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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

No. 131

FRIDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2003

1 The House met, at 10.04 a.m., pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Neil Andrew) and the President of the Senate (Senator the Honourable Paul Calvert) were announced. The Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The Speaker extended a welcome to the President of the Senate and Senators. The President of the People's Republic of China, His Excellency Hu Jintao, was announced.

The Speaker extended a welcome to President Hu.

The Speaker also welcomed Mr Wang Gang, Director, General Office, Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and other senior officials from the People's Republic of China present in the gallery.

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) welcomed President Hu.

Mr Crean (Leader of the Opposition) supported the remarks of the Prime Minister.

The Speaker invited President Hu to address the meeting of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

President Hu then addressed the meeting.

The Speaker, on behalf of Members and Senators, expressed thanks to President Hu.

President Hu then withdrew from the Chamber.

3 ADJOURNMENT

At 10.46 a.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to on 16 October 2003, the Speaker adjourned the House until Monday, 3 November 2003, at 12.30 p.m., and declared the meeting concluded.

PAPERS

The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 24 October 2003:

Australian Research Council Act—Determination—2003 No. 17.

Currency Act—Determination—2003 Currency (Royal Australian Mint) No. 6.

ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mr Andren, Fran Bailey, Mrs Draper, Mrs Gallus, Mr Katter, Mr Latham, Dr Lawrence, Mrs May, Dr Nelson, Mr Slipper, Mr Snowdon*, Mr Swan, Mr K. J. Thomson, Mr Windsor and Ms Worth.

* On leave

I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives