

Private Bills

As the minister has said, there are not a great many of the provisions in this bill which are of a highly controversial nature. I should like to offer my congratulations to the framers of the bill. As I said previously, there will be every desire on the part of members from this party who will be serving on the committee to help facilitate the work. We appreciate the statement made by the minister that he will welcome our suggestions and our co-operation to try to improve the existing bill. Because of the fact that a number of sections of the previous bill have been eliminated, and also because of the financial implications to which the minister has already referred, I hope that reasonably wide latitude will be given to the committee to make a thorough investigation into all the ramifications of this bill.

At six o'clock the house took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The house resumed at eight o'clock.

PRIVATE BILLS**UNITED SECURITY INSURANCE COMPANY**

Mr. J. H. Dickey (Halifax) moved the second reading of Bill No. 205, to incorporate United Security Insurance Company.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to the standing committee on banking and commerce.

**APOSTOLIC TRUSTEES OF THE FRIARS MINOR
OR FRANCISCANS**

Mr. Paul E. Cote (Verdun-La Salle) moved the second reading of Bill No. 206, to incorporate the Apostolic Trustees of the Friars Minor or Franciscans.

Mr. Blackmore: Would the sponsor give an explanation of the bill?

Mr. Cote (Verdun-La Salle): Mr. Speaker, as may be read in the preamble to the bill, the Franciscan order is a religious order under the constitution and rules whereof the members collectively and individually have precluded themselves from owning and administering any real or personal properties. It has been in their tradition during the seven hundred years of their existence to have the administration of any of their material interests made by bodies of trustees appointed under their apostolic rules and constitutions. Since being established in Canada they have been regulated in their temporal administrations by an act of the legislature of the province of Quebec in 1893, which

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was amended in 1899 and again, I believe, in 1936. However, as the order developed and established other institutions in other provinces this incorporation became inadequate.

The purpose of the bill is to raise on the national level the powers which the petitioners herein have enjoyed under the provincial statute of Quebec to which I have just referred. The powers sought are the usual powers accorded by parliament in incorporations of a similar nature.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to the standing committee on miscellaneous private bills.

THE CANADIAN COMMERCE INSURANCE COMPANY

Mr. W. A. Robinson (Simcoe East) moved the second reading of Bill No. 207, to incorporate the Canadian Commerce Insurance Company.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Robinson: This is the usual type of application for incorporation of an insurance company intending to engage in fire, automobile and other types of insurance as indicated in section 6 of the bill which, I believe, has already been distributed. I believe the bill is in the usual form followed in such bills and contains only those sections pertinent to bills of this kind.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to the standing committee on banking and commerce.

SASKATCHEWAN MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

Mr. E. A. McCusker (Regina City) moved the second reading of Bill No. 208, to incorporate Saskatchewan Mutual Insurance Company.

Mr. Graydon: I understand the sponsor of the bill is very anxious to give a full explanation, and I suggest he should be given the opportunity.

Mr. McCusker: I can assure hon. members I am not anxious to speak in the house more often than is necessary. However, if the house wishes an explanation I might say that this is the usual type of bill to incorporate companies of this kind. If hon. members would like to have a more detailed explanation, I shall be pleased to give it. Otherwise I would ask them to accept it as the usual bill of its kind.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to the standing committee on banking and commerce.