**DAIRY CATTLE IMPROVEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL 1968**

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Second reading

**The Hon. C. R. STORY (Minister of Agriculture):** I move:

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

The Dairy Cattle Improvement Act requires all bulls connected with certain dairy farms to be licensed if they are over the age of six months on July 1 or January 1 in any year. The object of this Bill is to eliminate the licence in respect of bulls over the age of six months on January 1. The Bill makes the necessary provision by clause 2, which re-enacts subsection (2) of section 6. This amendment has been recommended by the Advisory Committee for Dairy Improvement. Licence fees are credited to the Dairy Cattle Trust Fund and the fees derived from licences in respect of bulls over the age of six months on January 1 have been about $100 annually. It is considered that this amount does not warrant the work required to be undertaken by members of the Police Force, departmental officers and dairymen.

Clause 3 makes a drafting amendment to section 10 of the Act, subsection (2) of which appears to be inconsistent with subsection (1). Subsection (1) states that every licence shall be an annual licence and may be issued at any time, while subsection (2) says that every licence shall expire on June 30. The amendment simply makes it clear that all licences expire on the same date, namely, June 30. Clauses 4, 5 and 6 convert references to the old currency in sections 13, 14 and 15 to their equivalents in decimal currency. Clause 7 repeals the First Schedule and enacts a new schedule in its place which omits the fee for a licence in respect of any bull over the age of six months on January 1 and converts references to the old currency to their equivalents in decimal currency. This Bill means that bulls will have only one birthday a year.

The Hon. S. C. BEVAN secured the adjournment of the debate.