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RECREATION GROUNDS (REGULATIONS) (PENALTIES) AMENDMENT BILL

The Hon. A. BRESSINGTON (11:27):

I just wonder how many times we have to have this conversation in this chamber, about getting legislation dumped on us at the last minute—

The Hon. P. Holloway: Perhaps you could go to the briefings. Instead of playing politics why don't you do the job that you are well paid for?

The Hon. A. BRESSINGTON: Excuse me—

The PRESIDENT: I think the minister is saying that there were briefings.

The Hon. A. BRESSINGTON: Well, gee whizz. They were talking—

Members interjecting:

The Hon. A. BRESSINGTON: Who expected to get a bill dumped on us after 6 o'clock last night and then be in here at 11 o'clock to debate it?

An honourable member interjecting:

The Hon. A. BRESSINGTON: Please, with everything else that is going on—

The PRESIDENT: Order! Make the contribution.

The Hon. A. BRESSINGTON: As I was saying, how many times do we have to have this conversation in here about getting last minute bills and expecting this house to rubber-stamp legislation that comes from who knows where (because we would not know)? All the concerns that the Hon. Tammy Franks has raised, as well as the Hon. Rob Lucas, the Hon. Terry Stephens and the Hon. Stephen Wade do need to be addressed, because this will probably affect good old weekend sporting activities in the community.

Last week on the radio I heard comments being made about legislation being drawn up for this. Since when do the media get to hear about this stuff first, before we have even had a chance to look at a bill? It is really poor form. As far as coming back with, 'Why don't you do your job; that's what you are paid to do,' well, why doesn't the minister do his job and give us the notice that is in the conventions, that we are supposed to have time to consider these bills and go through them? It is not about us not doing our job: it is about you guys not doing your job.

The PRESIDENT: The Hon. Mr Brokenshire wants to have a go.