**FRUIT FLY (COMPENSATION) BILL (SEATON) 1971**

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Second Reading

His Excellency the Governor, by message, recommended to the House of Assembly the appropriation of such amounts of money as might be required for the purposes mentioned in the Bill.

The Hon. J. D. CORCORAN (Minister of Works) obtained leave and introduced a Bill for an Act to provide for compensation for loss arising from measures to eradicate fruit fly. Read a first time.

The Hon. J. D. CORCORAN: I move:

That this Bill be now read a second time.

This is the second measure of this kind that has come before the House in this part of the session. In the usual form of measures of this nature, it relates to the most recent outbreak of fruit fly: that is, the outbreak in the Seaton area. In substance it provides for compensation for losses sustained by commercial and domestic fruitgrowers consequent upon the eradication campaign. Clause 2 makes the appropriate provision for compensation and clause 3 provides for the lodging of claims by August 31, 1971.

It is estimated that, from about 350 domestic properties attended to, 100 claims will arise, and that compensation of about $3,000 will be payable in respect of those claims. In addition, a further $1,000 will be necessary to meet certain commercial claims so, in all, the compensation payable under this Bill will be about $4,000.

The Hon. D. N. BROOKMAN (Alexandra): With the open-mindedness and spirit of cooperation characteristic of the Opposition, I endorse the Bill.

Bill read a second time and taken through its remaining stages.