

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

JUDGES ACT

MEASURE TO GRANT IMMEDIATE ANNUITY TO JUSTICE MORAND

Hon. Bud Cullen (for the Minister of Justice) moved that Bill C-33, to authorize the granting of an immediate annuity to the Honourable Mr. Justice Donald Raymond Morand, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

Mr. Claude-André Lachance (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce Bill C-33, an act to authorize the granting of an immediate annuity to the Honourable Mr. Justice Donald Raymond Morand.

The purpose of introducing this piece of legislation is to allow Mr. Justice Morand to resign with an annuity from his position as a member of the high court of justice for Ontario and be appointed as ombudsman for the province of Ontario. This is done to accommodate the province and Mr. Justice Morand.

I have spoken to other House leaders and it is my understanding that there is a disposition to give unanimous consent to immediate passage of this bill through all three readings without debate. I might add that I wish to thank my colleagues opposite for their anticipated co-operation in this matter.

Mr. Walter Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, the first thing I should like to do in agreeing with this suggestion and giving consent is to congratulate the province of Ontario for being able to entice such a distinguished jurist to leave the bench and take over the very difficult position of ombudsman. I think the government of Ontario has chosen well and I am sure experience will prove this to be true.

The second thing I should like to say is that this bill is quite appropriate. Discussions have taken place on this matter and it is the position of our party to accommodate the appointment by having this bill go through the House today in all stages without further debate.

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I thought the agreement was that there would be no debate.

[Translation]

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I am convinced that the parliamentary secretary did not want to mislead the House when he made those comments because there was unanimous consent to deal with the bill without debate. Anyhow, Mr. Speaker, since this side of the House, especially the Social Credit Party of Canada, is not empowered to enforce Standing Order 75A, B or C, I would like, as proof that we are good Canadians, to co-operate with the government of another province, even the province of Ontario, which wants to get a good ombudsman by appointing a

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magistrate as distinguished as Mr. Justice Morand. Under the circumstances, we will set an example for this parliament and all Canadians, because we are really seeking harmony; even if we could do some filibustering we will not do so. We will act as good Canadians and support that proposal to give Ontario the opportunity to appoint a fine ombudsman allowing its citizens through Mr. Justice Morand to obtain justice. We will thus give, Mr. Speaker, our unanimous consent.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I take it that the desire of the House would be to change the motion from a referral to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs to a committee of the whole House. Is it agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Agreed and so ordered. Mr. Cullen (for Mr. Lalonde) moves that Bill C-33, to authorize the granting of an immediate annuity to the Honourable Mr. Justice Donald Raymond Morand, be now read the second time and referred to a committee of the whole House.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and the House went into committee thereon, Mr. Laniel in the chair.

On Clause 1—*Governor in Council may grant annuity*

Mr. Peters: Mr. Chairman, in the Christmas spirit, in passing this annuity and allowing Mr. Justice Morand to become the ombudsman of Ontario, I hope that we as parliamentarians will ask him to give consideration to the lady who is out in front of this building as one of his first acts. Some consideration should obviously be given to her by parliament. She has become rather a fixture here and I as one member would like to see that fixture removed and eliminated.

[Translation]

Mr. Lavoie: Mr. Speaker, concerning what the hon. member opposite has just said, I would simply tell him that the ombudsman will not have to intervene because the lady in question is in my office right now. I will take care of this case myself.

[English]

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed, from Monday, December 18, consideration of Bill C-14, to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1971, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing