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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 22ND 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. TIME OF NEXT MEETING.—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past two o'clock p.m.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
3. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Department of External Affairs—
 - Contract Immigrants Act—Return for 1913, respecting Contract Immigrants admitted or refused admission into the Commonwealth, &c.
 - Immigration Act—Return for 1913 showing—(a) Persons refused admission to the Commonwealth; (b) Persons who passed the dictation test; (c) Persons admitted without being asked to pass the dictation test; (d) Departures of coloured persons from the Commonwealth.
 - Department of Home Affairs—
 - Public Service Act—
 - Promotion of A. B. Smith as Clerk, 4th Class, Tasmania.
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 thereto by Mr. Fisher, viz.:—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”—

Debate resumed.
Mr. Higgs 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. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
 - Department of Home Affairs—
 - Kalgoorlie-Port Augusta Railway—
 - Correspondence with reference to an offer made by Mr. Joseph Timms in connexion with the construction of portion of the line.
 - Permanent Working Plan and Section of portion of the line (Sheets 62-71).

Severally ordered to lie on the Table.

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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 thirty-one minutes past ten 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. Catts, Mr. Palmer, and Mr. Patten.

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