

Private Bills

to the committee together with all the divorce bills standing on the order paper for reference to the committee.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the house that the private bills standing on the order paper for consideration in committee of the whole be referred to the committee of the whole in one motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. John B. Hamilton (York West): I believe there are about five private bills mixed up with these divorce bills, and I would assume that they would be taken in proper order.

Mr. Speaker: Well, then, has the hon. member any objection to taking items 1 to 30 in one motion?

Mr. Hamilton (York West): I think we should have an explanation of No. 1, and after that we can take them down to item 31.

Mr. Speaker: Well, then, the motion is that I do leave the chair.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

THE EVANGELICAL MENNONITE CONFERENCE

The house in committee on Bill S-11, to incorporate the Evangelical Mennonite Conference—Mr. McCleave—Mr. Rea in the chair.

On clause 1—*Incorporation.*

Mr. McCleave: Mr. Chairman, I intend to speak very briefly on this bill, which comes appropriately before us as we move into the holiest season of the year, that is Easter. It is perhaps appropriate that at this time we consider this measure in committee and, subsequently, give it third reading. I am not familiar with the precise nature of the religious community that is being established by this bill. I believe the hon. member for Lisgar will have a few words to say on that point in a few moments.

Since I stand for the sponsor of the bill, I should like to assure the committee that the bill has been given proper consideration in the other place and by the miscellaneous private bills committee, where the sponsor was pleased to attend and explain the provisions. I think I should say further that the 19 or 20 clauses in this particular bill are in the standard form for setting up these religious associations.

Mr. Muir (Lisgar): I should like to add to what the hon. gentleman has said concerning this bill that the purpose is to set up a central administrative body to administer the funds of the various congregations of this church, over and above that needed on the local level. It will co-ordinate the efforts of these congregations and enable the larger ones

to assist the smaller ones in getting established. It will also facilitate the distribution of church funds collected for missionary work in foreign fields. I think this is the same procedure that is used by the majority of churches of all faiths in this country. This measure will greatly assist this religious body in furthering its work amongst the people of that faith.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 18 inclusive agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE—THIRD READINGS

Bill SD-102, for the relief of Esther Mendelson Levy.—Mr. McCleave.

Bill SD-103, for the relief of Joseph Louis Charles Gabriel Gascon.—Mr. McCleave.

Bill SD-105, for the relief of Gerald Leblanc.—Mr. McCleave.

Bill SD-106, for the relief of Morris Gordon.—Mr. McCleave.

Bill SD-108, for the relief of Rita Lucia Palmieri Bellefleur.—Mr. McCleave.

Bill SD-109, for the relief of Alex Groot.—Mr. McCleave.

Bill SD-112, for the relief of Wauneta Langill Bourque.—Mr. McCleave.

Bill SD-113, for the relief of Pierrette Bertrand Suchereault, otherwise known as Pierrette Bertrand Chussereault.—Mr. McCleave.

Bill SD-114, for the relief of Yolande Bosse Murphy.—Mr. McCleave.

Bill SD-115, for the relief of Joseph Rolland Wright.—Mr. McCleave.

Bill SD-116, for the relief of Rosalie Jakes Reisinger.—Mr. McCleave.

Bill SD-117, for the relief of Jacqueline Ann Rosenfeld Bernstein.—Mr. McCleave.

Bill SD-118, for the relief of Margit Elizabeth Mary Temke Malcolm.—Mr. McCleave.

Bill SD-119, for the relief of Celia Claire Kanigsberg Dickman.—Mr. McCleave.

Bill SD-120, for the relief of Constantin Deacur.—Mr. McCleave.

Bill SD-121, for the relief of Bernard Fourcade.—Mr. McCleave.

Bill SD-122, for the relief of Sylvia Mary Mefrige Makad.—Mr. McCleave.

Bill SD-123, for the relief of Marjorie Seymour Hammond Pearson.—Mr. McCleave.

Bill SD-124, for the relief of Helene Dagenais Roy.—Mr. McCleave.