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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE

REPORT RELATING TO PROPOSED WORKS IN THE PARLIAMENTARY ZONE

TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS

MEMBERSHIP OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE
NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE
(Thirty-fourth Parliament)

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Speaker of the House of Representatives (until 11 February 1986)

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Speaker of the House of Representatives (from 11 February 1986)

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Mrs K.J. Sullivan, MP

Secretary to the Committee

Mr D.M. Piper

PROPOSED WORKS IN THE PARLIAMENTARY ZONE

TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS

Under Clause 4 of its resolution of appointment, the Joint Standing Committee on the New Parliament House is authorised to consider and report on matters coming within the terms of section 5 of the Parliament Act 1974 as may be referred to it by the Minister responsible for administering the National Capital Development Commission Act 1957, or by resolution of either House of the Parliament.

Section 5 of the Parliament Act 1974 gives Parliament control over the erection of buildings or other work within the Parliamentary Zone which is defined in the Act, Sub-section 5(1) of the Act provides as follows:

No building or other work is to be erected on land within the Parliamentary Zone unless the Minister has caused a proposal for the erection of the building or work to be laid before each House of Parliament and the proposal has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.

The proposal

On 29 April 1987 the Minister for Territories referred a proposal for works in the Parliamentary Zone to the Committee for its consideration and report.

The proposal involves the installation of traffic control signals in Parkes at the intersection of Kings Avenue and King George Terrace and Macquarie Street. Part of this area is within the Parliamentary Zone.

The purpose of the signals is to control the traffic movements to improve safety of vehicles and pedestrians at the intersection and to enhance traffic circulation in the area.

The proposed works involve the erection of standard traffic control signals with pedestrian call buttons. The power supply cables will be underground.

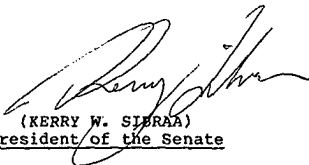
The total estimated cost of the work is \$210,000 and the project has been included in the 1986/87 Construction Program.

Recommendation

The Committee accepts the need for this work and believes it is appropriate for the Parliamentary Zone. Accordingly, the Committee recommends that Parliament approves the proposal in terms of the Parliament Act 1974.



(JOAN CHILD)
Speaker of the House
of Representatives



(KERRY W. SIERRA)
President of the Senate



JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE

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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE

Thirty-fourth Parliament

Minutes of Proceedings

No. 14

Friday, 21 November 1986

PRESENT

Senator the Hon. D. McClelland
President of the Senate

Joint Chairman

Hon. J. Child, MP
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Senator M.A. Colston
Senator D.J. MacGibbon
Senator M.E. Reid
Senator the Rt Hon. R.G. Withers
Mr S.C. Dubois, MP
Mr M.J. Lee, MP

The Committee met at 9.00 am.

Hon. J. Child, MP took the Chair.

The Committee met in private to consider item 3 on the Agenda
'Furniture - Category 'C' Workstations'.

The following were admitted:

From the Parliament House Construction Authority -

Mr N.M. Macphillamy, Member
Mr G.R. Peatey, Chief Executive
Mr J.D. Fowler, Senior Executive, External Relations and
Interiors
Ms K. Rumley, Curator

From Mitchell/Giurgola & Thorp, Architects -

Mr A. Giurgola
Mr R. Thorp
Ms P. Berg
Mr R. La France

From the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet -

Mr J.W. Templeton

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Friday, 21 September 1986 were confirmed.

2. Furniture budget

The following paper was presented:

The Impact on the User of Government Cuts in the Furniture Budget, 13 November 1986

Resolved - That the Committee agrees with the action taken by the Parliament House Construction Authority in revising the Furniture Program.

