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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 23RD MAY, 1901.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
2. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented by Sir William Lyne, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker:—

HOPEIOUN,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 1.*

In accordance with the requirements of section fifty-six of the Constitution of the Commonwealth, the Governor-General recommends to the House of Representatives that an appropriation of revenue be made for the purposes of a Bill for the Regulation of the Public Service.

Melbourne, 18th May, 1901.

Ordered to lie on the Table, to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of the whole House on Wednesday next.

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—*and the 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"—

having been read—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Piessé 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. Barton moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Barton moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

And then the House, at seventeen minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

GEORGE H. JENKINS,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.