

Judges Act

them to the bill in its form prior to the reprinting, we could make sense of each motion we would be debating. Then if each motion should pass, this could be done with reference to the new bill which has been presented in reprinted form as of May 28. In this way we could debate the matter with a clear understanding of the motions presented. The motions could be interpolated with reference to the bill dated May 28.

I think in this way we might follow the suggestion of the hon. member for Calgary North (Mr. Woolliams) and continue with consideration of the bill today and make some sense of it. If these motions should pass, they could very easily be interpolated into the bill as amended. Unless, as the hon. member for Grenville-Carleton said, we could clarify the matter in a few minutes, I would like to see debate continue. It is clear to all of us where each of these motions is intended to be inserted. I think we should continue.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, there have been occasions at the report stage when opposition members have made similar motions and the Chair has insisted that they be corrected in order to conform with the bill before the House. I think the rule should apply both ways. Although it is not my desire to expedite this bill, since I am opposed to it, I am prepared to be procedurally helpful.

All that needs to be done with regard to motion No. 1 is to change "line 1" in the (b) part to "line 3", and to change the phrase under (k) "Eighteen judges of the Dis-" to "Eighteen judges of the". I have other corrections to make to the other motions, but if these changes could be made, this one at least procedurally will be in order.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: This is exactly what I proposed at the beginning. If the minister wants to move an amendment to the motion in the name of the Minister of Justice (Mr. Lang), the House will be ready to consider it. I would hope the hon. member would not ask the Chair to become involved in the correction of an amendment or the modification of an amendment of which notice was given by the minister. A representative of the government should ask the House to consider modifications to the motion.

● (1500)

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (for the Minister of Justice) moved:

That Bill C-47, an act to amend the Judges Act and certain other acts for related purposes and in respect of the reconstitution of the Supreme Courts of Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island, be amended in Clause 5

- (a) by striking out line 13 on page 3 and substituting the following:
"e) One hundred and one puisne";
- (b) by striking out line 1 on page 6 and substituting the following:
"b) One hundred and seven";
- (c) by striking out line 22 on page 6 and substituting the following:
"h) Thirty-one judges and"; and

[Mr. Poulin.]

(d) by striking out line 33 on page 6 and substituting the following:

"(k) Eighteen judges of the Dis-".

Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of State (Fisheries)): Mr. Speaker, I wish to move an amendment to the motion which would read as follows:

That paragraph (b) of motion No. 1 be amended to read
"(b) by striking out line 3 on page 6 and substituting the following:"
and that paragraph (k) be amended to read

"(k) eighteen judges of the"

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Shall the amendment carry?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Amendment (Mr. LeBlanc (Westmorland-Kent)) agreed to.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Shall motion No. 1 as amended carry?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion No. 1, as amended, agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The House will now proceed to the consideration of motion No. 2.

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (for the Minister of Justice) moved:

That Bill C-47, an act to amend the Judges Act and certain other acts for related purposes and in respect of the reconstitution of the Supreme Courts of Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island, be amended in clause 28 by striking out line 12 on page 24 and substituting the following:

"(k) eighteen judges of the".

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, according to my reading of the motion, it needs to be corrected toward the end of it, where it reads "by striking out line 12 on page 24". It should read "by striking out line 11 on page 24".

Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of State (Fisheries)): Mr. Speaker I wish to move:

That motion No. 2 be amended so that the words reading "by striking out line 12 on page 24" read "by striking out line 11 on page 24".

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the amendment?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Amendment (Mr. LeBlanc (Westmorland-Kent)) agreed to.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, I wanted to make some comments on this bill, and it is during the debate on these amendments dealing with increases in the salaries of judges that it would be appropriate for me to make my comments rather than on third reading of the bill.

Mr. Woolliams: I have to catch a plane.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): If the hon. member for Calgary North (Mr. Woolliams) would prefer to speak