CATTLE COMPENSATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (DISEASES) 1972

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Second reading

**The Hon. T. M. CASEY (Minister of Agriculture)** obtained leave and introduced a Bill for an Act to amend the Cattle Compensation Act, 1939-1971. Read a first time.

The Hon. T. M. CASEY: I move:

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

It is intended to amend section 4a of the principal Act. This section is, in terms, the same as section 4a of the Swine Compensation Act which is also proposed to be amended. The purpose of the amendment is to ensure that maximum flexibility is obtained in the administration of the principal Act by ensuring that there will be no unnecessary delay in declaring a disease to be a disease in respect of which compensation is payable or in varying the list or description of the diseases to which the Act applies. Honourable members will appreciate the need for this flexibility in legislation of this nature and will recall that the principle was recently affirmed by this Council in the passage of the Foot and Mouth Disease Eradication Fund Amendment Bill last year.

The Hon. C. R. STORY secured the adjournment of the debate.