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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**CENTENARY OF THE FIRST MEETINGS OF THE HOUSES OF THE
COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENT

No. 181

WEDNESDAY, 9 MAY 2001



1 The House met with the Senate, at 2 p.m., in the Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne, to mark the centenary of the first meetings of the Houses of the Commonwealth Parliament in 1901, according to the terms of the 27 February 2001 resolution of the House.

2 OPENING ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

The President of the Senate (Senator the Honourable Margaret Reid) made an opening address and invited His Excellency the Governor-General (Sir William Deane) to address the meeting.

3 MESSAGE FROM THE QUEEN AND ADDRESS BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

His Excellency the Governor-General read the following message from Her Majesty the Queen:

“I extend to all of you gathered in the Royal Exhibition Building in Melbourne, especially to the Senators and Members of the House of Representatives through whom all the people of Australia are represented on this historic occasion, my congratulations on the 100th anniversary of the Commonwealth Parliament. Since the 9th of May 1901, when my grandfather, commissioned by and in the name of my great grandfather, opened the First Commonwealth Parliament, Australia has established and nurtured one of the best parliamentary democracies in the world. I have every confidence that that democracy will continue to flourish in the centuries ahead”.

His Excellency the Governor-General then addressed the meeting.

4 ADDRESSES BY PRIME MINISTER AND LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

The Speaker (the Honourable Neil Andrew) invited Mr Howard (Prime Minister) to address the meeting.

Mr Howard addressed the meeting.

The Speaker then invited Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition) to address the meeting.

Mr Beazley addressed the meeting.

5 CONCLUDING ADDRESS BY SPEAKER

The Speaker made a concluding address.

6 ADJOURNMENT

At 2.39 p.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to on 27 February 2001, the Speaker adjourned the House until tomorrow at 10 a.m. in the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Parliament House, Melbourne.



ATTENDANCE

All Members attended (at some time during the sitting) except Mrs Elson, Ms Gerick*, Mrs Hull and Mrs May.

* On leave



I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives