

And the honourable Member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) having requested that the Bills for which the printed evidence had not been received be allowed to stand;

MR. SPEAKER: As I informed the House the other day, I do not recognize that the honourable Member has the right to make that request but I said it was a matter of accommodating ourselves.

The Statement of Mr. Speaker at pp. 1328-9 of *Hansard*, February 17, is as follows:

"MR. SPEAKER: ...in discussing this point with my predecessor he had doubts as to whether or not hon. members would have the right to hold up a bill which comes up for second reading only on the ground that the evidence had not been received from the Senate. I think in this case one wants to accommodate all hon. members. I do not think I would, myself, care to have to render a judgment on that point, although I think if I were pressed I would do so. The Clerk informs me that the evidence is always received with the bill, so there is one copy of the evidence available. Copies are not always printed and distributed when the bill comes up for second reading.

In these instances today, all the evidence has been printed and distributed. When a bill is called, it is printed. According to our standing order all bills must be printed before second reading. They have been printed and they meet with our requirements; therefore I can put the question whenever they are called. Theoretically I do not believe hon. members may object on the ground that the evidence has not been printed and distributed. The evidence is not part of the bill.

As I say, I raised the point only as a matter of interest and perhaps as a diversion from the rather monotonous task I was performing of proposing one bill after another. Having done so, hon. members may consider what I have said. It is not a ruling, but I thought I would make these remarks in order to give hon. members an opportunity to think them over. Perhaps on some other occasion I may have to rule, but I want to go further into this myself."

The honourable Member may speak on any bill, and we may not pass any of the bills today, I understand that, but as I said, we want to accommodate ourselves and I think honourable Members will agree to have Bills Nos. 124, 125, 139, 141 and 143 stand.

Orders numbered 51, 52, 66, 68 and 70 were, by unanimous consent, allowed to stand.

The following Bills were severally read the second time, on division, and referred to the *Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills* (together with the evidence taken and papers produced in respect of the said Bills):

Bill No. 109 (Letter W-3 of the Senate), intituled: "An Act for the relief of Morris Gilbert".