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NEW AND PERMANENT PARLIAMENT HOUSE
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE

EXTRACTS FROM THE RESOLUTION OF APPOINTMENT

PARAGRAPH (1)

That a Joint Standing Committee be appointed to act for and represent the Parliament, as the client for the new and permanent Parliament House, in all matters concerned with the planning, design and construction of the new and permanent Parliament House and all matters incidental thereto.

PARAGRAPH (2)

That the committee reconsider and, as necessary, amend the recommendations of the former Joint Select Committee on the New and Permanent Parliament House contained in its report dated March 1970, which when revised shall be used as the basis of the construction of the new and permanent Parliament House, unless both Houses resolve to vary any recommendation or have any recommendation re-considered by the committee.

PARAGRAPH (17)

That the committee be authorised to provide, on behalf of the Parliament, all necessary information concerning the functional requirements for the new and permanent Parliament House and matters incidental thereto direct to the National Capital Development Commission as the Authority responsible to Parliament to undertake or arrange for the planning, design and construction of the new and permanent Parliament House.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. The Joint Standing Committee on the New and Permanent Parliament House was first established in the 29th Parliament when on 26 August 1975 the committee was appointed "to act for and represent the Parliament, as the client for the new and permanent Parliament House, in all matters concerned with the planning, design and construction of the new and permanent Parliament House and all matters incidental thereto".
2. The committee was re-established in the 30th Parliament on 18 March 1976 and again in the 31st Parliament on 7 March 1978.
3. In its First Report⁽¹⁾ presented to Parliament on 3 May 1977, the committee concluded that construction and occupation of stage 1 of the new and permanent Parliament House by 26 January 1988—the 200th anniversary of European settlement in Australia—is both feasible and practical.
4. The Second Report of the committee⁽²⁾ presented on 3 November 1977 indicated the progress made by the committee in preparing the architectural design brief for the new building.
5. The purpose of this report—the committee's third and the first in the present Parliament—is to inform Parliament of the conclusions reached by the committee as to the procedure which should be adopted in selecting a designer for the new and permanent Parliament House. The report also makes some observations about implementing the project.

DESIGNER SELECTION PROCESS

6. An important step which must be taken at an early stage in the building program for the new Parliament House is selection of a design or designer. The committee has examined a number of alternative methods of obtaining an architectural design and has discussed the issues involved with representatives of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects.
7. The methods for commissioning an architect considered by the committee are as follows:
 - (A) **APPOINTMENT.** In this simple method the client appoints the architect of his choice. Such a decision would be based on knowledge of the architect's work or the recommendation of previous clients.
 - (B) **LIMITED COMPETITION.** In this case, the client selects a limited number of architects (between 2 and 10) and issues a brief to each to produce a building design. The designs are then submitted, usually anonymously, and a winner is chosen by a jury.
 - (C) **OPEN COMPETITION.** In this case all architects are invited to compete. They apply and register and are then sent a copy of the brief and competition conditions. Each competitor then submits a design. These designs are anonymous and are judged on the basis of the building proposal only. An open competition can be either international or national, and can incorporate a second stage by selecting finalists from the initial submissions.
 - (D) **SCREEN AND LIMITED COMPETITION.** This process invites any architect to submit evidence of his work and ability. From the first submissions a limited number are selected for further interview. From that number a short list (3-5) are given a brief to produce design ideas. A winning scheme is then selected and the design developed in consultation with the client. In this process the designers are named from the beginning and the jury is dealing with the architects themselves rather than with anonymous designs.
 - (E) **COMPETITIVE SELECTION PROCESS.** This process invites any architect to participate. Each competitor is supplied with a competition document and asked to submit a conceptual design. These designs are anonymous. From these a small number of architects (3-5) are selected and interviewed to ascertain whether they have the capacity to handle the project. Each architect then develops a scheme in consultation with the client body, and a winner is selected.

⁽¹⁾ Parliamentary Paper No. 69 of 1977

⁽²⁾ Parliamentary Paper No. 275 of 1977

8. METHODS "B" AND "C". Select from anonymous designs and result in a commitment to the winning design before full discussions between architect and client can take place. This method is satisfactory for small and simple architectural projects.

