

sual in ordinary cases. I certainly think the House ought not to sustain the report of my hon. friend. It is with some surprise I heard the proposition, and I think it was rather a shock to the feelings of this House to be asked to extend the time for receiving petitions for divorce a whole month. It is an intimation to outsiders that they can come at any time, in defiance of our rules, and petition for divorces.

HON. MR. GOWAN—All outsiders will know that at least six months' notice must be given and notice published six months in the *Gazette*, and consequently no other cases could come up this session. A shorter extension was spoken of in the first place, but a longer period was thought better, in view of possible contingencies.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—I was not in favour, myself, of the extension which was agreed to by the committee, but it appeared to the majority that some of the petitioners had conformed to the requirements of the rules, but in consequence of the members being away their petitions had not been brought before us. Therefore, we felt some further time should be given to those parties who are prepared to come before Parliament to have their cases heard. It is unfortunate the Senate decided on such a long adjournment. This is one illustration of the unfortunate position in which we place ourselves by taking these long adjournments. We place litigants at a serious disadvantage when we are not here to attend to the public business.

The Senate divided on the motion, which was agreed to by the following vote:—

CONTENTS :

Hon. Messrs.

Abbott,	McInnes (Victoria),
Allan,	McKay,
Almon,	McKindsey,
Botsford,	McMillan,
Boulton,	Macdonald (Victoria),
Boyd,	MacInnes (Burlington),
Carling,	Merner,
Casgrain,	Miller,
Clemow,	Montgomery,
Dever,	Odell,
Dickey,	Ogilvie,
Glasier,	Read,
Gowan,	Reesor,
Grant,	Smith,
Lewin,	Snowball,
Lougheed,	Sullivan,
McCallum,	Sutherland,
McClelan,	Wark.—36.

NON-CONTENTS :

Hon. Messrs.

Armand,	Macdonald (P.E.I.),
Baillargeon,	Macfarlane,
Bellerose,	Montplaisir,
Bolduc,	Power,
Boucherville, de,	Prowse,
Chaffers,	Robitaille,
DeBlois,	Ross,
Girard,	Scott,
Guévremont,	Stevens.—19.
McDonald (C.B.),	

BILL INTRODUCED.

Bill (G) "An Act for better securing the safety of certain fishermen." (Hon. Mr. Power.)

EX-SPEAKERS APPOINTED PRIVY COUNCILLORS.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—I have great pleasure in announcing to the House that upon the re-assembling of this House after the vacation, and in pursuance of the action of the Government with regard to appointing ex-Speakers Privy Councillors, the following members of the Senate, ex-Speakers, have this day been sworn in:—Messrs. Botsford, Miller and Allan.

'It is with the greatest possible pain and regret that I have to communicate the following bulletin, which I have just received from Dr. Powell, dated an hour ago:—"Sir John Macdonald is gradually sinking. The time of the end it is impossible to foresee, but in my humble judgment it cannot be very long postponed."

HON. MR. MILLER—What course does the hon. leader propose to adopt?

HON. MR. ABBOTT—I cannot say now. I propose that we shall go on with the business for the present.

THE COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE.

MOTION.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—I propose to place upon the committees the names of the hon. gentlemen who have lately been appointed senators, and I have endeavoured to cause them to replace their predecessors on those committees. In furtherance of that course, I move:

That the name of the Honourable Mr. Macdonald (P.E.I.) be added to the following Select Committees, viz.:—Joint Committee of both Houses on the Library of Parliament; also, the Joint Committee of both