**DAIRY CATTLE IMPROVEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL1972**

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Second reading

The Hon. J. D. CORCORAN (Minister of Works) obtained leave and introduced a Bill for an Act to amend the Dairy Cattle Improvement Act, 1921-1968. Read a first time.

The Hon. J. D. CORCORAN: I move:

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

It amends the Dairy Cattle Improvement Act, 1921, as amended, and its effect is (*a*) to provide that the Agriculture Department will be the sole licensing authority under the Act (previously this licensing function was shared between the officers of the department and police officers); (b) to raise the age from which a bull must be first licensed from six months to 12 months; and (c) to raise the licence fee from $2 to $4.

The details of the Bill are as follows:

Clauses 1 and 2 are formal. Clause 3 raises the age at which bulls must be first licensed from six months to 12 months and makes certain minor drafting amendments to section 6 of the principal Act. Clause 4 when read with the amendments proposed at clause 9 provides for an increase in licence fees from $2 to $4*.* Clauses 5, 6 and 7 remove references to members of the Police Force. Clause 8 amends section 22 of the principal Act and removes a special period of limitation for actions against officials, this removal being in accordance with Government policy that such special periods should not now be provided for. Clause 9 makes appropriate amendments to the scale of fees for licences in the first schedule of the principal Act.

Mr. WARDLE secured the adjournment of the debate.