

Introduction of Bills

less than 30 seconds. We agree to that. However, I understood that the Saltfish Bill was being called next. Am I wrong in that regard?

Mr. Evans: Mr. Speaker, there was some discussion on saltfish. At this point we would like to call the Miscellaneous Statutory Amendments Bill for introduction. Consent must be had at this point just to get this Bill taken care of.

Mr. Nickerson: Mr. Speaker, I understood there was consent to allow me to make a 60-second speech on this Bill on second reading.

Miss Campbell: Mr. Speaker, what comes after that 60 second speech? Not Bill C-57, I take it, which is the saltfish Act?

Mr. McGrath: One step at a time.

Miss Campbell: I just want some clarification. The Order Paper shows Bill C-57, the Saltfish Act. We are now being asked to proceed to the Miscellaneous Statutes Bill. What comes next?

Mr. Evans: Mr. Speaker, I was under the impression that the Government would call the order as it saw fit, if there was agreement. I believe there is agreement among the House leaders to call the Miscellaneous Statutory Amendments Act now and follow that with Bill C-56, and then with the other legislation on the Order Paper.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The House has heard the proposal put forward by the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary. Is it agreed?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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STATUTES OF CANADA

MEASURE TO CORRECT—ANOMALIES, INCONSISTENCIES, ARCHAISMS AND ERRORS

Hon. D. M. Collenette (for the Minister of Justice) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-58, an Act to correct certain anomalies, inconsistencies, archaisms and errors, and to deal with other matters of a non-controversial and uncomplicated nature in the Statutes of Canada.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that the Hon. Minister shall have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: When shall the Bill be read a second time?

Some Hon. Members: Now.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: By unanimous consent, now.

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Mr. Collenette, seconded by Mr. Whelan, moved that Bill C-58, an Act to correct certain anomalies, inconsistencies, archaisms and errors, and to deal with other matters of an uncontroversial nature in the Statutes of Canada be now read a second time and by unanimous consent, referred to a Committee of the Whole House.

Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic): Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank both the Government and the opposition House leaders for the opportunity to make a few brief remarks. Clause 54 of this Bill amends the constitution of the Northwest Territories and therefore deserves not to go unrecognized. Section 11(2) of the Northwest Territories Act is to be repealed. This has been done with all-Party consent at the request of the legislative assembly of the Northwest Territories, made by way of a unanimously supported resolution in September, 1983. This Section is an archaism which dates back to the time when the capital of the Northwest Territories was in Ottawa. It was moved to Yellowknife in 1968, and this section, which required that one session of the legislature each year be held outside of the capital, is now redundant.

On a future occasion Section 11(5) also ought to be repealed. This Section presently specifies that a majority constitutes a quorum of the legislature. The Legislative Assembly has unanimously requested, and in my opinion ought to have, the right to set its own quorum as is the case in every provincial legislature in Canada. Clause 54 also changes the word "Eskimo" to the word "Inuit" wherever it occurs in the Northwest Territories Act. This is done in keeping with modern preferences. The people of the North will be pleased with this small step toward their constitutional future.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the second time and the House went into Committee thereon. Mr. Corbin in the chair.

The Chairman: Clauses 2 to 4 inclusive agreed to.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Mr. Chairman, you can call all the Clauses. We are prepared to consent to all clauses in the Bill and the schedule.

Mr. Deans: We also agree, keeping in mind that we want to deal with the tobacco farmers' Bill today before four o'clock.

Mr. Evans: Certainly with the agreement of the Government you can proceed that way because we, too, want to take care of the needs of the tobacco farmers.

Clauses 5 to 79 inclusive agreed to.

Schedules agreed to.

Clause 1 agreed to.