METHODS "A" AND "D". Select an architect on the basis of past performance and assessed potential. This allows full contact between architect and client in the evolution and development of the design but results in a commitment to an architect before there is an indication of the ultimate design solution.

METHOD "E". Combines elements of the other methods. A small number of designs are selected from anonymous submissions; the designs are developed through continuous interaction with the client; and the winning design is selected.

9. In considering the various options the committee was conscious of the need to adopt a procedure which draws on the best available architectural advice and skills and also ensures that the functional requirements of Parliament in the new building are properly met.

10. The committee concluded that the competitive selection process would be the most suitable for the new and permanent Parliament House project.

11. This competitive selection process will be implemented in two stages.

STAGE I. All architects registered in Australia will be invited to participate. Competitors will be supplied with a competition document and asked to submit a conceptual design for the new Parliament House. The submissions will remain anonymous throughout the stage I assessment process and up to five designs which demonstrate a high level of analytical and conceptual design skills will be selected. The identity but not the designs of the finalists will then be revealed. The assessors will need to be satisfied that each finalist has the capacity to undertake the project or will associate with others to provide the necessary resources.

STAGE II. The finalists will be brought together to be briefed by the Joint Standing Committee and its working group and asked to develop more detailed design proposals. During the stage II submissions, there will be opportunity for interaction between the individual designers and Parliament's representatives. The resulting proposals will be assessed in terms of aesthetic design and functional efficiency and one architect will be selected.

12. The winning architect and his design staff will work together with a project team comprising representatives of Parliament, the constructing authority (the National Capital Development Commission), and specialist technical consultants to develop the design to the final sketch plan stage and subsequently to documentation and construction.

13. The committee approves the adoption of the competitive selection process to obtain the architectural design for the new permanent Parliament House and recommends that the announcement and invitation to register be issued no later than November 1978.

14. A detailed description of the competitive selection process covering the following topics, is attached as Appendix I

Announcement and invitation to Register	Stage II Competition Document
The Competition Document	Briefing Stage I Winners (Finalists)
Assessors/Jury	Stage II Submission
Stage I Submissions	Stage II Working Relationships
Stage I Assessment	Functional Check Process
Critical Review Process	Stage II Assessment
Assessors Report on Stage I	

15. In addition to determining the designer selection process, the committee has examined matters related to the preparation of design and construction. A brief description covering the following topics is attached as Appendix II

Architectural Brief for final Sketch Plans	Construction Program
The Project Team	Program
Final Sketch Plans/Documentation	Cost Implications

16. A program leading to construction completion and occupation is attached as Appendix III.

PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL

17. The committee's terms of reference authorise it to provide on behalf of the Parliament, all necessary information concerning the functional requirements for the new and permanent Parliament House and matters incidental thereto direct to the National Capital Development Commission as the Authority responsible to Parliament to undertake or arrange for the planning, design and construction of the new and permanent Parliament House. The committee has undertaken to keep the Parliament fully informed and will continue to report at significant points during the competitive selection process, and throughout the design development and construction stages.

18. The committee proposes to report—
on completion of stage I Assessment
on completion of stage II Assessment
on completion of final sketch plans
prior to commencement of construction

19. In addition to these information reports, there will be the need to obtain formal approval of both Houses of the Parliament under the terms of the *Parliament Act 1974* prior to construction.

PRESSURES ON THE EXISTING BUILDING

20. Recognising the severe pressures on accommodation in the provisional Parliament House and the inadequate and inefficient arrangements under which all users of the building are required to operate, the committee regards it as imperative that the stage I 1988 building program be adhered to.

Construction of the new and permanent Parliament House will provide the proper solution to the accommodation problems of the Parliament. Only in the new building will Parliament be able to operate with full functional efficiency.

21. Short term solutions can only partially alleviate some of the problems. The poor design of the existing building coupled with deficiencies in areas such as basic services, safety and sanitation substantially limit the effectiveness of renovations. To achieve proper functional arrangements and compliance with modern fire safety requirements would be tantamount to demolition and reconstruction.

