

Bill No. 163 (from the Senate), for the relief of Cecil Chester Richardson.—Mr. