

only be withdrawn by that member. The hon. member for Mégantic is not in the house at this time.

Mr. Wahn: Mr. Speaker, I believe the hon. member for Mégantic left instructions with another hon. member to consent to the withdrawal of the amendment, if that is permitted.

[Translation]

Mr. Gauthier: No, Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Mégantic (Mr. Langlois) has not mentioned it to me.

[English]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. I think the hon. member for Timiskaming has already objected.

Mr. Peters: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Wahn: I have no objection to adopting the suggestion that we now proceed with item No. 6.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it agreed that item No. 1 shall stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it agreed that item No. 2 shall stand?

Mr. Cameron (High Park): Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to allow this item to stand on the same terms, that there will only be a short debate lasting not more than a few minutes. If the hon. member has made some arrangement I am prepared to allow my bill to stand and to be taken up in its proper order during the next private members' hour. I object to this procedure on any other basis.

Mr. Howard: Mr. Speaker, I think some confusion has developed as a result of calling the individual items. I think that by unanimous consent we have bypassed these items and the only way we can return to them is by unanimous consent. I think we should proceed with item No. 6, second reading of Bill S-41. At the conclusion of our consideration of that bill we should return to item No. 1 and the others in the appropriate order.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I will accept the suggestion made by the hon. member. However, in respect of item No. 4 we should have unanimous consent. Does the house give unanimous consent to standing item No. 4?

Mr. Wahn: I agree as long as it does not lose its position on the order paper.

Private Bills

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is the house agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Does the house give unanimous consent to the suggestion that we now proceed with item No. 6 on the order paper?

Mr. Cameron (High Park): I agree on the basis I have put forward.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

LA SOCIÉTÉ DES ARTISANS

Mr. Rosaire Gendron (Rivière-du-Loup-Témiscouata) moved the second reading of Bill No. S-41, respecting La Société des Artisans.

He said:

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, I want first to thank the house for its courtesy and the sponsors of the various bills which had priority over mine, for their indulgence, I shall not over-tax their patience.

The purpose of this bill respecting La Société des Artisans, which is a fraternal benefit society, is first to enable it to use the terms appearing in the Canadian and British Insurance Companies Act, that is: fraternal benefit society.

The second amendment seeks the authorization to reinsure any insurance risk undertaken by similar insurance companies.

The purpose of the third amendment is to confer on the executive certain privileges pertaining to the general assembly which only meets every four years, so as to improve the dispatch of the society's business.

The fourth amendment is to allow new members of the executive to be selected from outside Montreal and suburbs whereas such a territorial limit existed previously.

• (6:10 p.m.)

[English]

Mr. Arnold Peters (Timiskaming): Mr. Speaker, I thought that the changes suggested in this bill should be implemented because on reading its title in French, "La Société des Artisans", I presumed it had something to do with artisans in the English sense of the word and was a trade union bill. I was very surprised to find the title has nothing to do with co-operatives or trade unions and is in fact not concerned with artisans in any way, shape or form but is an insurance bill. Reading the bill quickly, I find it is not even