RECOMMENDATION

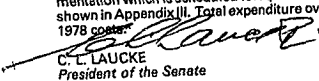
22. To achieve occupation of stage 1 by 1988 it is necessary that announcement of the designer selection process and invitation for architects to register be issued no later than November 1978. The committee believes that this action must be taken. It recommends that the Senate and House of Representatives each consider a resolution in the following terms:

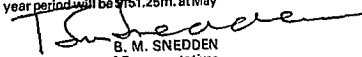
"That the Joint Standing Committee on the New and Permanent Parliament House should authorise the conduct of a two-stage competitive selection process, commencing no later than November 1978, for the design of the new and permanent Parliament House, and proceed to take all necessary steps in accordance with the design selection process set out in the Committee's Third Report."

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

23. Announcement of the design selection process is a commitment to the design and construction of the new and permanent Parliament House. Expenditure will be approximately \$650,000 in the financial year 1978-79.

24. The first major expenditure commitment will be prior to final sketch plans and documentation which is scheduled for April 1980. Thereafter expenditure will be required as shown in Appendix II. Total expenditure over a ten year period will be \$751.25m. at May 1978 costs.


C. L. LAUCKE
President of the Senate
Joint Chairman


B. M. SNEDDEN
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Joint Chairman

May 1978

Appendix I

COMPETITIVE SELECTION PROCESS

The Joint Standing Committee on the New and Permanent Parliament House has considered a number of alternative methods of obtaining an architectural design for the new and permanent Parliament House. The committee has discussed the issues with the Royal Australian Institute of Architects and concluded that a method described as a Competitive Selection Process should be adopted. The following is a brief description of the process.

1. ANNOUNCEMENT AND INVITATION TO REGISTER

The Parliament will announce that the Government has authorised the National Capital Development Commission to conduct a two-stage competitive selection process for the design of the new and permanent Parliament House. The announcement will contain an invitation to all architects registered in Australia to notify their intention to enter. It will also provide details of the timetable, the assessors, Prizes/Honoraria and a brief outline of the Competitive Selection Process.

2. THE COMPETITION DOCUMENT

The competition document will provide competitors with sufficient information to produce a conceptual design and report. The document will provide the following information:

SECTION A—CONDITIONS

This section of the document contains standard legal clauses which bind all parties involved in the process. It covers subjects such as eligibility, assessors, performance, disqualification, submission times and requirements, awards/prizes, copyright, abandonment and terms of appointment for the eventual winner.

SECTION B—THE SITE

This provides all relevant information on the site location, context, planning factors, design influences, physical conditions, and roads and services. A detailed analysis of the site factors will be provided to the competitors together with design criteria which will influence the building location and configuration on the site.

SECTION C—USER REQUIREMENTS

This brief essentially describes the needs of the users of the building. It will be in the same format as the full brief currently being considered by the Joint Standing Committee and will include the same sections covering descriptions of Parliament's role and method of operation, each of the user groups and common/public areas. A summarised schedule of space requirements will be included. The material will be in the form of written descriptions accompanied by illustrative diagrams.

The detailed requirements of the full brief will be analysed and interpreted by the working group to produce summary diagrams and descriptions showing functional groupings, relationships and movement patterns required in the building design. These requirements will be related to influences of the site and building context so that competitors have the benefit of a common, agreed approach to the design problem.

SECTION D—DESIGN ANALYSIS

This will be an analysis and interpretation of the two major factors determining the design result: The Site and the User Requirements. Diagrams and sketches will be used with descriptions to illustrate the broad design approach which the Parliament, as the user, and the National Capital Development Commission, as the construction authority, consider will lead to the best design solution.

SECTION E—INSTRUCTIONS

A detailed statement will be provided to describe the form and content required of submission by competitors. It will establish the size and number of drawings, the content of the drawings, requirements of report documents, and the method by which material is to be presented.

ATTACHMENTS

The document will have attachments including location and site plans showing existing conditions, survey information, services, etc., as well as declaration/undertaking forms required to be completed under the Competition Conditions.

3. ASSESSORS/JURY

The assessing panel will represent the interests of the Parliament as the user, the National Capital Development Commission as the planning, development and constructing authority, and the Royal Australian Institute of Architects as the promoters of high quality architectural design. The panel can draw on other specialist advice as necessary; this expertise therefore need not be a permanent part of the assessing panel.

