DRIED FRUITS ACT AMENDMENT BILL 1966

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Second reading

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

That the Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the following resolution: That it is desirable to introduce a Bill for an Act to amend the Dried Fruits Act, 1934-1941.

Motion carried.

Resolution agreed to in Committee and adopted by the House. Bill introduced and read a first time.

The Hon. G. A. BYWATERS: I move:

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

It makes two minor amendments to the Dried Fruits Act. First, clause 3 (a) amends section 18 of the principal Act in consequence of the change to decimal currency. The maximum rate of contribution to the funds of the Dried Fruits Board is changed from one-sixteenth penny a pound to $1.20 a ton, which represents a very slight increase. In the past the actual rate of contribution has always been less than the maximum rate.

In the second place, clause (b) inserts a new subsection in section 18 empowering the board to fix differential rates in respect of dried tree fruits and dried vine fruits. The board is of opinion that the present uniform rate does not represent a just contribution to administration costs by producers of dried tree fruits. Clause 4 is a formal provision providing for all monetary references in the principal Act to be expressed in decimal currency.

Mr. FREEBAIRN secured the adjournment of the debate.