

which are quite far reaching. But the important point in my opinion is that the producer of leaf tobacco now realizes that it is necessary for him to improve his product in order to satisfy the trade, because all consumers today are quality conscious. It is for that reason that he wants the act extended to include leaf tobacco. As I say, I understand every province has authority to pass such legislation with respect to any agricultural product consumed within the province, but if it is to be sold in the inter-provincial or export trade it is necessary to have the product covered by the general federal legislation.

I am quite prepared to go along with honourable senators who feel that this measure should be referred to a committee, but I do not think we should lose sight of the fact that it is the producers themselves who want to sell a better product. The consumers also have asked for a better product, and surely we ought to be in a position to help them to get it.

It is true that the act has not been proclaimed, and that there may be certain features of it which do not recommend proclamation, but we are not interfering with the principle of the act. By the passage of this amendment we shall only be including in the act a product which the producers want included. I am wholly prepared to support the amendment.

Hon. Thomas Reid: Honourable senators, may I say one word about this measure? I remember well when the original bill was before us many of us objected to the handing over of the powers proposed by that bill. Many of us felt that the request for the legislation did not come entirely from the growers of the products or the producers of eggs, but from certain officials. The very fact that the act has not been proclaimed would lead me to believe that the growers, or those affected, have not seriously asked that the legislation be put in force. So far as I know, no strong representations have come from the growers or producers. We have always had legislation providing for inspection of eggs and poultry, but not with the powers contained in this legislation. One has to have the statute before him to realize the full import of it.

For these reasons I am very glad that this bill is to be referred to a committee. There will be more questions asked at that time, because I for one was not satisfied when the original bill was before this house.

Motion agreed to and bill read second time.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. Choquette: Honourable senators, I move that the bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Natural Resources.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: May I ask the Leader of the Government whether he would consider having the committee meet to consider this bill ten days hence?

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: I think it would be better for the committee to meet tomorrow and decide at that time how far it wants to go. The committee could adjourn after its meeting tomorrow to some later date and not report the bill until it completed its investigation. In that way the public would have notice of the fact that the committee was meeting on this bill, and if any representations are to be made by the producers of the product in question they could make arrangements to come and be heard.

For those reasons, I suggest the committee should get started on its work tomorrow.

Motion agreed to.

DIVORCE

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ADOPTED

The Senate proceeded to consideration of reports of the Standing Committee on Divorce Nos. 82 to 126, which were presented yesterday.

Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck, Chairman of the committee, moved that the reports be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

BILLS—SECOND READINGS

Hon. Mr. Roebuck moved the second reading of the following bills:

Bill SD-28, for the relief of Therese Beau-doin Girard.

Bill SD-29, for the relief of Dorothy Elizabeth Nairn Anderson Bloodsworth.

Bill SD-30, for the relief of Anne Marie Mathilde Vautelet Gagnier.

Bill SD-31, for the relief of William Leonard Mugford.

Bill SD-32, for the relief of James Clancy.

Bill SD-33, for the relief of Marjorie June Gabrielson Trainor.

Bill SD-34, for the relief of Kathleen Mitchell Cabana.

Bill SD-35, for the relief of Fernande Leduc Clarke.

Bill SD-36, for the relief of Ann Westwater Murphy.

Bill SD-37, for the relief of Gaynor Jenkins Douglas.