

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 67

FIRST MEETING IN THE NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE

MONDAY, 22 AUGUST 1988

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- 1 The House met, at 4 p.m., pursuant to adjournment. Madam Speaker (the Honourable Joan Child) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 - 2 **MESSAGE FROM THE QUEEN AND THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH—FIRST SITTINGS OF THE TWO HOUSES IN THE NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE:** Madam Speaker reported that she had received a copy of the message from Her Majesty the Queen and the speech of His Excellency the Governor-General delivered earlier today in the Great Hall to mark the first sittings of the Senate and the House of Representatives in the new Parliament House (*The text of the message and the speech appears in Hansard*).
 - 3 **NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE—PRESENTATION OF GIFTS—RESOLUTION OF THANKS:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) moved—That this House expresses its thanks and appreciation to the Parliaments, Governments and peoples of those countries, states and territories and to those organisations which have so graciously presented gifts to Australia's new Parliament House and extends a warm welcome to those Presiding Officers and representatives who are present today.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
 - 4 **NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE—PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION—RESOLUTION OF THANKS:** Mr Hawke (Prime Minister) moved—That this House extends its sincere thanks to the following persons and organisations associated with the planning and construction of the new Parliament House:
 - (1) Mitchell/Guirgola and Thorp Architects who designed it;
 - (2) the Parliament House Construction Authority, Concrete Holland Joint Venture and all contractors and workers who built it;
 - (3) the artists, craftsmen and craftswomen who advised on and assisted in its furnishing and decoration; and
 - (4) the members of the Joint Select Committee on the New and Permanent Parliament House, all past and present members of the Joint Standing Committee on the New Parliament House, officers of the National Capital Development Commission, parliamentary and other staff,
for their endeavours in providing a magnificent permanent building for the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia.
 Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
 - 5 **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House, at its rising, adjourn until tomorrow at 2 p.m.
Question—put and passed.

6 **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr Beazley (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at 4.22 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to this day.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Hicks, Mr Macphee and Mrs Sullivan.

A. R. BROWNING
Clerk of the House of Representatives