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PRAYERS

Mr. Isabelle, from the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs, presented the Sixth Report of the Committee, which is as follows:

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of Thursday, May 29, 1975, your Committee has considered Bill C-16, An Act to amend certain statutes to provide equality of status thereunder for male and female persons, and has agreed to report it with the following amendments:

Clause 14

Strike out lines 24 to 32, on page 18, and substitute the following therefor:

“(2) Subsection 32(5) of the said Act is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

“(5) For the purposes of this Act, a member of the forces who shows to the satisfaction of the Commission that he has been residing with a person of the opposite sex and has been publicly representing that person as his spouse for a period of not less than

(a) three years, where he is prohibited from marrying that person by reason of a previous marriage either of that person or of himself, or

(b) one year, where neither he nor that person is prohibited from marrying the other,

shall, if the Commission so directs, be deemed to be married to that person, and upon the death of the member at any time while so deemed to be married, that person shall, if the Commission so directs, be deemed to be his widow.”

Strike out lines 36 to 42, on page 18, and lines 1 to 8, on page 19, and substitute the following therefor:

“(6) For the purposes of this Act, a person who shows to the satisfaction of the Commission that she was residing with a member of the forces of the opposite sex and was publicly represented by that member as his spouse for a period immediately prior to his death of not less than

(a) three years, where she was prohibited from marrying that member by reason of a previous marriage either of that member or of herself, or

(b) one year, where neither she nor the member was prohibited from marrying the other,

shall, if the Commission so directs, be deemed to be the widow of that deceased member.”