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Bill Aims at Smoother Work In Planning and Development

Legislation to clarify the functions of the Department of Planning and Development and to permit closer functioning between municipalities and the department was introduced yesterday in the Ontario Legislature by Hon. Dana Porter. The bill was entitled The Planning Act, 1946, and replaces the original legislation which established the department.

Under its provisions the Minister is authorized to approve the allocation of planned areas which have been selected by a local planning council to consist of three, six or nine members not elected to municipal office or in the employ of the municipality, plus one representative chosen by the municipal council, for every three appointed. He also is authorized to approve and assist in creating plans for municipal areas, and municipalities are given authority to enter into planning undertakings for various purposes, including housing.

Other Government bills introduced included an amendment to the Workmen's Compensation Act which will provide all workers under the legislation to have the same medical care and eliminate abuses where, as Labor Minister Daley explained, some employers hire their own physicians.

A third bill introduced by Provincial Treasurer Charles Dunbar permits the Province to establish industrial farms anywhere in Ontario, and for cities or counties of 50,000 population or more to estab-