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## HOUSE OF COMMONS

## OF CANADA

OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 2nd MARCH, 1961.

2.30 o'clock p.m.

## PRAYERS.

Two petitions for Private Bills were presented in accordance with Standing Order 70(1).

Mr. Grenier, from the Joint Committee on Indian Affairs, presented the First Report of the said Committee, which was read as follows:

Your Committee recommends that 9 of its members constitute a quorum, provided that both Houses are represented.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Mr. Grenier, seconded by Mr. McGee, the said Report was concurred in.

Miss Aitken, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented the Fifth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:

Pursuant to its Orders of Reference of February 7th and 10th, 1961, this Committee has considered the following petitions for Private Bills filed after the time specified in Standing Order 93, together with the reports of the Clerk of Petitions of February 7th and 9th, 1961.

1. *Petition of Thérèse Binsse HASTINGS—Divorce*

Counsel contended that, as the petitioner presently is residing in France, delays were experienced in securing her signature and returning the petition to this country. The Montreal lawyer further delayed filing as he erroneously believed that all papers must be served on the parties concerned before the petition could be filed. These points were supported by an affidavit filed with the Committee.