**PASTORAL 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 House. Its purpose is to vest certain valuation jurisdictions existing under the Pastoral 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 section 6 of the principal Act. Clause 4 amends section 57 of the principal Act. Sections 52 to 56 deal with the matter of review of land for the purpose of determining rent under the Pastoral Act. Section 57 at present provides for an appeal in the first instance to the Minister and then, if the lessee is still dissatisfied, to arbitrators appointed under the Arbitration Act. The amendment provides that instead of an appeal to arbitrators the assessment is to be made by the Land and Valuation Court.

Clause 5 amends section 58 of the principal Act which deals with a notice to be given of the result of an appeal and the fixation of a date from which the rent payable on the revaluation shall be payable. The reference to arbitrators or an umpire in that section is changed to a reference to the Land and Valuation Court.

Clause 6 amends section 64 of the principal Act. This section deals with the valuation of improvements upon a pastoral lease. It provides at present that if the Minister and an outgoing lessee are not agreed upon the value of improvements the matter can be determined by arbitrators. The amendment provides that the determination shall be made instead by the Land and Valuation Court.

Clause 7 amends section 84 of the principal Act. This provision deals with the compensation to be paid to a lessee when land is resumed pursuant to the Act. At present a dispute is to be determined by arbitrators, but this jurisdiction is vested by the amendment in the Land and Valuation Court.

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