**BUSH FIRES ACT 1882**

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Second reading

**The COMMISSIONER of CROWN LANDS (Hon. A. Catt),** in moving the second reading, said the object of the Bill was to alter the hours during which stubble and scrub might be burned outside District Councils. The present hours were from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; but a great deal of the country where this was required to be done was on the Peninsula, where the atmosphere was so damp that the fires would not burn well. Therefore the farmers there had applied to be allowed to burn stubble and scrub between sunrise and sunset during the months of February, March, and April. This the Bill provided for, with the extra precaution that half a chain should be cleared round the space to be burned. He moved the second reading.

The motion was carried, and the Bill read a second time.

The Bill passed through Committee, the report was adopted, and the third reading was fixed for next day.