**CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL 1969**

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Second reading

**The Hon. C. M. HILL (Minister of Local Government**): I move:

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

It is complementary to the Supreme Court Act Amendment Bill at present before the Council. Its purpose is to vest certain valuation jurisdictions existing under the Crown Lands Act in the Land and Valuation Court. Clauses 1 and 2 are formal. Clause 3 inserts a definition of “the Land and Valuation Court” in the principal Act.

Clause 4 amends section 53 of the principal Act. This section at present empowers the Commissioner to resume lands for a public purpose. Subsection (2) provides that the lessee of the Crown lands so resumed is to be entitled to compensation for any loss sustained by him in consequence of the resumption. The amendment provides that, where the amount of compensation is disputed, it is to be determined by the Land and Valuation Court.

Clause 5 amends section 289 of the principal Act. This section at present provides for valuations in relation to compensation to be determined by arbitrators. The section is amended to provide that in the case of dispute compensation is to be determined by the Land and Valuation Court.

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