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TUESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 1991

- 7 **JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA** - The Honourable D.R. White moved, by leave, That the Honourables G.P. Connard, D.M. Evans, L. Kokocinski and W.A. Landeryou be members of the Joint Select Committee on the Parliament of Victoria.

Question - put and resolved in the affirmative.

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ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 1991

- 13 **PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA COMMITTEE - MEMBERSHIP** - Motion made, by leave, and question - That, contingent on the agreement of the Legislative Council to the amendment of the Legislative Assembly to the Resolution appointing the Joint Select Committee on the Parliament of Victoria, Mr. Cole, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Delzoppo, and Mr. Mathews be appointed as members of the Committee (*Mr. Roper*) - put and agreed to.

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TUESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 1991

- 77 **JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA** - Motion made, by leave, and question, That Mr. Cooper be discharged from attendance on the Joint Select Committee on the Parliament of Victoria and that Mr. Lieberman be appointed in his stead (*Mr. Roper*) - put and agreed to.

REPORT

The Joint Select Committee on the Parliament of Victoria has the honour to report as follows:

1. This is the second progress report from the Joint Select Committee on the Parliament of Victoria which was established by Resolution of both Houses in September 1991. The Committee's terms of reference are appended to this Report at Appendix "A".
2. In November 1991, the Committee presented its first progress report upon the Budget Process for Parliament in which it recommended that there be a separate Parliamentary Appropriation Bill and that the Bill be prepared and presented in respect of the 1992-93 financial year.
3. On 18 March 1992, the Honourable the Premier made a Ministerial Statement in the Legislative Assembly as a Government response to the Strategic Management Review of the Parliament and this Committee's progress report.
4. The Committee is pleased to note that the Premier supports the proposal for a separate Appropriation Bill for the Parliament.
5. In addition, in the statement, the Premier indicated that in the Spring Sitting the Parliament would consider a Parliamentary Appropriation Bill 1992-93, and amendments to the *Constitution Act 1975* were necessary to entrench the arrangements for a separate Appropriation process for the Parliament. The Committee concurs with the Premier that the *Constitution Act 1975* requires amendment to give effect to this proposal.
6. Furthermore, the Committee recommends that such legislation should be prepared as a matter of urgency so that funds for Parliament for the 1992-93 financial year can be appropriated under the proposed new procedure.
7. The Committee strongly believes the Parliament should endorse this proposed new convention to ensure the independence of the Parliament. It therefore recommends that the Presiding Officers initiate action to:
 - (a) have the Parliament endorse the Committee's recommendation; and
 - (b) achieve a separate Appropriation Bill for the Parliament for 1992-93.

Committee Room

13 April 1992.

APPENDIX "A"

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Resolution agreed to by the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly

- 1 That a Joint Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the administration and funding of the Parliament and into all issues contained in, and the recommendations of, the Strategic Management Review of the Parliament of Victoria, February 1991.
- 2 That the Committee shall consist of eight Members comprising not more than four Members of the Council and not more than four Members of the Assembly.
- 3 That five Members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum of the Committee.
- 4 That the Committee shall elect two of its members to be Joint Chairmen.
- 5 That the Committee may sit in such places in Victoria as seems most convenient for the proper and speedy despatch of business.
- 6 That the Committee shall not sit while either House is actually sitting except by leave of that House and may not, while either House is actually sitting, sit in any place other than a place that is within the Parliament building.
- 7 That the Committee may send for persons, papers and records and report from time to time.
- 8 That the Committee shall, unless it otherwise resolves, take all evidence in public.
- 9 That the Committee shall keep a record of all evidence given before it and determinations made by it.
- 10 That the Committee have power to authorize publication of any evidence given before it in public and any document presented to it.
- 11 That as soon as practicable after the completion of each day's proceedings a transcript of the evidence taken in public by the Committee shall be published.
- 12 That the foregoing provisions of this resolution so far as they are inconsistent with the Standing Orders and practices of the Houses shall have effect notwithstanding anything contained in those Standing Orders.