

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: In the Bill as it now stands a married blind person may receive a pension of \$240 a year and may have in addition a permissible income of \$400, as compared with a permissible income of \$200 allowed to a single blind pensioner. The double allowance was intended to take into account the married pensioner's obligation to contribute to the support of a family. However, under the present provisions of the Bill, two blind persons if married to each other would be allowed a total income of \$1,280; each would receive a pension of \$240 and each might have a permissible income of \$400. This is felt to be too generous, and the amendment provides that in the case of a person married to another blind person, each receiving a pension under the Act, the maximum permissible income in each case should be \$200.

Hon. Mr. CANTLEY: Is that a good reason?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I think it is.

Hon. Mr. DONNELLY: The amendment would apply to a blind person already receiving an old age pension; but the honourable leader on the other side referred to the case of one blind person marrying another.

The CHAIRMAN: I think if the subsection is read in its amended form it will explain the situation.

8A. (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection one of section nine of this Act the maximum pension payable to a blind person shall be two hundred and forty dollars yearly: Provided that in the case of a blind person, who, after the coming into force of this section, marries a person so blind as to be unable to perform any work for which eyesight is essential, the maximum pension payable shall be one hundred and twenty dollars yearly.

(3) The pensions payable under the provisions of the last preceding subsection shall be subject to reduction as follows:

(a) in the case of an unmarried person or a widower without a child or children or a widow without a child or children, by the amount of the income of the pensioner in excess of two hundred dollars a year;

(b) in the case of a married person or a widower with a child or children or a widow with a child or children, by the amount of the income of the pensioner in excess of four hundred dollars a year.

Now comes the proposed amendment:

(c) In the case of a person married to a blind person receiving a pension under this section, by the amount of the income of the pensioner in excess of two hundred dollars a year.

The amendment was agreed to.

The Bill as amended was reported, and the amendment was concurred in.

### THIRD READING

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved the third reading of the Bill.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

### PRIVATE BILLS

#### SECOND READINGS

Bill K2, an Act respecting Premier Trust Company.—Hon. Mr. Little.

Bill L2, an Act to incorporate The Mercantile Fire Insurance Company.—Hon. Mr. Lacasse.

### DIVORCE BILLS

#### FIRST READINGS

Hon. Mr. McMEANS, Chairman of the Committee on Divorce, presented the following Bills, which were severally read the first time:

Bill N2, an Act for the relief of Muriel Beatrice Brown Gray.

Bill O2, an Act for the relief of Joseph Gédéon Emilien Tanguay.

Bill P2, an Act for the relief of Mabel Marjorie Powter Johnston.

### EASTER ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Honourable senators will have noticed that there is no further public legislation before us. It is not likely we shall receive any from the House of Commons until after Easter. So it is with no qualms of conscience I move that when the Senate adjourns this evening it do stand adjourned until Tuesday, March 30, at 8 p.m.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday, March 30, at 8 p.m.

## THE SENATE

Tuesday, March 30, 1937.

The Senate met at 8 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

### CANADA-UNITED STATES INCOME TAX CONVENTION

#### RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Honourable members, a message has been received from the House of Commons in the following words: