DAIRYING INDUSTRY RESEARCH AND PROMOTION LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1980

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House:  House of Representatives
Presented by:  Hon. P.J. Nixon, Minister for Primary Industry

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To increase the maximum levy rates on whole milk and butter fat production.

Background and Main Provisions

Paragraph 7(b) and para. 11(b) of the Dairying Industry Research and Promotion Levy Act 1972 currently impose a levy on whole milk and butter fat respectively. The maximum rates which may be levied are 6 cents per 100 litres of whole milk and $1.50 per 100 kg of butter fat respectively and these have been operative since 1 July 1978. These levies provide funds to finance the domestic promotion of dairy products.

The present levy rates were set after representations from producers concerned with declining sales. Producers have again made representations to increase the levy. The present Bill amends the Principal Act to increase the levies from 6 to 12 cents per 100 litres of whole milk (clause 3) and from $1.50 to $3 per 100 kg of butter fat (clause 4).

The increased rates will come into operation on the day on which the Act receives the Royal Assent (clause 1).