfolio.

(3) Notes that Olympic Roads and Transport Authority is currently under the control of the Minister for the Olympics.

(4) Notes the Minister for Roads and Transport believes he is doing a good job.

(5) Calls on the Premier to replace the current Minister for Roads and Transport with the Minister for the Olympics forthwith.

(Notice given 6 April 2000)

Mr RICHARDSON to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the anti-graffiti package outlined by the Premier in this House on 6 April 2000.
(2) Calls on the Premier to explain how banning the sale of spray paint cans to under 16 year olds will be of benefit given that 90 per cent of the spray cans used by graffitists are stolen.

(3) Calls on the Premier to expand on his proposal to insert a whistle into spraycans.

(4) Expresses its concern at the likely effect of this noise on the neighbours of legitimate users of spraycans.

(5) Calls on the Government to make a genuine attempt to stem the scourge of graffiti by re-establishing the Police Graffiti Task Force and by legislating to lock up spray cans in stores.

(Notice given 11 April 2000)

101 Mr FRASER to move—

That this House

(1) Notes that the small community of Fords Bridge in the Murray-Darling Electorate may soon be without a pub, which will mean a drive of 100km to Bourke just to get a beer.

(2) Notes that unless someone can be found to run the town’s pub at a profit, the pub’s Sydney owners will transfer the licence.

(3) Notes that the Member for Murray-Darling could turn around the pub’s fortunes and save the pub by lobbying for a community licence.

(4) Calls on the Member for Murray-Darling to do all he can to ensure that no one in his electorate has to drive 100km just to get a beer.

(Notice given 11 April 2000)

102 Mr STONER to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes that consumers serviced by Northpower in the Dungowan and Wooloomin communities have reported as many as 10 power blackouts in the last month.

(2) Notes that Northpower’s response to community anger at continued poor service is to claim that the persistent blackouts are ‘frustrating’.

(3) Notes that blackouts and poor customer service are now a way of life for many rural power users.

(4) Calls on the Government to hold an independent inquiry into the cost of connecting to the energy grids, the persistent power failures and poor customer service for power users in rural and regional New South Wales.

(Notice given 11 April 2000)
103 Mr O’FARRELL to move—

That this House:

(1) Condemns the Minister for Transport for misleading the public, commuters and members of this House by claiming, during Question Time on 11 April 2000, that the Special Commission of Inquiry into the Glenbrook Rail Accident would be examining rail safety issues which extend beyond the causes of that rail accident.

(2) Notes that Justice McInerney’s terms of reference and letters patent clearly state that his brief allows him to only enquire into matters arising out of Glenbrook.

(3) Notes that a wider inquiry into safety matters would require new terms of reference for the Special Commission – something which neither the Minister nor Government have yet initiated.

(4) Calls on the Minister for Transport to apologise for again deliberately misleading people over rail issues.

(5) Calls on Labor MLCs to note the Minister’s lack of veracity on these issues and to support Opposition efforts to establish public inquiry into rail services in NSW.

(Notice given 12 April 2000)

104 Mr OAKESHOTT to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the Government’s 1995 election promise to closely monitor price movements in particular at retail outlets in regard to rural NSW.

(2) Notes the Government’s 1999 election promise to control the price of automotive fuel and associated products at uniform levels throughout the state.

(3) Acknowledges the Federal Government’s fuel subsidy for regional and rural service station operations in NSW.

(4) Calls on the NSW Government to now acknowledge that a subsidy scheme for rural and regional areas on fuel costs can be successfully established and administered.

(5) Calls on the NSW Government to run a similar subsidy scheme at a state level to assist the Federal Government to provide much needed assistance to regional motorists.

(Notice given 12 April 2000)
Mr HAZZARD to move—

That this House:

(1) Acknowledges that the review of Manly High School will hopefully be released later today or tomorrow.

(2) Expresses the NSW Opposition’s support for the students and staff of Manly High School.

(3) Calls on the Government to give a major funding boost to the school to provide a school multi-purpose building and to bring its physical surroundings up to a good standard and to acknowledge that the current Government response offering $1 million over five years is completely inadequate.

(4) Notes that the Government risks even more stress and torment for the young lives being moulded at Manly High School if the government does not ensure improvement to the school’s physical environment occurs contemporaneously with the implementation of the recommendations of the review committee.

(Notice given 12 April 2000)

Mr FRASER to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the representations of Country Labor members to the Member for Coffs Harbour requesting that he inform Country Labor Branches of all Government Ministerial visits.

(2) Notes the confirmation by Maureen Byrne, Secretary of the Urunga Branch of the Country Labor Party that the NSW National Party has a strangle hold on the mid-north coast.

(3) Notes Ms Byrne’s frustration and anger at receiving information about Government Ministers’ visits second hand, which does not allow local ALP Branches to organise a welcoming gathering.

(4) Calls on the Premier to end the secrecy surrounding Ministers’ visits to rural and regional NSW, by informing local National Party Members of Parliament of Ministerial visits so they too can organise a welcoming gathering.

(Notice given 12 April 2000)

Ms HODGKINSON to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes with concern that a power pole which fell down in the Adjungbilly area and started a bushfire was last inspected and passed as safe by Great Southern Energy three years ago in 1997.
Notes that the accepted industry practice for power pole inspection cycles is 4 and a half years.

Acknowledges the threat to supply and safety caused by this practice.

Acknowledges that an inspection of the aforementioned power pole revealed it was infested with white ants.

Condemns the Government for failing to adopt world best practice and internationally recognised testing procedures for power poles in this State.

Voices concern at Government directions to cut maintenance costs in the State owned electricity distributors.

(Notice given 12 April 2000)

Mr STONER to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the action of the Kempsey District Hospital Medical Staff Council in preparing a submission to the Department of Health for the restoration of acute services to Level 3 District Hospital standard.

(2) Notes the comment by the Secretary of the Kempsey Medical Staff Council that Kempsey Hospital is being downgraded by stealth.

(3) Notes the increased demand on Kempsey District Hospital resulting from the new correctional facility at Kempsey.

(4) Calls on the Minister for Health to immediately reinstate resident surgeons and upgrade surgery and emergency services at Kempsey District Hospital.

(Notice given 12 April 2000)

Mr HUMPHERS to move—

That this House notes the recent formation of the Terrigal faction under the sponsorship of the Minister for Transport and invites the Premier to elaborate on his carpeting of the Member for Fairfield for convening their meeting on Sunday 2 April.

(Notice given 12 April 2000)

Mr PICCOLI to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes that in a recent visit to the South-west of the State, the Police Commissioner refused to meet with Police officers from Griffith who have started work bans.
(2) Notes that work bans are in place because the Minister for Police failed to deliver on a promise made by his Police Commissioner that extra police officers would be stationed in Griffith by March.

(3) Calls on the Minister for Police to honour his promise to recruit an additional 2100 police officers and to honour the promise made by the Commissioner for Police to station extra police in Griffith by March 2000.

(4) Notes that for the last two weeks Griffith has had more RTA officers harassing innocent rice farmers during harvest than police officers harassing criminals.

(Notice given 12 April 2000)

111 Mr R. W. TURNER to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the Community Services Commission’s description of the lack of support for vulnerable families in Dubbo as appalling.

(2) Notes the Commission has warned that unless more qualified carers can be found to prop up the system, long-term community problems will get out of control.

(3) Notes that in the last couple of years the number of children in foster care in the Orana and far west region has soared to 370.

(4) Notes the case of an 11 year old child who has been shunted between 14 foster homes within the Orana region.

(5) Notes that according to the Commissioner, Mr Robert Fitzgerald, “the current system is under enormous strain, in Dubbo you’ve got circumstances where neglect is occurring but the department is unable to investigate because of a lack of resources”.

(6) Condemns the Premier for being more interested in the colour schemes of units in Sydney than he is in the welfare and safety of disadvantaged children under the care of Department of Community Services.

(Notice given 12 April 2000)

112 Mr J. H. TURNER to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes that the Minister for Roads, on 7 September 1999, stated that in relation to the testing for the impact of wire rope barriers on motorcyclists, that:

“Testing for Motorcycle impacts is not done for any roadside structures, including wire rope barriers, as there are no meaningful test criteria available to use.”
(2) Notes that there are numerous motorcycle organisations, including the Motorcycle Council of NSW, who are deeply concerned about the continued installation of wire rope barriers as a cheap form of preventative crash barriers for light vehicles.

(3) Notes that the Minister for Roads has refused to commission an independent authority to devise tests to determine the dangers of these wire rope barriers to motorcyclists, should they collide with them.

(4) Calls on the Minister for Roads and the RTA to conduct research into devising some form of crash test so that the dangers of these wire rope barriers to motorcyclists can be determined.

(Notice given 13 April 2000)

113 Ms HODGKINSON to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes that historic railway locomotive, the 1307 is to be officially handed over to the Yass Railway Museum on Saturday 15 April 2000.

(2) Congratulates the members of the Australian Railway Historical Society for their dedicated efforts to get the 1307 to Yass.

(3) Acknowledges the value of the extensive cosmetic restoration work on the 1307 undertaken by volunteers at the Yass Railway Museum.

(Notice given 13 April 2000)

114 Mr STONER to move—

That this House:

(1) Note the unfortunate occurrence of a severe heart attack at South West Rocks on 5 April 2000.

(2) Note the failure of the First Responded Unit at South West Rocks to respond to this medical emergency.

(3) Note the 45 minute wait endured by a critically ill man for an ambulance from Kempsey.

(4) Note the request by the South West Rocks community in February for return of the balance of the proceeds of the sale of their former ambulance station so they can build their own ambulance station.

(5) Calls on the Minister for Health to immediately establish an ambulance station at South West Rocks.

