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(Defined Benefit Income Streams) Bill 2015**

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**SPEECH**

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**Mr MORRISON** (Cook—Minister for Social Services) (13:20): I thank members for their contribution to the debate on the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Defined Benefit Income Streams) Bill 2015. I do not wish to delay the House any further, and I thank the opposition for their indulgence in allowing these matters to be considered now.

I note that the debate canvassed a wide range of issues, not just the bill before us, and I note that those opposite referred much to the assets test rebalance measure, which was passed by the Senate last night. There is just a simple proposition there. If the opposition wish to continue their opposition to this measure, they have to answer one simple question, and that is: will they reverse it? I note that the Leader of the Opposition failed to give that commitment this morning, and I imagine that will be the case.

I thank members for their contribution, and I commend the bill to the House.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER ( Mr Whiteley ): The question before the chair is that this bill be now read a second time.

*A division having been called and the bells having been rung—*

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: As there are fewer than five members on the side for the noes, I declare the question resolved in the affirmative in accordance with standing order 127. The names of those members who are in the minority will be recorded in the *Votes and Proceedings*.

Question agreed to, Mr Katter and Mr Wilkie voting no.

Bill read a second time.