**FRUIT FLY ACT AMENDMENT BILL 1948**

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Second reading

**The Hon. Sir GEORGE JENKINS (Newcastle—Minister of Agriculture)—**The only object of this Bill is to extend the operation of the Fruit Fly Act of last year. Members will recall that last year’s Act provided compensation should be paid to persons who suffered loss by the destruction of trees, plants, fruit and vegetables pursuant to powers given by certain regulations. These regulations were all made in 1947. When the Act was passed it was not contemplated that any further regulations would be made, but owing to the re-appearance of the pest in certain areas it was found necessary to take further action this year. Accordingly, regulations were made in January, February and March last year whereby persons were prohibited from removing fruit from land in certain suburban areas and inspectors were empowered to seize fruit removed, or likely to be removed in contravention of those regulations. Persons who suffer loss by reason of these regulations have as good a moral claim to compensation as those who suffered loss by reason of action taken last year. It is therefore proposed to amend the principal Act so as to empower the Government to compensate persons suffering loss from the effect of this year’s regulations. The Bill contains such amendments of the principal Act as are required for this purpose. I move the second reading.

Mr. O ’HALLORAN secured the adjournment of the debate.