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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 21st APRIL, 1914.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past two o'clock p.m.  
Question—put and passed.

3. PAPERS.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Department of External Affairs—  
Port Augusta-Oodnadatta Railway—Agreement between the Commonwealth and the State of South Australia, for the working of.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Department of the Treasury—

Telegraphs and Telephones Special Works Account Act—

Transfers of Amounts approved by the Governor-General in Council, dated 7th April, 1914.

Postmaster-General's Department—

Public Service Act—

Promotion of P. F. Green, as Clerk, 4th Class, Electrical Engineer's Branch, Lismore, New South Wales.

Department of Home Affairs—

Lands Acquisition Act—

Land acquired under, at—

Booroomba and Gibraltar, Federal Territory—For Federal Capital purposes.

Brisbane, Queensland—For Defence purposes.

Collingwood, Victoria—For Postal purposes.

Ginninderra, Federal Territory—For Federal Capital purposes (two).

Granville, New South Wales—For Defence purposes.

Hawthorn, Victoria—For Defence purposes.

Malvern, Victoria—For Defence purposes.

Weetangera, Federal Territory—For Federal Capital purposes.

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—

*And on the amendment moved thereto by Mr. Fisher, viz.:*—That the following words be added to the proposed Address:—

“but regret to have to inform you that your Advisers deserve censure for having failed to safeguard the interests of the people of the Commonwealth”—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Laird Smith 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 to-morrow.

5. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Kalgoorlie—Port Augusta Railway—H. Teesdale Smith's Contract for earthworks.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

6. 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 ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Arthur, Mr. Catts, and Mr. Palmer.

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