

service, adduced at the Bar of the Senate, before proceeding to the second reading, or sufficient proof adduced of the impossibility of complying with this regulation.

Petitioner to appear.

77. The petitioner is to appear below the Bar of the Senate, at the second reading, to be examined by the Senate, generally, or as to any collusion or connivance between the parties to obtain such separation, unless the Senate think fit to dispense therewith.

Evidence of Marriage.

78. After the second reading, the Bill is referred to a Select Committee of nine members; witnesses are heard on oath, the evidence is taken down in writing and reported to the Senate, with all vouchers adduced before the Committee; the preliminary evidence being that of the due celebration of the marriage between the parties, by legitimate testimony, either by witnesses present at the marriage or by complete and satisfactory proof of the certificate of the officiating minister or authority.

Hearing of Counsel.

79. The Counsel for the applicant, as well as the party from whom the divorce is sought, may be heard at the Bar of the Senate, as well on the evidence adduced as on the provisions for the future support of the wife, if deemed necessary.