

(Mr. Murta) and the hon. member for Vegreville. I want to add to their comments by saying that while we agree to the passage of this legislation, we feel very strongly that the delay of the last two years has been nothing more than putting aside something for which the minister is responsible and which should have been taken care of a long time ago.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is the House ready for the question?

Some hon. Members: Question.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

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CIVIL SERVICE INSURANCE ACT

AMENDMENTS TO PROVISIONS RELATING TO CHILDREN AND UNMARRIED WOMEN

Hon. C. M. Drury (for the Minister of Finance) moved that Bill C-26, to amend the Civil Service Insurance Act, as reported (without amendment) from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Drury (for the Minister of Finance) moved that the bill be read the third time and do pass.

Mr. Walter Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I think it is worthwhile noting that this bill takes care of some difficulties that have existed in the statute and is administrative only, to a great degree. Let me call the attention of the House to the extension of the meaning of the word "children" to include adopted children. I understand there has been some difficulty experienced from time to time in that regard, and this extension will be a welcome addition to the statute law. In addition, the bill will remove a difference, in terms of status in law, between married and unmarried women, thereby correcting a situation which has existed in respect of the children of unmarried female public servants.

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All in all, I think the amendments are sound. I am particularly pleased to see, in clause 12 of the bill, that there has been an attempt by the government and the framer of the bill to bring its language into line so that it corresponds with the uniform insurance act provisions which apply in the provinces. This will limit to as great a degree as possible any misunderstanding that might have arisen. I want the government House leader to know that we support this bill and think it is very good legislation for the purpose of cleaning up the law in this particular respect.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

Cultural Property

CULTURAL PROPERTY EXPORT AND IMPORT ACT

MEASURE RESPECTING EXPORT OF CULTURAL PROPERTY AND IMPORT OF CULTURAL PROPERTY ILLEGALLY EXPORTED FROM FOREIGN STATES

The House proceeded to the consideration of Bill C-33, respecting the export from Canada of cultural property and the import into Canada of cultural property illegally exported from foreign states, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts.

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State) moved:

That Bill C-33, An Act respecting the export from Canada of cultural property and the import into Canada of cultural property illegally exported from foreign states, be amended by striking out lines 27 to 40 on page 8 thereof and lines 1 to 12 on page 9 thereof and substituting therefor the following:

"Export Review Board, consisting of a chairman and not less than six or more than twelve other members appointed by the governor in council on the recommendation of the minister.

(2) The members of the Review Board other than the chairman shall be chosen in equal numbers

(a) from among officers, members or employees of art galleries, museums, archives, libraries or other similar institutions in Canada; and

(b) from among residents of Canada who are dealers in or collectors of art, antiques or other objects that form part of the national heritage.

(3) The Review Board may authorize one of its members to act as chairman in the event of the absence or incapacity of the chairman or if the office of chairman is vacant.

(4) Three members, at least one of whom is a person described in paragraph (2)(a) and one of whom is a person described in paragraph (2)(b), constitute a quorum of the Review Board."

He said: Mr. Speaker, I might say just a word or two at the report stage of this important piece of legislation. We discussed its philosophy and provisions at second reading stage and also before the committee. Therefore, today I should simply like, first of all, to express my warmest appreciation to hon. members on all sides of the House who were members of the Standing Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts for the very thoughtful and expeditious way they dealt with the bill. I would also point out to hon. members who were not members of the committee that there were amendments proposed at the committee stage some of which were adopted and some of which were not.

One amendment would reduce the value limit for archives, under the provisions for the control lists, from \$1,000 to \$500. This was a recommendation put to us by archivists generally and by the Dominion Archivist. Another important amendment extends the tax relief, in the case of a referral to the review board for an income tax certificate, to include national treasures less than 50 years old and made by a living person but which are not subject to export control. I think these two amendments strengthen the bill.

While expressing my appreciation to hon. members, may I also express appreciation for the very generous co-operation of the Minister of Finance (Mr. Turner) who showed particular sensitivity with respect to the problem we were attempting to tackle in ensuring that we incorporated the delicate balance between constraints and incentives which