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**RADIATION PROTECTION AND CONTROL (LICENCES AND REGISTRATION)
AMENDMENT BILL**

The Hon. A. BRESSINGTON (18:00):

I rise to briefly indicate my support for the Radiation Protection and Control (Licences and Registration) Amendment Bill, a short and simple bill which seeks to correct an unintended consequence of amendments moved to the Radiation Protection and Control Act 1982 in the Statutes Amendment (Budget 2010) Act. While the amendments in the budget bill are yet to be enacted, it is my understanding that, if they were, in the absence of this bill, by virtue of section 28(2)(a) holders of a newly created licence to possess a radiation source or a facilities licence would, unintentionally, be exempted from the requirement to hold a licence to use or handle radioactive substances and the controls that go with it.

A further amendment is required to section 29(3) to ensure that premises storing or handling unsealed radioactive substances are registered. Another amendment was moved in the House of Assembly by the minister to correct what is essentially portrayed as a drafting error that replaced the word 'excavation' with 'exploration' in the new definition of mining, which will be inserted upon enactment of the budget bill. This is a nuts and bolts bill and it has my support.

Debate adjourned on motion of Hon. J.M. Gazzola.