**PHYLLOXERA ACT AMENDMENT BILL1926**

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Second reading

The MINISTER of AGRICUTURE (Hon. T. Butterfield)—The Phylloxera Act, 1899, pro­vides, among other things, for the election of elective members of the Phylloxera Board by the vignerons of South Australia. Elections are held during the months of February and March of every year, and the Act provides that a declaration by the Minister setting out the names of the persons elected is to be published in the “Government Gazette” forthwith after the election has been decided. Since 1923, how­ever, although there have been two elections held for election of members of the board, the requisite notices have not been published in the “Government Gazette’’, and it follows that the persons purporting to hold office as elective members are not properly elected members of the Phylloxera Board. They have been elected so far as the result of the voting is concerned, and the only thing wanting is the publication of the notice by the Minister. This Bill is therefore introduced for the purpose of remedying this position. Clause 3 provides that the persons mentioned in the schedule are to be the members of the Phylloxera Board from the dates therein set out, and in respect of the districts therein specified. The names are set out in the schedule showing each district which the member is deemed to represent. Each member has actually been elected for that district by the votes of the vignerons in the district, but as before stated the appointment has not been notified in the “Gazette.” In the case of No. 7 district, however, the gentleman who was elected for that district, Mr. Joseph Darwent, has recently died. It will, therefore, be necessary to elect a member for that district and clause 4 makes provision accordingly. Clause 5 provides that the elective members for districts Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 are to retire during 1927, while the elective members for districts Nos. 5, *6,* and 7 are to retire during 1928. In each of those years there will be elections held as provided by the principal Act. Clause 6 validates the acts of the persons who purported to constitute the board during the past, and provides that no act or proceeding of the board is to be invalid or prejudiced by reason of the fact that the board was not properly constituted at the time the act or proceeding' was done.

The Hon. G. R. LAFFER secured the adjournment of the debate until September 21.