

THE SENATE

Thursday, March 4, 1954

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

Routine proceedings.

DIVORCE BILLS

FIRST READINGS

Hon. Mr. Howden, for the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Divorce, presented the following bills:

Bill G-12, an Act for the relief of Marie Jeannette Lucille Catherine Clement Cantin.

Bill H-12, an Act for the relief of Pauline Prussick Astrof.

Bill I-12, an Act for the relief of Martha Betty Schenck Clarke.

Bill J-12, an Act for the relief of Felice D'Abate.

Bill K-12, an Act for the relief of Olga Korim Falardeau.

Bill L-12, an Act for the relief of Harold Robertson Mann.

Bill M-12, an Act for the relief of Sophie Rosenberg Rosenberg.

Bill N-12, an Act for the relief of Frederica Priesel Barrett.

Bill O-12, an Act for the relief of Jean Bertha Thomson Lanthier.

Bill P-12, an Act for the relief of Roger Tremblay.

Bill Q-12, an Act for the relief of Adelaide Nina Hall Lanktree.

Bill R-12, an Act for the relief of Fernande Gilberte Andrea Leclair Daoust.

Bill S-12, an Act for the relief of Dina Barbara Boone Guinness.

Bill T-12, an Act for the relief of Clara Sperber Meilen Fink.

Bill U-12, an Act for the relief of Maria Assunta Pilozi Raspa.

Bill V-12, an Act for the relief of Robert James Cooper.

Bill W-12, an Act for the relief of Diana Frances Nash Milmine.

Bill X-12, an Act for the relief of Ross Willis Garrow.

The bills were read the first time.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall these bills be read the second time?

Hon. Mr. Howden: With leave, next sitting.

NATIONAL HOUSING BILL

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMONS COMMITTEE REPORT

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. Mr. Reid: Before the Orders of the Day are proceeded with, I should like to direct a question to the honourable Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Macdonald). I understand it is anticipated that some time next week the National Housing Bill will come before the Senate from the other house. The Banking and Commerce Committee of the other house has been studying this bill for several weeks now, and a verbatim report has been made of the committee's proceedings. Before the bill itself comes over to us I should like to have an opportunity to read the evidence taken before that committee, and I wonder if the Leader of the Government could take steps to expedite the placing of copies of the report in our hands.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: The evidence taken on the National Housing Bill by the Banking and Commerce Committee of the other place has been printed.

Hon. Mr. Reid: I have not seen any of it.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: I have received a copy of the printed evidence.

Hon. Mr. Haig: So have I.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: Evidently copies have been distributed to other members of this house. The report is available, and if the honourable senator from New Westminster (Hon. Mr. Reid) has not received a copy he can probably obtain one from another honourable member.

Hon. Mr. Haig: If he will go to my room my secretary will furnish him with a copy.

Hon. Mr. Reid: I thank honourable senators for their kindness and co-operation, but I think I should have been furnished with a copy.

Hon. Mr. Haig: Possibly the honourable senator from New Westminster (Hon. Mr. Reid) did not get his copy because the person intending to deliver it heard music emanating from his room and did not dare to knock at the door.

Hon. Mr. Reid: It is a good sign of intelligence when the sounds proceeding from my room are called music.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: I should have thought that in those circumstances two copies would be delivered to the honourable senator instead of one.