3. Furniture

The following papers were presented:

Furniture - Category 'C' Workstations, 14 November 1986

Report by the Sub-Committee on Furniture on Category 'C' Workstations, 19 November 1986

Letter to the Presiding Officers from the Minister for Territories, 20 November 1986

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved - on the motion of Senator MacGibbon -

That this Committee -

- (1) having considered the recommendations of the Parliament House Construction Authority and the Furniture Sub-Committee, the advice of the architects, the Parliamentary Departments, staff of Ministers and Officeholders and representatives of the Department of the Special Minister of State, and the letter from the Minister for Territories dated 20 November 1986, determines that the needs of the Parliament for status C furniture workstations can be most adequately met by the Unifor proposal because of its superior quality, more satisfactory performance in some areas, superior life-cycle expectancy, flexibility and better aesthetic qualities than the other proposals,
- (2) in accordance with the provisions of section 7 of the Parliament House Construction Authority Act 1979 advises the Parliament House Construction Authority that its requirements for status C furniture workstations should be met by the acceptance of the Unifor proposal, and

- (3) accepts the Parliament House Construction Authority undertaking that in the event that the Authority is unable to accept the advice of the Joint Standing Committee, no contract will be let by the Authority for the supply of status C furniture workstations until after Thursday, 27 November 1986 to enable the Joint Standing Committee the opportunity to take other action in the matter.

The Committee requested that this decision remain confidential until the matter has been determined.

(4) Revised Art Program

The following paper was presented:

Revised Art Program.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved - on the motion of Senator Reid -

That the Committee agrees with the action taken by the Parliament House Construction Authority in revising the Art Program.

(5) Historic quotations

The following paper was presented:

Historic Quotations and Documents Project, 13 November 1986.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved - On the motion of Senator Withers -

That the Committee agrees -

- (a) to the use of the volume of historic quotations and documents in selecting appropriate items for display within and possible incorporation into the internal finishes of the new Parliament House;
- (b) that supplementary material be prepared to acknowledge the Dutch influence in the discovery of Australia and to more accurately record the contribution of women to Australian society, and
- (c) that proposals for use of specific quotations in particular locations are to be submitted to the Sub-Committee on Art and Craft for recommendation to the Joint Standing Committee for its approval.

(6) Childcare

The following paper was presented:

Childcare Facilities, 13 November 1986.

Resolved - on the motion of Senator Withers -

That the paper be noted.

(7) Developed Design Report

The Chairman brought up for consideration the following draft reports:

The Developed Design Report of the New Parliament House, May 1986

Report on the Impact of Reduced Expenditure on the New Parliament House.

The following paper was presented:

Letter to the Presiding Officers from the Prime Minister dated 21 November 1986.

The Committee deliberated.

The Committee considered the draft Developed Design Report.

Resolved - on the motion of Senator McClelland -

That the Developed Design Report be agreed to.

Ordered: That the draft report be the report of the Committee to Parliament.

The Committee considered the draft report on the Impact of Reduced Expenditure on the New Parliament House -

Paragraphs 1 - 10 agreed to.
New paragraph 10A inserted.
Paragraphs 11 to 19 agreed to.
Paragraph 20 amended and agreed to.
Report as amended agreed to.

Ordered: That the draft report as amended be the report of the Committee to Parliament.

Resolved - on the motion of Senator Withers -

That the letter from the Prime Minister be noted.

(8) London Air Blitz Relics

The following papers were presented:

London Air Blitz Relics, 14 November 1986

London Air Blitz Relics - Correspondence, Extract from Brief and Background Papers.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved - on the motion of Senator McClelland -

That a decision on the incorporation of the London air blitz relics in the new Parliament House be deferred until the Parliament House Construction Authority is able to supply detailed cost estimates for the preparation of display cases.

(8) Naming of spaces

The following paper was presented:

Naming of Spaces Associated with the New Parliament House,
18 September 1986.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved - on the motion of Senator Withers -

That major spaces in the new Parliament House should be given symbolic names or names associated with their function and usage and that names of individuals should not be used.

Resolved -

That the major spaces in the new Parliament House be named as follows:

Landbridge	Federation Mall
Parliament perimeter road	Parliament Drive
Forecourt	The Forecourt
Ceremonial pool & island	An Aboriginal name yet to be determined
Ministerial courtyard	Ministerial Courtyard
Viewing platform	Capital Hill Terrace
Great Verandah	Great Verandah
Foyer	Foyer
Reception Hall	Great Hall
Members' Hall	Members' Hall
Public Terrace	Queen's Terrace

(9) Presiding Officers' approval

Resolved - on the motion of Senator Withers -

That the Presiding Officers may approve design issues relating to the new Parliament House in cases where approvals are required and cannot be deferred until the next meeting of the Joint Standing Committee.