(Notice given 13 April 2000)
Mr J. H. TURNER to move—
That this House:

(1) Notes the acrimony between the Lake Macquarie Council and Local Government Minister over plans for a main street program in Belmont.

(2) Notes that despite Council having yet to submit a formal application for funding of its main street program the Minister has already confirmed in writing to the Council that he will not support the project.

(3) Notes the comments of councillors who described the comments by the Minister as mischievous and confusing and a classic case of “Yes Minister”.

(4) Calls on the Minister to explain why he is perverting the integrity of the approval process for the main street program.

(Notice given 13 April 2000)

Mr STONER to move—
That this House:

(1) Note the statement in this House on 5 April 2000 by the Minister for Police that, “New South Wales has record numbers of police officers”.

(2) Note the front page report in the Guardian News dated 6 April 2000 stating that “Nambucca Valley is to lose more than half its police force to the Olympic Games .... leaving just nine officers to cope with all the crime calls in the Valley”.

(3) Note the statement attributed to a local Senior Sargent that delays in response times could be up to 24 hours.

(4) Calls on the Minister for Police to move some of his record numbers of police officers to cover this severe staff shortage in the Nambucca Valley.

(Notice given 13 April 2000)

Mr SLACK-SMITH to move—
That this House:

(1) Notes the Coalition’s policy to expand Seniors’ and Pensioners’ travel concessions to include all rural areas.

(2) Notes that residents of Sydney, Wollongong and Newcastle have access to $1.00 and $2.00 Pensioner Excursion tickets for travel on Cityrail and state Transit services.

(3) Notes the discriminatory policy of the Government against country NSW which limits the Countrylink Pensioner Excursion ticket to a distance of 129 kilometres.
(4) Notes that residents of Nyngan cannot access the $2.00 Countrylink Pensioner Excursion ticket to travel to the nearest city, Dubbo, because it is 30 kilometres outside the limit.

(5) Calls on the Government to adopt the Coalition’s policy and extend the Countrylink Pensioner Excursion ticket to cover all rural areas.

(6) Calls on the Government to adopt the recommendations as set out in the NSW National Party’s submission to the Public Transport Authority on Public Transport Concessions.

(Notice given 13 April 2000)

118 Mr STONER to move—

That this House:

(1) Commends the annual National Aboriginal Rugby League Association (NARLA) football competition, which provides a significant economic boost to regional centres in which it is held.

(2) Notes the loss of the October long weekend NARLA competition to first Nambucca Heads and then Dubbo, due to a shortage of police during the Olympics.

(3) Calls upon the Ministers for Sport and Recreation, Aboriginal Affairs and Regional Development to lobby the Minister for Police to restore police numbers to Nambucca Heads to enable the NARLA competition to proceed.

(Notice given 2 May 2000)

119 Mr MAGUIRE to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes repeat killer Matthew James Harris was sentenced to 40 years goal with a minimum of 25 years non-parol for the murders of Ronald Galvin, Yvonne Ford and Peter Wennerbom.

(2) Notes that repeat killer Matthew James Harris in a police record of interview said “… to murder and to keep murdering and to get away with it was an achievement …I’d still be

(3) Notes that the minimum 25 years backdated to when he was taken into custody would make the said Matthew James Harris eligible for parole on 30 November 2023.

(4) Acknowledges those sentences, such as the one given to repeat killer Matthew James Harris, are far too lenient.

(5) Urges the Carr Government to implement tougher and consistent sentencing guidelines for murderers and repeat killers in New South Wales such as Matthew James Harris.
(6) Expresses sincere sympathy to the loved ones and families of Ronald Galvin, Yvonne Ford and Peter Wennerbom.

(Notice given 2 May 2000)

Ms HODGKINSON to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the concern that the people of Batlow have for the future prosperity of their town and district.

(2) Acknowledges negative impact on businesses in Batlow and indeed regional NSW by the Government’s payroll tax regime and crippling workers compensation premiums.

(3) Calls on the Government to look beyond the Sydney basin and secure the future of Batlow and rural towns like it.

(Notice given 3 May 2000)

Mr STONER to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the recently released KMPG Population Growth Report which contrasts Sydney’s record growth of 5,000 persons per month with the continuing decline in rural shires such as Warren, which lost 17.4% of its population between 1976 and 1999.

(2) Notes the social, economic and environmental problems caused by this unabated exodus from the bush to the city.

(3) Condemns the Labor Government and its so-called Country Labor faction for its lack of policy and planning to address this most serious issue.

(Notice given 3 May 2000)

Mr WEBB to move—

That this House notes:

(1) The public service staff freezes and proportional loss of field positions in the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

(2) The recent extraordinary increase in national park and wilderness areas, the subsequent reduction of forestry equipment and knowledge, and failure to adequately resource new park areas.

(3) The massive build up of forest fuel levels.
The inability of the NPWS to properly carry out hazard reduction and control of bushfires, and the failure of the Government to secure alternate more efficient and effective means of fire management.

The Government’s responsibility for the inevitable major damage, including the loss of property, stock, and native species that will result from future bushfires.

(Notice given 3 May 2000)

Mr BROWN to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the Leader of the Opposition’s concession to raise the need for Federal Government assistance for the Illawarra Advantage Fund with her “mentor”, the Prime Minister.

(2) Requests that the Leader of the Opposition raise with him the massive job losses about to be felt in the bush by Telstra’s decision to cut 10,000 jobs from the heart of rural services.

(3) Requests the Leader of Opposition do all in her power to force her mentor to intervene on rural Australia’s behalf.

(Notice given 3 May 2000)

Ms SALIBA to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the Leader of the Opposition’s concession to raise the need for Federal Government assistance for the Illawarra Advantage Fund with her “mentor”, the Prime Minister.

(2) Requests that the Leader of the Opposition raise with him the appalling damage about to be brought about on caravan park dwellers by the GST and demand that caravan parks be exempt from the full impact of this tax.

(Notice given 3 May 2000)

Mrs SKINNER to move—

That this House notes with concern that the Government has:

(1) Failed to do all it can to protect the people of NSW from contracting the deadly legionnaire’s disease;

(2) Prevented the release of the report of the 1996 review undertaken by the Chair of the Australian Standards Committee on Airconditioning which was highly critical of current regulations as being “out of date, misleading, ambiguous and confusing”; and
Refused to update the code of practice and improve regulations regarding the monitoring and auditing, cleaning and maintaining of air conditioners aimed at preventing build up of legionella bacteria.

(Notice given 4 May 2000)

Mr GEORGE to move—

That this House calls on the Federal Government to expand the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee to include Bovine Johnes Disease.

(Notice given 4 May 2000)

Ms SEATON to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the continuing and unchecked decline of Sydney Harbour into a cesspit for sewerage and stormwater pollution, including allegations that at 10.25pm 3 May 2000 a “putrid smell of raw sewage” emanated from a source in Circular Quay into the harbour.

(2) Calls for a full explanation as to why a pump associated with “The Toaster” building has been pumping 100 litres of effluent every half hour into the harbour since Easter and why the EPA and Sydney Water has not acted earlier.

(3) Calls for a public report of the nature of the effluent.

(4) Notes the failure of the Environment Minister to respond to my calls to fully investigate the intractable faecal coliform problem in Darling Harbour revealed by monthly Harbour Watch statistics.

(5) Notes the admission in Harbour Watch reports that if there is rain in the Olympic Games period the swimming leg of the Olympic Triathlon in Farm Cove would endanger athletes’ health.

(6) Notes the Premier’s failures to actively protect our famous harbour.

(Notice given 4 May 2000)

Mr WEBB to move—

That this House notes:


(2) That Sir William was the National President of the RSL for ten years serving in New Guinea and Korea, was active in Legacy and instrumental in helping to establish the National Korean War Memorial.

and offers condolences and deepest sympathies to his family.
129 Mr GEORGE to move—

That this House condemns the Minister for Agriculture in that his policy of destocking cattle properties for the control of Bovine Johnes Disease does not take into consideration the enormous taxation problem caused by forced sales of cattle creating financial hardship for cattle producers.

(Notice given 4 May 2000)

130 Mr FRASER to move—

That this House:

(3) Notes the political trade-off between the NSW Government and MLC Lee Rhiannon in relation to Brown’s waterhole and the Parramatta Rail Link.

(4) Notes that in return for her support in the Legislative Council for the construction of the Chatswood Parramatta rail link the Government will gazette the water hole as part of the National Park estate.

(5) Calls on the Government to stop doing deals with minority special interest groups without an open and accountable consultation process.

(6) Notes that the Minister for Transport may be in breach of section 8.1 General Nature of Corrupt Conduct, of the ICAC Act, with regard to the dishonest or partial exercise of official functions.

(7) Calls on this House to refer the matter to the Independent Commission Against Corruption.

(Notice given 23 May 2000)

131 Mr WATKINS to move—

That this House:

(1) Acknowledges all the athletes who swam at the swimming trials last week.

(2) Congratulates the 44 swimmers, their coaches and support staff, selected for the 2000 Sydney Olympic games.

(3) Notes that 12 of the 44 selected Olympic swimmers – 27 per cent – are supported by the New South Wales Institute for Sport.

(4) Congratulates the Government on its outstanding support for the Institute since its establishment.
(5) Congratulates those multi-disability swimmers who competed last week and wishes the Paralympic swim team good luck for the Paralympics in October.

(Notice given 23 May 2000)

132 Ms SEATON to move—

That this House notes:

(1) The anger of many teachers in the Southern Highlands about the Education Minister’s refusal to do as he promised and talk to teachers after the election about deserved salary increases.

