**DAIRY PRODUCE ACT AMENDMENT BILL 1940**

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Second reading

**The Hon. R. T. RUDALL (Angas—-Commissioner of Crown Lands)—**This Bill extends the period of operation of the Dairy Produce Act, 1934, which is a necessary part of the Australian scheme for securing a home consumption price for butter and cheese. The scheme, although originally accepted with hesitation, appears now to have become an integral part of the economic organization of the Commonwealth. Unless renewed the South Australian Act will expire at the end of September next. The Bill proposes to extend the Act for a further period of two years, following the previous decisions of Parliament on this matter. At the same time the opportunity has been taken to declare a definite term of office for the members of the Dairy Produce Board. At present they hold office for an indefinite period. It is proposed that their term shall be a maximum of three years, with a right of re-appointment if the Government should think fit. This amendment is not suggested because of any dissatisfaction with the present board, but merely to alter a rule which may in future prove an inconvenient one both to the board and the Government. The position that members of the board hold office indefinitely arose because of previous amendments and compromises and was not deliberately sought by the Government. I move the second reading.

Mr. THOMPSON secured the adjournment of the debate.