

PRIVATE BILL

THE TRUSTEE BOARD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA—SECOND READING

Hon. John J. Kinley, for Hon. Mr. Paterson, moved the second reading of Bill S-8, respecting The Trustee Board of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

He said: Honourable senators, this is a bill to amend chapter 64 of the Statutes of Canada, 1939. Its purpose is to clarify the powers of The Trustee Board of the Presbyterian Church in Canada with respect to the investment of funds, the retention of property, the arrangement of pensions for ministers, employees, and so on, and to clarify references in the act to the chief executive and administrative body of the said church.

For the most part these amendments deal with internal economy and administration, and I believe it would be salutary were the details explained in committee. For that reason, if the bill receives second reading now I shall ask that it be referred to the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

Motion agreed to and bill read second time.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. Kinley: Honourable senators, the question arises as to whether this bill should be referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills or the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce. As I have already mentioned, it deals with financial matters and pensions. I believe it is intended to have the Inspector of Insurance appear before the committee, as he has had something to do with the preparation of the bill. Therefore, I move that it be referred to the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Kinley, bill referred to the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

DIVORCE

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ADOPTED

The Senate proceeded to consideration of the reports of the Standing Committee on Divorce, Nos. 307 to 348, which were presented yesterday.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Roebuck, Chairman of the committee, reports adopted.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 3 p.m.