(2) The failure of the Minister to have the courtesy to answer representations on behalf of teachers at The Oaks, Bargo, Southern Highlands Teachers Association about these promised talks.

(3) The frustration felt by teachers that despite being close to agreement recently on all but three issues, the Government rejected any chance of resolving the dispute.

(4) That casual teachers feel betrayed.

(5) That while the Government has resolved a salary negotiation with Catholic Education sector teachers, it refuses to resolve the public school teachers’ dispute.

(6) That dedicated Federation members at The Oaks school have been forced to circulate information to parents to counteract the Government’s attacks on teachers, including the question “Why is the Government treating public school and college teachers as third

(7) Condemns the Government for failure to stand up for teachers, parents and students in public schools.

(Notice given 23 May 2000)

133 Ms SEATON to move—

That this House notes:

(1) The concerns of many people in Exeter about the proposal to extend the local basalt quarry.

(2) Particular concerns of parents of children at the Exeter school who will be as close as 450m from the quarry edge and related blasting activity, dust and noise.

(3) The very strong submission by the Department of School Education to the Commission of Inquiry that the quarry not go ahead due to school related concerns.

(4) The virtual dismissal of this submission in the Commissioner’s recommendation.
And calls on the Minister for Education to stand up for schools and school children by persuading his colleague the Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning to recognise the environmental and safety concerns of Exeter parents.

(Notice given 24 May 2000)

134 Mr D. L. PAGE to move—

That this House notes the comments by the Chair of the NSW Coastal Council Prof. Bruce Thom in the Council’s annual report to Parliament that:

(1) “There is still clearly a need for a transparent whole of government policy on effluent

(2) The Coastal Policy does not cover the coastal zone from Newcastle to Shellharbour and that this will “continue to create problems”.

(3) There is an on-going need to support and utilise research knowledge about coastal environmental, social and economic processes and that “there is a fear that the long-term investment required in such studies is no longer a priority of government”.

And therefore calls on the Government to address each of these problems highlighted by the Coastal Council as a matter of urgency.

(Notice given 24 May 2000)

135 Ms HODGKINSON to move—

That:

(1) The Government be condemned for:

(a) withdrawing CityRail services from Goulburn for the duration of the Olympic Games;

(b) not considering the ramifications for those physically disabled people the Government will be shunting onto buses instead of trains for the duration of the Olympics; and

(c) not considering the ramifications for those who may be travelling with luggage by shunting them onto buses for the duration of the Olympics.

and that the House note that:

(2) The withdrawal of those train services from Goulburn during the Olympics will also affect tourism to that city during the Olympic Games.

(3) Tourism will also be affected for Canberra bound visitors wishing to stay in Goulburn for the duration of the Games due to the withdrawal of rail services.

(Notice given 24 May 2000)
Mr DEBNAM to move—

That in relation to the “$830m of surplus funding in the State Budget”, this House:

(1) Expresses its appreciation to the NSW Treasury Secretary for addressing yesterday’s meeting of the NSW Branch of the Economic Society, where his comments certainly clarified the “political” reasoning behind the Government’s $830 million election year slush fund.

(2) Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary for confirming that despite the General Government Debt Elimination Act, the Government’s financial strategy “in the event of a revenue downturn” would be to allow the budget to “go into deficit” and increase state debt.

(3) Notes with concern that the Secretary confirmed the “political” reasoning behind using the $830 million of surplus funds to not repay state debt, but instead pre-pay superannuation liabilities, was that it was easier to access the money in 2002/2003.

(4) Calls on the Premier to re-affirm the Government’s policy of reducing general government sector debt and instruct the Treasurer to use the surplus funds to repay state debt, instead of stashing $830 million of taxpayers funds into a hollow log to provide the Government with an election year slush fund.

(Notice given 25 May 2000)

Mr STONER to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the description by the Chairman of the Australian Dairy Industry Council of Country Labor’s call for a national floor price for milk as “a cruel hoax”.

(2) Condemns the failure of the Government Budget to provide funding for structural adjustment for NSW dairy farmers, despite a cash surplus of $393 million.

(3) Calls on the Government to help NSW dairy farmers and their communities to survive the devastating impacts of the deregulation of their industry.

(Notice given 25 May 2000)

Mr SLACK-SMITH to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the theft of 97 head of cattle from the Fraser property near Coonabarabran worth over $100,000.

(2) Condemns the Labor Government for failing to reform the stock squad.
(3) Demands the Minister for Police immediately take steps to reform the stock squad to stop this million dollar stock theft industry.

(Notice given 25 May 2000)

139 Mrs SKINNER to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes with alarm the ongoing violation by the Government of Zimbabwe of its international obligations and regional protocols.

(2) Notes further the violation by the Mugabe Government of the fundamental human rights to life, liberty and property.

(3) Calls upon the Government of Zimbabwe to:

   (a) Adhere to the rule of law;

   (b) Immediately cease the harassment of opposition parties and the independent press, so that the scheduled election can take place in a climate free of intimidation; and

   (c) Allow monitoring of the election process by independent monitors, the number of which is determined by the Commonwealth and other interested parties.

(Notice given 30 May 2000)

140 Mr HAZZARD to move—

That this House:

(1) Acknowledges that the site commonly known as the Old Collaroy Hospital has been used to provide services to children and people with disabilities for more than eighty years.

(2) Acknowledges that the site was given to the State Government specifically for such purposes.

(3) Condemns the Government for proceeding to sell the Collaroy Hospital Site, and in so doing, dispose of a valuable community asset which should be retained for the benefit of the community and particularly for people with disabilities.

(Notice given 30 May 2000)

141 Mrs SKINNER to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the concerns raised by doctors and others that waiting list information contained on the NSW Health Web page is inaccurate and misleading.
Calls on the Government to improve the usefulness of the site by including a wider range of details such as each doctor’s availability, the total number of each procedure performed at each public hospital such as surgery shut downs, the expected waiting time for future treatment and the expected outcomes for patients.

(Notice given 30 May 2000)

Ms SEATON to move—

That this House notes:

1. The “rail rage” growing in the Southern Highlands about the Transport Minister’s failure to deliver safe and reliable rail services to local travellers.

2. The complete rejection by local people of his interjections in this House describing hard working rail system users from Wingello to Menangle as “Bentley driving battlers of

3. His failure to respond this week to concerns of passenger Julie Delehunt who was promised a prompt reply in relation to an e-mail about yet another timetable debacle on 25 May and is still waiting.

4. His refusal to supply information to Mr Hal Woodward of Douglas Park on details of recent derailments and his dismissal of a question on notice on the same subject.

5. His dismissing of countless complaints from Southern Highlands railway users who genuinely seek answers and improvements to our crisis racked rail system.

6. His failure to guarantee rail safety issues on our southern line are timetabled and funded for repair.

and condemns the Minister for Transport.

(Notice given 31 May 2000)

Mr O’FARRELL to move—

That this House notes the Member for Mulgoa’s public admissions:

1. That fare free day, 31 May 2000, for commuters is “…a stunt…”.

2. Acknowledging the existence of “…serious problems on the rail system…”.

3. Recognising that commuters aren’t getting to work on time.

4. Appreciating that “…the Government…is falling down…”.

5. Declaring that the matter “…has to be fixed…”.
and contrasts this openness and honesty with the approach of the Minister for Transport who continues to claim all is well with the rail system and if it’s not it’s someone else’s fault anyway.

(Notice given 31 May 2000)

144 Mr SOURIS to move—

That this House:

(1) Congratulates the Federal Government for today paying its share of monies to the employees of the Scone Fresh Meats as a part of the Federal Government’s Employee Entitlements Support Scheme.

(2) Condemns the State Government for failing to commit to the scheme.

(3) Notes that Cobar mine workers are still waiting for the Premier to deliver on his promise to help them in their fight to get the monies owed to them.

(Notice given 31 May 2000)

145 Mr WEBB to move—

That this House:

(1) Condemns the Government for its lack of commitment to provide a permanent, and relocated Ambulance Station for Queanbeyan.

(2) Notes the importance of this facility to the 40,000 people who live in Queanbeyan and the Yarrowlumla Shire.

(3) Notes the important role played by the Queanbeyan based ambulance service in the southeast of the State.

(4) Notes the inadequate facility and the poor working conditions at the present ambulance station, which has had a temporary status for approximately two decades.

(5) Notes that Queanbeyan is the only regional city of this size in NSW without a permanent ambulance station.

(6) Calls on the Government to immediately act to provide a new, relocated and permanent ambulance station in Queanbeyan.

(Notice given 31 May 2000)

146 Mr GAUDRY to move—

That this House:

(1) Congratulates and acknowledges the contribution of Matthew Johns’ ten year career to the success of the Newcastle Knights.
(2) Celebrates the impact of the dynamic partnership of Andrew and Matthew Johns on the game of Rugby League.

(3) Acknowledges the role of Matthew Johns as a leader of the Knights on the field, a representative of the players off the field and a role model for youth in the Hunter.

(4) Deplores the handling of this talented and loyal player by the management of the Newcastle Knights.

(5) Notes with concern the detrimental impact on rugby league of its change from a community based and supported activity to a commercial product.

(Notice given 31 May 2000)

147 Mr BLACK to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes statements by the Leader of the National Party in the Land newspaper dated 1 June 2000, “that the Nationals hold all the shadow portfolios of particular relevance to country

(2) Observes that the shadow health, shadow education and shadow transport portfolios are actually held by Liberals.

(3) Rejects the Leader of the National Party’s view that health care, schools or railway lines are not particularly relevant to country people.

(Notice given 1 June 2000)

148 Mr ARMSTRONG to move—

That this House debate the lack of forecasting information relative to traffic flows in regional New South Wales prior to, during and post the Olympic Games 2000.

