

Divorce Act

that effect that I will be presenting later on. I think that third reading should be, by consent, later this day or—

Mr. Speaker: That is fine. I understand the intent of the order. Therefore, I take it is intended to defer consideration of third reading of Bill C-46 at least for the moment. There may be consent to introduce it for third reading later today.

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DIVORCE AND COROLLARY RELIEF ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House proceeded to the consideration of Bill C-47, an Act respecting divorce and corollary relief, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

● (1510)

Mr. Speaker: As Hon. Members are aware, on this day's Order Paper, there are 43 report stage motions in amendment to Bill C-47, an Act respecting divorce and corollary relief.

Motions Nos. 1, 3A and 3B should be grouped for debate and voted on as follows:

- (a) An affirmative vote on Motions No. 1 necessitates the question being put on Motion No. 3B;
- (b) A negative vote on Motion No. 1 shall apply to Motion No. 3B;
- (c) Motion No. 3A will be voted on by itself.

Motions Nos. 2 and 3 give the Chair some procedural difficulty in that they appear to make a substantive amendment to the interpretation clause, which cannot be done. In this regard I refer the Hon. Member to a decision of one of my predecessors made on May 21, 1970, which I quote in part:

Amendments of a substantive or declaratory nature should not be proposed to an interpretation clause;

In addition, Motion No. 3 goes beyond the principle of the Bill as agreed to at the second reading stage.

Motions Nos. 3A and 3B have been dealt with together with Motion No. 1.

Motions Nos. 4, 4A and 5 will be grouped for debate and voted on as follows:

- (a) An affirmative vote on Motion No. 4 obviates the question being put on Motion No. 4A;
- (b) A negative vote on Motion No. 4 requires the question to be put on Motion No. 4A;
- (c) Motion No. 5 will be debated and voted on separately.

[*Translation*]

Motion No. 6 will be debated and voted on separately.

Motions Nos. 7, 11, 11A, 15, 17, 22, 23, 25, 27, 32, 32A, 33 and 33A propose to add new concepts to the Bill which would

expand the scope of the Bill beyond that to which the House has agreed in principle on second reading.

Motion No. 8 also proposes to add a new concept to the Bill and, furthermore, impinges on the financial prerogative of the Crown. I refer the Hon. Member to Citation 773(7) of Beauchesne's Fifth Edition.

[*English*]

Motions Nos. 9 and 10 will be grouped for debate. An affirmative vote on Motion No. 9 will dispose of Motion No. 10. A negative vote on Motion No. 9 will necessitate a vote on Motion No. 10.

Perhaps I might interrupt my ruling to indicate that I understand that there may be a change of decision with regard to the motions of the Hon. Member for Mount Royal (Mrs. Finestone). However, that does not change the necessity of making my comments now.

Motions Nos. 11 and 11A have been dealt with previously in conjunction with Motion No. 7.

[*Translation*]

Motions Nos. 12, 13 and 14 will be grouped for debate and voted on as follows:

- (a) an affirmative vote on Motion No. 12 obviates the question being put on Motions Nos. 13 and 14;
- (b) a negative vote on Motion No. 12 shall apply to Motion No. 14, and Motion No. 13 will be voted on separately.

Motion No. 15 has been dealt with together with Motion No. 7.

[*English*]

Motion No. 16 causes the Chair some difficulty in understanding its intent. Before making a decision, it would be the Chair's intention to ask the Hon. Member for York South-Weston (Mr. Nunziata), in whose name the motion stands, to explain its purpose and intent. This could be done either when the motion is called in its numerical sequence or later on, should there be some procedural representations, about which I will have something more to say later.

Motion No. 17 was dealt with earlier when considering Motion No. 7.

Motion No. 18 will be debated and voted on separately.

Motions Nos. 19, 20, 21 and 26 will be grouped for debate and voted on as follows:

- (a) An affirmative vote on Motion No. 19 obviates the question being put on Motions Nos. 20 and 21;
- (b) A negative vote on Motion No. 19 necessitates the question being put on Motion No. 20;
- (c) An affirmative vote on Motion No. 20 obviates the question being put on Motion No. 21;
- (d) A negative vote on Motion No. 20 requires the question being put on Motion No. 21;
- (e) Motion No. 26 will be voted on separately.