

In the face of inflation and the lowered interest-earning capacity of bonds, the United Church of Canada, in common with other religious and charitable institutions, has been confronted with the problem of making its funds meet the growing demands. The investments of the Church, which have been limited to trustee security bonds, are to be increased and extended in accordance with the authorization given under the Canadian and British Insurance Companies Act. The purpose is to improve the status of the pension fund.

The General Council of the United Church was authorized to make this application in 1948, and in this connection I may say that I hope this legislation will not come too late to give this organization an opportunity to improve its position. It frequently happens that circumstances change so suddenly that it is not possible to realize the full advantage to be gained.

If the house sees fit to give this bill second reading, I shall move that it be referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the second time.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. Lambert moved that the bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The motion was agreed to.

PRIVATE BILL

SECOND READING

Hon. W. M. Aseltine moved the second reading of Bill D, an Act to incorporate The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

He said: Honourable senators, this bill is to incorporate a religious society. The bill, which is a very simple one, has been approved by the Registrar and by the Law Clerk of the Senate. This church body is at present known as the Norwegian Lutheran Church of Canada. It has in this country approximately 80,000 members, most of whom reside in the four western provinces. The head office is at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the second time.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. Aseltine moved that the bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The motion was agreed to.

COMMITTEE OF SELECTION

CONCURRENCE IN REPORT

Hon. Mr. Hugessen moved that the report of the Committee of Selection be concurred in.

The motion was agreed to.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY

MESSAGE TO THE COMMONS

Hon. Mr. Robertson: Honourable senators, will leave, I now desire to move:

That a message be sent to the House of Commons by one of the Clerks at the Table, to inform that house that the Honourable the Speaker, the Honourable Senators Aseltine, Aylesworth (Sir Allen), Blais, Burke, Davis, Fallis, Gershaw, Gouin, Lambert, MacLennan, McDonald, Reid, Vien and Wilson have been appointed a committee to assist the Honourable the Speaker in the direction of the Library of Parliament, so far as the interests of the Senate are concerned, and to act on behalf of the Senate as members of a joint committee of both houses on the said library.

The motion was agreed to.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING

MESSAGE TO THE COMMONS

Hon. Mr. Robertson: Honourable senators, with leave, I move:

That a message be sent to the House of Commons by one of the Clerks at the Table, to inform that house that the Honourable Senators Barbour, Blais, Bouffard, Burke, Comeau, Davies, Dennis, Euler, Fallis, Isnor, Lacasse, Nicol, Paquet, Stambaugh, Stevenson, Turgeon and Wood have been appointed a committee to superintend the printing of the Senate during the present session, and to act on behalf of the Senate as members of a joint committee of both houses on the subject of the printing of parliament.

The motion was agreed to.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON RESTAURANT

MESSAGE TO THE COMMONS

Hon. Mr. Robertson: Honourable senators, with leave, I desire to move:

That a message be sent to the House of Commons by one of the Clerks at the Table, to inform that house that the Honourable the Speaker, the Honourable Senators Beaubien, Doone, Fallis, Haig, Howard and McLean have been appointed a committee to assist the Honourable the Speaker in the direction of the Restaurant of Parliament, so far as the interests of the Senate are concerned, and to act on behalf of the Senate as members of a joint committee of both houses on the said restaurant.

Hon. Mr. Haig: Honourable senators, I have always been a member of this committee, and while I do not intend to take any credit for myself, I want to say that the service in our restaurant and cafeteria has improved tremendously. In my opinion the food and service is especially good, and I think we should be very pleased with the