

Mr. McCleave, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented the Ninth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:

Your Committee has considered the following bill and has agreed to report it without amendment:

Bill No. SD-129, An Act for the relief of Kaljo Klasman.

Mr. Kucherepa, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented the Second Report of the said Committee, which was read as follows:

Pursuant to an Order of the House of August 2nd, 1958, your Committee has considered the petition of Jacques Gerardin for a bill of divorce and the Clerk of Petitions' report thereon of August 1st, 1958.

While the time limit for filing petitions for private bills, under the provisions of Standing Order 93 expired on June 23rd, this petition was filed on July 31st.

Your Committee was informed that a similar petition was filed in November, 1957, but that the application was not proceeded with last session. In his representations to the Committee, Counsel for the Petitioner stated that the Montreal Solicitor was unaware that a new petition should be filed for the present session and that this requirement was brought to his attention only after his return from a prolonged absence from his office.

Your Committee is satisfied that no blame should be attached to the petitioner for the late filing of his petition, and is of the opinion that he should not be penalized for the delay.

Your Committee therefore recommends:

That Standing Orders 93 and 94 (3) (a) and (c) be suspended in relation to this petition, and that the said petition be received.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Mr. Kucherepa, seconded by Mr. Knowles, the said report was concurred in.

RULING BY MR. SPEAKER

MR. SPEAKER: It may be appropriate at this time to deal with the point of order which was raised yesterday by the honourable Member for Burnaby-Coquitlam (Mr. Regier) which, as honourable Members will recall, was raised when the honourable Member for Peterborough (Mr. Fraser) presented to the House the seventh report of the Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines.

The point of order was to the effect that this report was not in accordance with the findings of the committee and it was suggested by the honourable Member for Burnaby-Coquitlam that the Speaker should either declare the report out of order or recommit the matter to the committee. Since the point was raised yesterday I have considered the matter at some length and have had the benefit of the assistance of the Clerk of the House.

The report of the committee was as follows:

"Your committee has considered the following bill and has agreed to report it without amendment:

Bill No. S-6, an act respecting Trans Mountain Oil Pipe Line Company."

This report was duly signed by the chairman as having been approved by the committee; moreover, it appears to meet every requirement of our practice in regard to content. It is suggested that on the face of it the report must be accepted as being in order.