(Notice given 1 June 2000)

149 Mr GAUDRY to move—

That this House:

(1) Celebrates the launch in Newcastle by the Premier of the Hunter Advantage Strategy.

(2) Congratulates the Hunter Regional Development Organisation on the production of this blueprint for Hunter economic development.

(3) Notes the productive partnership demonstrated in the development of industry clusters between the State Government, local government, business and the trade union movement in the Hunter Region.
Acknowledges the foresight of the former Deputy Prime Minister, Brian Howe, in promoting regional development through the Working Nation Program and the setting up of regional development organisations.

Acknowledges the positive economic and job-creating impacts of the Premier's Hunter Advantage Fund.

Deplores the lack of commitment by the current Federal Government to the issue of regional development.

Notice given 1 June 2000

Mr O'FARRELL to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the Minister for Transport's statement to the House on 25 May 2000 that the "...on time running performance by CityRail in the a.m. and p.m. peaks will be posted on the CityRail website..."

(2) Acknowledges CityRail's peak on time running performance is yet to be posted on the website even though CityRail was able to advise media yesterday of the figures for the fare free day.

(3) Calls upon the Minister for Transport to honour his commitment to commuters.

Notice given 1 June 2000

Mr BLACK to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the National Party annual conference will be held in the Country Labor seat of Tweed in June 2000.

(2) Notes that last year's National Party annual conference was held in the Country Labor seat of Clarence.

(3) Notes the National Party never holds conferences in the area where people voted for them and observes this conference will debate whether the word "country" could safely be restored to the Party name.

(4) Acknowledges a full page report on the National Party in the Land newspaper dated 1 June 2000, headed "Identity Crisis" asking whether the Party has any long term relevance or future.

(5) Observes comments by traditional Nationals questioning the wisdom of dumping the Member for Lachlan, saying the new Nationals Leader "looks and sounds too much like a..."
(6) Urges the National Party annual conference to bring back the Member for Lachlan, bring back the word “country” and bring back some different policies to their North Shore Liberal allies.

(Notice given 1 June 2000)

152 Ms SEATON to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the Premier’s hypocrisy in pledging financial support to former National Textile workers, yet at the same time continuing to ignore the legitimate claims of former Local Government Recycling Co-operative staff.

(2) Notes that 7 former employees, some with young families are waiting on entitlements ranging in value from $2,637.57 to $150,293.81, with $306,130.39 owed in total.

(3) Calls on the Government to forgo its status as preferred creditor of the Local Government Recycling Co-operative through its control of Waste Service NSW in favour of the as yet unpaid former staff of the Local Government Recycling Co-operative.

(4) Calls on the Premier to direct money raised at next weeks ALP Protection of Workers Entitlement Fund dinner in Chinatown to these unpaid workers and their families.

(5) Be informed of the total cost to NSW taxpayers of Waste Service NSW’s crusade in forcing the Local Government Recycling Co-operative into liquidation.

(6) Condemns the Government for its refusal to pay worker entitlements to former staff of the Local Government Recycling Co-operative.

(Notice given 1 June 2000)

153 Mr W. D. SMITH to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the success of the “Buy Australian” campaign to protect the lamb industry when it faced crippling US tariffs.

(2) Calls on all NSW families to buy only NSW milk, cheese and cream products, to help protect jobs in our dairy industry.

(Notice given 1 June 2000)

154 Mr ARMSTRONG to move—

That this House congratulates the Cowra Show Society and its Wine Show Committee on having achieved a new record for its Year 2000 Wine Show:

- 284 plus exhibitors from every state in Australia, an increase of 143 new exhibitors over last year;
• Upwards of 2500 individual entries from both individual producers and major national and internationally known companies has again reinforced the Cowra Annual Wine Show as one of the three largest wine exhibitions in Australia; and

• Recognises the voluntary contribution by well over 100 Cowra residents in manning the Cowra Wine Show, giving up to six weeks of their time to ensure its continuing standards of excellence.

(Notice given 1 June 2000)

155 Mr STONER to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the statement by the Minister for Agriculture on 30 May 2000 that, “there is no way the New South Wales Government could prevent Victorian producers from selling their milk in New South Wales in a fully deregulated environment”.

(2) Calls on consumers to support NSW dairy farmers by buying high quality locally produced NSW dairy products.

(3) Calls on dairy processors to ensure clear and accurate labelling of dairy products.

(Notice given 1 June 2000)

156 Mr GEORGE to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes that the $12 return ticket on the airport rail link is only valid until 4 am the day after purchase, a fact not published for country travellers until after you receive your ticket.

(2) Notes that the $12 return ticket on the Airport Express bus service is valid for two months after the day of purchase.

(3) Notes that this obviously means that country people using the airport rail link are only encouraged to stay in Sydney for a period of no more that 24 hours, causing Sydney to lose out on valuable tourist dollars.

(4) Calls on the Government to make a return ticket on the airport rail link valid for country people the same period of time as the Airport Express bus.

(Notice given 1 June 2000)
Mr O'FARRELL to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes with concerns the failure of the Minister for Transport to use the occasion of his own fare free day to outline plans to improve on time running for trains.

(2) Calls on the Minister to advise CityRail’s 900,000 passengers when they can expect trains to run to schedule.

(Notice given 1 June 2000)

Mr GEORGE to move—

That this House:

(1) Reminds the Minister for Fair Trading of his unfair innuendo on 31 May 2000, wherein he cast a slight on all real estate agents and auctioneers in NSW.

(2) Calls on the Minister to acknowledge that along with any other profession the great majority of real estate agents and auctioneers carry out their business with full professional ethics.

(3) Acknowledges that there are some as is the case with most professions, who fail the ethical test.

(4) Congratulates the industry on its professionalism in dealing with the public and promoting good business in NSW.

(Notice given 1 June 2000)

Mr ARMSTRONG to move—

That this House:

(1) Recognises the extraordinary fertility in the Minister for Health’s office.

(2) Congratulates the Minister’s press officer on her pregnancy.

(3) Compliments the Minister on this health program to increase NSW population.

(4) Calls on the Minister to release details of the program in the interests of the social, cultural and economic expansion of NSW.

(5) Congratulates the staff on their extraordinary loyalty in cooperating with the Minister in this exciting public program.

(6) Recognises the cooperation and participation of Ministerial and staff partners in this year 2000 end of century population explosion.

(Notice given 1 June 2000)
Ms MEAGHER to move—

That this House notes the concerns of the Australian Vietnamese Community in NSW over alleged abuses of Human Rights in Vietnam.

Further that this House:

(1) Supports the Australian Vietnamese Community’s continued detention, house arrest and harassment of political dissidents and religious leaders.

(2) Supports the Australian Vietnamese Community’s concern with respect to the restriction of freedom of speech, the press, assembly and association in Vietnam.

(3) Supports the Australian Vietnamese Community’s call on the Australian Government to take concrete steps to monitor the human rights situation in Vietnam, including requesting the Vietnamese Government to allow Australian diplomats to visit those alleged to be prisoners of conscience and to do so on a regular basis.

(4) Supports the Australian Vietnamese Community’s call on the Australian Government to make regular representations to relevant Vietnamese Ministers and officials in Vietnam and the Vietnamese Embassy in Canberra for the immediate release of all prisoners of conscience and for accelerated progress in moves to wind back restrictions on democratic freedoms.


(Notice given 6 June 2000)

Mr SLACK-SMITH to move—

That this House:

(1) Congratulates the Queensland Government for successfully gaining yet another New South Wales export industry to their state.

(2) Condemns the Minister for the Environment for failing to grant a world renowned whip maker Mr John McMaster a licence to continue his export business in this state by refusing him access to suitable kangaroo skins which he has had for over 14 years.

(3) Condemns the Minister for the Environment for stating it is a Federal issue when Queensland has already granted Mr McMaster a licence to access skins.

(4) Calls upon the Premier to direct his Minister to immediately grant Mr McMaster a licence to enable him to continue his business in New South Wales.

(Notice given 6 June 2000)
Mr FRASER to move—

That this House notes:

(1) The Minister for the Olympics’ speech on Friday 2 June 2000 where he claimed he had no ambition and had foregone his chance to be Premier because of his unpopularity as a result of being burdened with the Olympic Games and the time he has spent overseas on “Olympic duties”.

(2) A “Cabinet insider”, known to his friends as Mr Della Bosca, has told a Sunday newspaper that the Minister for the Olympics should replace the Minister for Transport after the Olympic Games, because Labor MPs are becoming embarrassed by the Minister for Transport’s efforts to blame the trains crisis on public servants.

(3) That Mr Della Bosca has the premiership firmly in his sights and is trying to undermine the competition from the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Health.

(4) The Premier was forced to intervene in the simmering tensions on Sunday night and issue a statement saying that the Minister for Transport would remain the Minister for Transport as long as he was Premier.

(Notice given 6 June 2000)

Mr ARMSTRONG to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the failure of the NSW Ambulance Service in some regional areas of NSW to pay their trade accounts within a 30 day normal business period.

(2) Recognises that some ambulance accounts are now up to 4 months at least in arrears.

(3) Recognises that after 1 July with the introduction of GST, trades people who have creditors in arrears for more than 3 months will also face the prospect of carrying the GST component for that creditor.

(Notice given 7 June 2000)

Mr GEORGE to move—

That this House:

(1) Acknowledges the commencement on 7 June 2000 of Helicopter Awareness Week.

(2) Recognises the contribution to the community of this state by the Westpac Lifesaver Rescue helicopter services based at Sydney and Wollongong, the Westpac Hunter Region service based at Newcastle and the Westpac Northern Region service based at Lismore.