(10) Adjournment

At 11.15 am the Committee adjourned until a date to be fixed by the Joint Chairmen.



JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE

Thirty-fourth Parliament

Minutes of Proceedings

No. 15

Tuesday, 25 November 1986

PRESENT

Senator the Hon. D. McClelland
President of the Senate

Joint Chairmen

Hon. J. Child, MP
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Hon. G.G.D. Scholes, MP
Minister for Territories

Senator M.A. Colston
Senator D.J. MacGibbon
Senator M.E. Reid
Senator K.W. Sibraa
Senator the Rt Hon. R.G. Withers
Mr S.C. Dubois, MP
Mr B. Lloyd, MP
Mr L.B. McLeay, MP
Mrs K.J. Sullivan

The Committee met at 8.30 am.

Hon. J. Child, MP took the Chair.

1. Furniture

The following paper was presented:

Category 'C' Workstations, 24 November 1986.

The Committee deliberated.

The Committee proceeded to consider the five options as set out in the paper.

Option 1

Senator MacGibbon moved that the Committee seek to have appropriate resolutions passed by both Houses of Parliament which would require the Parliament House Construction Authority to select the furniture preferred by the Joint Standing Committee.

Question - put.

The Committee divided -

Ayes, 5

Senator Colston
Senator MacGibbon
Mr Lloyd
Mr McLeay
Mrs Sullivan

Noes, 5

Mr President
Senator Sibraa
Senator Withers
Madam Speaker
Mr Dubois

The numbers for the 'Ayes' and the 'Noes' being equal the Chairman declared the motion lost.

Option 2 - Not proceeded with.

Option 3 - Not proceeded with.

Option 4 - Not proceeded with.

Option 5

Resolved - on the motion of Mr President -

That this Committee -

- (a) notes the Parliament House Construction Authority advice that it has confirmed its original selection for the status 'C' workstations;
- (b) expresses its deep concern that the Authority did not accept the advice conveyed to it by the Joint Standing Committee, in accordance with section 7 of the Parliament House Construction Authority Act 1979, that the needs of the Parliament for status 'C' furniture workstations can be most adequately met by the Uniform proposal because of its superior quality, more satisfactory performance in some areas, superior life-cycle expectancy, flexibility and better aesthetic qualities than the other proposals;
- (c) takes no further action to procure the preferred workstations, and
- (d) informs the Prime Minister, the Minister for Territories and the Parliament House Construction Authority that the Authority has acted without due regard to the advice of the Committee which was conveyed only after the most thorough evaluation of the workstation proposals.

Ayes, 7

Mr President
Senator Reid
Senator Sibraa
Senator Withers
Madam Speaker
Mr Dubois
Mrs Sullivan

Noes, 3

Senator Colston
Senator MacGibbon
Mr Lloyd

Resolved - on the motion of Mr McLeay -

That the Committee includes in the Report on the Impact of Reduced Expenditure on the New Parliament House a new section identifying its concerns about the role and powers of the Joint Standing Committee in relation to the Parliament House Construction Authority.

2. Adjournment

At 9.30 am the Committee adjourned until a date to be fixed by the Joint Chairmen.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE

Thirty-fourth Parliament

Minutes of Proceedings

No. 16

Monday, 23 February 1987

PRESENT

Senator the Hon. K.W. Sibraa
President of the Senate

Joint Chairmen

Hon. J. Child, MP
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Hon. G.G.D. Scholes, MP
Minister for Territories

Senator M.A. Colston
Senator D.J. MacGibbon
Senator M.E. Reid
Senator the Rt Hon. R.G. Withers
Mr S.C. Dubois, MP
Mr M.J. Lee, MP
Mr B. Lloyd, MP
Mr L.B. McLeay, MP
Mrs K.J. Sullivan

1. New Parliament House project - newspaper articles

The following papers were presented:

New Parliament House - Canberra Times Articles -
Briefing Notes for Joint Standing Committee

