FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE ERADICATION FUND ACT AMENDMENT BILL 1965

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Second reading

**The Hon. G. A. BYWATERS (Minister of Agriculture):** I move:

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

Its purpose is to extend the application of the principal Act to the diseases of vesicular exanthema and vesicular stomatitis in like manner as it applies to foot and mouth disease. Thus, the Foot and Mouth Disease Eradication Fund, established under the principal Act, may be used to pay compensation to the owners of animals which have been destroyed to prevent the spread of vesicular exanthema or vesicular stomatitis. The Bill gives effect to a recommendation of the Exotic Diseases Committee in April of this year that, owing to the difficulty of distinguishing between foot and mouth disease, vesicular exanthema, and vesicular stomatitis, the three diseases be treated in the same manner in the legislation of all the States and of the Commonwealth. The two new diseases were proclaimed under the Stock Diseases Act in August of this year. The required amendment to the principal Act is made by clause 3 which defines “foot and mouth disease” as including the two new diseases. I commend the Bill to honourable members.

Mr. FREEBAIRN secured the adjournment of the debate.