

THE SENATE

Tuesday, January 17, 1956

The Senate met at 8 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

Routine proceedings.

DIVORCE

PETITIONS

Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Divorce, presented a number of petitions for divorce.

He said: Honourable senators, I may say that, with these petitions, there are now 266 cases for trial at this session.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. Roebuck presented the committee's reports Nos. 1 to 3 and moved that they be taken into consideration at the next sitting.

COMMITTEE QUORUM—AUTHORITY TO SIT DURING SENATE ADJOURNMENTS AND TO APPOINT SUBCOMMITTEES

Report No. 1 was read by the Clerk Assistant as follows:

1. Your committee recommends that their quorum be reduced to three members for all purposes, including the taking of evidence upon oath by the committee or any subcommittee as to the matters set forth in petitions for bills of divorce.

2. Your committee also recommends that leave be given them to sit during all adjournments of the Senate, and also during sittings of the Senate.

3. Your committee further recommends that authority be granted for the appointment of as many subcommittees as deemed necessary by the committee for the purpose of hearing and inquiring into such petitions for divorce as may be referred to them by the Committee on Divorce. The subcommittee in each case to report their findings to the main committee.

APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO WITHDRAW PETITIONS

The committee's reports Nos. 2 and 3 recommended that applications for leave to withdraw two petitions for divorce be granted, and that in each case the parliamentary fees paid under Rule 140 be refunded to the petitioner, less the sum of \$25 to apply on costs, including printing and translation costs.

These reports were severally read by the Clerk Assistant.

The motion that the three reports be taken into consideration tomorrow was agreed to.

CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP BILL

FIRST READING

Hon. W. Ross Macdonald presented Bill B, an Act to amend the Canadian Citizenship Act.

The bill was read the first time.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this bill be read the second time?

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: With leave, next sitting.

POST OFFICE BILL

FIRST READING

Hon. Mr. Macdonald presented Bill C, an Act to amend the Post Office Act.

The bill was read the first time.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this bill be read the second time?

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: With leave, next sitting.

PRIVATE BILL

CANADIAN UNION CONFERENCE CORPORATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS—REFUND OF FEES

Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck: Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate I move:

That the parliamentary fees paid upon the Bill (Y-12) of the last session, intituled: "An Act to incorporate The Canadian Union Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists", be refunded to the petitioners, less printing and translation costs.

He said: Honourable senators will remember that at the last session we passed a bill to incorporate The Canadian Union Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists. The applicants neglected then to ask for the refund of fees usually given with respect to measures on behalf of religious bodies of this kind.

The motion was agreed to.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

MOTION FOR ADDRESS IN REPLY—DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate proceeded to consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's Speech at the opening of the Third Session of the Twenty-second Parliament.

Hon. Jean-Francois Pouliot moved:

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General of Canada:

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Vincent Massey, Member of the Order of the Companions of Honour, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada. May Please Your Excellency: