

*Private Bills*

**Mr. Ian Grant Wahn (St. Paul's):** Mr. Speaker pursuant to standing order 75, by unanimous consent I move, seconded by Mr. Moreau:

That Bills SD-252 to SD-356, both inclusive, reported this day by the standing committee on miscellaneous private bills, be placed on the order paper for consideration by the committee of the whole later this day immediately after order No. 1 on private bills.

Motion agreed to.

GOOD NEWS BROADCASTING ASSOCIATION  
OF CANADA

On the order:

Private bills—Consideration of Bill S-15, an act to incorporate the Good News Broadcasting Association of Canada.—Mr. Enns.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Mr. Speaker, I believe the understanding that was reached at four o'clock was that the first bills that would be taken would be the divorce bills to be followed by any other private bills to which the house was willing to agree.

Order stands.

DIVORCE BILLS

The house in committee on Bills Nos. SD-252 to SD-356 inclusive, Mr. Lamoureux in the chair.

On clauses 1—*Marriage dissolved*.

**Mr. Peters:** Mr. Chairman, as these bills were not before us the other day and because of the fact they have been before parliament on previous occasions, can the chairman of the standing committee assure us that the committee has checked to see whether there are affidavits of the current session indicating that these parties still want to proceed with the divorce actions? Also, could he inform the house whether or not notices have been sent informing these people that if they wish to contest these cases they may do so?

**Mr. Wahn:** Mr. Chairman, we received the usual report from the other place that the usual affidavits have been received, that these bills we are now dealing with are completely regular, that the petitioners wish to proceed and that there has been no change since they were originally considered in the other place. The committee considered these bills this afternoon and considered the bills to be completely in order.

**Mr. Peters:** We are not objecting to them, but I believe there will be other bills. It is very important that when we are finally disposing of these bills we do not make any mistake by divorcing someone who does not wish to be divorced or someone who is dead

[Mr. Asselin (Notre Dame de Grace).]

or something of that nature. The committee might feel that this could not possibly happen, but it can. Without this assurance from the committee we are taking a great deal for granted. I only hope that parliament will have the power to remedy any mistake that is made in this regard. It really would not matter to someone who was deceased, but if someone intended to contest a divorce and notice had not been given, I think we might run into some difficulty.

Clauses agreed to.

Preambles agreed to.

Titles agreed to.

Bills reported, and read the third time and passed.

CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE—THIRD READINGS

Bill No. S-26, respecting Co-operative Fire and Casualty Company—Mr. Granger.

Bill No. S-35, respecting the Crown Life Insurance Company—Mr. Addison.

Bill No. S-30, respecting the Monarch Life Assurance Company—Mrs. Konantz.

Bill No. S-31, respecting The Canadian Manufacturers' Association—Mr. Wahn.

Bill No. S-33, respecting The Canada Accident and Fire Assurance Company—Mr. Asselin (Notre Dame de Grace).

Bill No. S-34, respecting The National Life Assurance Company of Canada—Mr. Asselin (Notre Dame de Grace).

DIVORCE

AUTHORIZATION FOR SENATE TO DISSOLVE OR  
ANNUL MARRIAGES—CONCURRENCE IN  
SENATE AMENDMENTS

**Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, I am informed that Bill No. C-93 has been returned from the other place with certain amendments proposed from that place, which Your Honour communicated to us earlier this evening. It was no part of the agreement reached at four o'clock this afternoon that we should consider this matter, and therefore I feel I should ask whether the house is prepared at this time to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Is it agreed?

**Mr. Eric A. Winkler (Grey-Bruce):** Mr. Speaker, on the basis of the consultation that has taken place I would suggest that we proceed with the bill as it has been sent back amended to the house.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Is that agreed?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.