

Resolution 539, for the relief of Bertha Lillian Deane Rolet.

Resolution 540, for the relief of Gilles Joseph Jean Maille.

Resolution 541, for the relief of Marion Ethel Sheriff Pearson.

Resolution 542, for the relief of Joan Marjorie Gallant Collins.

Resolution 543, for the relief of Paul-Emile Dionne.

Resolution 544, for the relief of Ernst Windisch.

Resolution 545, for the relief of Anne Martindale Brown.

Resolution 546, for the relief of Catherine Barbara Katadotis Xenos.

Resolution 547, for the relief of Pauline Painchaud Gilker.

Resolution 548, for the relief of Ruth Diana Williams Andrews.

Resolution 549, for the relief of James Campbell.

Resolution 550, for the relief of Elizabeth Joan Stewart Harrison.

Resolution 551, for the relief of Margaret Meredith Cape MacDougall.

Resolution 552, for the relief of Gwendolyn Elizabeth Whidden Brooks.

Resolution 553, for the relief of Markie Marie Mervyn Jeffries.

Resolution 554, for the relief of Emmy Luise Bocking Scott.

Resolution 555, for the relief of Agnes Mary Ferland Robert.

He said: Honourable senators, may I point out at this stage that the adoption of these resolutions means that these divorce petitions are granted, provided no objection is raised within the next 30 days.

Resolutions adopted, on division.

APPROPRIATION BILL NO. 9, 1964

SECOND READING

The Senate resumed from yesterday the adjourned debate on the motion of Hon. Mr. Leonard, for the second reading of Bill C-135, for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1965.

Hon. A. J. Brooks: Honourable senators, it is becoming quite an old story to be speaking on interim supply. This is the ninth appropriation bill we have had to deal with this session, and the sixth dealing with supply for the financial year 1964-65.

The honourable Senator Leonard, who sponsored the bill yesterday, called attention to the fact that he was "pinch-hitting," as it

were, for the Leader of the Government in the Senate (Hon. Mr. Connolly, Ottawa West). We all note the absence of our leader, and of course we know the reason why. I have a press clipping here which is headed, "Senator named special envoy at inauguration." Our honourable leader represented the Canadian Government at the inauguration of the President of Chile on Tuesday last. He is also representing the Prime Minister at the Fifth Inter-American Conference of Business Executives in Lima, Peru. I am satisfied that both Canada and the Prime Minister are well represented at these functions.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. Brooks: I am sure we all hope our honourable leader keeps as far away from Bolivia as he can, because it appears to be quite a hot spot at the present time.

May I say how pleased I am to see our good friend Senator Vaillancourt acting as Leader of the Government in the absence of Senator Connolly. I can also say that the Leader of the Government is well represented in this chamber.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. Brooks: In explaining this bill yesterday, Senator Leonard made it clear what the interim supply bill calls for. He made an excellent statement, in the preparation of which I am sure he was assisted by the Department of Finance. At this time may I say that in my short experience as Leader of the Government in the Senate I found that the assistance given to me by the various departments of government was most helpful. As Leader of the Opposition I often wish it was also part of their function to assist me in preparing statements.

As I said a moment ago about estimates and interim supply, we have now had nine appropriation bills before us, six of which have dealt with the estimates of this financial year. I understand that there are twenty-three departments whose estimates are to come before Parliament, and of these nine have been passed. It is not necessary for me to point out to honourable senators that at this very late date in the session it is an extraordinary situation that hardly more than one-third of the estimates have been passed. We are on our way, I believe, to having the longest session in the history of Parliament.

Hon. Mr. Molson: It is already the longest.

Hon. Mr. Brooks: I was not sure whether or not during the war there was one which was longer, but I gather this is the longest session we have had.

Hon. Mr. Choquette: And the least work accomplished.