

**tape 5**

**GEORGE**

this left the import of pump action shotguns and arguably, semi automatic firearms, with a magazine capacity of greater than five rounds unregulated. It also restricted the Administrator from authorising the import of semi automatic rifles for bona fide purposes other than shooting competitions and it should be noted again that while the importation of pump action shotguns with a magazine capacity of greater than five rounds is not currently controlled, their possession and use is strictly controlled under the Firearms Act 1996. Mr Acting Deputy Speaker, there is a detailed stage amendment to this particular Bill as well but I will leave that to the appropriate time

**ACTING DEPUTY SPEAKER** Thank you Mr Smith. Is there any further debate on the question that the Bill be agreed to in principle. there being no further debate then I put the question that the Bill be agreed to in principle

**QUESTION PUT**

**AGREED**

The ayes have it. We now move to the detail stage. Mr Smith

**MR SMITH**

Mr Acting Deputy Speaker. I don't need to seek leave for these amendments do I. No. I would like to move that the amendments be taken as read and agreed to as a whole, but it depends on whether Members have copies of their detail stage amendments. Perhaps Mr Acting Deputy Speaker I will read them anyway and move that they be agreed. Detail stage amendments of the Customs Amendment Bill 1998 clause 3 page 2, seeks to omit inserting the following item after 5. No 6 will read "self loading or repeating action shotguns with a magazine capacity of greater than five rounds" and insert "omitting item 5 and substituting 5. The following firearms - (a) firearms of machine gun construction (b) self loading or repeating action shotguns with a magazine capacity of greater than five rounds other than firearms that have been proved to the satisfaction of the executive member to being rendered permanently inoperable. No 2 clause 4 page 2, omit the clause and insert the following clause "(4) the Customs Act 1913 is amended by omitting the third schedule and substituting the following schedule. The goods the importation of which is prohibited unless permission in writing of the Administrator to import the goods has been granted. Item No 1, description, pistols and revolvers of all kinds and other firearms capable of being concealed about the person. (2) Ammunition for use in a firearms referred to in item 1. (3) the firearms or other guns intended for the discharge of drugs, gas or noxious or irritant liquids or objects containing such substances (4) self loading or repeating action shotguns with a magazine capacity of no greater than five rounds. semi automatic firearms not otherwise specified in the second or third schedule. Firearms or other guns referred to in 1, 3, 4 or 5 will be taken not to

include firearms or other guns referred to in the second schedule or that have been proved to the satisfaction of the executive member to have been rendered permanently inoperable”, and I table those amendments and move that the amendment be agreed to Mr Acting Deputy Speaker

ACTING DEPUTY SPEAKER Thank you Mr Smith. Any further debate on the amendments? there being no further debate I put the question that the amendments be agreed to

QUESTION PUT  
AGREED

The ayes have it. Is the remainder of the Bill agreed to?

AGREED

The ayes have it. We now move the question that the Bill as amended be agreed to. Is there any further debate? Mr Smith, do you wish to move?

MR SMITH I move that the Bill will be agreed to

DEPUTY SPEAKER The question is that the Bill as amended be agreed. Is there any further debate? Then I put the question

QUESTION PUT  
AGREED

The ayes have it. That Bill is agreed to.

## **NO 5 - ROAD TRAFFIC AMENDMENT BILL 1998**

We move to Order of the Day No 5, the Road Traffic Amendment Bill 1998. We resume on the question that the Bill be agreed to in principle and Mr Brown you have the call to resume

MR BROWN Mr Deputy Speaker thank you. There were two elements to this Bill. The first dealt with pedestrian crossing and school crossing issues and I think in that regard the Members were almost unanimously supportive. The second element to it, which is the element of the laser speed gun, and in that regard we were certainly not of unanimity on the last occasion. Since then we have had the opportunity to look at the laser speed gun, to have its workings explained to us and to discuss with the police the way in which, in a community policing environment, such an implement would be used and certainly it has been explained to Members that in a community policing environment it is a question for the Legislative Assembly to be providing guidance to the police as to whether the Legislative Assembly wants policemen to be hidden behind trees at the bottom of long hills to catch speeding motorists, or whether it wishes a far less aggressive role to be pursued including on appropriate occasions, the cautioning of motorists if difficulties are encountered



MR SMITH

Thank you Mr Acting Deputy Speaker. I said at the last meeting and I said in the previous Assembly, of which I was a Member, that I didn't support the introduction of such things as the laser speed guns, and two or three other things that were suggested at that time that should be enforced on Norfolk Island. I held the view at that time that we are forever trying to keep ourselves apart from mainland ways, and for every little bit that we chip away with introducing whatever it may be, we are chipping away at what Norfolk Island is all about and having the freedom to do things its own way. But referring to the speed gun and the pedestrian crossing moves that Mr Brown is proposing, I certainly don't have any problem with the pedestrian crossing moves that Mr Brown is making. I still hold the same view about speed guns. I've been caught twice by those laser guns offshore from Norfolk Island. I know what it's like, I know

QUESTION PUT  
AGREED

The ayes have it thank you. We have therefore concluded Orders of the Day Honourable Members and we move on

**FIXING OF THE NEXT SITTING DAY.**

MR NOBBS

Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. I move that the House at it's rising adjourn until Wednesday 15th April 1998 at 10am.

DEPUTY SPEAKER

Thank you. Any debate Honourable Members

MR BROWN

Mr Deputy Speaker it may be that the gaming package will be ready for final consideration by the House prior to the 15th April and it may be that I ask Members at some stage between now and the 15th if they would agree to the convening of an earlier meeting. But I don't see a need to do that today because its not certain that the package will be ready before the 15th April

DEPUTY SPEAKER

Thank you Mr Brown. Do you envisage that that would be under the provisions to convene a special meeting, in other words, a certain number of the Members of this seeking that be so

MR BROWN  
need to do so

Yes that would be my proposal if there is thought to be a

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER  
Honourable Members

Thank you. Further discussion. I put that question to you

QUESTION  
AGREED

The ayes have it, we have determined our next Sitting day thank you

**ADJOURNMENT**

MR ADAMS

Mr Deputy Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

MR DEPUTY SPEAKER  
participation in adjournment debate

The question is that the House do now adjourn. Any

