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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 29TH 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. 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. Mathews 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 Tuesday next.

3. Message from the Governor-General.—Assent to Supply Bill (No. 2) 1913-14.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

DENMAN,

Governor-General.

Message No. 4.

A Bill intituled "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," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,

Melbourne, 29th August, 1913.

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

Debate ensued.

Question-put and passed.

And then the House, at seven 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).

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