FRUIT FLY (COMPENSATION) BILL 1972

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Second reading

**The Hon. J. D. CORCORAN (Minister of Works)** obtained leave and introduced a Bill for an Act to provide for compensation for loss arising from measures to eradicate fruit fly. Read a first time.

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

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

This is the second Bill of this kind to be brought before the House this year. The Bill is in the usual form for measures of this kind, and concerns the most recent outbreak of fruit fly, which occurred in the Hazelwood Park district. It provides for the payment of compensation to all persons who suffered loss owing to the eradication measures taken by departmental officers.

Clauses 1 and 2 are formal. Clause 3 makes the appropriate provision for the payment of compensation, and clause 4 provides for the lodging of claims by August 31, 1972. No estimate can be made at this time of the number of claims likely to be made, but the number is not expected to vary significantly from the number of claims that would be expected following an outbreak in an area of this kind.

Mr. FERGUSON secured the adjournment of the debate.