**VERTEBRATE PESTS ACT AMENDMENT BILL**

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Second reading

Received from the Legislative Council and read a first time.

The Hon. J. D. CORCORAN (Minister of Works): I move:

That this Bill be now read a second time.

It amends the principal Act, the Vertebrate Pests Act, 1975, by deleting the designation in that Act of the permanent head of the Department of Lands as the Chairman of the Vertebrate Pests Control Authority. This amendment will enable implementation of the recommendation of the Committee of Inquiry into the Public Service under the chairmanship of Professor D. C. Corbett that the administration of the Vertebrate Pests Act be transferred to the Minister and department of the public service concerned with primary industry, that is, at present, Minister of Agriculture and the Agriculture and Fisheries Department.

Clause 1 is formal. Clause 2 provides that the measure shall come into operation on a day to be fixed by proclamation. Clause 3 amends section 5 of the principal Act by deleting the definition of “Permanent Head. Clause 4 amends section 8 of the principal Act by providing that the Chairman of the authority shall be the person holding or acting in an office determined by the Governor. This will obviate the need for amendment of the Act if there is any future change of administrate titles.

Mr. NANKIVELL secured the adjournment of the debate-