(3) Congratulates and thanks the staff and voluntary crew members who continually place their lives at risk to save lives in the “golden hour”.
(Notice given 7 June 2000)

165 Mr WEBB to move—

That this House:

(1) Condemns this Government for not fully funding Local Government so that it can carry out the initiatives set before it.

(2) Carries out a review of the roles and responsibilities of Local Government.

(3) Reviews the financial arrangements for Local Government, particularly the flow on of National Competition payments.

(4) Urges the Government to reduce the burdens placed on Local Government.

(5) Notes the contribution that Local Government makes in the implementation of the Government’s policies and initiatives.

(Notice given 7 June 2000)

166 Mr ARMSTRONG to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the decreasing returns that prime producers are receiving as a percentage of retail prices for food and fibre products.

(2) Calls upon the Government to address in positive terms the inequality of trade practices that see prime returns diminishing and retail prices increasing in the areas of food and fibre.

(Notice given 7 June 2000)

167 Mr MILLS to move—

That this House notes the success of the Women’s Soccer Pacific Cup International Tournament from 31 May to 11 June 2000; and

(1) Congratulates the Matildas on their 4 – nil win over New Zealand on 7 June at Glendale Athletics Centre.

(2) Expresses the Houses’ best wishes for success in the final match of the cup against world champions USA on Sunday 11 June at Breakers Stadium in Newcastle.

(Notice given 8 June 2000)
Mr O'FARRELL to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the media release issued today by Mr Russ Collison, State Secretary of the Australian Workers Union headed “Lay off Minister Scully, says AWU”.

(2) Notes the basis of Mr Collison’s argument that critics should look beyond Mr Scully in laying blame for the rail crisis because the Minister for Transport is “…subjected to

(3) Concurs with Mr Collison’s criticism of the Government’s lack of commitment and resources to public transport.

(Notice given 8 June 2000)

Mr O'DOHERTY to move—

That this House:

(1) Recognises the importance of the Purple Ribbon Project and commends the organisers for their determination to break the silence on child abuse.

(2) Expresses its support for the proposal to see July established nationally as Purple Ribbon Month, during which people will be asked to wear a small purple ribbon as a protest against the extent of child abuse in our community.

(3) Urges state and local government to help recognise Purple Ribbon Month through the distribution of ribbons and badges, local displays, seminars and other community education projects.

(4) Commends the example set by Wyong Shire in supporting the project and the vision and leadership of Jan Watson of Advocates for Survivors of Child Abuse.

(Notice given 8 June 2000)

Mr O'FARRELL to move—

That this House notes:

(1) On Wednesday 7 June, a $2000 a plate fund raiser organised by the right wing ALP group known as “The Terrigals” was held in the Parliament.

(2) The fund raiser was on behalf of Labor candidates in the upcoming Burwood local government election and was organised from the office of the ALP member for Lowe, John Murphy M.P.

(3) The selection of ALP candidates for the Burwood local government elections has been the subject of controversy and public allegations of branch stacking.
(4) Special guests listed on the invitation for the function included Mr Speaker, the Minister for Minerals and Fisheries, the Minister for Public Works and Minister Assisting the Premier, the Member for Canterbury, the Member for Fairfield, the Member for Cabramatta and the Member for Kogarah.

(Notice given 8 June 2000)

171 Mr HUMPHERSON to move—

That this House:

(1) Deplores the intended cancellation of State Parliamentary proceedings on 9 June 2000 to accommodate last minute factional meetings and lobbying before the weekend Labor Party Conference.

(2) Notes that this will deny proper debate on legislation of concern to employers, employees and the public of NSW.

(Notice given 8 June 2000)

172 Mr J. H. TURNER to move—

That this House congratulates the Wentworth Hotel on upholding the principles of the responsible service of alcohol.

(Notice given 8 June 2000)

173 Mr BROGDEN to move—

That this House notes the Government has failed to fully implement the recommendation of Peter McClellan QC to establish an independent testing laboratory to test Sydney’s drinking water and notes that:

(1) The Government has let the tender to the Australian Water Quality Centre in South Australia, a body not accredited to test for cryptosporidium and Giardia

(2) Only 5% to 10% of water samples will be tested by the Australian Water Quality Centre.

(3) 90% to 95% of water samples will be tested by Australian Water Technologies, a wholly owned subsidiary of Sydney Water.

(Notice given 8 June 2000)

174 Mr HUMPHERSON to move—

That this House compliments James Bentley of Croydon for his recent letter to the editor of the Western Suburbs Courier noting that the Member for Strathfield had made a one-off visit to his electorate for the opening of Ashfield Police Station and lamenting that the police band did not know the music to “Return of the absent Member”.

(Notice given 8 June 2000)
Mr FRASER to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the State Government’s deregulation of the dairy industry and the affect it will have on the lives of dairy farmers, their families and the communities they support.

(2) Notes the rally held at Tweed Heads on 17 June 2000 and the failure of the Local Member for Tweed to turn up and support dairy farmers.

(3) Notes that Country Labor Faction Member, Janelle Saffin MLC, was at the rally and that she told delegates to the National Party Conference that she was opposed to dairy deregulation and believed that dairy farmers and their communities needed more support.

(4) Calls on Janelle Saffin MLC, to deliver on her rhetoric and support the National Party’s amendment to provide extra state based support for dairy farmers, or to vote against the Dairy Deregulation Bill introduced by the Minister for Agriculture.

(5) Condemns the State Government and its appendage the Country Labor Faction for introducing the Dairy Deregulation Bill without providing one cent of support for NSW dairy farmers.

(6) Congratulates the Federal Government for having the foresight to co-ordinate and facilitate on behalf of the States, the largest restructure package in the history of Federation.

(Notice given 20 June 2000)

Mr STONER to move—

That this House:

(1) Congratulates the Akubra Company of Kempsey for its major contribution to the local economy and employment in the Macleay District.

(2) Notes the supply of Akubra Hats to Australian Olympic teams dating back to the 1956 Melbourne Olympics.

(3) Condemns the recent decision by the Australian Olympic Committee to exclude Akubra Hats from the 2000 Australian Olympic Team uniform, because “hats don’t fit with the

(4) Calls upon the Minister for the Olympics to reinforce the sun smart message and support a struggling rural economy by having this nonsensical decision reviewed.

(Notice given 21 June 2000)
Ms HODGKINSON to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes with concern that 16 out of 52 employees have ceased employment at the Goulburn Railway Workshops since late last year when the Government gave a commitment to keep the workshops open and viable.

(2) Notes with concern that the Government plans to further reduce the number of employees at the workshops to 22, a reduction of a further 14 positions.

(3) Condemns this Government for its attitude to workers at both the Goulburn and Bathurst Railway Workshops and admit that it is encouraging workers to take redundancy packages.

(4) Allows the Government to explain its reason for not allowing Goulburn to tender for rolling stock maintenance work, its bread and butter industry, thus instilling further fear into the workforce at the Goulburn Railway Workshops about their job security.

(5) Notes the effect on country towns that the loss of jobs has on the community, both socially and economically, and the importance of encouraging the decentralisation of public sector positions rather than the withdrawal of public sector positions from country areas.

(Notice given 21 June 2000)

Mr ARMSTRONG to move—

That this House:

(1) Recognises the State Government’s financial commitments to the running of the SOCOG namely:

(a) $100M guaranteed to the AOC;

(b) $140M cash injection announced this month; and

(c) That the $40M plus estimated games profit has vaporised.

and acknowledges therefore a cash contribution in real terms by the State of $280M.

(2) Calls on the Government to use the same sources of funding for this SOCOG top up to:

(a) Fully fund the management and compensation payments to farmers affected by Government policy on OJD and BJD;

(b) Fully fund a community impact fund and dairy farmer compensation package following dairy deregulation;

(c) Inject $100M into Rural and Regional NSW Roads as a matter of urgency;
(d) Complete the air conditioning program for all Government Schools in Regional NSW;

(e) Upgrade rural town water and sewerage systems;

(f) Wipe the remaining debt from all rural health areas; and

(g) Reduce Payroll Tax so that NSW is fully competitive with neighbouring states.

(Notice given 21 June 2000)

179 Mr HAZZARD to move—

That this House:


(2) Congratulates the 20,000 students from the Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Broken Bay who took part in today’s Jubilee celebration of 2000 years of Christianity.

(3) Congratulates His Grace Bishop David Walter and all of the members of the Diocese of Broken Bay including the teachers, parents, priests, nuns and brothers who facilitated the special gathering today at the Homebush Superdome to celebrate “a new era for an

(Notice given 21 June 2000)

180 Mr HARTCHER to move—

That this House notes the show trial now taking place in Iran of 13 Iranian Jews and calls upon all men of good will to support calls for justice to these individuals and to the Iranian Jewish community.

(Notice given 22 June 2000)

181 Mr O'DOHERTY to move—

That this House:

(1) Takes note of the Auditor-General’s report which warns of increased business and financial risks of State Government agencies not being prepared for the commencement of the GST.

(2) Expresses its concern at the report’s findings that:

(a) Almost half the State Government’s agencies have not reviewed their systems’ ability to handle the tax changes and completed any necessary changes.

(b) Less than half had completed testing of any system changes.
A “significant proportion” of agencies were not able to provide scheduled completion dates for remaining activities.

The majority of agencies have not completed GST staff training.

Calls on the Treasurer to make public his mid-June report to Cabinet on this issue and provide an immediate assurance that all agencies will be fully GST ready by 1 July 2000.

Mr D. L. PAGE to move—

(1) Notes the vigorous efforts by the North Coast National Party Members of Parliament to get a better deal for permanent residents of caravan parks and boarding houses.

(2) Acknowledges the Federal Governments recognition of these concerns with the announcement today of a $33 million rent assistance package.

