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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND MAY, 1901.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
 2. PETITION.—Mr. Piesse presented a Petition from certain Tasmanian citizens of the Australian Commonwealth, praying that the House would take immediate steps to ensure that the Post Office of the Commonwealth shall not be used for facilitating the operations of such gambling institutions as "Tattersall's" in Tasmania.
Petition read by the Clerk and ordered to lie on the Table.
 3. ADDRESS IN REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The Order of the Day 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 gracious Speech which you have been pleased to address to Parliament—
having been read—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Joseph Cook moved, as an amendment, That the following words be added to the proposed Address:—"We desire, however, to inform Your Excellency that in our opinion the proposals of the Speech regarding the question of what has been termed a White Australia are inadequate, and not in accord with the views of the majority of the Australian people."
Question proposed—That the words proposed to be added be so added.
Debate continued.
Mr. Wilks moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered—That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
Ordered—That the debate take precedence of all other business.
 4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Deakin moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
Mr. Deakin moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.
- And then the House, at twenty-two minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

GEORGE H. JENKINS,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.