

Amendment agreed to.

Bill, as amended, agreed to.

Bills reported; report adopted.

Mr HATTON (Industries and Development): Mr Speaker, I move that the bills be now read a third time.

Motion agreed to; bills read a third time.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Mr ORTMANN (Lands and Housing): Mr Speaker, I move that so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent the Work Health Amendment Act (No 2) 1991 Amendment Bill (Serial 128) passing through all stages at these sittings.

Motion agreed to.

WORK HEALTH AMENDMENT ACT (NO 2) 1991 AMENDMENT BILL (Serial 128)

Continued from 27 February 1992.

Mr BAILEY (Wanguri): Mr Speaker, the opposition supports the bill. As the honourable minister stated in his second-reading speech, the original intention was that the new levels of compensation would apply to all claimants irrespective of whether these were new claims or existing claims. It appears that there is some disagreement as to whether the existing legislation achieves that intention. The purpose of this amendment is to put the matter beyond doubt. The opposition supports the amendment.

Motion agreed to; bill read a second time.

Mr ORTMANN (Lands and Housing): Mr Speaker, I move that the bill be now read a third time.

Motion agreed to; bill read a third time.

PASTORAL LAND BILL (Serial 105)

Continued from 19 November 1991.

Mr BELL (MacDonnell): Mr Speaker, this is a very important piece of legislation for many reasons. In my comments this evening, I hope I will be able to explain why that is the case. It is with a considerable degree of interest, partly because there is a considerable amount of pastoral land in my electorate, that I rise to speak to this bill. My maiden speech in this Assembly was on the Martin Report of 1980 on pastoral land tenure. As opposition spokesman on lands, and having a responsibility in that regard for opposition policy across the Territory, it was important for me to give consideration to this bill and the implications that it has for many different groups of Territorians. One important group, of course, is the pastoral lessees. As one of the major industries of the Territory, the pastoral industry is of great concern to the opposition. As one of the ground rules of this debate, it is important that the maintenance and enhancement of our productive resources be carried out, to the extent that