**STOCK DISEASES ACT AMENDMENT BILL 1959**

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Second reading

**The Hon. D. N. BROOKMAN (Minister of Agriculture)—**I move**—**

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

The Stock Diseases Act, 1934-1956, has as its object the prevention of the introduction or spread of contagious and infectious diseases affecting stock, including animals and birds. It empowers the making of regulations for restricting the movement, and for the inspection, quarantine and treatment of stock, fodder or fittings. It empowers the appointment of inspectors and contains general provisions for preventing the spread of disease in stock. It has been reported by the Chief Inspector of Stock that he is unable to control the sale of eggs from fowls affected with pullorum disease, since eggs are not included under the principal Act. Other animal products such as milk, cheese, and the like are also not included. The omissions make it impossible to control the movement of such products in the event of an outbreak of serious disease. It is considered desirable, for obvious reasons, that the omissions should be remedied and this is the object of the present Bill.

Clause 3 will add a new definition to those already contained in section 5 of the principal Act. It will define “animal product” as meaning and including meat, milk, eggs, and the like. At the same time paragraph (c) clause 3 adds to the definition of “stock” in the principal Act “ any animal product \*. The effect of this will be that the provisions of the Act relating to stock will now be applicable in respect of animal products as defined in the new provision. At the same time the opportunity is being taken of including in the definition of “carcass” the words “, feather, blood and viscera.” This is a fairly straight forward measure and self- explanatory, and I doubt whether there will] be any opposition to it.

Mr. FRANK WALSH secured the adjournment of the debate.