

Mr. HOMUTH: More than the legal profession should be considered in this matter.

Mr. ST. LAURENT: Possibly, and the representatives of the people of Canada here in this house are asked at this time to express the opinion of those whom they represent.

The hon. member for Lethbridge (Mr. Blackmore) said that on reflection he saw no reason for this bill. I have no other reason to offer than the opinion I hold that the chief justice is still in such a condition of mental and physical well-being that he can well carry on the duties of this high office. It is my belief at this time that any man able to perform a service for his country should do so.

I shall not fail to give consideration to the remarks of the hon. member for Broadview (Mr. Church), but even though we were all in agreement with him they could hardly find an appropriate place in a discussion of this bill. They will come up for consideration on another occasion. I do not think the hon. member himself would suggest that they could be implemented in this bill, the sole purpose of which is to amend an act passed in 1939 by substituting the word "four" for the word "three".

The house divided on the motion (Mr. St. Laurent) which was agreed to on the following division:

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Messrs:

Abbott	Evans
Bertrand (Laurier)	Farquhar
Bertrand (Prescott)	Fauteux
Bertrand (Terrebonne)	Ferron
Blair	Fontaine
Blanchette	Fournier (Maison-neuve-Rosemont)
Bonnier	Fraser (Northumberland, Ont.)
Booth	Fulford
Bourget	Furniss
Bradette	Gardiner
Breithaupt	Gershaw
Brunelle	Gibson
Cardin	Gladstone
Casselman, Mrs. (Edmonton East)	Golding
Chevrier	Cleaver
Cleaver	Cloutier
Cloutier	Corman
Corman	Coté
Coté	d'Anjou
d'Anjou	Dechene
Dechene	Denis
Denis	Donnelly
Donnelly	Dorion
Dorion	Douglas (Queens)
Douglas (Queens)	Dubois
Dubois	Dubuc
Dubuc	Dupuis
Dupuis	Durocher
Durocher	Emmerson
Emmerson	Eudes
Eudes	King, Mackenzie

Kirk	Maybank
Lacombe	Mayhew
LaCroix (Quebec-Montmorency)	Michaud
Laflamme	Mitchell
LaFlèche	Mullins
Lafontaine	Mulock
Lapointe (Lotbinière)	Neill
Lapointe (Matapedia-Matane)	Nixon
Leader	O'Neill
Leclerc	Picard
Leduc	Pinard
Leger	Pottier
Little	Power
McCuaig	Purdy
McCubbin	Reid
McCulloch	Rennie
MacDiarmid	Rhéaume
Macdonald (Brantford City)	Rickard
Macdonald (Halifax)	Roebuck
McDonald (Pontiac)	Ross (Calgary East)
McGibbon	Ross (Hamilton East)
McIlraith	Ross (Middlesex East)
McIvor	Ross (Moose Jaw)
MacKenzie (Lambton-Kent)	Roy
Mackenzie (Vancouver Centre)	Ryan
MacKinnon (Edmonton West)	St. Laurent
McKinnon (Kenora-Rainy River)	Sanderson
McLarty	Sissons
MacLean (Cape Breton North-Victoria)	Slight
McLean (Simcoe East)	Soper
Macmillan	Taylor
McNevin (Victoria, Ont.)	Telford
McNiven (Regina City)	Thauvette
Marier	Tripp
Matthews	Tucker
	Turgeon
	Turner
	Veniot
	Ward
	Warren
	Weir
	Whitman
	Winkler
	Wood—139.

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Messrs:

Adamson	Knowles
Anderson	Kuhl
Black (Cumberland)	McGregor
Blackmore	MacInnis
Bruce	MacKinnon (Kootenay East)
Casselman (Grenville-Dundas)	MacNicol
Castleden	Marshall
Church	Nicholson
Coldwell	Nielsen, Mrs.
Douglas (Weyburn)	Noseworthy
Esling	Quelch
Fair	Ross (St. Paul's)
Fraser (Peterborough West)	Ross (Souris)
Gillis	Rowe
Graydon	Shaw
Green	Stirling
Hansell	Stokes
Hlynka	Tustin
Homuth	White
Johnston (Bow River)	Wright—40.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time, and the house went into committee thereon, Mr. Donnelly in the chair.