New Parliament House - Funding Cuts -
Main Points from Canberra Times Articles

Copies of Canberra Times Newspaper Clippings -
12 - 19 February 1987

Letter from Senator Reid to Madam Speaker -
13 February 1987

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved - On the motion of Mr M. Lee:

- (a) That the Presiding Officers present a paper to Parliament setting out the role and responsibilities of the Committee during the consideration of funding deletions and deferrals for the new Parliament House project, and
 - (b) That the Presiding Officers be authorised to make a tabling statement to the Parliament on behalf of the Joint Standing Committee.
2. Letter from House of Representatives Standing Committee on Environment and Conservation

The Chairman presented a letter dated 19 February 1987 from the Chairman of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Environment and Conservation indicating the concern of that Committee at the decision to defer landscaping proposals for the new Parliament House.

The Committee noted the letter.

3. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11.55 am.

Confirmed

Chairman

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE

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Minutes of Proceedings

No. 17

Friday, 27 February 1987

PRESENT

Hon. J. Child, MP
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Joint Chairmen

Hon. K.W. Sibraa
President of the Senate

Senator M.A. Colston
Senator D.J. MacGibbon
Senator M.E. Reid
Senator the Rt Hon. R.G. Withers
Hon. J.D.M. Dobie, MP
Mr S.C. Dubois, MP
Mr M.J. Lee, MP
Mr L.B. McLeay, MP

The Committee met at 9.00 am.

Hon. J. Child, MP took the Chair.

1. Parliamentary Zone

The following were admitted:

From the National Capital Development Commission -

Mr M.B. Latham - Commissioner
Ms J. Lang - Associate Commissioner
Mr G. Deas - Chief Architect
Mr J. Gray - Director, Landscape and Environment

The following paper was presented:

Parliamentary Zone Development Plan, 24 February 1987

The Committee deliberated:

Resolved - on the motion of Mr Dobie -

That this Committee believes it should seek comments from Senators and Members as to the manner in which development should proceed in the Parliamentary Zone.

The following paper was presented:

Proposed Works - Lighting Pedestrian Crossings,
20 February 1987

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved - on the motion of Mr Lee -

That the proposal to install standard high intensity lighting at all the marked pedestrian crossings in the Parliamentary Zone be agreed to.

The following paper was presented:

Proposed works - National Library Carpark,
20 February 1987

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved - on the motion of Mr Lee -

That the proposal to construct an additional carpark and provide carpark lighting at the National Library of Australia be agreed to and that the Minister for Territories be requested to ensure that this parking remains short stay parking.

The following paper was presented:

Proposed Works - Treasury Building Carpark,
20 February 1987

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved - on the motion of Senator Withers -

That the Committee does not approve the proposal to construct an additional carpark and provide carpark lighting in the vicinity of the Treasury Building.

The following paper was presented:

Proposed Works - Roadworks Parliamentary Zone,
20 February 1987

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved - on the motion of Mr Lee -

That, in respect of the proposal to construct roadworks and associated landscaping in the Parliamentary Zone north of the provisional Parliament House, and to install lighting throughout the Zone:

- (a) the Committee approves -
- (i) construction of the east west roads between Parkes Place and the proposed Mall to give access to the parking areas associated with the National Science and Technology Centre, and
 - (ii) installation of the proposed lighting on the land bridge between the provisional Parliament House and the new Parliament House and
- (b) the National Capital Development Commission provide further information to the Committee about the proposal to construct roads adjacent to the land axis, including possible alternative roads.

Resolved - on the motion of Mr Lee -

That the design for lighting as presented by the National Capital Development Commission be approved.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meetings of 21 and 25 November 1986 and 23 February 1987 were confirmed.

3. Powers of the Joint Standing Committee

The following papers were presented:

Powers of the Joint Standing Committee on the New Parliament House, 20 February 1987

Letter from Senator Reid to Madam Speaker, 16 December 1986

Letter from Senator Reid to Minister for Territories, 16 December 1986

Extract from Senate Hansard, 5 December 1986

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved - on the motion of Madam Speaker -

That the Presiding Officers write to Senator Button about the responsibilities of the Standing Committee.

