

Private Bills—Divorce

the agreement I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Victoria, (B.C.), the second reading of all divorce bills standing on the order paper for second reading, with the exception of order No. 294, which is Bill No. SD-320, on which the hon. member for Skeena is to speak.

Mr. Howard: Mr. Speaker, there may be some slight misunderstanding. The reference of the hon. member to dealing with divorce bills for second reading with the exception of Bill No. SD-320, which is order No. 294, which is to be dealt with separately, was quite correct, but to proceed then back into committee of supply to deal further with the estimates of the Department of Transport is not my understanding of the arrangement. This is the unfortunate part of it, if I may explain. I was trying to listen to the comments of the Minister of Transport and at the same time make those arrangements. This may have occasioned the misunderstanding. It is not my understanding that we are to go back and discuss the estimates of the Department of Transport.

Mr. Pickersgill: I would like to make it clear that so far as we are concerned we knew what our minds were and we are quite prepared to carry out the understanding.

Mr. Churchill: Will hon. members give consideration to the proposal put forward, even if there has been a slight misunderstanding by certain hon. members? It would be helpful in the progress of the business of the house, which has been going very well, if we were to continue with the estimates of the Department of Transport. There will be plenty of opportunity later to carry on with the other business which is before us.

Mr. Chevrier: In so far as the estimates of the Department of Transport are concerned, we on this side are quite prepared to carry on in order to dispose of them in the remaining time before six o'clock. In so far as the divorce bills are concerned, my friend the hon. member for Bonavista-Twillingate (Mr. Pickersgill) spoke and I do not want to be heard on that.

Mr. Howard: I might say that generally, Mr. Speaker, we give as much consideration to those people who have parliamentary divorces as we do to the estimates of the Department of Transport.

Mr. Speaker: There are two proposals, both of which require unanimous consent. As I take it, they are conditional one on the other, or are they independent? The first proposition is this. In the hour which has been set aside for private bills consideration is to be given first to the second reading of divorce

bills standing for second reading, with the exception of order No. 294. Is the house agreed to proceed in that manner?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: The second proposition is that when these second readings are disposed of the house will then waive this hour and return to committee of supply to deal with the matter interrupted at five o'clock.

Mr. Herridge: Mr. Speaker, the decision of this group is to proceed with divorce bills in this hour.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the wish of the house to proceed with divorce bills in accordance with the arrangements just arrived at?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Just to make it clear, the items for second reading which are now proposed by the hon. member for Halifax are items numbered 265 to 300 with the exception of 294; 302 to 322; 325 to 378; and 382 to 406. Is it the wish of the house that these bills be taken in one motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

SECOND READINGS—SENATE BILLS

Bill No. SD-291, for the relief of Myrtle Gertrude Lily Molloy Heany.—Mr. McCleave.

Bill No. SD-292, for the relief of Kathleen Margaret Sinclair McKenna Roberts.—Mr. McCleave.

Bill No. SD-293, for the relief of Marion Toba Wolfe Cohen Shapiro.—Mr. McCleave.

Bill No. SD-294, for the relief of Marie Lucille Simone David Raymond.—Mr. McCleave.

Bill No. SD-295, for the relief of Otto James Kerr.—Mr. McCleave.

Bill No. SD-296, for the relief of James Justin Sims.—Mr. McCleave.

Bill No. SD-297, for the relief of Sylvia Overland Katz.—Mr. McCleave.

Bill No. SD-298, for the relief of Blanche Brigitte Paulette Gagne Joly.—Mr. McCleave.

Bill No. SD-299, for the relief of Carmel Duguay Mitchell.—Mr. McCleave.

Bill No. SD-300, for the relief of Catherine Maureen Kelly Mavor.—Mr. McCleave.

Bill No. SD-301, for the relief of Maria Ruland Reutter.—Mr. McCleave.

Bill No. SD-302, for the relief of Joseph Louis Victor Dupere.—Mr. McCleave.

Bill No. SD-303, for the relief of Rose Polivka De Bom.—Mr. McCleave.

Bill No. SD-304, for the relief of Vernis Clifton Christie.—Mr. McCleave.