

CANADA

The Debates of the Senate

OFFICIAL REPORT

THE SENATE

Thursday, December 9, 1926.

The Sixteenth Parliament having been summoned by Proclamation of the Governor General to meet this day in its First Session for the despatch of business.

The Senate met at 2.30 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

OPENING OF THE SESSION

The Hon. the SPEAKER informed the Senate that he had received a communication from the Governor General's Secretary informing him that the Chief Justice of Canada, in his capacity of Deputy Governor General, would proceed to the Senate Chamber to open the Session of the Dominion Parliament, on Thursday, the 9th of December, at 3 o'clock.

NEW SENATORS INTRODUCED

The following newly-appointed Senators were severally introduced and took their seats:

Hon. Wilfrid Laurier McDougald, M.D., of Montreal, Quebec, introduced by Hon. R. Dandurand and Hon. Charles Murphy.

Hon. Daniel E. Riley, of High River, Alberta, introduced by Hon. R. Dandurand and Hon. W. A. Buchanan.

Hon. Paul LaCombe Hatfield, of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, introduced by Hon. R. Dandurand and Hon. E. M. Farrell.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

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The Right Honourable Francis Alexander Anglin, Chief Justice of Canada, Deputy Governor General, having come and being seated.

The Hon. the SPEAKER commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that: "It is the Right Honourable the Deputy Governor's desire that they attend him immediately in the Senate Chamber."

Who being come,

The Hon. the SPEAKER said:

Honourable gentlemen of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

I have it in command from the Right Honourable the Deputy Governor General to let you know that His Excellency the Governor General does not see fit to declare the causes of his summoning the present Parliament of Canada until a Speaker of the House of Commons shall have been chosen according to law; but tomorrow, at the hour of 3 o'clock in the afternoon, His Excellency will declare the causes of his calling of this Parliament.

The Right Honourable the Deputy Governor was pleased to retire, and the House of Commons withdrew.

The sitting was resumed.

RETURN OF DIVORCE EVIDENCE

MOTION

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY moved:

That a Message be sent to the House of Commons requesting that House to return to the Senate the evidence adduced before the Committee on Divorce during the last Session of Parliament upon which the following Bills were founded, viz:

Bill P6, an Act for the relief of Gwendolen McLachlin.

Bill Q6, an Act for the relief of Jessie Evis.

Bill R6, an Act for the relief of Max Gertler.

Bill S6, an Act for the relief of Florence May Hicks.

Bill T6, an Act for the relief of Ruth May Harrington.

Bill U6, an Act for the relief of Edith Maude Bull.

Bill V6, an Act for the relief of Joseph Bernard Hoodless.

Bill W6, an Act for the relief of Amelia Chester.

Bill Y6, an Act for the relief of Edward Barker.

Bill Z6, an Act for the relief of Joan Henderson.

Bill A7, an Act for the relief of Cecil Chester Richardson.

Bill B7, an Act for the relief of Vina Kennedy (otherwise known as Vina Dorothy Kennedy).

Bill C7, an Act for the relief of Sadie Joy Downey.

Bill D7, an Act for the relief of Aimee Glenholme Young.

Bill E7, an Act for the relief of Alberta Lutz.

Bill F7, an Act for the relief of George Frederick Adams.

Bill G7, an Act for the relief of Edward Saville.