

Private Bills—Divorce

changed that decision. If we pass this bill tonight, what we are doing is to concur in a man having been proven guilty of a charge of adultery without any evidence of whether or not he was guilty. For that reason, I cannot support the bill.

The house divided on the motion (Mr. Winkler) which was agreed to on the following division:

YEAS

Messrs:

Abbott	Laing
Anderson	Larson
Applewhaite	Macdonald (Edmonton East)
Bater	MacDougall
Bradley	MacKenzie
Brooks	MacLean (Cape Breton North and Victoria)
Carter	MacNaught
Cavers	McCulloch
Dewar	McIvor
Eyre	McWilliam
Ferrie	Mayhew
Fulford	Murray (Cariboo)
Garland	Prudham
George	Sinclair
Gibson	Smith (Moose Mountain)
Goode	Stick
Gregg	Studer
Harkness	Ward
Harrison	Weaver
Helme	Weir
Hetland	Welbourn
Howe	Whiteside
Huffman	Winkler
Kickham	Winters
Kirk (Antigonish-Guysborough)	Wood—51.
Kirk (Digby-Yarmouth)	

NAYS

Messrs:

Argue	Herridge
Aylesworth	Higgins
Beaudoin	Jones
Beyerstein	Knight
Black (Cumberland)	Knowles
Blackmore	Macdonnell (Greenwood)
Bryce	McLure
Catherwood	Nickle
Charlton	Nosworthy
Churchill	Peakes
Coldwell	Ross (Souris)
Dion	Shaw
Fair	Stewart (Winnipeg North)
Fairclough, Mrs.	Thatcher
Fournier (Hull)	White (Middlesex East)
Fulton	Wright—33.
Gagnon	

Mr. Johnston: I was paired with the hon. member for Halton (Mr. Cleaver). Had I voted, I would have voted against the motion.

Mr. Cruickshank: I was paired with the hon. member for Prince Edward-Lennox (Mr. Tustin).

Mr. Quelch: I was paired with the member for Winnipeg South (Mr. Mutch). Had I voted, I would have voted against the motion.

Mr. Dickey: I was paired with the member for Annapolis-Kings (Mr. Nowlan).

[Mr. Knight.]

Mr. Cardiff: I was paired, and had I voted I would have voted against the motion.

Mr. Speaker: This bill will be referred to the standing committee on miscellaneous private bills.

DOROTHY AILSIE JEAN COGLIN HANDS

Mr. H. W. Winkler (Lisgar) moved the second reading of Bill No. 12, for the relief of Dorothy Ailsie Jean Coghlin Hands.

Mr. Daniel McIvor (Fort William): It is well known, Mr. Speaker, that I am just as sincere in my opposition to divorce as any man in this house, but I think that this is a discredit to the House of Commons—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. McIvor: We have a committee of the other place which is just as efficient and just as intelligent as any in this house, and it investigates the court action. I feel that our action now is a condemnation of the investigation carried on by the Senate committee. I feel that the country could be better served if we tried, inside the house and outside of it, to kill the thing that causes divorce.

Mr. J. M. Macdonnell (Greenwood): Evidently the member for Fort William (Mr. McIvor) feels a little uneasy and feels he has to make some statement. I should like to ask him what right he has to criticize people who are not prepared to pass on subjects when the evidence has not been submitted.

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): I am sure, Mr. Speaker, that the hon. member for Fort William (Mr. McIvor) noted that one of his remarks was greeted with enthusiastic applause from all sections of the house. I have no doubt it was greeted with applause by members of his own party just because they are of his own party, but on this side of the house we agree to the full with his statement that this whole business is a farce and a discredit to parliament, and in my view we should get rid of it just as soon as we possibly can. I submit that what I have been trying to do with respect to these bills, namely to have them deferred until we get the evidence, is no reflection of any kind on the other place or upon the members of the committee in the other place. I have no doubt that with respect to Bill No. 12, which was letter G of the Senate, the members of the Senate committee went into it fully. But in this House of Commons we were not elected by the people of Canada to be a rubber stamp. We were not sent here to take without looking at it any matter that