

Private Bills

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Applewhaite): Is that proposal agreeable to the house?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

SECOND READINGS—SENATE BILLS

Bill No. 258, for the relief of Audrey Joan Atkinson Hanson Hanson.—Mr. Henderson.

Bill No. 259, for the relief of Marie Eglantine Victoria Laurenza Gagne Holowaty.—Mr. Henderson.

Bill No. 260, for the relief of Barbara Helen Major Kaye.—Mr. Henderson.

Bill No. 261, for the relief of Hazel McJanet Thompson Stewart.—Mr. Henderson.

Bill No. 262, for the relief of Patricia Marion Cook Townsend.—Mr. Henderson.

Bill No. 263, for the relief of Helen Joan Franks Manley Sellen.—Mr. Henderson.

Bill No. 264, for the relief of Lily Kite Herscovitch.—Mr. Henderson.

Bill No. 265, for the relief of Mary Bagdonas Roselle.—Mr. Henderson.

Bill No. 267, for the relief of Marjorie Pennell Robinson.—Mr. Henderson.

Bill No. 268, for the relief of Joseph Henri Andre Lessard.—Mr. Henderson.

Bill No. 269, for the relief of Sheila Joan Mencher Morantz.—Mr. Henderson.

Bill No. 270, for the relief of Frances Marie Ware Ami.—Mr. Henderson.

Bill No. 271, for the relief of Shirley Field Schleider.—Mr. Henderson.

Bill No. 272, for the relief of Jeannine Cecile Marie Tessier Davies.—Mr. Henderson.

Bill No. 273, for the relief of Madeline McIasac Metayer.—Mr. Henderson.

Bill No. 274, for the relief of Gloria Ann Hazelton Stewart.—Mr. Henderson.

Bill No. 275, for the relief of Clifford Acland Barber.—Mr. Henderson.

Bill No. 276, for the relief of Hilda Louise Prewer Shaver.—Mr. Henderson.

Bill No. 277, for the relief of Gertrude Earle Bell.—Mr. Henderson.

Bill No. 278, for the relief of Leba Lee Black Lichtenstein.—Mr. Henderson.

Bill No. 279, for the relief of Helen Walker Seivewright Edwards.—Mr. Henderson.

Bill No. 280, for the relief of Gertrude Hayes Renaud.—Mr. Henderson.

Bill No. 281, for the relief of Isabell Jones Page.—Mr. Henderson.

Bill No. 282, for the relief of Joyce Burgess Lewis Cloutier.—Mr. Henderson.

Bill No. 283, for the relief of Marie Yvonne Blais Leger.—Mr. Henderson.

[Mr. Knowles.]

Bill No. 284, for the relief of Jeanne Fleury Touchette.—Mr. Henderson.

Bill No. 285, for the relief of Doris Cammy Lapkoff.—Mr. Henderson.

Bill No. 286, for the relief of Thea Anna May Laskowski.—Mr. Henderson.

Bill No. 287, for the relief of Thelma Barton Taylor McPhee.—Mr. Henderson.

Bill No. 288, for the relief of Olga Pritula Memi.—Mr. Henderson.

Bill No. 289, for the relief of Ethel Elizabeth Margaret Ritchie Campbell.—Mr. Henderson.

ARTHUR TELFORD BATES

Mr. John Hunter (for Mr. Henderson) moved the second reading of Bill No. 266, for the relief of Arthur Telford Bates.

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I should like to say just a few words with regard to Bill No. 266. Hon. members should be aware of the kind of job that we are sometimes called upon to undertake in view of the way in which these divorces come before parliament. As I understand it from first noting this case when it was listed in the *Canada Gazette* some time ago, the petitioner was listed as having his residence in San Francisco, California. His wife from whom he is seeking a divorce was listed as having her residence in Jacksonville, Florida. I must say that it struck me as rather strange that the parliament of Canada was being called upon to divorce people living in San Francisco, California, and Jacksonville, Florida.

I find also that they were married in Washington, D.C. They lived while they were together in various countries throughout the world, and more recently the wife has obtained a divorce in the state of Florida and has remarried and is living in that state.

I understand that the reason why this divorce comes before us is that, by one of those fine processes that only the lawyers can weave, the domicile of this petitioner is in the city of Montreal in the province of Quebec. It appears that this gentleman, though he has already been divorced by his wife according to the law of the state of Florida, wishes a Canadian divorce. It puzzles me a bit since in fact, he was married in the United States, but at any rate these are the facts of the case as set out in the evidence that has been communicated to us by the other place.

I must say in all fairness that Their Honours in the committee in the other place went into these angles to which I have referred and satisfied themselves that on a legal basis