



REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA
Parliament

NATIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBER





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Austrians know this hall from television: it is the National Council chamber.

Today this place of assembly with its 192 seats is smaller than the original chamber. However, it used to be more lavishly decorated – after all it was the hall where the “House of Lords” would convene and thus persons like the renowned Austrian writer Franz Grillparzer would attend sittings.

1956: A new chamber

During the Second World War this chamber was bombed and destroyed, thus after 1945 the premises was completely redone in a modern design according to plans of architects Fellerer and Wörle. The only decoration in this rebuilt chamber (which was completed in 1956) is the Austrian heraldic eagle of embossed steel by Rudolf Hoflehner. The convention hall is one of the best examples of 1950s architecture. The Government bench is behind the rostrum. Only on special occasions, such as the government declaration or the announcing of the budget plan, are all seats occupied. Elevated behind the Government bench is the presidium, from which the council sittings are directed.