

throughout the State? "The West Australian" might possibly circulate throughout the State, but "The Daily News" might not.

Amendment put and negatived.

Clause, as previously amended, agreed to.

Clause 4—Dried Fruits Board:

Hon. A. THOMSON: Before we come to any new provisions I trust that, seeing that members have not had an opportunity to peruse the Bill, the Honorary Minister will report progress.

The HONORARY MINISTER: We are reaching that stage and I am agreeable to that course.

Progress reported.

BILL—FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT AMENDMENT.

Second Reading.

THE MINISTER FOR MINES (Hon. H. S. W. Parker—Metropolitan-Suburban) [7.38] in moving the second reading said: This is a very short Bill to permit of the alteration of the boundaries of shop districts. Under Section 99 of the present Factories and Shops Act power is given to the Governor to, by proclamation—

Constitute any defined portion of the State a shop district for the purposes of this Act, and specify the boundaries of such district, and may in like manner (subject as hereinafter provided) abolish any district, and may assign a name to, or change the name of, any district.

A great many districts have been proclaimed and generally they follow the boundaries of road districts, but instances have arisen where anomalies have occurred. In Busselton, for instance, people resident in the Margaret River Road Board area have a right to vote for the Busselton shop district and not for the district in which they reside and thus not for the township in which they are most interested. It was thought that perhaps the Governor could alter the boundaries by proclamation, but the Crown Law authorities have advised that he has not that power and that the proclamation having been made declaring an area, the only power the Governor has is to abolish the area. For the Governor to do that would not be in accordance with the Act, and therefore this short Bill is to permit of a proclamation being made to alter the

boundaries of any shop district. The section, with the proposed amendment, will read—

(1) The Governor may by proclamation constitute any defined portion of the State a shop district for the purposes of this Act, and specify the boundaries of such district, and may in like manner (subject as hereinafter provided) abolish or alter the boundaries of any district, and may assign a name to, or change the name of, any district.

I think members will agree that this is a power the Governor should have, and an essential and necessary power to overcome many anomalies that have arisen in the past 20 years. The Act came into force originally in 1920, so it is only to be expected there would be some such anomalies. I move—

That the Bill be now read a second time.

On motion by Hon. E. H. Gray, debate adjourned.

House adjourned at 7.43 p.m.

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BILL—PUBLIC WORKS STANDING COMMITTEE.

Introduced by the Minister for Works and read a first time.

BILLS (2)—THIRD READING.

1, Plant Diseases Act Amendment.

Passed.

2, Royal Style and Titles.

Transmitted to the Council.