(3) Calls on the State Government to give back the 5.5% GST they will receive to park residents to further assist these battlers who have been ably supported by the National Party.

Mrs SKINNER to move—

(1) Calls on the Minister for Health to clarify whether he will be adopting Coalition policy of developing collaborative arrangements with the private health sector in delivery of public health care.

(2) Notes the Director General of Health’s half hearted support for such a policy as indicated by his March 11 statement “there won’t be purchaser-provider agreements” and his advice to the Estimate Committee on Monday 20 June that the purchase of winter beds from the private sector was “…a one off issue…” which would be “…replicated more

(3) Calls on the Minister to release his policy, plans and timeline for the implementation of the Health Council’s recommendation about contracting with the private sector”.

And calls on the Minister to ensure that such plans include:

- Assurances that public facilities and services will not be run down in the process of open tendering;
- The development of a common set of measurable performance indicators which relate to health outcomes, quality and financial performance;
The development of protocols regarding competitive neutrality.

(Notice given 22 June 2000)

Mr OAKESHOTT to move—

That this House:

(1) Congratulates the National Party’s win today on extra assistance for long term caravan park and boarding house residents in Port Macquarie, Tweed and Clarence Electorates.

(2) Notes the Federal Government today announced it will provide $33 million additional rent assistance to low income earners, which will see the maximum rate of rent assistance increase from 3% to 10% effective for July 1.

(3) Condemns the State Government for its 9 year housing waiting list on the Mid-North Coast.

(Notice given 22 June 2000)

Ms HODGKINSON to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes that the Members for Parramatta and Wentworthville, both former Ministers, are active users of Questions on Notice.

(2) Notes that this is the only option available to them to obtain information from the Government, of which they are members.

(3) Calls upon the Premier to call a halt to this humiliating treatment of women former Ministers and to direct his current Ministers to talk to their female colleagues.

(Notice given 22 June 2000)

Mr GEORGE to move—

That this House:

(1) Congratulates the National Party’s win today on extra assistance for long term caravan park and boarding house residents in Lismore, Tweed and Clarence Electorates.

(2) Notes the Federal Government today announced it will provide $33 million additional rent assistance to low income earners, which will see the maximum rate of rent assistance increase from 3% to 10% effective for July 1.

(3) Condemns the State Government and the Country Labor Faction for failing to rebate caravan park and boarding house residents despite the fact it is the State Government who will be profiting from the GST windfall.

(Notice given 22 June 2000)
Mr ARMSTRONG to move—

That this House congratulates Junee’s most famous rugby league player Lawrie Daley on his outstanding career and wish him and his family well for the future.

(Notice given 22 June 2000)

Mr FRASER to move—

That this House:

1. Congratulates the National Party’s win today on extra assistance for long term caravan park and boarding house residents in Coffs Harbour, Tweed and Clarence Electorates.

2. Notes the Federal Government today announced it will provide $33 million additional rent assistance to low income earners, which will see the maximum rate of rent assistance increase from 3% to 10% effective for July 1.

3. Condemns the State Government and the Country Labor Faction for failing to rebate caravan park and boarding house residents despite the fact it is the State Government who will be profiting from the GST windfall.

(Notice given 22 June 2000)

Mr STONER to move—

That this House:

1. Notes the additional $140 million dollars of taxpayers money made instantly available by the Government to bail out its Olympics mismanagement, despite the Treasurer’s statement less that 1 month ago that, “With this Budget all of the Olympic and Paralympic costs are covered – every last cent”.

2. Condemns the Government’s total lack of response to the estimated loss of half of the State’s 1,800 dairy farmers and up to 6,000 country jobs, despite repeated calls for a State based restructure package from dairy farmer, their association, the Senate Inquiry into dairy deregulation and the Federal Agriculture Minister.

3. Condemns the Minister for Agriculture for his stated threat in this House on 2 May 2000 that, “if members of the National Party persist, their actions could result in the failure of the Upper House to pass the legislation. In that event, dairy farmers across the country will miss out on $1.7 billion”.

(Notice given 22 June 2000)
190 Mr WEBB to move—

That:

(1) The Government confirm, that the start date for the project commencement of Bombala Soft Wood Mill will be in November 2000.

(2) The Government confirm its intention to provide the necessary infrastructure for the mill.

(3) This House condemn the Government for not announcing the start date in an orderly manner.

(Notice given 22 June 2000)

191 Mr HARTCHER to move—

That this House expresses its support for the Federal Government in its commitment to assist residents of caravan parks and notes the $33 million of Federal assistance and further notes the strong support given to park residents by Mr Jim Lloyd, Member for Robertson.

(Notice given 22 June 2000)

192 Mr D. L. PAGE to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the backflip by the Government on Water Management as initially expressed in the Cabinet approved White Paper compared to the position now proposed in legislation introduced on 22 June 2000.

(2) Congratulates the National, Liberal Parties together with other industry stakeholders on turning the Governments’ position around on the length of water licences and the issue of compensation.

(3) Notes that two key elements of the National Party’s submission on the White Paper on water namely the need for 15 year licences and that compensation be payable where those licence entitlements are removed are now included in the legislation.

(4) Congratulates the National Party on its influence over this vital area of policy for rural and regional NSW.

(Notice given 22 June 2000)

193 Mr STONER to move—

That this House:

(1) Congratulates the National Party’s win today on extra assistance for long term caravan park and boarding house residents in the Oxley, Tweed and Clarence Electorates.
(2) Notes the Federal Government today announced it will provide $33 million additional rent assistance to low income earners, which will see the maximum rate of rent assistance increase from 3% to 10% effective for July 1.

(3) Condemns the State Government and the Country Labor Faction for failing to rebate caravan park and boarding house residents despite the fact it is the State Government who will be profiting from the GST windfall.

(Notice given 22 June 2000)

194 Mr D. L. PAGE to move—

That this House:

(1) Condemns the Government for its continuing failure to address Cross-Border issues which are costing jobs and investment in NSW especially in border communities.

(2) Condemns Country Labor Members for not supporting a Cross-Border Commission to tackle these problems.

(3) Notes the failure of the Government to allow Private Members Days to allow this important legislation to be debated.

(Notice given 22 June 2000)

195 Mrs SKINNER to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes that there is a draft contract for the funding and establishment of a research institute at the new children’s hospital ready and waiting for signature.

(2) Notes that the Commonwealth Government has been advised that the hospital has been instructed by the Government not to sign, thereby jeopardising the $10m matched public donation available this financial year.

(3) Calls on the Government to reverse its instruction to the new children’s hospital not to sign the draft contract which would guarantee the $20 million funding toward establishment of a research institute at the hospital.

(4) Notes that the normal practice is for the State Government to provide capital funds to support clinical grants approved by the Commonwealth, which the Commonwealth has done in this case.

(5) Notes that a motion in my name calling on the Government to enhance research funding in line with other States has been on the notice paper since September last year.

(6) Notes that a proposal to establish a child and adolescent research institute at the new children’s hospital, prepared by the former Director of the Office of Youth Affairs and Chair of a Ministerial Taskforce on Youth Health Policy in collaboration with
adolescent health specialists and academics was endorsed by the former Coalition Government in the mid 1990s.

(Notice given 29 June 2000)

196 Ms SEATON to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the Coroner’s report into the Thredbo landslide in which 18 people lost their lives in 1997 as a result of slippage of the Alpine Way linked to leaking water pipe apparently laid in 1984.

(2) Calls on the Government to immediately implement the Coroner’s recommendation to conduct a full independent investigation into NPWS in respect of this incident.

(3) Calls on the Government to extend this enquiry so as to investigate the Services capacity to meet other environmental obligations including environmentally sound effluent and sewerage disposal, feral animal and noxious weed control, fuel hazard management and the management of infrastructure development in national parks.

(4) Calls on the Minister for the Environment to explain why, despite the tragic landslide, budget papers show evidence of cost cutting in the budget allocation and timetable for Alpine Way remediation works at Thredbo.

(5) Calls on the Premier to explain his actions as Environment Minister before 1988 in respect of planning decisions made by NPWS and Department of Main Roads and the construction of the Alpine Way and associated infrastructure.

(6) Condemns the Minister for the Environment for refusing to allow a proper Opposition response to the report in this place.

(7) Acknowledges the continuing suffering felt by families and friends of the 18 people who lost their lives, and the bravery of Stuart Diver who survived the tragic event and provides inspiration and hope to us all.

(Notice given 29 June 2000)

197 Mr O’FARRELL to move—

That this House:

(1) Expresses deep regret at the death of Ella James at Bulli Public School on Thursday 22 June 2000.

(2) Notes with concern the long history of the school community’s efforts to have the school crossing improved.

(3) Is appalled by the RTA’s expressed attitude that the crossing would not be improved until a child had died.
(4) Notes community concerns about the lack of action to the school’s problem by the Member for Keira over the past 15 months.

(5) Calls upon the Government to urgently review the Safe Routes to Schools program which has clearly failed school communities across the state.

(Notice given 29 June 2000)

198 Mr O’DOHERTY to move—

That this House notes the Premier’s endorsement on 29 June 2000 on 2BL of Michael Costa for a front bench position is a major vote of no confidence in the rest of the Labor Caucus.

(Notice given 29 June 2000)

199 Mrs SKINNER to move—

That this House:

(1) Calls on the Minister for Health to explain why Prince of Wales Hospital has been forced to cancel numerous heart surgery operations over the past three weeks, including one case where a 15 year old boy from Cowra, who has been waiting for open heart surgery since August 1999, had his operation cancelled on Tuesday 27 June 2000 only minutes before the procedure was scheduled to take place.

