

Private Bills—Divorce

is laid before us. I think it is our responsibility to have in our hands, even if some members do not want to read it, the evidence in connection with this case and with the other cases before we go ahead with them.

I dislike voting on these divorce cases one way or the other. As some hon. members are suggesting, once these people have paid their fees and have gone through the routine that is required, they have a certain right. But I submit that they also have the right to have this sort of matter dealt with somewhere else than in parliament. I feel that we have got to face up to that fact just as soon as possible. For the moment, however, that question is not before us, Mr. Speaker. You have ruled that we must deal with the bill that is in our hands. What we have now before us is Bill No. 12, an act for the relief of a certain person. I submit that, with no evidence and no information about this case other than the name of the petitioner and the name of the person against whom the charge of adultery is made, we should wait until we have the evidence. Believing that it is the responsible thing for a member of this house to do in this circumstance, Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Melfort (Mr. Wright), that the debate on the motion for second reading of Bill No. 12 be now adjourned.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Some hon. Members:** Carried.

**Mr. Speaker:** Those in favour of the motion will say "yea".

**Some hon. Members:** Yea.

**Mr. Speaker:** Those opposed will say "nay".

**Some hon. Members:** Nay.

**Mr. Speaker:** In my opinion the "nays" have it.

*And more than five members having risen:*

**Mr. Speaker:** Call in the members.

The house divided on the motion (Mr. Knowles) which was negatived on the following division:

YEAS

Messrs:

Aylesworth	Churchill
Beyerstein	Coldwell
Black (Cumberland)	Fair
Blackmore	Fairclough, Mrs.
Bryce	Fulton
Catherwood	Gagnon
Charlton	Herridge

Higgins	Pearkes
Jones	Ross (Souris)
Knight	Shaw
Knowles	Stewart (Winnipeg North)
Macdonnell (Greenwood)	Thatcher
McLure	White (Middlesex East)
Nickle	Wright—29.
Noseworthy	

NAYS

Messrs:

Abbott	Larson
Anderson	Macdonald (Edmonton East)
Applewhaite	MacDougall
Bater	MacKenzie
Bradley	MacLean (Cape Breton North and Victoria)
Carter	MacNaught
Cavers	McCulloch
Decore	McIvor
Dewar	McWilliam
Eyre	Mayhew
Ferrie	Murray (Cariboo)
Fulford	Prudham
Garland	Robinson
George	Sinclair
Gibson	Stick
Goode	Studer
Gregg	Ward
Harkness	Weaver
Harrison	Weir
Helme	Welbourn
Hetland	Whiteside
Howe	Winkler
Huffman	Winters
Kickham	Wood—50.
Kirk (Antigonish-Guysborough)	
Kirk (Digby-Yarmouth)	

**Mr. Cruickshank:** Mr. Speaker, I was paired with the hon. member for Prince Edward-Lennox (Mr. Tustin).

**Mr. Johnston:** Mr. Speaker, I was paired with the hon. member for Halton (Mr. Cleaver). Had I voted, I would have voted for the motion.

**Mr. Quelch:** Mr. Speaker, I was paired with the hon. member for Winnipeg South (Mr. Mutch). Had I voted, I would have voted for the motion.

**Mr. Cardiff:** Mr. Speaker, I was paired. Had I voted, I would have voted for the motion.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion for second reading of the bill?

**Mr. R. R. Knight (Saskatoon):** Mr. Speaker, I find that I must oppose this bill also. Since a man must be considered innocent until he is proved guilty, I cannot allow this bill to pass without registering opposition. We have no evidence. The first bill in this list as to which we have the evidence is Bill No. 13. The bill now before us is Bill No. 12. I am opposed to the motion.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Yes.