

Proposed Legislation

No. C-18, respecting the printing of negotiable instruments in the English and the French languages.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

SMALL LOANS ACT**AMENDMENT TO REDUCE MAXIMUM INTEREST RATE**

Mr. Hazen Argue (Assiniboia) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-19, to amend the Small Loans Act.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Argue: The purpose of this bill is to reduce the maximum interest rate on small loans from 2 per cent per month to 1 per cent per month.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

AMENDMENT REQUIRING STATEMENT OF TRUE INTEREST RATE CHARGED

Mr. Hazen Argue (Assiniboia) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-23, to amend the Small Loans Act (advertising).

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Argue: The purpose of this bill is to make it a provision in the law that the simple interest shall be stated in advertisements in connection with small loans.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

PENSION ACT**AMENDMENT PROVIDING FOR APPEAL TO COURTS**

Mr. Jack McIntosh (Swift Current-Maple Creek) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-21, to amend the Pension Act (judicial appeal).

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. McIntosh: In brief, the purpose of this bill is to provide that an applicant who has had an unfavourable decision from the commission may appeal to the courts of Canada.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

CANADIAN SOVEREIGNTY**PROVISION FOR NATIONAL FLAG, ANTHEM AND INDEPENDENCE DAY**

Mr. Speaker: I am informed that the hon. member for Sherbrooke (Mr. Allard), who is unavoidably absent, has requested the hon. member for Richmond-Wolfe (Mr. Dubois) to introduce this bill for him, which he may do by unanimous consent of the house. Is it agreed that he may do so?

[Mr. Pigeon.]

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. V. F. Dubois (for Mr. Allard) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-25, respecting the sovereignty of Canada.

(Translation):

Mr. Pickersgill: Explain.

Mr. Dubois: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to give recognition to the sovereignty of Canada by having a holiday called Sovereignty Day and to adopt a distinctive national anthem and national flag.

(Text):

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

INDIAN ACT**AMENDMENT RESPECTING POSSESSION AND CONSUMPTION OF INTOXICANTS**

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-26, to amend the Indian Act (liquor rights).

Mr. Pickersgill: Explain.

Mr. Howard: This bill, Mr. Speaker, seeks to place native Indians on the same footing and with the same rights and responsibilities with relation to liquor as everyone else in the nation. It provides further that the right to be in possession of liquor on an Indian reserve shall be the subject of a plebiscite of the members of the particular band.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

BANKRUPTCY ACT**AMENDMENT RESPECTING WAGE EARNERS' ASSIGNMENTS**

Mr. Hazen Argue (Assiniboia) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-27, to amend the Bankruptcy Act (wage earners' assignments).

Mr. Benidickson: Explain.

Mr. Argue: This bill provides that, where an individual has credit obligations which he is unable to meet at the moment, procedures may be applied for the regular retirement of those obligations, which procedures would protect the individual from unconscionable and unnecessary repossession of his chattels.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA ACT**AMENDMENT RESPECTING SENATE REPRESENTATION**

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-28, to amend the British North America Acts, 1867 to 1960, with respect to representation in the Senate.