4. Carpet Loom Sample Approvals

The following were admitted:

From the Parliament House Construction Authority -

Mr N.M. Macphillamy, Member

Mr G.R. Peatey, Chief Executive

Mr J.D. Fowler, Senior Executive, External Relations and Interiors

From Mitchell/Giurgola & Thorp, Architects -

Mr R. Thorp
Mr R. La France
Mrs R. Elliot

The following paper was presented:

Carpet Loom Sample Approvals, 27 February 1987
(Revised paper)

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved - on the motion of Senator Withers -

That the following carpets be approved:

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Plain/Patterned</u>
C.A.9	East Committee Room Borders Design L	Patterned
C.A.10	East and West Committee Rooms Colour insert	Plain
C.A.11	East Committee Room Design M - Patterned insert	Patterned
C.A.12	East Committee Room Design N - Patterned insert	Patterned
C.A.14	East Committee Room Design P - Patterned insert	Patterned
C.A.25	Members and Guests Dining, Senior Officers Dining Refreshment Management Office	Plain
C.A.26	Members and Guests Bars Design S	Patterned

5. Historic Documents and Quotations

The following paper was presented:

Historic Documents and Quotations, 20 February 1987

Resolved - on the motion of Senator Withers -

That the paper be noted.

6. Donation of Artworks by Members of Parliament

The following papers were presented:

Possible donations by Members of Parliament - Paintings or
Objects of Art, 24 February 1987

Letter from the Member for Farrer, 20 November 1986

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved - on the motion of Mr McLeay -

That no action be taken to seek sponsorship by Senators and Members of items from the completed Parliament House Construction Authority art acquisitions program.

Resolved - on the motion of Mr McLeay -

That no action be taken to seek financial contributions from Senators and Members for the commissioning by the PHCA of additional works of art.

Resolved - on the motion of Senator Reid -

That the identification of rooms as being occupied by particular Members and Senators be considered at a future meeting of the Joint Standing Committee.

7. Transfer of Works of Art and Memorabilia

The following papers were presented:

Transfer of Art and Memorabilia to the New Parliament House, 16 February 1987

Works of art, memorabilia and other items of significance which need to be considered for transfer to the new Parliament House, 16 February 1987

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved - on the motion of Mr McLeay -

That the Committee endorse the recommendations of the Sub-Committee on Art and Craft.

Resolved - on the motion of Madam Speaker.

That the Joint Standing Committee records its appreciation to the Sub-Committee and the Parliamentary officers who undertook the work in providing the documentation to the Joint Standing Committee.

Resolved - on the motion of Senator Reid -

That the ownership of item No. 183 - Table from Admiral's Cabin - HMAS Australia - currently located in the Senate Club Room be established and if the table is owned by the Parliament then it be transferred to the new Parliament House.

8. National Australia Day Council

The following paper was presented:

National Australia Day Council - Proposal for Recognition of Australians of the Year, 24 February 1987

Letter from the President of the National Australia Day Council, 1 December 1986

The Committee deliberated.

Mr Lee moved -

That the names of those honoured with Australia Day Awards not be recorded in a permanent structure in the new Parliament House or its grounds, but that these names could be recorded in an appropriate book provided by the National Australia Day Council and placed in the Parliamentary Library.

Question - put.

The Committee divided -

Ayes, 6

Madam Speaker
Mr President
Senator Reid
Mr Dubois
Mr Lee
Mr McLeay

Noes, 4

Senator Colston
Senator MacGibbon
Senator Withers
Mr Dobie

and so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. Commemorative Items

The following paper was presented:

Commercial Commemorative Items to Mark the Opening of the New Parliament House, 17 February 1987

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved - on the motion of Mr Dobie -

That when approached by individual commercial organisations the Parliament offers assistance by the provision of appropriate visual material to allow accurate representation of the new Parliament House so that a suitable standard will be maintained.

10. Retail Spaces

The following paper was presented:

Retail Spaces - New Parliament House, 24 February 1987

The Committee deliberated.

Mr McLeay moved -

That an advertisement be placed in appropriate national newspapers seeking expressions of interest in retail facilities but without committing the Parliament to any particular course of action.

Question - put and passed - Mr Dobie dissenting.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11.45 am.

