**PASTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL 1918**

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Second reading

**The COMMISSIONER of CROWN LANDS** —This is merely a machinery Bill. In the construction of the East-West railway certain lands were acquired by the Commonwealth Government including a quarter of a mile on either side of the line and other lands for water catchment purposes. In some cases the Common­wealth did not require the whole of the land, and although they have acquired it for public purposes there is no power under which it can be given back to the lessees. This Bill is merely a sort of amendment to the Pastoral Act, giving power to return lands to the lessee. I move the second reading.

Mr. GUNN secured the adjournment of the debate until November 21.