(2) Further calls on the Minister for Health to explain why a young boy had his EEG cancelled at the Manning Base Hospital on Monday 26 June 2000 for the third time.

(Notice given 29 June 2000)

200 Mr HAZZARD to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes that the Government’s failure to act has ensured that Australian paralympic athletes through the Australian Paralympic Committee will have to pay $1085 towards their own entry, accommodation and services during the Paralympics.

(2) Notes that the Government found $140 million over and above the two and a half billion dollars it has already contributed to the Sydney Olympics.

(3) Notes the Government has contributed just $150 thousand over the last few years to the Australian Paralympic Committee and paralympians.

(4) Calls on the Government to contribute the sum of entry, accommodation and service costs for Australian paralympians which totals less than half a million dollars.
(5) Condemns the Government for its lack of commitment to equal opportunity for paralympians, its lack of commitment to the principles of the Disability Services Act 1995 and its lack of leadership in failing to fund the Australian paralympians.

(Notice given 29 June 2000)

201 Mr HARTCHER to move—

That this House deplores the Member for Georges River attempt to prevent debate on 29 June 2000 in the issue of releasing the killer Allan Baker.

(Notice given 29 June 2000)

202 Mr FRASER to move—

That this House:

(1) Congratulates the Wallabies on their recent win against South Africa.

(2) Congratulates the Wallabies for showing the world how rugby is meant to be played and for beating the All Blacks and bringing home the Bledisloe Cup.

(3) Notes Captain John Eales nickname “nobody”, because “nobody” is perfect and congratulates him for snatching victory from the jaws of defeat.

(4) Congratulates the citizens of Coffs Harbour, the local council, the Minister for Tourism and the Coffs Harbour business community for their financial support which enabled the Wallabies to relocate to Coffs Harbour and receive the benefits of the best electorate in NSW.

(5) Thanks the Wallabies and in particular John Eales and Coach, Rod MacQueen for their ongoing promotion and support of Coffs Harbour since they have relocated there.

(6) Wishes the Wallabies every success in bringing home the Tri Nations Series Cup in their match against South Africa.

(Notice given 8 August 2000)

203 Ms SEATON to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes that in late July 2000, parents at Hill Top Primary School were so disgusted at the mouldy and unsafe condition of inadequate demountable classrooms that they removed 180 children to alternate accommodation for classes.

(2) Notes that it took a distressing and time consuming community confrontation with the Minister before appropriate action was taken.
(3) Notes that the newly replaced carpet is at risk of further water damage in the next wet weather period, and that the Department has yet again spent valuable resources on band aid responses to serious capital works needs.

(4) Notes that the only acceptable and proper long term solution is to build the Stage II permanent classrooms at Hill Top and Colo Vale schools.

(5) Condemns the Minister for Education for his handling of this issue, and for failing to follow through on the promised Stage II funding in this year’s budget.

(Notice given 8 August 2000)

204 Mr GEORGE to move—

That this House condemns the Carr Government for extending daylight saving, thereby forcing NSW businesses to accept the Queensland Labor Governments call to turn their back on the Carr Government and stay with Eastern Standard Time.

(Notice given 8 August 2000)

205 Ms SEATON to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the disastrous environmental impact of discarded balloons in waterways, and the slow death endured by marine animals and water birds who mistake balloon litter for food.

(2) Notes that the Opposition will be presenting legislation to this House before the end of the year following consultation with industry, ecologists, event organisers and courageous environmental campaigners such as 11 year old Bethany Henderson and the “Pelican man” Lance Ferris to ensure NSW takes the lead in putting an end to balloon pollution.

(3) Notes the lack of leadership by the Government in working with industry and environmentalists to set clear bio-degradability objectives for balloons, plastic bags and other materials.

(4) Notes concerns that helium filled balloons are part of some proposed and current Olympic events and calls the Minister for Olympics to account for the pollution caused by improperly released balloons in waterways and other environments and calls on the Minister for Environment to guarantee that the EPA will intensively monitor SOCOG and prosecute it to the full extent of litter laws if any balloon generated by official Olympic activity is incorrectly disposed of.

(5) Calls on the Minister for the Environment to ensure that at least one current litter advertisement focuses on balloon pollution.

(Notice given 9 August 2000)
Mr GEORGE to move—

That this House

(1) Congratulates Lismore cricketer Adam Gilchrist on his appointment as Vice Captain of the Australian Cricket Team.

(2) Recognises Rous Water of Lismore for having the foresight in recognising Adam’s achievements in cricket by recently dedicating the outstanding cricket oval at the new Perradenya “Sustainable Living” Estate as the Adam Gilchrist Oval, which was officially opened by Adam on Sunday 16 July 2000.

(Notice given 9 August 2000)

Mr CRITTENDEN to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the call from the Member for Murrumbidgee in this House on 9 August 2000, for greater attention to dental health for pensioners and low income earners.

(2) Condemns the Federal Government for abolishing the Commonwealth Dental Health Program in 1996, despite election promises not to.

(3) Observes that since the Federal Program was axed, dental health waiting lists have reached up to 3 years in some States.

(4) Congratulates the NSW Government for committing $33 million over 3 years to improve dental health across NSW, in the continued absence of Federal support.

(Notice given 9 August 2000)

Mr STONER to move—

That this House:

(1) Welcomes the proposal of the Forest Products Association in conjunction with National Power and Babcock and Brown for wood-fired power stations utilising waste timber.

(2) Endorses the Nambucca Shire as an ideal location for wood-fired power station due to its close proximity to timber mills and its high unemployment rate.

(Notice given 10 August 2000)
209 Mr GEORGE to move—

That this House requires the Minister for Energy to take the necessary action forthwith to provide a more reliable supply and distribution of electricity in rural areas of NSW and further to take all necessary steps to maintain services to avoid unacceptable power failures and faults being consistently experienced.

(Notice given 10 August 2000)

210 Mr MAGUIRE to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes that doctors have revealed that 50 percent of hospitals in the Greater Murray Area Health Service (GMAHS) are understaffed.

(2) Notes that there have been at least 5 wards and a total of 58 beds closed in the GMAHS in the past year.

(3) Notes that hospitals in the Greater Murray have shutdown operating sessions for a total of 40 weeks in the last financial year, which is almost the equivalent of shutting down an entire hospital.

(4) Notes that there are more than 1,500 people waiting for elective surgery at Wagga Wagga Base Hospital alone with 163 of these waiting more than 12 months for surgery.

(5) Calls on the Government to increase funding for the Greater Murray Area Health Service to ensure that an already predicted $500,000 shortfall is fully funded.

(Notice given 10 August 2000)

211 Mr HAZZARD to move—

That this House:

(1) Acknowledges that residents of NSW are fair and just people who are appalled at the Government’s discriminatory entry fees chargeable to paralympians at the 2000 Sydney Games.

(2) Condemns the Government for persisting with the entry fees applied to paralympians while Olympians are not subjected to the same fees.

(3) Notes the Premier’s comments indicating his Government declines to amend the entry fees charged to paralympians and bases that view on the alleged terms of the paralympic bid.

(4) Notes the failure to change the paralympic bid arrangements is in itself discriminatory as the Government has happily changed the Olympics bid arrangements numerous times.
Calls on the Government to lift the entry fees so that Sydney will be the first host city to support the International Paralympic Committee’s condemnation of the fees, not the last to discriminate against paralympians, before Athens 2004 guarantees free entry and equal treatment for paralympians.

(Notice given 10 August 2000)

Mr J. H. TURNER to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes that the Full Bench of the Federal Court has ruled that Great Lakes Council was not responsible for the contamination of oysters in Wallis Lake in 1997.

(2) Notes that the then Minister for the Environment, the Hon. Pam Allan wrongly accused the Council as being responsible for the contamination.

(3) Notes that the said Minister has refused to apologise to the Council for the attack on the Council.

(4) Calls on the Government to apologise to the Great Lakes Council for the comments made by the then Minister for the Environment.

(Notice given 10 August 2000)

Mr ARMSTRONG to move—

That this House:

(1) Congratulates the Spring Valley Heritage Horse Ride comprising representatives of the Australian Stock Horse Society and the Polo Cross Association in having completed the world’s longest horse relay ride in history and the longest horse ride in history carrying the Australian flag.

(2) Congratulates the riders, organisers, particularly Neville Holz and Joy Poole for the courage and the tenacity in completing the ride from Broome to Sydney.

(3) Acknowledges that the riders distributed Spring Valley sample bags to over 100,000 school children from Broome to Sydney.

(4) Acknowledges the sponsorship particularly of Spring Valley, Mataranka feeds or cool fuel, Caltex, Channel 7, Prime TV, 2UE Sky News and News Limited through the Daily Telegraph and the Australian papers. It also recognises the tremendous support from the ABC, rural press, Channel 9 and local papers.

(5) Thanks the local government and country communities throughout NSW who hosted the riders and a thank you to the NSW Police for organising the passage of the ride across the state, and particularly into the Town Hall and this Parliament House.

(Notice given 15 August 2000)
Mr GIBSON to move—

That this House commemorates the anniversary of the end of World War II on 15 August 1945 and remembers with respect and appreciation all those who fought and gave so much.

(Notice given 15 August 2000)

Mr MAGUIRE to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes with concern comments made by senior officials of the NSW Police Service that the location of police stations is really a political decision for the Government to decide where they go.

(2) Acknowledges Commissioner Ryan’s comments, “Wagga Wagga police station has always been a problem and I would like to see the problem resolved. I don’t like to see my officers working in scruffy conditions”.

(3) Commends the Police Commissioner for his support of the proposal for new accommodation for the Wagga Wagga Police Service and acknowledges his statement today that the proposal report quote “has gone through my office and is on the Minister’s desk marked urgent” concluding a decision should not be far off.