Confirmed

Chairman

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE

Thirty-fourth Parliament

Minutes of Proceedings

No. 18

Friday, 27 March 1987

PRESENT

Hon. J. Child, MP
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Joint Chairmen

Senator the Hon. K.W. Sibraa
President of the Senate

Hon. G.G.D. Scholes, MP
Minister for Territories

Senator M.A. Colston
Senator D.J. MacGibbon
Senator M.E. Reid
Senator M. Reynolds
Senator the Rt Hon. R.G. Withers
Hon. J.D.M. Dobie, MP
Mr M.J. Lee, MP
Mr B. Lloyd, MP
Mr L.B. McLeay, MP

The following were admitted:

From the National Capital Development Commission -

Mr M.B. Latham - Commissioner
Mr G. Deas - Chief Architect
Mr R. Grose
Mr B. Nesbitt
Mr P. Leonard

1. Parliamentary Zone

At 9.00 am the Committee suspended to undertake a site inspection to examine the National Capital Development Commission proposals for roadworks in the Parliamentary Zone and to view building progress on the National Science and Technology Centre.

At 9.50 am the Committee resumed.
Senator the Hon. K.W. Sibraa took the Chair.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 27 February 1987 were confirmed.

3. Parliamentary Zone

The Committee resumed its consideration of the Parliamentary Zone Development Plan and proposed works in the Parliamentary Zone north of the provisional Parliament House.

The Committee deliberated.

Madam Speaker moved -

That the Committee approves the overall concept for development within the Parliamentary Zone as outlined in the National Capital Development Commission Parliamentary Zone Development Plan dated January 1986.

Question put -

The Committee divided.

Ayes 6

Noes 5

Madam Speaker
Mr President
Mr Scholes
Senator Colston
Senator Reid
Mr Dobie

Senator MacGibbon
Senator Withers
Mr Lee
Mr Lloyd
Mr McLeay

and so it was resolved in the affirmative.

4. National Science and Technology Centre Roads

The Committee further considered the construction of an additional access road to the National Science and Technology Centre.

The Committee deliberated.

Madam Speaker moved -

That the Committee approves the construction of a road north of King Edward Terrace adjacent to the land axis to provide additional access to the National Science and Technology centre.

Question put -

The Committee divided -

Ayes 6

Madam Speaker
Mr President
Mr Scholes
Senator Colston
Senator Reid
Mr Dobie

Noes 5

Senator MacGibbon
Senator Withers
Mr Lee
Mr Lloyd
Mr McLeay

and so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5. Proposal to construct roadworks and associated landscaping north of the provisional Parliament House

The Committee deliberated.

Madam Speaker moved -

That the Committee does not approve at this time the construction of two roads between King George Terrace and the lake foreshore adjacent to the land axis.

Question put -

The Committee divided -

Ayes 8

Madam Speaker
Mr President
Senator MacGibbon
Senator Withers
Mr Dobie
Mr Lee
Mr Lloyd
Mr McLeay

Noes 3

Mr Scholes
Senator Colston
Senator Reid

and so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. Report Relating to Proposed Works in the Parliamentary Zone

The Chairman brought up for consideration the Draft Report relating to the following proposed works in the Parliamentary Zone - Pedestrian Crossings Lighting, National Library Carpark, Treasury Building Carpark and Parliamentary Zone Roadworks.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved - on the motion of Madam Speaker -

That the Draft Report be agreed to with amendments to record that the Committee (a) approves the overall concept for the Parliamentary Zone, (b) approves construction of a road adjacent to the land axis to provide additional access to the National Science and Technology Centre, and (c) does not approve at this time construction of other roads adjacent to the land axis.

Ordered - That the Draft Report, as amended, be the Report of the Committee.

7. Media accommodation

The following paper was presented:

Media Accommodation - New Parliament House, 26 March 1987

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved - on the motion of Mr Dobie -

That the paper be noted and that the Committee (a) endorses the decision to proceed with the changes of allocation and layout in the media bureaux which have been requested by the Federal Parliamentary Press Gallery Committee, (b) agrees that the additional project costs be borne by the media noting that the organisations concerned (News Limited, Perth Daily News/West Australian, Channel 9 Television Network, Australian Consolidated Press) have agreed to meet these costs, and (c) agrees that no media group be permitted to occupy its accommodation in the new Parliament House until it has met in full its financial obligations.

9. Landscaping

The Committee further considered the matter of landscaping for the new Parliament House.

Resolved - On the motion of Senator Withers -

That so much of the Committee's previous decisions in respect of the deletion or deferral of landscaping be rescinded as would allow the Parliament House Construction Authority to undertake landscaping work in accordance with the approved design in the event of additional funds becoming available or sufficient savings being achieved on other contracts, noting that completion of the President of the Senate's courtyard should be a priority.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11.50 am.

Confirmed

Chairman

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE

Thirty-fourth Parliament

Minutes of Proceedings

No. 19

Wednesday, 3 June 1987

PRESENT

Hon. J. Child, MP
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Joint Chairmen

Senator the Hon. K.W. Sibraa
President of the Senate

Hon. G.G.D. Scholes, MP
Minister for Territories

Senator M.A. Colston
Senator M.E. Reid
Senator S.M. West
Senator the Rt Hon. R.G. Withers
Hon. J.D.M. Dobie, MP
Mr S.C. Dubois, MP
Mr M.J. Lee, MP
Mr B. Lloyd, MP
Mr L.B. McLeay, MP
Mrs K.J. Sullivan

The Committee met at 9.00am. Madam Speaker took the Chair.

The following were admitted:

From the National Capital Development Commission -

Dr R. Care, Chief Engineer
Mr B. Nesbitt

From the Parliament House Construction Authority -

Mr G.R. Peatey, Chief Executive
Mr J.D. Fowler, Senior Executive, External Relations and
Interiors

From the Department of the Special Minister of State -

Mr T. Fewtrell

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 27 March 1987 were confirmed.

2. Parliamentary Zone - Proposed Work

The following paper was presented:

Proposed Work in the Parliamentary Zone, Traffic Control Signals, 29 May 1987

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved - on the motion of Mr Lee -

That the Committee agrees to the proposed work.

The Chairman brought up for consideration a draft report.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved - on the motion of Mr Lee -

That the draft report be the report of the Committee.

3. Ministerial suites - furniture

The following paper was presented:

Ministerial Suites - Conference Furniture, 29 May 1987

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved - on the motion of Senator Colston -

That the Committee approves in principle variations to the user requirements for Ministerial furniture in order to provide conference furniture for up to 12 Ministerial suites.

4. Chambers - footrests

The following paper was presented:

Chambers - Footrests, 1 June 1987

The Committee deliberated.

The Committee noted that the requirement for footrests in the Chambers will be met by the provision of freestanding footrests in three different sizes and that 30 footrests will be provided for the Senate Chamber and 50 for the House of Representatives Chamber.

5. Parliamentary Library

The following paper was presented:

Completion of Parliamentary Library, 29 May 1987

The Committee noted the resolution which had been agreed to by the Joint Library Committee at its meeting on 2 April 1987 in respect to completion of the Library in the new Parliament House.

6. Presiding Officers' approval

Resolved - on the motion of Senator Reid -

That the Presiding Officers may approve design issues relating to the new Parliament House in cases where approvals are required and cannot be deferred until the first meeting of the Joint Standing Committee in the new Parliament.

7. Parliament House Construction Authority Efficiency Audit

The Committee noted that an Efficiency Audit Report entitled Parliament House Construction Authority: construction project management dated June 1987 had been tabled in Parliament on 2 June 1987.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved - on the motion of Mrs Sullivan -

That the Efficiency Audit Report on the Parliament House Construction Authority be considered at the first meeting of the Committee in the new Parliament.

Mr Dobie moved that this Committee, as the client representative, expresses confidence in the way in which the Parliament House Construction Authority has carried out its difficult task.

The Committee deliberated.

On the basis that members would wish to have the opportunity of reading the Auditor-General's report and discussing it with the Parliament House Construction Authority and the Auditor-General the motion was negatived.

8. Progress on site

Mr Peatey reported to the Committee on the progress which had been made on construction and fitout of the new Parliament House and on the proposed program for completion of the building.

9. Adjournment

At 9.45am the Committee sine die.

Certified correct

Secretary
3 June 1987