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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH

No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 11TH JULY, 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. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBER (MR. HEDGES).—Mr. Fowler moved, by leave, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Fremantle (Mr. Hedges), on account of absence from the Commonwealth.
Question—put and passed.
- 3. PAPERS.—Mr. Tudor presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Lighting of the Coast Line of the Commonwealth—Report (June, 1912) on the Lighting of the Coast Line of the Commonwealth—North-east Coast (Torres Strait to Cape Moreton) (*in substitution of paper presented on 20th June last*).
Ordered to lie on the Table.
Mr. Fisher presented, pursuant to Statute—
Public Service Act—Regulations Amended—Statutory Rules 1912, No. 139.
- 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.

And the House continuing to sit till after midnight,

FRIDAY, 12TH JULY, 1912.

Debate continued—

- 5. DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.—On the motion of Mr. Fisher, His Excellency the Governor of Victoria (Sir John Fuller, K.C.M.G.), and the Right Honorable James Bryce, British Ambassador at Washington, were provided with seats on the floor of the House.

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6. ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH.—The debate (interrupted as above) was resumed on the question—That the following Address-in-Reply to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General be agreed to by this House:—

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Question—That the words proposed to be added to the Address-in-Reply be so added—put.
 The House divided—

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Palmer
Sir Robert Best	Sir John Quick
Mr. Deakin	Mr. Ryrie
Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Salmon
Sir John Forrest	Mr. Sampson
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Bruce Smith
Mr. Fuller	Mr. Thomson
Mr. Gordon	Mr. Wynne
Mr. Harper	
Mr. W. H. Irvine	
Mr. Kelly	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Livingston	Mr. Greene
Mr. McWilliams	Mr. W. Elliot Johnson

Noes, 35.

Mr. Anstey	Mr. W. Maloney
Mr. Archibald	Mr. McDougall
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Parker Moloney
Mr. Bennett	Mr. O'Malley
Mr. Brennan	Mr. Ozanne
Mr. Cann	Mr. Page
Mr. Carr	Mr. Riley
Mr. Catts	Mr. Scullin
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Laird Smith
Mr. Charlton	Mr. Spence
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Thomas
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Fisher	Mr. Webster
Mr. Frank J. Foster	Mr. West
Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Howe	
Mr. Hughes	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. J. Johnson	Mr. Mathews
Mr. Mahon	Mr. Watkins

And so it was negatived.

Question—That the proposed Address-in-Reply be agreed to by this House—put and passed.

7. PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS-IN-REPLY.—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Address-in-Reply would be presented to His Excellency at half-past ten o'clock a.m. on Monday next, in the Parliamentary Library, and asked that as many Members as could possibly do so would accompany him on the occasion.
8. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at eighteen minutes past four o'clock in the afternoon, adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock p.m.

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

* On leave.

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