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*The Members of the Legislative Council and the Members of the Legislative  
Assembly having assembled in the Legislative Assembly Chamber in accordance  
with the resolutions of the two Houses —*

- 1 **ELECTION OF CHAIR** — The Honourable Daniel Andrews MP moved — That the Honourable Colin Brooks MP, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, be appointed Chair of this joint sitting. The motion was seconded by the Honourable Michael O'Brien MP.

As no other member was proposed, the Clerk declared the Honourable Colin Brooks MP had been duly elected Chair.

The Honourable Colin Brooks MP took the Chair.

- 2 **RULES OF PROCEDURE** — The Chair announced that section 27A of the *Constitution Act 1975* provides that the joint sitting shall be conducted in accordance with rules adopted by members present at the sitting. Accordingly, the Honourable Daniel Andrews MP moved — That the Joint Rule of Practice 2 be the rules of procedure for this joint sitting.

The Honourable Michael O'Brien MP seconded the motion.

Question — put and agreed to.

- 3 **PERSON PROPOSED AND CHOSEN TO HOLD THE VACANT SEAT IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** — The Chair invited proposals from members for a person to occupy the seat in the Legislative Council rendered vacant by the resignation of the Honourable Mary Wooldridge MLC.

The Honourable Daniel Andrews MP proposed Dr Matthew Bach as the person to occupy the vacant seat. He also stated that Dr Matthew Bach was willing to accept the nomination and that he was in possession of advice from the Liberal Party's Registered Officer that the nominee was the selection of the Liberal Party of Australia, the party

previously represented in the Legislative Council by the Honourable Mary Wooldridge MLC. The proposal was seconded by the Honourable Michael O'Brien MP.

The Chair asked if there were any further proposals and, there being no further proposals, declared nominations closed.

Question — That Dr Matthew Bach be chosen to occupy the seat rendered vacant by the resignation of the Honourable Mary Wooldridge MLC — put and agreed to.

4 The Chair declared the joint sitting closed.

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*Clerk of the Legislative Council*

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