POTATO MARKETING ACT AMENDMENT BILL 1970

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Second reading

The Hon. J. D. CORCORAN (Minister of Works): I move:

*That this Bill be now read a second time.*

This short Bill is intended to give the Treasurer power to guarantee repayment of loans made to the South Australian Potato Board. Since its inception some 20 years ago the board has employed as an agent of the board the South Australian Potato Distribution Centre Proprietary Limited to undertake its marketing functions. While it is clear that in the early stages of its growth this arrangement was a feasible and practical one, the board, after a detailed examination of the situation, is now of the opinion that it is time that it assumed direct responsibility for these functions. Accordingly, the board has resolved to assume direct control in this area from October 1, 1970. To undertake its marketing functions the board will, to a considerable extent, be dependent on loan finance, and clause 2 provides for the Treasurer to execute appropriate guarantees to enable the board to seek funds for this purpose.

Mr. McANANEY secured the adjournment of the debate.