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within my province now, despite the matters brought forward by my hon. friends, to alter that decision. Therefore, most regretfully, I must say I am not prepared to sponsor such an amendment.

Mr. Douglas: Mr. Chairman, could I just answer a question put to me by the hon. member for Perth a few moments ago. I have just checked the facts. In 1952 all the pensions came in at the same time, effective on January 1, 1952. I was in error when I suggested that at that time there was a difference in dates.

Mr. Monteith: Then I do not suppose there has been any time when they actually lagged, up until this present period.

Mr. Douglas: I believe that is correct.

Mr. Howard: Mr. Chairman, I wonder whether I could point out that under the auspices of the Department of National Health and Welfare a publication was presented which states year by year and date by date precisely what the hon. member for Perth has just contended, that up until this present time there has never been a lag. Whenever old age security has been increased and has come into effect, at the same time old age assistance, blind persons allowances and disabled persons allowances have been increased accordingly. This is a new venture, and it is unfortunate that it has to take place under the jurisdiction of the hon. lady because she is such a kind, gentle and humane soul, and I hope this is not her parting act as minister.

Clause agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: When shall the bill be read a third time?

Mr. Knowles: Now, by leave.

Mr. Monteith: Next sitting of the house. I should like to point out that in 1962 when the same bills were put through, third reading was given on the twelfth of the month and the increases were made payable as of the first of the month. Therefore, tomorrow being the eleventh, I should like to suggest it receive third reading then.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Next sitting of the house? Agreed. It being five o'clock the house will now proceed to consideration of private members' business.

Mr. Pickersgill: Mr. Speaker, does the house really want to proceed with private members' business at this late hour?

Some hon. Members: Yes.

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Mr. Aiken: There are a number of very important private bills on the paper and we are hopeful that they can be put through by six o'clock.

Mr. Pickersgill: Right.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Then the house will now proceed to private members' business as listed on today's order paper, namely private bills and public bills.

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SECOND READINGS—SENATE BILLS

Bill No. S-45, respecting the Executive Board of The Canada Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod of North America.—Mr. Ormiston.

Bill No. S-47, to incorporate Royal General Insurance Company of Canada.—Mr. Asselin (Notre Dame de Grace).

Bill No. S-48, respecting The Northern Life Assurance Company of Canada.—Mr. Morison.

Bill No. S-51, to incorporate Family Life Assurance Company.—Mr. Asselin (Notre Dame de Grace).

THE CANADA NORTH-WEST LAND COMPANY
(LIMITED)

Mr. Ian Grant Wahn (St. Paul's) moved the second reading of Bill No. S-49, respecting the Canada North-west Land Company (Limited).

Mr. Howard: I would appreciate it very much if the sponsor would give some outline of the purposes of the bill.

Mr. Wahn: Mr. Speaker, this company is an old company. Originally a land company, it has now sold practically all its land holdings. I believe it now holds only a quarter section of land and a number of mineral leases. Over the years its operations have gradually changed, till at the present time its operations are more those of an investment company rather than those of a land company. The amendments now proposed are for the purpose of making its charter consistent with the business it is now carrying on. Its objects are being changed and its capital structure is being changed to conform with its present operations. All the directors and officials are residents of Canada and this is a Canadian owned company.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to the standing committee on banking and commerce.

MORTGAGE INSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA

Mr. A. J. P. Cameron (High Park) moved the second reading of Bill No. S-50, to incorporate the Mortgage Insurance Company of Canada.