**VERMIN ACT AMENDMENT BILL.1942**

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Second reading

**The Hon. A. P. BLESING (Northern— Minister of Agriculture)—**Section 76 of the Vermin Act provides for the procedure to be followed on the election of vermin boards. The provisions of paragraph I. of this section relating to nominations were amended by sec­tion 5 of the Vermin Act Amendment Act, 1942, so as to provide that, at least one month before the day fixed for nomination of candi­dates for election to a vermin board, notice of the time and place appointed for nominations should be published twice in the “ Government Gazette" and either published twice in a news­paper circulating in the district or given by notice delivered or posted to every ratepayer. Paragraph III. of section 76 provides that the time appointed to receive nominations shall be not later than six weeks after the annual meet­ing of the board for the current year.

Unless the first notice required to be pub­lished under paragraph I. is published imme­diately after the annual meeting, the necessary notice to be given to the ratepayers under para­graph I. cannot be given within the period of six weeks stipulated in paragraph III. The purpose of this Bill is therefore to reconcile these provisions, and clause 2 provides that paragraph III. shall be amended so that the time for nominations shall be not later than two months after the annual meeting instead of six weeks. I move the second reading.

The Hon. C. B. CUDMOEE secured the adjournment of the debate.