

and technical advisers as may be necessary for the purpose of the inquiry;

That the committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to examine witnesses, to report from time to time, to print such papers and evidence from day to day as may be ordered by the committee, to sit during sittings and adjournments of the Senate, and to adjourn from place to place;

That the papers and evidence received and taken on the subject in the preceding session be referred to the Committee; and

That the committee be composed of the honourable Senators Aird, Belisle, Blois, Bourget, Cameron, Carter, Desruisseaux, Giguère, Grosart, Haig, Hays, Kinnear, Lamontagne, Lang, Leonard, McGrand, Nichol, O'Leary, Phillips (*Prince*), Robichaud, Sullivan, Thompson and Yuzyk.

Hon. J. Campbell Haig: Honourable senators, I wish to move an amendment to paragraph 3, in the third line thereof. After the word "committee" add the following words: "notwithstanding Rule 76, subsection (4)". That will avoid discussion of the amendments.

An Hon. Senator: What is the meaning of the amendment?

Hon. Mr. Haig: According to Rule 3:

Any rule, or part thereof, may be suspended without notice by leave of the Senate, the rule or part thereof proposed to be suspended being distinctly stated.

We are suspending rule 76, subsection (4) and we are stating it in the motion.

Some Hon. Senators: Agreed.

The Hon. the Speaker: The question now is on the amendment to the main motion. Is it your pleasure, honourable senators, to adopt the amendment?

Some Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Motion agreed to and amendment adopted.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, is it your pleasure to adopt the main motion as amended?

Some Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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DIVORCE

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE

Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck moved pursuant to notice:

That notwithstanding the coming into force of the new Rules of the Senate on August 1, 1969, and notwithstanding the repeal, on November 19, 1968, of paragraph (ff) of the then Rule 23 and of the then Rules 153 to 195, both inclusive, being Part IV of the then Rules, and of the forms subjoined thereto, any petition of the dissolution or annulment of a marriage filed under the Dissolution and Annulment of Marriage Act before the coming into force of the Divorce Act and not disposed of when the latter Act came into force shall continue to be dealt with and disposed of in accordance with the Rules and forms specifically mentioned above, as if paragraph 7 of the Third Report of the Special Committee of the Senate on the Rules of the Senate, adopted by the Senate on November 19, 1968, were still in force; and,

That for the aforementioned purposes, the Standing Committee on Divorce shall be deemed to be continued in operation and to have been reconstituted as it was constituted prior to the prorogation of the preceding session.

He said: Honourable senators, I should make a very short explanation. I certainly cannot compete with my predecessor in motions in the magnificent speech that he has made. I have only two or three comments to make by way of explaining why it is necessary to continue the Divorce Committee for a short time.

We have nine cases, the evidence in which has been heard during the recess and which in a few days will be laid before the Divorce Committee. If passed by the Divorce Committee, resolutions will be presented in this chamber. If we pass those resolutions, then there will be a 30-day waiting period in which the parties, or any of them, may move for a petition for a bill of divorce setting aside our resolution.

We have an appeal of that kind in hand at the moment, and very shortly we will move for a committee to hear the evidence in the appeal. So you see it is necessary to keep the former committee alive for a time at least.

When I make a motion in connection with the nine cases, I expect to make some comments of interest with regard to statistics