

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH 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 (SIR WILLIAM LYNE).—Mr. Fisher moved, by leave, That leave of absence for two months be given to the honorable Member for Hume (Sir William Lyne), on the ground of ill-health.
Question—put and passed.
3. PAPERS.—Mr. Frazer presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Post and Telegraph Act—Regulations, Amended, &c.—
Statutory Rules 1912, No. 107.
 - Statutory Rules 1912, No. 121.
 - (Provisional) Statutory Rules 1912, No. 119.
 - Wireless Telegraphy Act—Regulations, Amended, &c. (Provisional)—
Statutory Rules 1912, No. 120.
 - Statutory Rules 1912, No. 122.
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. Palmer 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. PAPERS.—Mr. Tudor presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Sugar Bounty Act—Sugar Bounty Regulations Amended (Provisional)—Statutory Rules 1912, No. 128.

Mr. O'Malley presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Census and Statistics Act—Provisional Regulation—Return of Trade Union Statistics—
Statutory Rules 1912, No. 137.
 - Public Service Act—Department of Home Affairs—Central Staff—Promotions of—
J. T. Keaney, as Clerk, 4th Class, Public Service Commissioner's Office.
 - A. T. Wasley, as Clerk, 4th Class.

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6. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Fisher moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at four minutes 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. Hedges, Mr. Hans Irvine, Sir William Lyne*, and Mr. Roberts.

* On leave.

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