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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 22ND AUGUST, 1913.

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

2. PAPERS.—Mr. Kelly presented, pursuant to Statute—

Lands Acquisition Act—

Land acquired under, at—

Launceston, Tasmania—For Defence purposes.

Malvern, Victoria—For Postal purposes.

Lease of Land in Federal Territory—Approval granted—C. H. McKeahnie.

3. ADDRESS IN REPLY AND STATEMENT OF MINISTERIAL POLICY.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the proposed Address in Reply, and on the Statement of Ministerial Policy—

Debate resumed 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 thereto by Mr. Fisher, viz.:—That the following words be added to the proposed Address :—

“But regret your advisers—

(1) propose to destroy the beneficial character of our social and industrial laws ;

(2) indicate no intention of taking such steps as will reduce the high cost of living ; and

(3) fail to realise the urgent necessity of an immediate revision of the Tariff”—

Mr. Sampson, addressing the House, and not having concluded his speech, the House ordered that he have leave to continue his speech when the debate is resumed.

Ordered—That the debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Arthur, Mr. Carr, Mr. Catts, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Webster.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.