

THE SENATE

Tuesday, January 22, 1957

The Senate met at 8 p.m., the Hon. Arthur L. Beaubien, Acting Speaker, in the Chair.

Prayers.

Routine proceedings.

DIVORCE

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Divorce, presented the Committee's reports Nos. 14 to 34, dealing with petitions for divorce, and moved that the said reports be taken into consideration at the next sitting.

He said: Honourable senators, may I call attention to the fact that the material in support of every motion of this kind is always laid on the Table, and this material is always available to any honourable senator who may wish to see just what is behind the motion.

The motion was agreed to, on division.

SENATE STATIONERY

SUBCOMMITTEE—INQUIRY

Hon. Jean-François Pouliot: Honourable senators, I wonder if it will be possible to have a copy of the letter or notice that was sent by the Chief of the Stationery Branch for the calling of the meeting of the Subcommittee on Stationery in June last year.

Hon. W. Ross Macdonald: Honourable senators, I will make inquiries and endeavour to ascertain whether it is possible to obtain a copy of the letter requested by the honourable senator.

Hon. Mr. Pouliot: Thank you very much; and I will convey my thanks again when I get the letter.

PRIVATE BILLS

TRANS MOUNTAIN OIL PIPE LINE COMPANY—FIRST READING

Hon. Stanley S. McKeen presented Bill I, an Act respecting the Trans Mountain Oil Pipe Line Company.

The bill was read the first time.

The Hon. the Acting Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this bill be read the second time?

Hon. Mr. McKeen: Thursday next.

LIFE UNDERWRITERS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA—FIRST READING

Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck presented Bill J, an act respecting The Life Underwriters Association of Canada.

The bill was read the first time.

The Hon. the Acting Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this bill be read the second time?

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

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

MOTION FOR ADDRESS IN REPLY—DEBATE CONTINUED

The Senate resumed from Thursday, January 17, consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's speech at the opening of the session and the motion of Hon. Mr. Bois, seconded by Hon. Mr. Smith (Kamloops), for an Address in reply thereto.

Hon. Thomas Reid: Honourable senators, in rising to take part in the debate on the motion for an Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, I wish at the outset to commend most sincerely the speeches made by the mover and the seconder of the Address. I do not usually do this, but on the present occasion I feel I should. It is true that I did not follow the remarks of the mover (Hon. Mr. Bois) when he was addressing the house in French, but I made it a point to read the English translation and I want to tell him that in my opinion it was an excellent speech, particularly from the point of view of agriculture. The honourable senator went into a great deal of detail and I would commend the information to any honourable senator who wishes to take the time to read it. It would be worth while for anyone's future reference.

Also I am sure I express the sentiment of the whole house when I say that the seconder, the new senator from Kamloops (Hon. Mr. Smith), made a splendid impression. He relied on his own spoken remarks, for he had no written speech before him, and in my opinion this is all to the good. May I say to him, in all kindness, that it was nice of him to make references to me, but he had no need to apologize for doing so. I enjoyed his remarks on the proposed "Pink Salmon Treaty" very much, and I can assure him that he will hear lots about that subject before this session is over, for I expect to make quite a lengthy speech on the salmon industry and the dangers facing us in British Columbia from the great financial concerns out there which would like to grab or steal the last heritages we have left. I am particularly glad to welcome the honourable senator to the group of supporters of the salmon fisheries, because in that part of the country where he lives, or just beyond it, the people, if I guess aright, are more interested in industry than in salmon. Sometimes I have occasion to go up through that part of the country, and I speak to many people in the separate localities, and they say, "Oh, we are not interested in salmon, we