PASTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL 1968

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Second reading

**The Hon. D. N. BROOKMAN (Minister of Lands)** obtained leave and introduced a Bill for an Act to amend the Pastoral Act, 1936-1966. Read a first time.

The Hon. D. N. BROOKMAN: I move:

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

It is complementary to an amendment effected by the Crown Lands Act Amendment Bill, 1968, which was recently before this House. Honourable members may recall that such an amendment made provision for the direct offer of Crown lands, on perpetual lease or agreement, to persons who (a) already occupy the land in question under licence from the Crown; and (b) have erected or propose to erect permanent improvements on that land. Honourable members may also be aware that, under section 244 of the Crown Lands Act, licences from the Crown may be granted to persons to occupy land already the subject of a pastoral lease. Hence, to give full effect to the intention of the proposal to allow this direct offering, it is necessary to ensure that there is a method of resuming land, for the purposes envisaged, from a pastoral lease so that in proper cases it can be offered directly under the Crown Lands Act. Clauses 1 and 2 are quite formal. Clause 3 allows for the resumption from pastoral leases of land required for residential or business purposes.

Mr. CORCORAN (Millicent): I support the Bill. As the Minister has said, it is complementary to the amendment passed recently to the Crown Lands Act which will provide permanent tenure for people who have developed facilities in outback areas, including pastoral areas, throughout the State. It is necessary for power to be given under the Pastoral Act for the resumption from pastoral leases of land acquired for this purpose. Therefore, the Opposition has no objection to the Bill. We support the measure, because we know that it will lead to a desirable development in pastoral areas and help overcome a real difficulty that exists in towns such as Coober Pedy and Andamooka.

Bill read a second time and taken through Committee without amendment. Committee’s report adopted.