

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, December 12, 1963.

Pursuant to adjournment and notice the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills met this day at 10.00 A.M.

*Present:* The Honourable Senators Bouffard, *Chairman*; Belisle, Farris, Horner, Macdonald (Cape Breton), Pouliot and Stambaugh. 7.

*In attendance:* Mr. E. Russell Hopkins, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel, the Senate. The Official Reporters of the Senate.

Bill S-32, An Act to amend the Marriage and Divorce Act, was further considered.

In reply to the invitation of the Committee to appear and present her views on the Bill, the Honourable Claire Kirkland-Casgrain, Minister without Portfolio of the Province of Quebec, expressed her regrets at not being able to attend the meeting this day.

Mr. E. Russell Hopkins, who had prepared a brief, was questioned by the Honourable Senator Pouliot, sponsor of the Bill. The Honourable Senator Bouffard, Chairman of the Committee, read the conclusion stated in the brief and it was resolved to print, as Appendix "E", the said brief.

After discussion, it was agreed, unanimously, that this would be the last meeting for this Session. At the beginning of a new Session this Bill will be re-introduced, and, as and when the Committee sits again on the said Bill, the Attorney-General of each province will be invited to appear and give his opinion on the said Bill.

At 11.45 A.M. the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chairman.

Attest.

Gerard Lemire,  
*Clerk of the Committee.*