



Friday 15 July 1966 - 4.30 pm

The public, including the press, was admitted for the first part of the proceedings on the opening day, during which time press and television photographers were permitted to take pictures in the House.

After the completion of various formal matters, etc., previously mentioned, including the exclusion of the public, the Right Rev the President, in the terms of the Ordinance and after special prayer, called for nominations of duly qualified persons for the office of the Archbishop of the See of Sydney. Such nominations, in accordance with the Ordinance, were in writing, signed by the person nominating, and by some other member of Synod as seconder, and were handed to the Secretaries of the Synod, such names not being read out at the time of their nomination.

Whilst the Secretaries were preparing the list of nominations received and before any names were read out, Synod passed the following motions -

Press Statements

That this Synod endorses the Standing Committee's suggestion that a brief press statement approved by the President or Acting President of the Synod be issued by the Church Information Officer at the conclusion of the proceedings of each day of this session.

(Ven G. R. Delbridge)

Retirement Age for Archbishops

This Synod agrees that it is desirable to provide for a retirement age for Archbishops of Sydney and in this connection notes the recommendation of the Archbishop's Commission (1964) that "conditions of appointment of future Archbishops should provide for retirement at 70 years of age." This Synod accordingly requests the Standing Committee -

(a) To prepare for the next ordinary session of Synod an ordinance to provide for the retirement of future Archbishops of Sydney (including the Archbishop to be elected at this present session) at 70 years of age.

(b) To advise the person elected Archbishop at this present session of such proposed ordinance and to offer the position of Archbishop to the person elected on terms and conditions which include his retirement at the said age. (Mr Justice Norman Jenkyn)