BARLEY MARKETING ACT AMENDMENT BILL 1972

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Second reading

**The Hon. T. M. CASEY (Minister of Agriculture)** obtained leave and introduced a Bill for an Act to amend the Barley Marketing Act, 1947-1971. Read a first time.

The Hon. T. M. CASEY: I move:

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

This short Bill extends the application of the Barley Marketing Act, 1947, as amended, to barley grown in every season up to and including the season 1977-78. At present, section 22 of the principal Act provides that it will apply only to barley grown in every season up to and including the season 1972-1973, so the effect of this Bill is to extend the life of the Act for a further five years. Members will be aware that the Barley Marketing Board constituted by the principal Act operates under an Act of this State and an Act of the State of Victoria and, in effect, the members of the board are drawn from both States. It is clear, therefore, that any extension of the period of application of the Act will have to be agreed to by the responsible authorities of both States. Negotiations in this area are proceeding. This Bill then is introduced as a precautionary measure to ensure that the results of any agreement can be given effect to in this State, since it may be that the Parliament of this State will not be sitting when agreement between the States is arrived at. Accordingly, it is provided by clause 2 that it will not come into operation until a day to be fixed by proclamation. This will ensure that there is no hiatus in the operations of the Barley Marketing Board.

The Hon. R. C. DeGARIS secured the adjournment of the debate.