(4) Urges the Government to act immediately on the report and finally allocate sufficient capital and resources to accommodate the Wagga Wagga Police Service in one building suited for modern policing needs.

(Notice given 15 August 2000)

Mr RICHARDSON to move—

That this House:

(1) Recognises the serious congestion problem facing motorists on Windsor Road.

(2) Acknowledges the reasonableness of Baulkham Hills Shire Council’s position on the Mungerie Park Regional Centre – that it would be failing in its duty to its ratepayers if it were to start planning the centre before the Government had committed to fast tracking the upgrading of Windsor Road and dedicated public transport for the Rouse Hill Development Area.

(3) Notes the refusal of the Minister for Transport and Roads to accelerate the programme of reconstruction on Windsor Road and Old Windsor Road.

(4) Calls on the Minister for Transport and Roads to end the impasse by entering into meaningful discussions with Baulkham Hills shire Council and the Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning over fast tracking the upgrading of Windsor Road and the provision of a dedicated public transport link to the North West Sector.

(Notice given 15 August 2000)
Mr ARMSTRONG to move—

That this House:

(1) Objects to the circumstances surrounding the fact that the Coroner’s Court, Parramatta Road, Glebe is being forced to wait at least twelve weeks to receive reports prepared by the Institute of Forensic Medicine (Department of Health) following the performance of an autopsy.

(2) Notes that the Coroner’s Court has issued at least one apology for any inconvenience caused by this delay and has further stated the circumstances are beyond the control of that office.

(3) Calls on the Government to recognise the pain and trauma caused to families by this delay and recognises the inability of families to settle the affairs of the deceased in an appropriate time.

(Notice given 15 August 2000)

Mr FRASER to move—

That this House notes with concern the situation with regard to the underfunding of Coffs Harbour Base Hospital.

(Notice given 15 August 2000)

Ms SEATON to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the total mismanagement by the Government of accurate data and information about the rate of native vegetation clearing in NSW.

(2) Notes the admission by the Minister for Land and Water Conservation recently that the basis for measuring land clearing in NSW is fundamentally flawed.

(3) Acknowledges that this uncertainty contributes to unnecessary, underserved and debilitating confrontation and tension between landusers and others when we would be working together on solutions.

(4) Calls on the Premier to order his Environment Minister and Land and Water Conservation Minister to work with farmers and conservation groups to develop an accurate, reliable and agreed method for measuring land clearing, so informed policy and land use decisions can be made.
(5) Condemns the Government for failing to take up constructive Opposition suggestions about ways in which farmers and landowners can be encouraged with incentives, rather than penalties, to conserve and replant native vegetation for sustainable commercial and environmental outcomes.

(Notice given 15 August 2000)

220 Mr ARMSTRONG to move—

That this House:

(1) Calls on the Minister for the Olympics to make Olympic Games tickets currently being sold to the public available for collection to successful purchasers at the purchaser’s nearest Post Office.

(2) Recognises that by restricting deliveries to Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong that up to 34% of the NSW population living in regional areas are disenfranchised from purchasing Olympic tickets.

(Notice given 15 August 2000)

221 Mr FRASER to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the financial crisis gripping the Mid North Coast Area Health Service.

(2) Notes that Mr Peter Mitchell has been waiting for 18 months to have his leg amputated, has been prepped for surgery three times only to have his major surgery cancelled at the last minute.

(3) Notes the massive psychological stress and strain that Mr Mitchell is placed under each time he is prepped for surgery to remove his leg.

(4) Notes that Mr John Oxley who is waiting to have his hand amputated and has a date for surgery set is so appalled at the NSW Government treatment of Mr Mitchell that he has offered his hospital bed and surgical operating time to Mr Mitchell.

(5) Calls on the Government to provide urgently needed funding to reopen beds and theatres at Coffs Harbour Base Hospital closed by the Government.

(6) Condemns the Government for ignoring the concerns of GPs and surgeons at the Coffs Harbour Base Hospital who believe that closing operating theatres for two days a week is nothing more than a cost cutting exercise which is placing lives in danger.

(Notice given 16 August 2000)
Ms HODGKINSON to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes that the verdict in relation to the OJD test case between Graham Privett of Yass and the Department of Agriculture was brought down yesterday, the result of which was a loss to Mr Privett.

(2) Notes that the draconian sections of the Stock Diseases Act of 1923 which originated in order to control any exotic disease outbreak in NSW should not have applied in this case as OJD is not an exotic disease, it is worldwide, and with good farm management people are minimising stock losses.

(3) Notes that drug criminals have more protection from the law than farmers suspected of carrying OJD have under the Stock Diseases Act of 1923 and that there has to be some humanity in the application of law under this Act.

(4) Notes that Mr Privett’s sentence will be handed down on 12 October 2000 in Goulburn.

(5) Notes how difficult it is for a farmer to take on the NSW Department of Agriculture, when the Minister stated in an answer to my Question on Notice No. 448 that his Department was prepared to spend more than $100,000 of taxpayers’ money to win this particular case.

(Notice given 16 August 2000)

Mr SOURIS to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes dairy farmers are struggling to stay financially viable under the Government’s deregulation of the industry.

(2) Notes that the milk price war commenced in the supermarket chains today is likely to impact severely on farmers and small processors.

(3) Notes that the supermarkets’ actions further endanger jobs in rural and regional NSW.

(4) Urges the Government to immediately establish the committee to investigate the impacts of dairy deregulation on the NSW dairy industry, as promised in writing to the National and Liberal parties on 29 June 2000.

(Notice given 16 August 2000)

Mrs SKINNER to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes that despite being advised by his GP that he needed urgent treatment for a hernia condition, Mr Robert Wakeling was turned away from both Westmead and Mt Druitt emergency departments and was told that he would have to wait up to 13 weeks for
admission because of cutbacks in spending and cancelled elective surgery during the Olympics.

(2) Notes that Berkely man Hilton Norris who was suffering from a prostate problem and in considerable pain, was forced to wait nearly seven hours to see a doctor at Wollongong Hospital emergency department.

(3) Notes that both these men are self-confessed Labor voters who have now stated that they are going to give Labor the flick at the next election because of their experience with the public health system.

(4) Condemns the Minister for Health for running down our hospitals to such an extent that even the Labor party's most loyal supporters are turning against the Government.

(Notice given 16 August 2000)

*225 Mr GAUDRY to move—

That this House recognises Australia’s maritime history and the contribution of Australia’s merchant mariners to our nation in times of peace and war, and endorses and supports the observance of International Maritime Day on 24 September each year.

(Notice given 16 August 2000)

Item marked * accorded precedence at this sitting

226 Mr WEBB to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the recent passing of Judith Wright, author, poet and for some time resident of Mongarlowe.

(2) Notes the recent passing of A.D. Hope, born in 1907 in Cooma, poet and former Professor of English at the ANU, Canberra.

(3) Acknowledges the very significant literary contributions that the late Judith Wright McKinney and the late A.D. Hope have made to the social fabric of New South Wales and Australia.

(Notice given 16 August 2000)

227 Mrs SKINNER to move—

That this House:

(1) notes that the four Super King Air aircraft belonging to the NSW Ambulance Service are currently ten years old and more than half way through their lifespan.
(2) Notes that NSW Ambulance Service planes are being flown at less than maximum parameters solely to save on wear and tear on the planes and therefore on maintenance costs.

(3) Calls on the Minister for Health to provide details of the replacement program and cost of new aircraft.

(Notice given 16 August 2000)

Mr STONER to move—

That this House:

(1) Congratulates the Federal Government for providing $960,000 to upgrade the section of the Oxley Highway known as Spencer’s Cutting, specifically at the intersection with Rawdon Island Road and the curve at the bottom at the cutting, approximately 500 metres west of the intersection.

(2) Condemns the NSW Government for contributing no funding towards remediating this notorious black spot and refusing to upgrade the still dangerous 500 metre section in between the improvements funded by the Commonwealth, despite numerous protests by the local community.

(3) Calls on the Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads to urgently provide matching funding in order to properly complete the work, while road workers and equipment are in situ.

(Notice given 16 August 2000)

Ms SEATON to move—

That this House:

(1) Notes the damning report card by Greenpeace giving the Government a mere 6 out of 10 for performance on Green Games objectives.

(2) Notes that this report card is receiving widespread media coverage in overseas media.

(3) Calls on the Premier to admit he has let key environmental opportunities lapse, failed to ensure Green Games targets were met, and has betrayed his environmental commitments.

(4) Condemns the Government for its continued coverup of Green Games failures, including its failure to vote on the motion standing in my name which stands unresolved since April.

(Notice given 16 August 2000)
Mrs SKINNER to move—

That this House:

1. Notes that there is inconsistent signage of hospitals and other health care facilities throughout NSW.

2. Notes that the term and the signage for “general practice casualty” is false, misleading and potentially dangerous as the term is currently used by and understood by the public to mean emergency department and people have inappropriately self-presented to the casualty at Balmain Hospital with both life threatening and limb threatening problems.

3. Notes that hospitals including Nepean, Westmead, St George, Mt Druitt, Blacktown, Ryde, Royal North Shore and Royal Prince Alfred Hospitals are all currently using emergency department signage which misuses the International Symbol of the Red Cross which is illegal under the Commonwealth Geneva Conventions Act 1957.

4. Calls on the Minister for Health to work with organisations including the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine, the AMA and the Red Cross to ensure uniform and consistent signage of Sydney emergency departments so that people can make informed choices about the type of medical care they are seeking.

(Notice given 16 August 2000)

ORDERS OF THE DAY (Committee Reports)—


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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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