THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 125.

FRIDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER, 1965.

- 1. The House met, at half-past nine o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.-Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir John McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. Petitions.—Mr. Bryant presented a petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Government remove section 127, and the words discriminating against Aborigines in section 51, of the Commonwealth Constitution, by the holding of a referendum at an early date.

Petition received and read.

A similar petition was presented by Mr. McIvor, and was received.

- 3. MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS.—Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister) informed the House that, during the absence abroad of Mr. Adermann, Mr. Anthony (Minister for the Interior) would act as Minister for Primary Industry.
- 4. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were asked.
- 5. Public Works Committee—Report—Statement by Member.—Mr. Brimblecombe (Chairman) brought up the following report from the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:-

Report relating to the proposed extension of 02/20 runway and associated taxiway works at Perth Airport-

and, by leave, made a statement in connexion with the report.

Ordered—That the report be printed.

6. Leave of Absence to Member.—Mr. Hasluck (Minister for External Affairs) moved, That leave of absence for one month be given to the honorable Member for Maribyrnong (Mr. Stokes) owing to his absence from Australia.

Question—put and passed.

7. STATES GRANTS (RESEARCH) BILL 1965.—Sir Robert Menzies (Prime Minister), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to grant Financial Assistance to the States in connexion with Research.

Bill read a first time.

Sir Robert Menzies moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

8. Papers.—The following papers were presented, pursuant to statute—

Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Act-Report by Auditor-General on books and accounts of Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Trust Fund, for year 1964-65. Services Trust Funds Act-

Australian Military Forces Relief Trust Fund-Eighteenth Annual Report by the Trustees.

together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1964-65.

Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund—Report by the Trustees, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1964-65.

9. Superannuation Bill 1965.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Superannuation.

Bill read a first time.

Mr. Holt moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

10. Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Bill (No. 2) 1965.—Mr. Holt (Treasurer), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act relating to Retirement Benefits for Members of the Defence Forces of the Commonwealth.

Bill read a first time.

Mr. Holt moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

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

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11.	STATES GRANTS BILL 1965.—The order of the day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the
	question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Ouestion—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 131, dated 22nd September, 1965, from His Excellency the Governor-General recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr. Bury (Minister for Housing), the Bill was read a third time.

STATES GRANTS (SPECIAL ASSISTANCE) BILL 1965.—The order of the day having been read for the resumption
of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Message from the Governor-General.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of message No. 132, dated 26th October, 1965, from His Excellency the Governor-General, recommending an appropriation of revenue for the purposes of the Bill.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr. Barnes (Minister for Territories), the Bill was read a third time.

13. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Barnes (Minister for Territories) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Question—put and passed.

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

PAPER.—The following paper was deemed to have been presented on the 12th November, 1965, pursuant to statute—

Raw Cotton Bounty Act—Return for 1964.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Adermann, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Chaney, Mr. Chipp, Mr. Cleaver, Mr. Curtin, Mr. J. M. Fraser, Mr. Freeth, Mr. Hansen, Mr. Hayden, Mr. King, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. McEwen*, Mr. Nixon, Mr. Peters, Mr. Riordan, Mr. Sexton, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Snedden, Mr. Stokes* and Mr. Wilson.

• On leave.

A. G. TURNER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.