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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 29TH JUNE, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
 2. PETITIONS.—Mr. Wilson presented a Petition from H. A. Cations and others, citizens and residents of Teesdale and Broadmeadows, Victoria, praying that stringent prohibitory legislation, such as is in force in New Zealand, against the importation of opium for smoking may be enacted.
Petition received.
Mr. Wilkinson presented a Petition from Jack Booka and others, styling themselves coloured farmers in the Nambour District, Queensland, holding leases of farms on which sugar-cane is grown, praying that, in the event of their being returned to their own country as proposed, they be paid £100 for every year that is unexpired in their leases, as compensation for losses suffered through such return.
Petition received and read.
 3. PAPERS.—Mr. Dugald Thomson presented, pursuant to the direction of an Act of Parliament—
Electoral Act 1902—
Victoria—Report and Map of the Commissioner (Mr. C. A. Topp) appointed for the purpose of distributing the State of Victoria into Electoral Divisions.
Western Australia—Report and Map of the Commissioner (Mr. Malcolm A. C. Fraser) appointed for the purpose of distributing the State of Western Australia into Electoral Divisions.
 4. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question—That the following Address in Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General, be agreed to by this House :—
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:
We, the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, beg to express our loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Deakin moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the Address:—"but are of opinion that practical measures should be proceeded with."
Debate continued.
Mr. Spence moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
 5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Reid moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- And then the House, at seven minutes to ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT—All Members were present except—Mr. Frazer, Mr. McColl, and Mr. Bruce Smith.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.