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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 12.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, 9TH JULY, 1912.

1. The House met, at three o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO SUPPLY BILL (No. 1) 1912-13.—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor-General was presented, and the same was read by Mr. Speaker :—

DENMAN,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 2.*

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 thirteen,*" 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, 8th July, 1912.

3. PAPERS.—Mr. Fisher presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Telegraphs and Telephones Special Works Account Act—Transfer of Moneys (dated 3rd July, 1912).
- Mr. Thomas presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Northern Territory—Ordinance of 1912—No. 5.—Health.
- Mr. O'Malley presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at—  
Hann's Inlet, Westernport, Victoria—For Defence purposes.  
Public Service Act—Department of Home Affairs—  
Promotion of J. E. Cathie to new office in 3rd Class, of Clerk in Charge, Electoral Branch, Western Australia.  
Regulation Amended—No. 48.—Statutory Rules 1912, No. 92.
- Mr. Frazer, for Mr. Roberts, presented, pursuant to Statute—  
Defence Act—Regulations Amended (Provisional)—  
Universal Training—Statutory Rules 1912, No. 125.  
Military Forces—Financial and Allowance Regulations—  
Statutory Rules 1912, No. 123.  
Statutory Rules 1912, No. 124.  
Statutory Rules 1912, No. 126.

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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 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.

Mr. Harper, after having spoken for some time and being unable conveniently to stand further, by reason of infirmity, was permitted, by the special indulgence of the House, to conclude his speech sitting.

Debate continued.

Mr. Frazer 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 to-morrow.

5. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at half-past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Brown, Mr. Carr, Mr. Cook, Mr. Hedges, Mr. Hans Irvine, Sir William Lyne, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Thomas.

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