The Hon. D. A. DUNSTAN moved:

In subclause (2) to insert the following new paragraph:

(a) provide for persons to be subscribers to the Company, for the rights and obligations of such subscribers, for the subscriptions to be paid by subscribers, for holding of elections of governors to be elected by subscribers and in the event of a vacancy in the office of a governor so elected, for holding of by-elections and for all matters incidental to all or any of the foregoing matters.

Mr. COUMBE: With the passing of this and other amendments, this is now a much better Bill. I believe that both the Select Committee and this Committee of the House are indebted for the valuable evidence, especially that given on behalf of the Arts by Dr. Jean Batterby. The theatre company can now be founded in a way that we would like to see, so that it is a credit both to the City of Adelaide and to this State.

Amendment carried; clause as amended passed.

Bill read a third time and passed.

DAIRY CATTLE IMPROVEMENT ACT AMENDMENT BILL

The Hon. J. D. CORCORAN (Minister of Works) obtained leave and introduced a Bill for an Act to amend the Dairy Cattle Improvement Act, 1921-1968. Read a first time.

The Hon. J. D. CORCORAN: I move:

That this Bill be now read a second time.

It amends the Dairy Cattle Improvement Act, 1921, as amended, and its effect is (a) to provide that the Agriculture Department will be the sole licensing authority under the Act (previously this licensing function was shared between the officers of the department and police officers); (b) to raise the age from which a bull must be first licensed from six months to 12 months; and (c) to raise the licence fee from $2 to $4. The details of the Bill are as follows:

Clauses 1 and 2 are formal. Clause 3 raises the age at which bulls must be first licensed from six months to 12 months and makes certain minor drafting amendments to section 6 of the principal Act. Clause 4 when read with the amendments proposed at clause 9 provides for an increase in licence fees from $2 to $4. Clauses 5, 6 and 7 remove references to members of the Police Force. Clause 8 amends section 22 of the principal Act and removes a special period of limitation for actions against officials, this removal being in accordance with Government policy that such special periods should not now be provided for. Clause 9 makes appropriate amendments to the scale of fees for licences in the first schedule of the principal Act.

Mr. WARDLE secured the adjournment of the debate.

FRUIT FLY (COMPENSATION) BILL

The Hon. J. D. CORCORAN (Minister of Works) obtained leave and introduced a Bill for an Act to provide for compensation for loss arising from measures to eradicate fruit fly. Read a first time.

The Hon. J. D. CORCORAN: I move:

That this Bill be now read a second time.

It follows closely in form and substance a number of similar measures introduced into this House and is intended to provide for the payment of compensation to persons who suffered loss by reason of actions of departmental officers in combating three recent outbreaks of fruit fly. As members are aware, in this season there were three outbreaks, one in the Prospect area, one in the Parafield Gardens area and one in the Morphettville area. Each of these outbreaks has been the subject of a proclamation under the Vine, Fruit and Vegetable Protection Act, 1885-1959, and those proclamations are referred to in clause 3 of the Bill. At this time an estimate of the number of claims likely to be received cannot be made with any degree of accuracy. In general it is not thought likely that there will be a large number of claims from the Parafield Gardens area and those from the Prospect area will be of the same order as is usual from a comparatively older, well developed area. However the quarantine area established in relation to the Morphettville outbreak did take in certain local vineyards and steps had to be taken to minimize the amount of compensation in this area.

Mr. CARNIE secured the adjournment of the debate.

INDUSTRIAL CODE AMENDMENT BILL (TRADING HOURS)

Consideration in Committee of the Legislative Council’s amendments:

No. 1. Page 2, line 4 (clause 4)—Leave out “12.30 p.m.” and insert “11.30 a.m.”

No. 2. Page 2, line 15 (clause 4)—Leave out “12.30 p.m.” and insert “11.30 a.m.”

No. 3. Page 2, line 20 (clause 4)—Leave out “12.30 p.m.” and insert “11.30 a.m.”

No. 4. Page 3, lines 1 to 15 (clause 5)—Leave out paragraphs (a) and (b) and insert new paragraphs (a) and (b) as follows:

(a) in the case of such shop assistants other than hairdressers, shall cease no later than the hour of 5.30 p.m. Mondays to Thursdays inclusive, the hour of 9 p.m. on Fridays and the