

Tuesday, 9 March 2010

JOINT SITTING OF PARLIAMENT

Legislative Council vacancy

Honourable members of both houses met in Assembly chamber at 6.17 p.m.

The Clerk — Before proceeding with the business of this joint sitting it will be necessary to appoint a Chair. I call the Premier.

Mr BRUMBY (Premier) — I move:

That the Honourable Jenny Lindell, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, be appointed Chair of this joint sitting.

She is willing to accept the nomination.

Mr BAILLIEU (Leader of the Opposition) — I second the motion.

The Clerk — Are there any further proposals?

There being no other proposal, the Honourable Jenny Lindell, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, will take the chair.

The CHAIR — Order! I draw the attention of honourable members to the extracts from the Constitution Act 1975 which have been circulated. It will be noted that the various provisions require that the joint sitting be conducted in accordance with rules adopted for the purpose by members present at the sitting. The first procedure, therefore, will be the adoption of rules.

Mr BRUMBY (Premier) — I desire to submit the rules of procedure which are in the hands of honourable members, and I accordingly move:

That these rules be the rules of procedure for this joint sitting.

Mr BAILLIEU (Leader of the Opposition) — I second the motion.

Motion agreed to.

The CHAIR — Order! The rules having been adopted, I now invite proposals from members for a person to occupy the vacant seat in the Legislative Council.

Mr BRUMBY (Premier) — I propose:

That Mr Nathan Murphy be chosen to occupy the vacant seat in the Legislative Council.

He is willing to accept the appointment, if chosen. In order to satisfy the joint sitting as to the requirements of section 27(4) of the Constitution Act 1975, I also advise that Mr Murphy is the selection of the Australian Labor Party, the party previously represented in the Legislative Council by Mr Theophanous.

Mr BAILLIEU (Leader of the Opposition) — Whilst I have not met Mr Murphy, I do look forward to meeting him, as I am sure do other members of this house who do not know him. However, the forms of the house dictate or suggest that I should second the proposal, and therefore I do.

The CHAIR — Order! Are there any further proposals?

As there are no further nominations, I declare that nominations are closed.

Motion agreed to.

The CHAIR — Order! I declare that Mr Nathan Murphy has been chosen to occupy the vacant seat in the Legislative Council. I will advise the Governor accordingly.

I now declare the joint sitting closed.

Proceedings terminated 6.21 p.m.