

*Business of the House***BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**

SUMMER ADJOURNMENT—MOTION TO RESUME  
ON SEPTEMBER 30.

**Mr. Eric A. Winkler (Grey-Bruce)** moved the second reading of and concurrence in amendments made by the Senate to Bill No. C-93, authorizing the Senate of Canada to dissolve or annul marriages.

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I suggest we hesitate a moment. I think there are consultations that might lead to an acceptable consequential amendment.

**Mr. Arnold Peters (Timiskaming):** Mr. Speaker, the five amendments made in the other place this afternoon are ones with which we are pleased to agree, with one change. The change would be in the fourth recommendation, on page 2, line 11, and I move, seconded by Mr. Knowles:

Page 2 lines 11 to 21 inclusive. Strike out clause 3 and substitute the following:

3. The Senate shall adopt a resolution for the dissolution or annulment of a marriage only upon referring the petition therefor to an officer of the Senate, designated by the Speaker of the Senate, who shall hear evidence, and report thereon, but such officer shall not recommend that a marriage be dissolved or annulled except on a ground on which a marriage could be dissolved or annulled, as the case may be, under the laws of England as they existed on the 15th day of July, 1870, or under the Marriage and Divorce Act, chapter 176 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952.

**Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, I am given to understand that the amendment proposed by the hon. member for Timiskaming (Mr. Peters) would probably be acceptable in another place. It seems to me, and such advice as I have been able to receive suggests that it is an improvement on the amendment suggested by the Senate. Speaking for myself I would hope that the house might see fit to accept the suggestion of the hon. member for amending the Senate amendment and sending it back to Their Honours in the hope that this matter might be finally determined before the royal assent tonight.

**Mr. Winkler:** I think that the manner in which it has been presented is absolutely correct, and I agree that we proceed in this manner, especially now that we have the assurance by the Secretary of State, who has more influence in another quarter than I do.

Amendment agreed to.

Motion as amended agreed to, amendments read the second time and concurred in.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** I do not know, sir, whether I would be regarded as a Simon Legree; however, I see the Minister of Labour is not here. I was going to suggest that we take his resolution.

**Mr. Churchill:** Suspend the sitting.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Mr. Speaker, before we suspend the sitting I would like to make a motion governing the time of adjournment so that it would not have to be done when we come back from the other place. If that is agreeable to the house I move, seconded by Mr. Denis:

That when this house adjourns later today, it stand adjourned until Monday, September 30, 1963 at 2.30 o'clock p.m., provided always that if it appears to the satisfaction of Mr. Speaker after consultation with Her Majesty's government that the public interest requires that the house should meet at an earlier time during the adjournment, Mr. Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied and thereupon the house shall meet at the time stated in such notice and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time.

This, I may say, is the form of words that has been used on certain other occasions when the house was somewhat apprehensive that there might be a need to meet before the set date of adjournment. I think it is within the knowledge of all hon. members that the statement made yesterday by the Minister of Labour indicated this was a contingency of which the house should take account in taking its adjournment.

**Mr. Knowles:** Perhaps it should be clear, Mr. Speaker, that we could be called back earlier for any contingency that might satisfy Mr. Speaker, and not just for the one the minister mentioned.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Far be it from me, sir, to presume to say what would satisfy Your Honour.

Motion agreed to.

**Mr. Speaker:** May I suggest, if there is no more business, that we suspend the sitting upon the call of the Chair and the ringing of the bells. But before we do that, in the best tradition of the house may I congratulate all hon. members upon the good work they have been doing for many weeks, the rather difficult problems faced, the hot weather endured, the dehydration suffered; and with the idea of trying to repair some of the damage may I have the pleasure of inviting all members of the House of Commons and of the press to join with me in room 16 just as soon as possible.

At 9.26 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

SITTING RESUMED

The house resumed at 10.15 p.m.

**THE ROYAL ASSENT**

**Mr. Speaker:** I have the honour to inform the house that I have received the following communication: