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## THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 14.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, 7TH MAY, 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. **STANDING COMMITTEES—SITTINGS OF.**—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, by leave, That for the remainder of the Session, the Standing Committees have leave to sit during the sitting of the House.  
Question—put and passed.
3. **ADJOURNMENT—MOTION FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION.**—Mr. Sharpe rose in his place and said that he proposed to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, "The operations of the American Beef Trust in Australia." Mr. Speaker thereupon called upon those Members who approved of the proposed discussion to rise in their places, and more than the necessary number of Members having risen accordingly—  
Mr. Sharpe moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
It being two hours after the time fixed for the meeting of the House, the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 119, and the Orders of the Day were called on.
4. **GOVERNMENT PREFERENCE PROHIBITION BILL.**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. W. H. Irvine:—That he have leave to bring in a Bill for an Act to prohibit, in relation to Commonwealth employment, preferences and discriminations on account of membership or non-membership of an association—  
Debate resumed.  
Mr. Finlayson 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.
5. **PAPER.**—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—  
Prime Minister's Department—  
Inter-State Conference, Melbourne, March–April, 1914—Report of the Resolutions, Proceedings, and Debates, together with Appendices.  
Ordered to lie on the Table.
6. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. Joseph Cook moved, That the House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at fourteen minutes past 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. Conroy, Mr. Mahon, and Mr. Manifold.

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