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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. 182

THURSDAY, 10 MAY 2001



1 The House met, at 10.04 a.m., in the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Parliament House, Melbourne, pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker (the Honourable Neil Andrew) took the Chair, and read Prayers.

2 DEATH OF MEMBER (MR P E NUGENT)

The Speaker informed the House of the death, on 24 April 2001, of Mr Peter Edward Nugent, Member of this House for the Division of Aston.

The Speaker indicated he understood it was intended that a condolence motion would be moved on 22 May 2001. The Speaker then paid tribute to Mr Nugent and extended sympathy to his family.

As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased all Members present stood, in silence.

3 DISTINGUISHED VISITOR (THE HONOURABLE ALEX ANDRIANOPOULOS)

The Speaker advised that the Honourable Alex Andrianopoulos MLA (Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria) was adjacent to the Chamber. With the concurrence of Members the distinguished visitor, Speaker Andrianopoulos, was provided with a seat on the floor of the House.

4 CENTENARY OF THE FIRST MEETINGS OF THE HOUSES OF THE COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENT IN 1901

The Speaker invited Mr Howard (Prime Minister) to move a motion to mark the centenary of the first meetings of the Houses of the Commonwealth Parliament.

Mr Howard (Prime Minister) moved—That this House:

- (1) celebrates the Centenary of Federation and one hundred years of achievement by our free and democratic nation;
- (2) honours those who had the foresight, courage and perseverance to see Australia constituted as a Federation;

- (3) recalls the sacrifices made by those who have defended our country, our freedom and our democratic traditions;
- (4) records its appreciation of those whose services to the public have contributed to our system of law and government;
- (5) applauds the efforts made by Australian citizens, in the cities and in the country, to make our nation productive, innovative, fair and cohesive;
- (6) recognises the ongoing contribution of indigenous Australians and their cultures;
- (7) acknowledges the contributions made by people who have come here from all parts of the world and made Australia their home; and
- (8) expresses great faith and optimism in a bright and prosperous future for Australia.

Mr Beazley (Leader of the Opposition) seconded the motion and addressed the House.

Mr Anderson (Leader of the National Party) also addressed the House.

Question—put and passed.

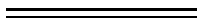
5 CONCLUDING ADDRESS BY SPEAKER

The Speaker made a concluding address.

The Speaker, on behalf of Members, expressed thanks to the Victorian Parliament.

6 ADJOURNMENT

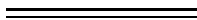
At 11.18 a.m., in accordance with the resolution agreed to on 27 February 2001, the Speaker adjourned the House until Tuesday, 22 May 2001, at 2 p.m. in Canberra.



ATTENDANCE

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

* On leave



I. C. HARRIS

Clerk of the House of Representatives