One of the architect assessors may be appointed from outside Australia. This has the advantages of introducing widely experienced and "fresh" views, and of reducing the numbers of Australia's best architects excluded from the competition by virtue of their role as assessors.

The recommended composition of the panel is:

- 2 representing Parliament
- 1 representing National Capital Development Commission
- 3 representing architectural profession

The role of the panel throughout the process will be to make judgements on town planning, analytical, architectural, aesthetic and functional building design matters. The key factors which cannot be delegated by the panel are judgements of architectural and aesthetic design; and this expertise must be a permanent part of the assessing panel.

4. STAGE I SUBMISSIONS

The competitors will be allowed 3½ months to prepare material for the stage I submission. To reduce the amount of unproductive work undertaken by competitors and to facilitate assessment of a large number of entries, the amount of material required from the competitors in their stage I submission will be strictly limited. Highly developed, detailed proposals will not be required, and elaborate complex presentation techniques will be discouraged.

The scale of plans will be limited to the minimum which allows the proposals to be adequately illustrated, and is at the same time a manageable sheet size. A maximum of 8 drawings will be permitted.

- 2 sheets—site analysis conclusions
- 2 sheets—user requirements, analysis conclusions
- 2 sheets—site planning and building plans
- 2 sheets—elevations, sections, sketches, photographs

The drawings must be accompanied by a report of up to 30 pages. In addition, a photographically reduced set of the eight drawings will be attached to each report. Slide photographs may also be required.

5. STAGE I ASSESSMENT

The first stage assessment will select up to five designs to proceed to the next phase of the competitive selection process.

The first stage assessment criteria will be agreed with the Joint Standing Committee prior to final determination. The following is an example of the skills which may be considered important:

- A high level of analytical and creative skills, and ability to illustrate a clear understanding of the organisation and operations of Parliament.
- Capacity to understand, illustrate and solve the essential design problems in a conceptual manner. Evidence of problem solving and judgement ability where conflicting requirements or demands need to be resolved.
- A sound analysis of the site influences, and a sensitive treatment of the design concept in relation to the site.
- Ability to integrate proposals for roads, traffic, townscape and landscape with the design concept.
- Ability to produce clear, strong and imaginative architectural design concepts which are appropriate to the setting and function of the Parliament House buildings.

6. CRITICAL REVIEW PROCESS

Following the selection of up to five designs, a detailed check will be made on the capacity of the authors of the designs to satisfactorily carry out the further phases of the project. It will be the individual authors, rather than groups representing firms, who will work with the Joint Standing Committee and its working group in subsequent stages. Where there is any doubt as to the capacity of a designer, he will be required to make arrangements to work in association with other persons/firms.

Designers will be required to nominate their preferred specialist consultants (e.g., 3 other architects, mechanical engineer, structural engineer, quantity surveyor). The assessing panel will have the authority to require the winning designer to work with other consultants in later phases of the project, such as during documentation and construction, when additional resources may need to be allocated to the project.

An example of the points which may be examined are:

- The staff resources available to the designer and his working relationship with other professional consultants.
- The designers past experience, including examples of buildings executed by him. Particular attention will be paid to the production of exceptionally high standards of architectural design and detailing in those buildings.
- Confirmation that the selected designs have been produced as a result of the direct involvement and work of the person named as the designer.
- An indication that the designer has the skill and experience to develop the winning conceptual designs into worked up, detailed design proposals.
- The designers willingness to establish a practice and to become resident in Canberra.

7. ASSESSORS REPORT ON STAGE I TO JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE

The assessors will submit a confidential report to the Joint Standing Committee when they have been satisfied that the selected designers (the finalists) have the capacity to undertake the project. The report will be supplemented by a presentation by the assessors which will explain the reasons for the selection. The committee's views on functional efficiency will be obtained and given further consideration during stage II of the competition.

The Joint Standing Committee will then announce to Parliament the winners' names without disclosing designs.

8. STAGE II COMPETITION DOCUMENT

During the stage I submission and assessment period, the Joint Standing Committee will refine and further develop the Architectural Brief. This will be a detailed statement which sets out the scope, functions and physical requirements for the buildings and site development; it specifies in text and by diagram the functional and physical organisation of the building.

The stage II document will include revised Sections B, C and D of the stage I Competition Document, and will provide new requirements for Sections A (Conditions) and E (Instructions).

