

by him under licence" is forest reserve. This has led to the somewhat unexpected result that, for instance, dwelling houses vested in the Minister of Forests have become "forest reserves" by virtue of the operation of that definition, and as a result of the operation of the proviso to section 16 of the Forestry Act the power of the Minister to dispose of such property has been restricted. As the remainder of the explanation deals with the clauses, I ask that it be inserted in *Hansard* without my reading it.

Leave granted.

#### EXPLANATION OF CLAUSES

Clauses 1 and 2 are formal. Clause 3 amends section 2 of the principal Act by striking out the present definition of "forest reserve" and inserting a new definition of "forest lands". This new definition of "forest reserve" is in aid of proposed new section 2b of the principal Act. Clause 4 proposes the insertion of sections 2a, 2b and 2c. Proposed section 2a in effect provides that until a former forest reserve is declared under proposed section 2b it shall cease to be a forest reserve. Proposed section 2b provides for the declaration of forest reserves and also provides for the removal of land from a forest reserve. It is proposed that this removal will be subject to Parliamentary approval because, as has already been mentioned, forest reserves are generally expected to be dedicated in perpetuity.

The combined effect of these two clauses is to, as it were, wipe the slate clean and enable the existing forest reserves to be redefined and to be readily ascertainable. Proposed new section 2c validates what are thought to be somewhat doubtful releases of forest reserves, being purported resumptions under the Crown Lands Act of land that had been dedicated, not under the Crown Lands Act, but under Acts antecedent to the present Forestry Act. Clause 5 amends section 16 of the principal Act by validating purported transfers of property that may have been invalid by virtue of the operation of the proviso to section 16 adverted to above.

Mr. RODDA secured the adjournment of the debate.

#### ARTIFICIAL BREEDING ACT AMENDMENT BILL

Received from the Legislative Council and read a first time.

The Hon. HUGH HUDSON (Minister of Education): I move:

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

I ask leave to have the second reading explanation inserted in *Hansard* without my reading it.

Leave granted.

#### EXPLANATION OF BILL

For some little time now it has become apparent that the Artificial Breeding Board established under the principal Act, the Artificial Breeding Act, 1961-1974, can no longer provide the services it was established for and at the same time remain financially solvent. Evidence of this situation may be obtained from a perusal of the Auditor-General's Report for the financial year ended June 30, 1974, at page 244. Two reasons are suggested for the present situation: first, the growth of "private" inseminators and the demonstrated preference of users for their products with a corresponding decline in the demand for board semen; and secondly, the necessarily high and irreducible overhead of the board with a resultant worsening of its financial position.

With the foregoing in mind the board has proposed to the Government that an arrangement be entered into with the Victorian Artificial Breeders Co-operative Society, an

organisation having experience in this work, to the end that the organisation carries out such of the functions of the board as are still economically viable in combination with its own activities. In the circumstances the Government agrees that such a proposal is probably the best solution to the problem, since it will still leave the board in existence so that if, at some time in the future, there is a demonstrated need for a resumption of some or all of its activities the legal framework will be there.

Clause 1 is formal. Clause 2 amends section 3 of the principal Act and sets out the definitions necessary for the purposes of the Bill. Clause 3 amends section 22 of the principal Act by providing the machinery to, if necessary, give effect to proposed new section 24a. Section 22 deals with the making of land and facilities of the Crown or a public authority available to the board. Clause 4 by inserting a new section 24a in the principal Act empowers the board, with the approval of the Minister, to enter into an agreement of the kind referred to in that section. Clause 5 provides an appropriate regulation-making power to ensure that only semen from proven sires is used in artificial insemination programmes.

Mr. DEAN BROWN secured the adjournment of the debate.

#### EDUCATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL

Returned from the Legislative Council without amendment.

#### PRICES ACT AMENDMENT BILL

Returned from the Legislative Council without amendment.

#### STAMP DUTIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL

Returned from the Legislative Council with the following suggested amendment:

Page 4 (clause 11)—After line 35 insert "which duty may be denoted by an adhesive stamp".

Consideration in Committee.

The Hon. D. A. DUNSTAN (Premier and Treasurer): I move:

That the Legislative Council's suggested amendment be agreed to.

It provides that the duty to be denoted under clause 11 may be denoted by an adhesive stamp. Although the Government would prefer that this did not happen, I do not think the change made by the Legislative Council is serious enough to provoke disagreement between the two Chambers. Therefore, I intend to accept the amendment.

Dr. EASTICK (Leader of the Opposition): I am pleased that the Treasurer has accepted the amendment. This matter was discussed when we dealt with the Bill previously. The Treasurer's explanation then was not completely acceptable to people outside. I am not surprised that their voice has been heard in another place.

Motion carried.

[Midnight]

#### ADELAIDE FESTIVAL CENTRE TRUST ACT AMENDMENT BILL

Adjourned debate on second reading.

(Continued from November 20. Page 2109.)

Mr. COUMBE (Torrens): This is a short Bill and I support it. It reduces from two to one the number of trustees appointed from the Adelaide City Council, and the total number of trustees is six. Because of another amendment made to legislation, the council has been relieved of much liability in connection with the Adelaide Festival Theatre. However, I am pleased that one representative of the council has been left on the trust. That