

The third clause, which has been similarly reduced, covers special conditions in regard to farm payments and the conservation of salmon in the Fraser River, as well as other items that I mentioned last night. One-twelfth of the total of the year's appropriation for these items is being granted by clause 2 of the Bill, but by clause 3 another twelfth is provided for, which would mean a sixth of the total for the items therein mentioned. The reason is that the items are seasonal and the money will probably be required within the next month.

I move third reading of the Bill.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

DIVORCE BILLS

FIRST READINGS

Hon. Mr. ROBINSON, Chairman of the Committee of Divorce, presented the following Bills, which were severally read the first time:

Bill C3, an Act for the relief of Annie Miriam Scott.

Bill D3, an Act for the relief of Marguerite Elsie Ramsay Murdoch.

Bill E3, an Act for the relief of Elizabeth Molnar Schneider.

Bill F3, an Act for the relief of Max Kaback.

Bill G3, an Act for the relief of George McDonald Joseph Carew.

Bill H3, an Act for the relief of Wandless Joseph Henry Verdon.

Bill I3, an Act for the relief of Mary Eileen Scott Warrington.

Bill J3, an Act for the relief of Joseph Bergman.

Bill K3, an Act for the relief of Marie Martha Hermine Browne Peters.

Bill L3, an Act for the relief of Ethel Gerson Kalmanovitch.

Bill M3, an Act for the relief of Freda Sweet Simon.

Bill N3, an Act for the relief of Phyllis Mary Alice Verrinder Horrell.

Bill O3, an Act for the relief of James McKinna Wood.

Bill P3, an Act for the relief of Leah May Jarvis Traver.

PRIVATE BILL

SECOND READING

Hon. Mr. BEAUREGARD moved the second reading of Bill B3, an Act respecting certain transmission and distribution lines of Saguenay Transmission Company, Limited, Saguenay Electric Company and Aluminum Power Company, Ltd.

Hon. Mr. KING.

He said: Honourable senators, this Bill is necessary in order to meet the requirement of clause 4 of the Navigable Waters' Protection Act. The Aluminum Power Company and its two subsidiaries whose names appear on this Bill have constructed in the Lake St. John district of Quebec a number of transmission and distributing lines across certain rivers. The purpose of the Bill is to secure from the Governor in Council ex post facto approval of the lines so constructed.

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE: I understand these transmission lines have already been constructed. Has it been proven that they interfere in any way with navigation?

Hon. Mr. BEAUREGARD: No. In fact the lines were built at a time when there was doubt whether the rivers in question were navigable or not. The departmental report is that the transmission lines do not interfere with navigation. When they were built it was not quite clear what constituted a navigable river. I intend to move, after the Bill has been given second reading, that it be referred to the Standing Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbours. Before that committee I shall produce evidence that as a matter of fact there is no navigation on these rivers.

Hon. Mr. KING: I have no objection to the Bill going to the committee, but I would suggest that the chairman of the committee ask the representatives of the Public Works Department to be present.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: Honourable senators, I should like to ask a question. Do I understand that a transmission line cannot be built across a navigable river without the consent of the Department of Public Works?

Hon. Mr. BEAUREGARD: That is right.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: And you cannot get that consent after the line is built?

Hon. Mr. BEAUREGARD: No. After the line is built the Minister cannot grant ex post facto permission on his own responsibility. I may say that similar bills were passed last year respecting bridges over the same rivers.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

PETROLEUM AND NAPHTHA INSPECTION BILL

SECOND READING

Hon. J. H. KING moved the second reading of Bill 2, an Act to repeal the Petroleum and Naphtha Inspection Act.

He said: Honourable senators, the purpose of this Bill is to repeal an Act passed in 1877.