The committee will obtain approval of Parliament to this final statement of user requirements for the building.

When approved by the Joint Standing Committee, Parliament and the assessing panel, the document will be issued to the finalists.

9. BRIEFING STAGE I WINNERS (FINALISTS)

At the commencement of stage II, the finalists will be brought together and briefed by the Joint Standing Committee and the working group on the planning, traffic and landscape intentions for the Parliamentary Zone. In addition, they will be provided with detailed information on special spaces (e.g., Chambers and Halls) and functional relationships (e.g., the inter-relationship of spaces/rooms within an operational area). The working group will extract critical issues which may require clarification by the committee and these will be resolved in the presence of the competitors. Transcripts will be made available to all competitors and assessors.

10. STAGE II SUBMISSIONS

At the completion of stage II, the finalists must supply sufficient information to illustrate the development of their stage I submission. The finalists will be required to supply detailed plans, elevations and sections. They will also provide good quality perspectives and study models.

In addition, the finalists will supply a report which describes their development of the conceptual designs; amplifies their proposals as illustrated in the drawings; describes the proposed materials and finishes; and expands on technical matters such as services, airconditioning, building structure etc.

11. STAGE II WORKING RELATIONSHIPS

During the development of their design the competitors will have the opportunity for up to two individual briefing meetings with the Joint Standing Committee and working group to obtain guidance and to clarify details of user requirements and inter-relationship of operational areas.

The assessors will not attend but will be kept informed of decisions occurring at those meetings without identifying the authorship of the schemes.

The role of the Joint Standing Committee and the working group over this period will be to ensure that each of the finalists are provided with adequate information and given clear guidance so they can develop functionally efficient designs, sympathetically integrated with the total site.

The judgement of which is the best architectural design solution will be made by the assessing panel.

12. FUNCTIONAL CHECK PROCESS

At the end of the stage II submission period the finalists' designs will be subjected to a detailed check of the functional arrangements of their designs. The Joint Standing Committee and its working group will carry out this detailed checking, and specialist technical advisors may be employed to assist.

It is envisaged that all user groups will have an opportunity to check and comment on the functional layout proposals. The working group will advise the Joint Standing Committee on the functional efficiency of each of the proposals. The committee may prepare a report on the proposals for the assessors to take into account in their adjudication.

13. STAGE II ASSESSMENT

The assessment criteria will be endorsed by the Joint Standing Committee before the stage II assessment. The following topics are an indication of the points which will be considered:

- townscape/urban design quality
- architectural design quality (external/internal)
- integration of site and building works
- traffic and transportation design
- landscape treatment
- functional efficiency
- construction economy
- staging feasibility
- structural method
- services arrangements
- materials and finishes
- costing

When the winner has been selected, the assessors will prepare a report of their findings for submission to the Joint Standing Committee. At the time the assessors report to the committee, the chairman of the panel will present each of the competitors' schemes and then explain the basis of the selection of the winner. The Joint Standing Committee will then report to Parliament to announce the result of the competition and to seek the formal approval of Parliament under the terms of the *Parliament Act 1974*.

PREPARATION OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

Following the completion of the competitive selection process and the selection of an architect, there are a number of steps which must be undertaken to ensure that the selected design is developed into a fully functional Parliament House which can be constructed by 1988. The following are the major actions and points of interest.

1. ARCHITECTURAL BRIEF FOR FINAL SKETCH PLANS

Concurrent with the competition process, the architectural brief will be progressively refined and revised to take account of decisions made by the committee and advice received from the competitors and other technical consultants. Supplementary material will be added as a result of specialist technical studies undertaken concurrently with the competition process.

2. THE PROJECT TEAM

The winning architect and his support staff will be required to join a project team consisting of:

- i) a representative of the Parliament—selected by the committee and employed on a permanent basis to ensure that all user requirements are achieved;
- ii) a project manager from the National Capital Development Commission—responsible to the Government, through NCDG management and the responsible Minister, for the successful design and construction of the new Parliament House within approved cost and time limits.
- iii) the winning architect—responsible for the design development/refinement and the technical aspects of construction.

