CROWN LANDS (ADMINISTRATION BILL 1930

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Second reading

**The COMMISSIONER of CROWN LANDS (Hon. R. S. Richards)—**With the administrative changes consequent upon the proposed abolition of the Irrigation Commission and the substitution of the office of Director of Lands for the office of Secretary for Lands, it becomes necessary to make a number of amendments to various Acts of Parliament. This is accordingly done by this Bill which amends the Crown Lands Act, 1929, the Vermin Act, 1914, the Wild Dogs Act, 1912, and the Discharged Soldiers Settlement (Relief) Act, 1925. The amendments made to these Acts are contained in the schedules to the Bill and consist in most cases of the substitution of the words “Director of Lands” for the words “Secretary of Lands” and “Irrigation Commission”, as the case may be. In no case does the Bill make any amendments other than amendments rendered necessary by reason of the administrative changes already referred to. I move the second reading.

The Hon. R. L. BUTLER—As this is only machinery measure, I support it.

Bill read a second time.

In Committee.

Clauses 1 to 6 and the first, second, and third schedules passed.

Fourth schedule.

Mr. REIDY—As this measure is being put through before the other one on which it depends, in the event of the Irrigation Bill not becoming law will the Minister consider the advisability of not proceeding beyond the Committee stage with this measure so that it will not operate until the other is passed.

The COMMISSIONER of CROWN LANDS —It is my intention to delay this Bill until the House has had an opportunity of dealing with the Irrigation Bill. The point raised by the honorable member is quite right. Unless effect is given to the Irrigation Bill there will be no necessity for this measure, and it will not be further proceeded with.

Schedule passed; title passed and Bill reported; third reading November 4.