**HIDES, SKIN, AND WOOL DEALERS ACT AMENDMENT BILL 1959**

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Second reading

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

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

The purpose of the principalAct is to regulate dealing in hides, skins and wool so as to prevent trafficking in stolen goods, in much the same way as the Hawkers Act, the Marine Store Dealers Act and the Second-Hand Dealers Act seek to prevent transactions between thieves and receivers. Section 12 of the principal Act has proved to be a complicated and unsatisfactory means of giving effect to the intention behind the Act which was that only persons who were the holders of licences issued by the Chief Inspector of Stock should be allowed to deal in—that is to say, buy and re-sell at a profit—hides, skins and wool. Clause 6, which re-enacts section 12 in an amended form, provides a simpler and more effective scheme for the licensing of persons who buy any hides, skins, or wool. It differs from the old section in the following respects:—The circumstances under which a person must hold a licence are clearly and simply expressed. A licence must be held by any person who buys any hides, skins or wool for the purpose of re-sale or who, being a person who carries on the business of treating hides, skins or wool in the process of manufacture, buys any hides, skins or

1. wool in the course of that business. A licence is not required where the goods are bought at an auction sale or from an approved selling agent.
2. The employee of a licensed person must hold a licence before he can perform the duty only incentive for a Commonwealth scheme is to have eggs sold at about the same price in every State. Such a scheme would cut out private trafficking in eggs. Members of the Australian Egg Board, and particularly the chairman, are interested in a Commonwealth scheme, and they are working on one for submission later to State Governments. I should like to see such a scheme in operation, but the present position is by no means bad. If it could be improved by a Commonwealth scheme, let us first have the scheme to consider. The egg producers have done fairly well despite the difficulty the board has had in marketing eggs. Unfortunately there has been a fall in egg production. In the previous autumn and summer weather affected the production and that is why the board had some difficulty, but for the most part it has done a good job. Previously Parliament agreed to this legislation and I have no doubt that it will agree to extending the term of the board for another three years.

Mr. LAWN secured the adjournment of the debate.