The project team will report regularly to the committee throughout the design process to ensure that all user requirements are met. It will be supported by working groups drawn from the National Capital Development Commission, support staff of the winning architect, private consultants and a project management organisation.

The project team should be established at the commencement of the competitive selection process as a small nucleus with some support staff and remain until completion of the project.

3. FINAL SKETCH PLANS/DOCUMENTATION

The sketch plans and documentation stages are well established requirements for all architectural design projects. Final sketch plans provide the client with sufficient information to formally approve the design. The information includes:

- i) visual material such as plans, elevations, perspectives, brochures and models;
- ii) schedules of materials, colours and finishes;
- iii) planning issues such as site development, car parking, access roads and landscaping;
- iv) detailed cost estimates;
- v) construction procedure.

The committee will be kept informed of progress during this period by its representative on the project team and through a regular series of presentations and reports.

4. CONSTRUCTION

Under the timetable agreed to by the committee in its First Report construction is programmed to enable occupation of stage 1 by 26 January, 1988 to coincide with the 200th anniversary of European settlement in Australia.

This requires adherence to a tight schedule, and means that special techniques will be required to complete the project on time. The winning designer will work with the project team, and may be required to share the work load of the documentation phase with other nominated consultants in order to meet the proposed program.

In the construction phase it is likely that servicing and site works will be contracted separately, and that the building may be built under a number of separate contracts within the overall control of the project team. It is expected that special management techniques will be used to control the project during construction.

5. COST IMPLICATIONS

The committee's First Report included a guide to expenditure in each financial year of the project. This information has been reviewed in the light of the detailed proposals in this Report, and revised to take account of program adjustments, cost escalation, and more recent cost studies. The revised figures are included in Appendix III.

The committee reiterates that expenditure is spread over ten years and is contained to manageable annual amounts. Reasonably high expenditure will not be necessary until after the commitment to prepare final sketch plans, and only during construction in the period 1982-83 to 1986-87 is significant annual expenditure incurred.

6. PROGRAM

Since the presentation of its First Report to Parliament, the committee has prepared a more detailed program. The diagram at Appendix IV sets out the steps necessary to implement the new and permanent Parliament House project, and shows, as separate program items, the actions which involve the Joint Standing Committee, the working group, the assessors and the Government.

The committee and its working group has a full program of work ahead to complete the architectural brief, to prepare the competition documents, and to work with the designers in stage II of the competitive selection process.

DEPARTMENT OF THE SENATE
 JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
 THE NEW AND PERMANENT PARLIAMENT HOUSE

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 30 MAY 1978
 Clerk of the Senate

Minutes of Proceedings

Thirty-first Parliament - First Meeting
Parliament House, Canberra

Wednesday, 5 April 1978 - 12.45 p.m.

Present: Senator the Hon. C.L. Laucke,
 President of the Senate
 Rt Hon. Sir Billy Snedden, K.C.M.G., Q.C., M.P.
 Speaker of the House of Representatives
 Hon. R.J. Ellicott, M.P.
 Minister for Home Affairs and Minister
 for the Capital Territory
 Senator G.D. McIntosh
 Senator J. O'Byrne
 Senator H.W. Young
 Mr J.W. Haslem, M.P.
 The Hon. P.J. Keating, M.P.
 Mr B.D. Simon, M.P.

Senator the Hon C.L. Laucke took the Chair.

Entries in the Votes and Proceedings Nos. 6 and 10 and Journals of the Senate Nos. 7 and 8 recording the appointment of the Committee and the appointment of members of the Committee were reported by the Chairman.

The Chairman reported that the Joint Chairmen had agreed to a suggestion from the Commissioner of the National Capital Development Commission that Associate Commissioner, Mr H.L. Westerman, attend meetings of the Committee in addition to the First Assistant Commissioner (Architecture), Mr P.S. Reid.

The following officers of the National Capital Development Commission were in attendance:

Mr H.L. Westerman, Associate Commissioner
 Mr P.S. Reid, First Assistant Commissioner (Architecture)
 Mr J.D. Fowler, Executive Officer (Architectural Division)

The Chairman presented a briefing paper setting out actions completed by the Committee in the previous Parliament, the work undertaken by officers of the Committee and National Capital Development Commission and the future matters for consideration by the Committee.

