WHEAT INDUSTRY STABILISATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (BOARD) 1975

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Second reading

**The Hon. T. M. CASEY (Minister of Agriculture)** obtained leave and introduced a Bill for an Act to amend the Wheat Industry Stabilisation Act, 1974. Read a first time.

The Hon. T. M. CASEY: I move:

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

Honourable members will no doubt recall that the principal Act, the Wheat Industry Stabilisation Act, 1974, was enacted into law shortly before the Christmas adjournment of this Council. This Act was, as was indicated at the time, based on a model “uniform” Bill prepared by the Parliamentary Counsel of the Commonwealth. This course was adopted so as to secure a high degree of uniformity as between the State Statutes that support the Commonwealth law that continued the Australian Wheat Board in operation.

Since the principal Act was enacted the Australian Wheat Board has indicated to the Government that there appears a need for certain modifications to the measure in the light of particular circumstances of its activities in this State. In fact, these modifications, in terms, appeared in the Wheat Industry Stabilisation Act, 1968, a measure substantially the same as the principal Act but which related to the activities of the board during the period 1968-74. The Government accepts the contention of the Australian Wheat Board and this Bill is accordingly placed before this Council.

Clause 1 is formal. Clause 2 differs somewhat from the ordinary commencement provision and is intended to ensure that the Act presaged by this Bill shall be deemed to have come into operation on the day the principal Act came into operation or was deemed to have come into operation. Honourable members will recall that the coming into operation of the principal Act was expressed to coincide with the coming into operation of the Commonwealth Act continuing the Australian Wheat Board in operation. Clause 3 amends section 15 of the principal Act, first, by substituting for the present subsection (4) which refers to “registered crop liens” a subsection in similar form that makes reference to “registered bills of sale” since registered crop liens are not a feature of the law of this State. Secondly, three new subsections, namely (6), (7) and (8) are proposed to be inserted which provide for the deduction of charges payable to the South Australian Co-operative Bulk Handling Ltd. for storage and handling of wheat. As has been indicated, both of the amendments proposed by clause 3 are, in terms, the same as provisions which existed in the 1968 wheat industry stabilisation legislation.

The Hon. R. C. DeGARIS secured the adjournment of the debate