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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 28TH AUGUST, 1913.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—Mr. Joseph Cook presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Temporary Employés—Return for year 1912-13.
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. Arthur 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.

4. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—SUPPLY BILL (No. 2) 1913-14.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate :—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 2.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for “ *An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fourteen,* ” to which it has agreed without requests.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 28th August, 1913.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

28th August, 1913.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting).

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