**REGISTRATION OF DOGS ACT AMENDMENT BILL 1929**

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Second reading

**The MINISTER of LOCAL GOVERNMENT (Hon. G. F. Jenkins)—**Section 7 of the Registration of Dogs Act, 1924, provides, among other things, that every municipal corporation and district council shall appoint a place or office in the municipality or district at which the registers of dogs are to be kept. Under section 82 of the District Councils Act, 1914, it is provided that the district office may be within the district or at a convenient place near thereto. It follows, therefore, that a district council which has its office outside the district must, in order to comply with the provision of the Registration of Dogs Act, 1924, also provide a place within the district at which to keep the dog registers. This position has given rise to considerable inconvenience to some councils in the administration of the Registration of Dogs Act, 1924, and clause 2 remedies the position by providing that the dog registers may be kept at a place or office in or conveniently near a district. After the passing of the Bill, it will therefore be competent for district councils to keep the dog registers at the district office in any ease where, pursuant to the District Councils Act, 1914, the district office is situated outside the district. I move the second reading.

Mr. REIDY—I have been agitating for this reform for years. In my district there are the corporation of Mount Gambier and two adjoining district councils. The ratepayers of the district councils do most of their business in the town of Mount Gambier, where is situated the district council offices. However, it has been held, on the advice of a legal gentleman, that it is not competent for the ratepayers to register their dogs at the offices of the council, because the Dog Act provides that the office must be in the district for which the dog is registered. This is merely a machinery measure, and my colleague and I have been endeavoring for some time to get such a Bill introduced. I hope the House will support it.

The Hon. L. L. HILL—The Opposition have no desire to delay the passage of the Bill.

Bill read a second time and taken through Committee without amendment. Report adopted; third reading, August 20