

year, after being studied by the commissioners who will be in charge of the revision of the Statutes. Many months ago, in March, a bill was passed by this chamber for the revision of the Statutes of Canada of 1952. It passed three readings in two sittings. That bill was explained very well by honourable Senator Choquette, with the clarity of a lawyer of great experience. We passed the bill, and since that time it has been one of the gems of the jewel box of the Orders of the Day of the House of Commons. I understand that precious stones are indestructible—they are everlasting. But I cannot conceive why a bill passed at two sittings of the Senate should still lie there for such a long time without having been adopted by the House of Commons. There seems to be no reason for it.

Honourable senators, it is important to appoint a commission for the revision of the statutes. The bill now before the Senate will be the object of the study of those who will have the duty of revising the whole statute book. I wonder if the gentlemen appointed to perform that work will use a chain saw and a big axe to cut all the deadwood to be found in the statute book. That would be a useful work.

I remember distinctly that some 30 years ago, in 1934, Mr. C. H. Cahan, then Secretary of State, sponsored a new Companies Act. That act is still in force and has not been amended for 30 years. That legislation was fully discussed in the House of Commons and in this chamber. It was far from perfect, but it lay in the statute book for 30 years without amendment. A few amendments are proposed now, probably to lower the water stock level and perhaps to evaporate it entirely, which would be a good thing.

Honourable senators, the only reason I give my limited support to this legislation is that, by an amendment, provision is being made for the approval of a judge, in the case of amalgamation. That is a wise course.

We will await the discussion in committee on this proposed legislation. I have high confidence in those honourable senators who sat on the subcommittee, as well as in all my colleagues who are members of the committee. I hope that we will have good company law, which can be understood by everyone and not by chartered accountants alone.

Motion agreed to.

DIVORCE

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ADOPTED

The Senate proceeded to consideration of reports of the Standing Committee on Divorce Nos. 609 to 644, inclusive.

Hon. F. W. Gershaw, for Hon. Mr. Roebuck, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Divorce, moved that the reports be adopted.

Reports adopted, on division.

RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED

Leave having been given to revert to the order for Presentation of Petitions:

Hon. Mr. Gershaw, for Hon. Mr. Roebuck, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Divorce, presented the following resolutions:

Resolution 580, for the relief of Halina Alexandra Bryczkowska Matthews.

Resolution 581, for the relief of Clair Jacqueline Simon Pesner.

Resolution 582, for the relief of Jean McKinley Law Lear.

Resolution 583, for the relief of William Robert Galley.

Resolution 584, for the relief of Marie Gilberte Marcelle Lapointe Perron.

Resolution 585, for the relief of Jessie Elizabeth Young Moule.

Resolution 586, for the relief of Mona Sivell Laporte.

Resolution 587, for the relief of Antica Korlaet Turkovic, otherwise known as Antonietta Korlaet Turkovich.

Resolution 588, for the relief of J. Arthur Larocque.

Resolution 589, for the relief of Faith Audrey Gloria Burnham Martel.

Resolution 590, for the relief of Anna Maria Garrity Dinardo.

Resolution 591, for the relief of Ingeborg Dietrich Rangas.

Resolution 592, for the relief of Mary Marjorie Dextras Kinsella.

Resolution 593, for the relief of Veronika Zsuzanna Erdosi Korpas.

Resolution 594, for the relief of Yolande St. Pierre Jodoin.

Resolution 595, for the relief of Joyce Ann Ikeman Edelstein.

Resolution 596, for the relief of Germaine Savoie Bisailon.

Resolution 597, for the relief of John Stewart Geddie.

Resolution 598, for the relief of Evelyn Page Mailloux.

Resolution 599, for the relief of Alice Therese Guerin Richer Lafleche.

Resolution 600, for the relief of Emeline Alice Roberts Roberts.

Resolution 601, for the relief of Jeannine McRae Black.

Resolution 602, for the relief of Lawrence Law.