

Proposed Legislation
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 54, STATUTES OF
 1947-48—VOLUNTARY REVOCABLE
 CHECK-OFF OF UNION DUES

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 3, to amend the Industrial Relations and Disputes Investigation Act (voluntary revocable check-off).

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Knowles: The purpose of this bill is to add a new subsection 3 to section 6 of the national labour code. The effect of this new subsection is to provide for the voluntary revocable check-off of trade union dues.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

DIVORCE JURISDICTION ACT

EXCHEQUER COURT TO HAVE JURISDICTION IN
 ACTIONS ORIGINATING IN QUEBEC AND
 NEWFOUNDLAND

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 4, to provide for the jurisdiction of the Exchequer Court of Canada in matters of divorce.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Knowles: This is the same bill I have introduced on previous occasions. Its purpose is to free parliament from the necessity of processing individual divorce cases, and at the same time to put an end to any agitation for the establishing of divorce courts in provinces where they are not wanted.

The bill simply transfers the hearing of Quebec and Newfoundland divorce petitions from parliament to the Exchequer Court of Canada. I should add, however, that it has in it the express provision that the Exchequer Court of Canada shall exercise its right to hear divorce cases only at the city of Ottawa.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

PROVISION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION ON ACCOUNT
 OF RACE, CREED OR COLOUR

Mrs. Ellen L. Fairclough (Hamilton West) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 5, to promote fair employment practices in Canada.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mrs. Fairclough: This is the same bill which was introduced and received first reading at the last session. Its intention is to provide

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legislation which will be of an anti-discriminatory nature.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

**CANADIAN NATIONAL-CANADIAN
 PACIFIC ACT**

REPORT TO PARLIAMENT TO GIVE INFORMATION
 CONCERNING CO-OPERATIVE PROJECTS

Hon. Alphonse Fournier (for the Minister of Transport) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 6, to amend the Canadian National-Canadian Pacific Act, 1933.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Fournier (Hull): The purpose of the amendment is to provide that the annual report submitted to parliament by the directors of the Canadian National Railways shall contain a separate section giving, in a summary manner, information concerning co-operative projects.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

MARITIME FREIGHT RATES ACT

AMENDMENT WITH RESPECT TO WESTBOUND
 RAIL AND LAKE TRAFFIC

Hon. Alphonse Fournier (for the Minister of Transport) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 7, to amend the Maritime Freight Rates Act.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Fournier (Hull): The purpose of the amendment is to confirm the present practice of the Board of Transport Commissioners for Canada and the railways which gives the benefit of the Maritime Freight Rates Act to westbound traffic moving rail and lake, and also rail, lake and rail, from points on eastern lines.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

NORTH FRASER HARBOUR COMMISSION

AMENDMENT OF ACT TO PROVIDE FOR TWO
 ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONERS, ETC.

Hon. Alphonse Fournier (for the Minister of Transport) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 8, to amend the North Fraser Harbour Commissioners Act.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Fournier (Hull): Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this amendment is to provide for appointment by the governor in council of two additional commissioners, and also to provide for the payment of the remuneration of the commissioners out of harbour revenues.