**CORNSACKS ACT AMENDMENT BILL 1939**

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Second reading

**The Hon. R. J. RUDALL (Angas—Commis­sioner of Crown Lands**)—This Bill extends the operation of the Cornsacks Act passed last year. It will be recalled that that Act was passed because of the difficulties experienced by farmers in obtaining cornsacks without paying cash for them. In order to provide security for those who supply cornsacks on credit, the Act provided that a merchant supplying cornsacks could file in the General Registry Office a document giving him a lien over the farmer’s crop for the price of the cornsacks. The Act was limited in its operation to one year, and expired on March 31 last. There is the same necessity for this legislation now as there was last year, and the Bill therefore extends the operation of the Act until March 31, 1940. Members may feel disposed to inquire why the Cornsacks Act has to be renewed from year to year. The reason is that the principle of these Acts is a somewhat unusual one, namely, that a creditor obtains security for money owing to him by means of action taken by himself -without there being any obligation to consult the creditor, and Governments in the past have always felt that such legislation can be justified by only special circumstances. However there can at present be no doubt but that special circumstances exist which render it expedient, if not essential, to continue the legislation. I move the second reading.

The Hon. R. S. RICHARDS (Wallaroo

Leader of the Opposition)—This is one of those very fine pieces of legislation following the lines of a measure previously introduced by a Labor Administration. That in itself suggests to every member that it is wise, sound, and necessary, and bearing that in mind I sup­port the second reading.

The Hon. G. F. JENKINS secured the adjournment of the debate.