

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 16TH APRIL, 1914.

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.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
  - Defence Department—
    - Small Arms Factory, Lithgow—Report by G. Swinburne, Inter-State Commissioner, on a dispute between the Management of the Factory and the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, with regard to the conduct of the work in the tool room.
    - Military College—Report on Fourth Entrance Examination, held October, 1913.
    - Army Medical Corps—Annual Report of the Director-General for year ending 30th June, 1913.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

- Defence Department—
  - Defence Act—Regulations Amended (Provisional)—
  - Military Forces—Statutory Rules 1914, No. 31.
  - Universal Training—Statutory Rules 1914, No. 32.

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—

Mr. Fisher moved an amendment, That the following words be added to the proposed Address :—

“but regret to have to inform you that your Advisers deserve censure for having failed to safeguard the interests of the people of the Commonwealth.”

Mr. Joseph Cook 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.

4. TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past ten o'clock a.m.
- Question—put and passed.

5. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
  - Murray River Waters—Resolutions agreed to by the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premiers of the States of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, at the Inter-State Conference, Melbourne, 1914.

Ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

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6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-eight minutes past six o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Sinclair and Mr. Bruce Smith.

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