

health plan came into being in 1958. But there has been constant debate, negotiations, turmoil and even friction, and the doctors there have gathered into a group and are constantly bickering with the Government. This is not a desirable state of affairs.

As regards costs, when it was first brought in there it was thought it would cost \$480 million, but instead it is costing \$2,800 million at the present time.

In closing let me say a few words about the scheme in Alberta, which started in 1963. Under that scheme one can insure with any carrier one likes, but there is a law which says that carriers may only collect a certain premium, which is limited. The Government looks after that. There are about 1,400,000 people there and 1,100,000 have protection at the present time. Of course the Government provides medical attention to those who qualify under the Old Age Assistance Act or who are in receipt of any pension, if they need the help. They also have a plan by which if you have no income tax to pay they will pay 80 per cent of your premium. If your income on which you pay tax is \$500 or less, they pay 50 per cent; and if your income on which you pay tax is up to \$1,000 a year, they will pay 25 per cent. They are also helping out in the payment of chiropractors and optometrists and such people.

Before concluding let me put this statement on the record. The Canadian Medical Association, Alberta Division, said recently:

We sincerely believe that the Alberta Plan insures a high quality of medical care while preserving for the individual citizen the important principle of freedom and responsibility.

I have been unable to find out how much demand there is for medicare, but I know there is a great demand for educational facilities. As Dr. Sullivan has said, there is a great demand for mental health requirements and education, and there should be more inquiry into the cause and treatment of heart disease, the cause and treatment of cancer and pneumonia and the cause of accidents, because these are the captains of the men of death, and research is needed. Research brings more knowledge in the ways of preserving good health and it brings more ways of preventing disease. It brings more happiness, more accomplishments and more good to the whole of your country.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Phillips, debate adjourned.

## DIVORCE

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ADOPTED

The Senate proceeded to consideration of reports of the Standing Committee on Divorce Nos. 910 to 1041, inclusive, which were presented yesterday.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Roebuck, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Divorce, reports adopted on division.

### RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED

Leave having been given to revert to Presentation of Petitions:

**Hon. Mr. Roebuck**, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Divorce, presented the following resolutions:

Resolution 891, for the relief of William Peter Reid.

Resolution 892, for the relief of Marie Thérèse Fernande Brais Archambault.

Resolution 893, for the relief of Mary Renee Frenette Menard.

Resolution 894, for the relief of James Hubert Carlin McMahon.

Resolution 895, for the relief of Joseph Jacques Girard.

Resolution 896, for the relief of Odette Ladouceur Mathieu.

Resolution 897, for the relief of Adrienne Landry Fournier.

Resolution 898, for the relief of Donna Audrey Joyce Heckman Gleason.

Resolution 899, for the relief of Doris May Lillian Brabant Tessier.

Resolution 900, for the relief of Helmut Hubert Hermes.

Resolution 901, for the relief of Rebekah Naomi Paltiel Lowi.

Resolution 902, for the relief of Joseph Ulric André Gagné.

Resolution 903, for the relief of Evdokia Argyriadou Halivelakis.

Resolution 904, for the relief of Anna Lazar Baron.

Resolution 905, for the relief of Marie Cécile Martel Lavoie.

Resolution 906, for the relief of Nicole Le Petrie Denis.

Resolution 907, for the relief of Sheila Louise Hayes Shepherd.

Resolution 908, for the relief of Freda Beatrice Cooper Stutt.

Resolution 909, for the relief of Edith O'Sullivan Hack Johansson.