

if the Assembly is not sitting when the Select Committee on Interactive Television Gaming has prepared its report for presentation, the committee may provide the report to the Speaker or, if the Speaker is unavailable to act, to the Deputy Speaker, and in that event:

- (1) the report of the Select Committee on Interactive Television Gaming be deemed to have been presented to the Assembly;*
- (2) the publication of the report is authorised by this resolution;*
- (3) the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker, as the case may be, may give directions for the printing and circulation of the report; and*
- (4) the Speaker shall lay the report upon the Table at the next sitting of the Assembly.*

The Select Committee on Interactive Television Gaming was established in the August 1995 sittings. Since that time, the committee has undertaken an extensive program of hearings and briefings from a number of individuals and organisations associated with the delivery of broadband services. The date set down for the committee to deliver its report is 31 March 1996, and it is likely to be completed on or before that date.

The work of the committee has attracted the interest of racing and gaming ministers and administrators throughout Australia. I understand it is to be on the agenda of conferences to be held in April and May of this year. Because of the current interest in pay television within the community, and the associated communications technology, the committee seeks that its report be published and available for honourable members and for public discussion as soon as possible. Accordingly, the purpose of this motion is to enable the publication of the report during the forthcoming recess of the Assembly in order to facilitate full and informed debate on the report during the May sittings of the Assembly.

Motion agreed to.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Mr COULTER (Leader of Government Business): Mr Deputy Speaker, I move that so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent 2 bills, the *Fire and Emergency Bill* (Serial 140) and *Fire and Emergency (Consequential Amendments) Bill* (Serial 141): (a) being presented and read a first time together and one motion being put in regard to, respectively, the second readings, the committee's report stage and the third readings of the bills together; and (b) the consideration of the bills separately in the committee of the whole.

Motion agreed to.