

Private Bills

the house under standing order No. 31 to discuss a matter of urgent public importance—

Mr. Speaker: I am sorry, but the adjournment of the house under standing order No. 31 can be moved only after routine proceedings have been dealt with. It has to be done after routine proceedings have been dealt with and before orders of the day are called, and if the hon. member looks at standing orders 15 and 31, he will see that introduction of bills and the first reading of Senate bills must be called now.

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA ACT

AMENDMENT TO INCREASE QUORUM OF HOUSE OF COMMONS

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 81, to amend the British North America Acts, 1867 to 1952, with respect to the quorum of the House of Commons.

He said: Mr. Speaker, the introduction of this bill is based on the authority of the parliament of Canada to amend the British North America Act in respect of matters exclusively federal. The purpose of this bill is to increase the quorum of the House of Commons from a minimum of twenty members, which is now the case, to a minimum of thirty members, so as to maintain a proportion similar to that which existed in 1867, when the membership of the house was 181 as compared with today's, which is 265.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

PRIVATE BILLS

FIRST READINGS—SENATE BILLS

Bill No. 31, for the relief of James Alexander Stevenson.—Mr. Weir.

Bill No. 32, for the relief of Vyvyan Holcombe Hervey.—Mr. Croll.

Bill No. 33, for the relief of Gilberte Drouyn Serres.—Mr. Croll.

Bill No. 34, for the relief of Margaret Alice May Plinn Cote.—Mr. Weir.

Bill No. 35, for the relief of Stanislas Anthony Placzek.—Mr. Croll.

Bill No. 36, for the relief of Rose Enkin Carriere.—Mr. Weir.

Bill No. 37, for the relief of Lottie Levine Lubotsky, otherwise known as Lottie Levine Kuznicki.—Mr. Croll.

Bill No. 38, for the relief of Solanges Laperle Desjardins.—Mr. Weir.

Bill No. 39, for the relief of Jack Kaufman.—Mr. Croll.

Bill No. 40, for the relief of Selma Sara Schachter Lande.—Mr. Croll.

[Mr. Blackmore.]

Bill No. 41, for the relief of Paul Joseph Simard.—Mr. Weir.

Bill No. 42, for the relief of John McCullough Gasken.—Mr. Weir.

Bill No. 43, for the relief of Joseph Louis de Gonzague Giguere.—Mr. Weir.

Bill No. 44, for the relief of Jean Hunter Bercovitz.—Mr. Weir.

Bill No. 45, for the relief of Diane Lorraine Cleveland Morgan Stewart Patterson.—Mr. Weir.

Bill No. 46, for the relief of Elsie Eleanor Bennett Kirkcaldy.—Mr. Weir.

Bill No. 47, for the relief of Bernice Margaret Vizzutti Charters.—Mr. Weir.

Bill No. 48, for the relief of Archibald Christopher Mottley.—Mr. Weir.

Bill No. 49, for the relief of Bessita Asaria Farchi Lotenberg, otherwise known as Bessita Asaria Farchi Lotey.—Mr. Weir.

Bill No. 50, for the relief of George William Bonfield.—Mr. Weir.

Bill No. 51, for the relief of Marjorie Joan LeRiche Dunphy.—Mr. Weir.

Bill No. 52, for the relief of Geraldine Donovan Wilcox.—Mr. Weir.

Bill No. 53, for the relief of Norma Mary MacKenzie Benton.—Mr. Weir.

Bill No. 54, for the relief of Anna Smilovitch King.—Mr. Weir.

Bill No. 55, for the relief of Kathleen Dempsey Robertson.—Mr. Weir.

Bill No. 56, for the relief of Joyce Delia Pierce Korenberg.—Mr. Weir.

Bill No. 57, for the relief of Alfonsas Jankus.—Mr. Weir.

Bill No. 58, for the relief of Michael Lansky.—Mr. Weir.

Bill No. 59, for the relief of Wilma Elizabeth Dalglish Rochon.—Mr. Weir.

Bill No. 60, for the relief of John Cromkie Nicol.—Mr. Weir.

Bill No. 61, for the relief of Tyrus Raymond Markham.—Mr. Weir.

Bill No. 62, for the relief of Thelma Louise Heinz Finlay.—Mr. Weir.

Bill No. 63, for the relief of Dorothy Joan Glegg Statham.—Mr. Weir.

Bill No. 64, for the relief of Mary Laura Olive Coote Laflamme.—Mr. Weir.

Bill No. 65, for the relief of Sadie Denenberg Rockman.—Mr. Weir.

Bill No. 66, for the relief of Yukiko Takeuchi Zusko.—Mr. Weir.

Bill No. 67, for the relief of Joan Gooderham Wyman.—Mr. Weir.

Bill No. 68, for the relief of Guy Favreau.—Mr. Weir.

Bill No. 69, for the relief of Elizabeth Stewart Hughes Koren.—Mr. Weir.

Bill No. 70, for the relief of Esther Wray Carpenter Batt.—Mr. Weir.