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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 26TH JUNE, 1912.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. 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—

*And on the Amendment moved by Mr. Deakin, viz.:*—That the following words be added to the Address :—“and to inform Your Excellency that the Government merits the censure of the House and the country for its failure to realize its national and constitutional obligations, for flagrant neglect of its duty to secure industrial peace and good order and to uphold the law within the Commonwealth ; for its maladministration of public affairs and public departments, for its grossly partisan actions and appointments and its reckless irresponsibility in the financial affairs of the Commonwealth ”—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Groom moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

3. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at two minutes to eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Bennett, Mr. Brown, Mr. Catts, Mr. Hedges, Mr. Howe, Mr. Hans Irvine, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Sinclair, and Mr. Bruce Smith.

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