**FRUIT FLY COMPENSATION BILL 1959**

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Second reading

**The Hon. I). N. BROOKMAN (Minister of Agriculture)-—**I move—

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

Its purpose is to enable the Government to pay compensation for losses arising from the campaign for the eradication of fruit fly during the period since the passing of a similar Bill during the 1958 session. Five proclamations relating to areas in the vicinity of Alberton, Alberton Extension, Pennington, Port Augusta and Kent Town were issued during that period to prevent persons from carrying away fruit from the infected areas. Following the practice of other years, the Government proposes that compensation shall be given for loss arising from these measures, and is accordingly introducing this Bill. The explanation of the clauses of the Bill is as follows:—

Clause 3 provides for compensation for loss arising by reason of any act of the officers of the Department of Agriculture on any land within the areas defined by the proclamations and provides also for compensation for loss arising from the prohibition of the removal of fruit from any such land. Clause 4 fixes the time limit within which claims for compensation must be lodged as February 1, 1960.

Members are familiar with this legislation and I do not think there will be any opposition to it. During the debate on the Estimates I referred to the fruit fly and therefore feel it would be rather redundant to repeat my remarks; but, in brief, a Commonwealth conference is to be held which we hope will make South Australia safer against invasion by this fly. Last night I pointed out that, whereas we could not be absolutely certain, it is almost certain that we can eradicate the fruit fly in any outbreak. We are more frightened of the importation of the fly from other States. I feel that this conference will assist us in our endeavours to protect our fruitgrowing industry.

Mr. HUTCHENS secured the adjournment of the debate.