

## CORRECTIONAL SERVICES (MISCELLANEOUS) AMENDMENT BILL

27 September 2011

Adjourned debate on second reading (resumed on motion).

**Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (17:47):** I will be brief because I think other members on this side have covered the Correctional Services (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill 2011 very well in a comprehensive manner. The one part of the bill that I want to reflect on is the extension of the search powers to all institutional land.

I just want to reflect on the September 2006 announcement of the Labor government which came via *The Advertiser* to establish a 760-cell men's prison and a 150-cell women's prison at Mobilong near Murray Bridge. This proposal was a \$411 million proposal, and I remember coming into the parliament, and I had already seen it in the newspaper that morning and taken a call from the Mayor of Murray Bridge because neither I nor the mayor nor the community of Murray Bridge and surrounding areas had been consulted about this proposal—a major proposal.

Over \$400 million was to be invested in Mobilong, and I can understand if the government did not want to tell the local member—that is up to them—but they did not even advise the mayor of what they were about to do and everyone reads about in the paper. That is the way this government works—lack of consultation; no consultation. Would the member for West Torrens like to wake up in the morning and realise that a corrections facility—

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** Point of order.

**The ACTING SPEAKER (Mr Sibbons):** Point of order.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** If the member wishes to make a grievance about a decision taken by the government in 2006, by all means. This is the 2011 amendment bill. Please speak to that.

**The ACTING SPEAKER:** Member for Hammond.

**Mr PEDERICK:** Thank you, Mr Acting Speaker, and I am speaking in relation to the extension of search powers on institutional land, and this would have been a major institution on corrections land at Murray Bridge, and that was what the proposal was—to build this high security institution. It would have had a supermax section of the gaol as well, and there were three levels of security incorporated into that, as I understand it. The council said in the QED report, which they put up, that it was a tortuous process for the council.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** I rise on a point of order: relevance. The member is talking about a capital infrastructure program that is not being proceeded with and is not being debated in this bill.

**The ACTING SPEAKER (Mr Sibbons):** I would agree with the minister that the member for Hammond should be addressing issues within the bill. However, the member may wish to discuss points of concern, but I would suggest that he gets back to the major topic of the bill.

**Mr PEDERICK:** Thank you, Mr Acting Speaker. I note that it is a tortuous subject for the government, but this is exactly how the people of my electorate reacted with the lack of consultation. What I was referring to was the extension of search powers in all institutional land. This is something that would have happened if the development at Mobilong had gone ahead. It would have been in regard to all of the land identified in the proclamation under section 18.1.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** I rise on a point of order. 'What would happen if it had proceeded' were his words. He is talking about a hypothetical construction that is not in the bill.

**The Hon. I.F. EVANS:** I rise on a point of order. The minister is filibustering by taking irrelevant points of order to try to pad the debate out until 6 o'clock. It is outrageous. Let the member speak.

**The ACTING SPEAKER:** I dismiss your point of order, member for Davenport, but the minister's point of order is still relevant. I will ask the member for Hammond to continue on addressing the bill.

**Mr PEDERICK:** Thank you, Mr Acting Speaker. I note the government and the minister's embarrassment on the subject I have brought up about the lack of consultation with the community. I just hope that the government makes the carriage of the Correctional Services (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill 2011 far more successful than its defunct 2006 proposal for the new Mobilong Prison.

**The ACTING SPEAKER:** Thank you, member for Hammond, we eventually got there. If the minister speaks he closes the debate.

**The Hon. A. KOUTSANTONIS:** I want to thank all contributors to the debate. The government has listened intently to the member for Bragg's amendments, given the fact that today is the first day I have seen those amendments; not through any conspiracy, it is just that she lodged them the day that I left on a trade mission. We will consider those in the upper house and I would ask the opposition for some latitude to give the government an opportunity to consider those.

I understand that there were other amendments moved by the Hon. Iain Evans that the government will accept. I point out to the member for Hammond that the only people who went to the last election talking about opening a new prison without consulting with anyone was the opposition, and the shadow spokesperson was promptly fired after he announced that on 891. I commend the bill to the house.