The Committee deliberated in respect to the future course of its inquiry.

Resolved: That officers of the Committee and the National Capital Development Commission prepare for the next meeting, a comprehensive statement on (a) the designer selection process agreed to in principle by the Committee in the previous Parliament,

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(b) design competition process and

(c) a combination of these two processes.

Resolved: That the Committee meet next at 9.15 a.m. on Wednesday, 12 April 1978 and thereafter on each sitting Wednesday at 12.30 p.m.

The Committee adjourned until Wednesday, 12 April 1978 at 9.15 a.m.

Confirmed

Chairman

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE NEW AND PERMANENT PARLIAMENT HOUSE

Minutes of Proceedings

Thirty-first Parliament - Second Meeting
Parliament House, Canberra

Wednesday, 12 April 1978 - 9.15 a.m.

Present: Senator the Honourable Condor L. Laucke,
President of the Senate
Rt Hon. Sir Billy Snedden, K.C.M.G., Q.C., M.P.,
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Hon. R.J. Ellicott, M.P.,
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Mr J.W. Haslem, M.P.
Hon. P.J. Keating, M.P.
Mr B.D. Simon, M.P.

The following officers of the National Capital Development Commission were in attendance :

Mr H.L. Westerman, Associate Commissioner
Mr P.S. Reid, First Assistant Commissioner (Architecture)
Mr J.D. Fowler, Executive Officer (Architectural Division)

Rt Hon. Sir Billy Snedden, K.C.M.G., Q.C., M.P., took the Chair.

The Minutes of Proceedings of the meeting held on 5 April 1978, which had been circulated previously to members, were taken as read and confirmed.

The Chairman presented a paper prepared by the National Capital Development Commission setting out three methods of commissioning an architect.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved: That the Committee concentrate its attention on the design selection process which selects a designer rather than a design by the method described as the Competitive Selection Process.

Resolved: That officers of the Committee and the National Capital Development Commission prepare for the next meeting a detailed statement on the competitive selection process.

The Committee agreed that the Joint Chairmen along with several members of the Committee should meet with representatives of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects to discuss the designer selection process.

(2)

The Committee deliberated on a program for consideration of the Design Brief.

The Committee adjourned until Wednesday, 3 May 1978, at 2.15 p.m.

Confirmed

Chairman

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
THE NEW AND PERMANENT PARLIAMENT HOUSE

Minutes of Proceedings

Thirty-first Parliament - Third Meeting
Parliament House, Canberra

Wednesday, 3 May 1978 - 12.45 p.m.

Present: Senator the Honourable Condor L. Laucke,
President of the Senate
Rt Hon. Sir Billy Snedden, K.C.M.G., Q.C., M.P.,
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Hon. R.J. Ellicott, M.P.,
Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for the
Capital Territory
Senator the Hon. T.C. Drake-Brockman
Chairman of Committees in the Senate
Senator J.I. Melzer
Senator A.J. Missen
Senator H.W. Young
Mr J.W. Haslem, M.P.
Mr L.K. Johnson, M.P.
Mr B.D. Simon, M.P.

The following officers of the National Capital Development Commission were in attendance:

Mr H.L. Westerman, Associate Commissioner
Mr P.S. Reid, First Assistant Commissioner (Architecture)
Mr J.D. Fowler, Executive Officer (Architectural
Division)

Senator the Honourable C.L. Laucke, took the Chair.

The Minutes of Proceedings of the meeting held on 12 April 1978, which had been circulated previously to members, were taken as read and confirmed.

The Chairman presented a paper prepared by the National Capital Development Commission setting out a program to implement the new and permanent Parliament House project.

The Committee deliberated.

The Chairman presented a paper prepared by officers of the Committee and the National Capital Development Commission entitled "A Competitive Selection Process for the Building Design".

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The Chairman reported that the Joint Chairmen and five Committee members had held informal discussions on designer selection processes with officers of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects.

The Committee deliberated.

The Committee adjourned until Wednesday, 10 May 1978 at 12.45 p.m.

Confirmed

Chairman

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE
NEW AND PERMANENT PARLIAMENT HOUSE

Minutes of Proceedings

Thirty-first Parliament - Fourth Meeting
Parliament House, Canberra

Wednesday, 10 May 1978 - 12.45 p.m.

