**FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL 1984**

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Second reading

**The Hon. R.K. ABBOTT (Minister of Marine**) obtained leave and introduced a Bill for an Act to amend the Fisheries Act, 1982. Read a first time.

The Hon. R.K. ABBOTT: I move: That this Bill be now read a second time.

This Bill effects an amendment to section 48 of the Fisheries Act, 1982. The proposed amendment is consequential to the implementation of the Environment Protection (Sea Dumping) Act, 1984. Section 48 provides protection of aquatic habitat by forbidding unauthorised operations that involve disturbing or interfering with that habitat, or involve discharging or depositing any matter into any waters. The amendment will provide that a person who has a permit under the Environment Protection (Sea Dumping) Act, 1984, is not also subject to the restrictions imposed by the Fisheries Act. Duplication in regulation will thus be avoided. I seek leave to have the explanation of the clauses inserted in Hansard without my reading it. Leave granted.

Explanation of Clauses

Clause 1 is the short title, Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the measure. Clause 3 amends section 48 of the principal Act to include reference to the Environment Protection (Sea Dumping) Act, 1983. The amendment avoids conflict between the Fisheries Act and the proposed new ‘Sea Dumping’ Act.

The Hon. MICHAEL WILSON secured the adjournment of the debate.