**CITRUS INDUSTRY ORGANIZATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL 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 Citrus Industry Organization Act, 1965-1971. Read a first time.

The Hon. T. M. CASEY: I move: That this Bill be now read a second time.

This short Bill provides for a reorganization of the composition of the Citrus Organization Committee of South Australia. At present, the committee consists of a chairman, appointed by the Governor, two persons representing growers, and two persons who have knowledge of marketing. Following discussions with the growers, it seems to the Government that there is something of a consensus of views that the number of grower representatives on the committee should be increased. Accordingly, it is now intended that the committee will consist of seven members being (a) a chairman appointed by the Governor; (b) four elected grower representatives; and (c) two persons appointed by the Governor who have extensive knowledge of commerce.

I now consider the Bill in some detail. Clauses 1 and 2 are formal. Clause 3 amends section 5 of the principal Act by bringing the definition of “representative member” into harmony with the proposed new provisions, and by inserting a definition of “the prescribed day” which will be the day on which the members of the newly constituted committee will take office. Clause 4 provides that on the prescribed day the members of the committee then in office will vacate their offices and the new members of the committee will take office. I have already indicated how the committee will be composed after the prescribed day.

The Hon. R. A. GEDDES secured the adjournment of the debate.