

Resolution 627, for the relief of Adrian Daniel McLeod.

Resolution 628, for the relief of Barbara Phyllis Lipchitz Leibovitch, otherwise known as Barbara Phyllis Lippman Leibovitch.

Resolution 629, for the relief of Annette Caroline Vachon Robinson.

Resolution 630, for the relief of Edward Joseph Morearity.

Resolution 631, for the relief of Eva Besser (Besszer) Hercz.

Resolution 632, for the relief of Reginald Allison Brewer.

Resolution 633, for the relief of Marjorie Anne Elaine Lovegrove Casey.

Resolution 634, for the relief of Joseph Ernest Leopold Fauteux.

Resolution 635, for the relief of Marc Andre Boisclair.

Resolution 636, for the relief of Barbara Ellen Barry Ferguson.

Resolution 637, for the relief of Margareta Cernic Chapman.

Resolution 638, for the relief of Irene Lorraine McIntosh Galletti.

Resolution 639, for the relief of Helga Elfriede Muenster Daubert.

Resolution 640, for the relief of Julienne Stalgis Astravas.

Resolution 641, for the relief of Florence Margaret Clarke Kiernan.

Resolution 642, for the relief of Come Richer.

Resolution 643, for the relief of Jeannine Papineau Hebert.

Resolution 644, for the relief of Marie Jacqueline Pierrette Corriveau Hartstock.

Resolution 645, for the relief of Leo Desjardins.

Resolution 646, for the relief of Barbara Ruth Neale Mann.

Resolution 647, for the relief of Victor Maucotel.

Resolution 648, for the relief of Adeline James McKay.

Resolution 649, for the relief of Leona Lemay Therien.

Resolution 650, for the relief of Alfred Laporte.

Resolution 651, for the relief of Rita Pearl Enright Ward.

Resolution 652, for the relief of Merle Newman Silverberg.

Resolution 653, for the relief of June Arnold Stevenson.

Resolutions adopted, on division.

CANADIAN FLAG

MOTION FOR DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL EMBLEM—DEBATE CONTINUED

The Senate resumed from yesterday the adjourned debate on the motion of honourable Senator O'Leary (Carleton), in amendment to the motion of the honourable Senator Connolly (Ottawa West):

That this house do recommend to the Government that such steps as may be necessary be taken to have designated as the National Flag of Canada a red flag of the proportions two by length and one by width, containing in its centre a white square, the width of the flag, bearing a single red maple leaf, or in heraldic terms, described as *gules on a Canadian pale argent a maple leaf of the first*.

Hon. Olive L. Irvine: Honourable senators, on Friday afternoon, December 11 last, the President of the Privy Council in the other place made a statement of the Government's intention to invoke closure to terminate the flag debate.

This debate has been long, but one can be assured that as a result the people of Canada will have a better knowledge of our history, our traditions, and the meaning of national emblems than they ever had before.

As a student and a teacher in my native Province of Manitoba, it was never necessary in our educational system to deal with this particular problem. I can recollect no mention being made of Canada's flag specifically. We were taught to respect the Red Ensign and the Union Jack, and the peoples from every country who settled in our midst were eager and happy to stand by all that we held dear.

Well I remember my first little country school situated out on the prairie, where children of many lands assembled to receive their education. We were a happy, carefree group. There, each school day, we took turns in raising our flag in the morning, and lowered and folded it carefully just before dismissal time. This short but impressive ceremony remains to this day in the minds of every pupil who attended that little school. We were taught that the British and French came here because of the freedom that could be found in this country. They founded a country that was the first in any part of what is the Commonwealth today to have religious freedom, the first in which slavery was abolished, and the first in which representative government was developed. These are the traditions we have been raised under and which represent clearly to us the fact that we are an independent country.