SWINE COMPENSATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL 1971

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Second reading

**The Hon. J. D. CORCORAN (Minister of Works)** obtained leave and introduced a Bill for an Act to amend the Swine Compensation Act, 1936-1968. Read a first time.

The Hon. J. D. CORCORAN: I move:

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

The effect of this short measure is to reduce the payments required to be made to the Swine Compensation Fund in respect of the sale of pigs and carcasses. Despite a substantial increase in the number of pigs and in pig slaughtering, the amounts paid from the fund by way of compensation have shown no marked increase, thus suggesting that the level of disease in relation to pig numbers in the State has decreased significantly. Accordingly, after consultation with the appropriate industry organization, it has been decided to reduce the stamp duty payable on sales of pigs or carcasses from 5c in $10 or part thereof of value to 1c in each $3 or part thereof of value, a reduction of about 40 per cent. At the same time, the maximum amount payable in respect of any one pig or any one carcass has been reduced from 35c to 21c.

Clauses 1 and 2 are formal. Clause 3 amends section 14 of the principal Act by having the old rates of stamp duty apply to sales before the commencement of the Act proposed by this Bill and, at proposed new subsection (2a), having the new rates set out above apply to sales that take place after that commencement.

Mr. ALLEN secured the adjournment of the debate.