**FORESTRY ACT AMENDMENT BILL 1956**

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Second reading

The Hon. G. G. PEARSON, having obtained leave, introduced a Bill for an Act to amend the Forestry Act, 1950. Read a first time.

**The Hon. G. G. PEARSON (Minister of Forests)—**I move—

That this Bill be now read a second time.

Section 6 of the Forestry Act, 1950, provides for the constitution of the Forestry Board. The section provides that the board is to consist of three members, that one of the members is to be the Conservator of Forests, and that the other members are to be appointed by the Governor on the nomination of the Minister. With the increase of the business of the Forestry Department, it is considered by the Government that provision should be made permitting the increase of the number of members of the board. Clause 2 of the Bill therefore amends section 6 to provide that the board is to consist of such number of members as the Governor from time to time determines but that the number of members is to be not less than three nor more than five. The present Act makes no provision as to the number of members necessary to constitute a quorum of the board. If the membership of the hoard is increased, a provision of this nature will be necessary and clause 2 therefore provides that the Minister may from time to time fix the number of members necessary to form a quorum of the board.

Mr. O'HALLORAN secured the adjournment of the debate.