Given the nature of the activity to be regulated and the need for a licensing scheme, it is practical that it be administered by the Commissioner of Consumer Affairs. It is appropriate that the new legislative provisions will form a new part 14 of the consolidated *Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading Act*. It already regulates and licences industry groups such as motor vehicle dealers and travel agents.

This bill will protect and promote the interests of consumers and the business interests of the pawnbrokers and second-hand dealers. Responsible members of the industry will welcome this regulatory scheme as it will provide a means of dealing with the less ethical and fly-by-night operators. In doing so, it will protect and enhance the reputation of industry members and foster community confidence in the business activities of licensed dealers. The general community will support the legislation as it will reduce the capacity of thieves to dispose of stolen goods, place a greater onus on dealers to take responsibility in the prevention of crime in our community, and provide customers with greater confidence and protection in relation to the source of goods they buy from these dealers. I commend the bill to honourable members.

Debate adjourned.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Mr HATTON (Attorney-General): Mr Deputy Speaker, I move that so much of standing orders be suspended as would prevent 2 bills entitled the *Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill* (Serial 146) and the *Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration (Consequential Amendments) Bill* (Serial 147): (a) being presented and read a first time together and one motion being put in regard to, respectively, the second readings, the committee's report stage and the third readings of the bills together; and (b) the consideration of the bills separately in the committee of the whole.

Motion agreed to.

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES REGISTRATION BILL (Serial 146)
BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES REGISTRATION (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL (Serial 147)

Bills presented and read a first time.

Mr HATTON (Attorney-General): Mr Deputy Speaker, I move that the bills be now read a second time.

The main purposes of the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Bill are: to provide a modern scheme for the registration of births, deaths and marriages and for the provision of search services in respect of information held in the births, deaths and marriages registers; and to promote Australia-wide consistency and efficiency in respect of the obtaining, recording, provision and use of births, deaths and marriages information. The principal bill is closely based on a model bill drafted by the South Australian Parliamentary Counsel in accordance