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guardians of the rules of procedure of the house; and that your committee had no alternative in this case but to report that the documents in question purporting to be petitions were not drawn in accordance with the rules of practice and not properly addressed and therefore should not be received.

If our report is to be voted upon, as chairman of the committee, I should like to make it plain that it is being accepted by this house in the terms in which it has been presented to the house by the committee and not on the recommendations which the hon. member for Temiscouata made in his address.

Mr. POULIOT: I rise to a question of privilege. I said nothing critical about the ruling of the committee. I moved the adoption of the report. But I said that May is bunk, and I repeat that.

Motion agreed to.

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REVISION OF REGULATIONS—TABLING OF P.C. 1732

Hon. PAUL MARTIN (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I wish to table copies in French and English of P.C. 1732, dated Thursday, May 15, 1947, being the revised regulations passed under the provisions of the Old Age Pensions Act.

These regulations were worked out in consultation with the representatives of the nine provinces at a meeting of the interprovincial old age pensions board, November 26-28, 1946. Following that meeting, it was necessary to put in textual form the changes agreed upon and to submit them to the respective governments for final approval. This has now been done, and in accordance with section 20 of the Old Age Pensions Act, the regulations are now in effect as of May 15, the date of their publication in the *Canada Gazette*.

I might point out that it is estimated that the effect of these regulations will be to relax the present restrictions applying to applicants for pension and to the circumstances under which pensions may be granted. The regulations have been completely revised and made more generous in their application.

I would draw to the attention of the house in particular the changes which have been made in the regulations dealing with the means by which an applicant may prove his age and the regulations regarding residence and calculation of income. These regulations have been relaxed in favour of the old age pensioner. Section 16 of the regulations in par-

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ticular, defining income, provides that certain types of income listed under no less than eight different headings shall be ignored in calculating the amount of income which a pensioner is entitled to have and still be eligible for pension under the act. Changes are also made with regard to the method of assessing the income value of real property which a pensioner may have and still be eligible for pension. Distinction is made between the calculation of the income value of property which is used as a home and property which is not used as a home.

These and other changes are all calculated to relax in some degree the present restrictions which apply, through the act and regulations, to old age pensioners.

Mr. KNOWLES: May I ask whether that order in council could be printed in the *Votes and Proceedings*?

Mr. MARTIN: It is in the *Gazette*.

PRIVATE BILLS

FIRST READINGS—SENATE BILLS

Bill No. 207 for the relief of Evelyn Florence Esson Pugh.—Mr. Maybank.

Bill No. 208 for the relief of Katie Rhoda Brick McGrath.—Mr. Maybank.

Bill No. 209 for the relief of Louise Guiol Ghetler.—Mr. Maybank.

Bill No. 210 for the relief of George William Curtis Johnston.—Mr. Maybank.

Bill No. 211 for the relief of Melville Mae Rundle Swinburne.—Mr. Maybank.

Bill No. 212 for the relief of Ruby Weldrick Hunt.—Mr. Maybank.

Bill No. 213 for the relief of Doris Shaprio Kolman.—Mr. Maybank.

Bill No. 214 for the relief of Mary Margaret Rider Brown.—Mr. Maybank.

Bill No. 215 for the relief of Fennie Nettie Adelstein Waldman.—Mr. Maybank.

Bill No. 216 for the relief of Gustave Lucien Verhelle.—Mr. Maybank.

Bill No. 217 for the relief of Ruby Campbell Matts.—Mr. Maybank.

Bill No. 218 for the relief of Dorothy Kathleen Morrison Germain.—Mr. Maybank.

Bill No. 219 for the relief of Sophie Radwolsky Closner.—Mr. Maybank.

Bill No. 220 for the relief of Muriel Emma Wood Durrell.—Mr. Maybank.

Bill No. 221 for the relief of William John Carmichael.—Mr. Maybank.

Bill No. 222 for the relief of Guido Verdoni.—Mr. Maybank.