CLAIMS:

1. An article of furniture which includes

a platform;

a seat base mounted to the platform to leave at least a part of the platform not covered by the seat base;

at least one rest displaceably mounted relative to the platform to enable access to be gained at least to that part of the platform not covered by the seat base; and

an attaching mechanism carried by the part of the platform for displaceably attaching the at least one rest to the platform, the attaching mechanism comprising at least one supporting element carried by the platform and a co-operating formation carried by the at least one rest, the at least one supporting element comprising a rod fixedly mounted to a rotatable element, the rotatable element being held rotatably captive in the part of the platform and the rod comprising two parts projecting in opposite directions from the rotatable element, a first part of the two parts being longer than a second part of the two parts and the first part co-operating with the co-operating formation of the at least one rest.

2. The article of furniture of claim 1 in which the supporting element is displaceable between a first, storage position and a second, operative position, the co-operating formation interacting with the at least one supporting element to enable the at least one rest to be displaceable relative to the platform.

3. The article of furniture of claim 2 in which the attaching mechanism comprises a pair of spaced pivoting supporting elements, the supporting elements being independently, pivotally displaceable relative to each other.

4. The article of furniture of claim 3 in which the at least one rest includes a co-operating formation associated with each supporting element.

5. The article of furniture of claim 4 in which each co-operating formation comprises a socket opening out into an operatively bottom surface of the at least one rest.

6. The article of furniture of claim 5 in which each socket is lined with a liner.

7. The article of furniture of any one of the preceding claims in which a foot portion is removably attachable to the second part of the rod.

8. The article of furniture of any one of the preceding claims in which a void is defined within the at least one rest.

9. The article of furniture of claim 8 in which at least the void of the at least one rest is lined with a fire retardant material.

10. A furniture system which includes

an article of furniture as claimed in claim 1, a void being defined within the at least one rest; and

an audio component mounted relative to the part of the platform to be received in the void defined within the at least one rest when the at least one rest is placed in position on the platform.

11. The furniture system of claim 10 in which the platform comprises a frame and the part of the platform is open to a substrate on which the platform rests, the audio component being arranged, in use, on the substrate to protrude through the part of the platform.

12. The furniture system of claim 10 or claim 11 in which the audio component is a speaker assembly.

13. A platform for an article of furniture, the platform including

a body member for supporting components, including at least one rest, of the article of furniture, the body member defining at least a part which is open to a substrate on which the platform is mountable; and

at least one supporting element displaceably carried by the body member, the at least one supporting element comprising a rod fixedly mounted to a rotatable element, the rotatable element being held rotatably captive in the part of the platform and the rod comprising two parts projecting in opposite directions from the rotatable element, a first part of the two parts being longer than a second part of the two parts and the first part co-operating with a co-operating formation of the at least one rest of the article of furniture, the rod being displaceable, via the rotatable element, between a first position in which the parts lies substantially in a plane of the body member and a second, operative position in which the parts extend transversely to the plane of the body member to support the at least one rest of the article of furniture on the platform.

14. The platform of claim 13 which includes at least two supporting elements arranged in spaced relationship on the body member, each of the supporting elements being displaceably carried by the body member.