THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 3

THURSDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 1967

- 1 The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment. Mr Speaker (the Honourable W. J. Aston) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2 QUESTIONS: Questions without notice were asked.
- 3 Constitution Alteration Proposals—Ministerial statement: Mr Holt (Prime Minister), by leave, made a ministerial statement informing the House of the decision of the Government to proceed with proposals, which had been the subject of legislation during the last Parliament, for the alteration of the Constitution in relation to the number of Members of each House of the Parliament and in relation to Aboriginals.
- 4 TASMANIA GRANT (GORDON RIVER ROAD) BILL 1967: Mr McMahon (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the *Tasmania Grant* (Gordon River Road) Act 1964-1966.

Bill read a first time.

Mr McMahon moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr Barnard—Deputy Leader of the Opposition), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

5 NATIONALITY AND CITIZENSHIP BILL 1967: Mr Snedden (Minister for Immigration), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend sections 5, 12 and 15 of the Nationality and Citizenship Act 1948-1966.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Snedden moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr C. R. Cameron), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

6 STATES GRANTS (SCIENCE LABORATORIES) BILL 1967: Mr Forbes (Minister representing the Minister for Education and Science), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the States Grants (Science Laboratories) Act 1965-1966.

Bill read a first time.

Mr Forbes moved—That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate adjourned (Mr J. F. Cairns), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.

7 ADDRESS IN REPLY TO 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:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, in Parliament assembled, desire 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—

Debate resumed.

- Debate adjourned (Mr Lynch), and the resumption of the debate made an order of the day for the next sitting.
- 8 Message from the Senate: A message from the Senate was reported returning the following Bill without amendment:
 - 23 February 1967—Message No. 4—Ministers of State 1967.
- 9 ADJOURNMENT: Mr Snedden (Leader of the House) moved—That the House do now adjourn.

Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-five minutes past five o'clock p.m., adjourned until Tuesday next at half-past two o'clock p.m.

Papers: The following papers were deemed to have been presented on 23 February 1967, pursuant to statute:

Commonwealth Banks Act—Appointment Certificate—A. J. Stockwell.

Naval Defence Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1967, No. 18.

Norfolk Island Act—Ordinance—1967—No. 1—Public Moneys.

Northern Territory Representation Act, Northern Territory (Administration) Act and Commonwealth Electoral Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1967, No. 17. Papua and New Guinea Act—Ordinances—1967—

No. 2-Land 1966.

No. 3-Liquor (Licensing) (No. 3) 1966.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—
1967—

Nos. 25 and 26—Australian Federated Union of Locomotive Enginemen.

No. 27—Amalgamated Engineering Union and others.

No. 28—Professional Radio Employees' Institute of Australasia.

No. 29-Federated Clerks' Union of Australia.

No. 30—Association of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors and Draughtsmen of Australia.

Public Service Act—Regulations—Statutory Rules 1967, No. 16.

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr England and Mr Killen.

A. G. TURNER, Clerk of the House of Representatives