Present: Senator the Honourable Condor L. Laucke,
President of the Senate
Rt Hon. Sir Billy Snedden, KCMG, QC, MP,
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Senator the Hon. T.C. Drake-Brockman,
Chairman of Committees in the Senate
Senator A.J. Missen
Senator J. O'Byrne
Mr J.W. Haslem, MP
Mr U.E. Innes, MP
Mr L.K. Johnson, MP
Hon. P.J. Keating, MP
Mr B.D. Simon, MP

The following officers of the National Capital Development
Commission were in attendance :

Mr H.L. Westerman, Associate Commissioner
Mr P.S. Reid, First Assistant Commissioner
(Architecture)
Mr J.T. Eglinton, Project Architect
Mr J.D. Fowler, Executive Officer
(Architectural Division)

Rt Hon. Sir Billy Snedden, KCMG, QC, MP, took the Chair.

The Minutes of Proceedings of the meeting held on 3 May
1978, which had been circulated previously to members,
were taken as read and confirmed.

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The Chairman presented a revised paper prepared by officers of the Committee and the National Capital Development Commission entitled "A Competitive Selection Process for the Building Design".

The Chairman presented a letter from the Executive Director of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects concerning the designer selection process.

The Committee deliberated.

Resolved

- (1) That, noting the decision in principle by the previous Committee on 4 May 1977 concerning the selection of a designer for the New and Permanent Parliament House, the Committee now agrees to the adoption of a Competitive Selection Process.
- (2) That, subject to determining the matter of an international competition, the Committee approves the detailed description of the selection procedure as set out in the paper "A Competitive Selection Process for the Building Design" presented to the Committee on 10 May 1978.
- (3) That the Committee report its decision to the Parliament at the earliest opportune time.

The Committee adjourned until Wednesday, 24 May 1978, at 12.45 pm.

Confirmed

Chairman

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE
NEW AND PERMANENT PARLIAMENT HOUSE

Minutes of Proceedings

Thirty-first Parliament - Fifth Meeting
Parliament House, Canberra

Wednesday, 24 May 1978 - 12.45 p.m.

Present: Senator the Honourable Condor L. Laucke,
President of the Senate
Rt Hon. Sir Billy Snedden, KCMG, QC, MP,
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Hon. R.J. Ellicott, MP,
Minister for Home Affairs and Minister
for the Capital Territory
Senator the Hon. T.C. Drake-Brockman,
Chairman of Committees in the Senate
Senator J.I. Melzer
Senator A.J. Missen
Senator J. O'Byrne
Senator H.W. Young
Mr J.W. Haslem, MP
Mr L.K. Johnson, MP
Hon. P.J. Keating, MP
Mr B. Lloyd, MP
Mr B.D. Simon, MP

The following officers of the National Capital Development Commission were in attendance:

Mr H.L. Westerman, Associate Commissioner
Mr P.S. Reid, First Assistant Commissioner
(Architecture)
Mr J.D. Fowler, Executive Officer
(Architectural Division)

Senator the Hon. C.L. Laucke, took the Chair.

The Minutes of Proceedings of the meeting held on 10 May 1978, which had been circulated previously to members, were taken as read and confirmed.

The Chairman presented a paper prepared by the National Capital Development Commission setting out the implications of holding an international competition as part of the competitive selection process to obtain a designer.

The Committee deliberated.

Question - That the architectural competition be national in that it be confined to architects registered in Australia but that it not be a condition of the competition that the designer chosen be an Australian national - put.

The Committee divided -

Ayes, 8

Mr President (in the Chair)
Mr Speaker
Senator Drake-Brockman
Senator O'Byrne
Senator Young
Mr Haslem
Mr Johnson
Mr Lloyd

Noes, 2

Mr Keating
Mr Simon

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Joint Chairmen brought up their draft Third Report.
Draft Report, by leave, taken as a whole.

Ordered - That the draft Report be amended to include a specific recommendation for Parliament to authorise commencement of the Competitive Selection Process and that the draft Report as so amended be the Report of the Committee to the Parliament.

The Committee adjourned until Wednesday, 31 May 1978 at 12.45 p.m.

Confirmed

Chairman