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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 27TH JUNE, 1912.

1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPERS.—Mr. Fisher presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Commonwealth Bank—Documents relating to the appointment of Mr. D. S. K. Miller as Governor.
Mr. O'Malley presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Werriwa Election, 1st June, 1912—Detailed Return of Voting.
Severally ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. Thomas presented, pursuant to Statute—
Northern Territory Acceptance Act and Stock Diseases Act 1888 (of South Australia)—
Proclamation *re* Prohibition of Introduction of Stock into Bathurst and Melville Islands (dated 7th June, 1912).
Mr. Tudor presented, pursuant to Statute—
Seamen's Compensation Act—Provisional Regulations—Statutory Rules 1912, No. 127.
Mr. Roberts presented, pursuant to Statute—
Defence Act—
Government Factories—
Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1912, No. 113.
Military Forces—Financial and Allowance Regulations Amended (Provisional)—
Statutory Rules 1912, No. 114.
Statutory Rules 1912, No. 115.
3. 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 by Mr. Deakin, viz.:—That the following words be added to the Address:—“and to inform Your Excellency that the Government merits the censure of the House and the country for its failure to realize its national and constitutional obligations, for flagrant neglect of its duty to secure industrial peace and good order and to uphold the law within the Commonwealth; for its maladministration of public affairs and public departments, for its grossly partisan actions and appointments and its reckless irresponsibility in the financial affairs of the Commonwealth”——

Debate resumed.

Sir John Quick 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.

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4. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty 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) except—Mr. Bennett, Sir Robert Best, Mr. Brown, Mr. Catts, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Harper, Mr. Hedges, Mr. Howe, Mr. Hans Irvine, Sir William Lyne, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Ozanne, Mr. Sinclair, and Mr. Bruce Smith.

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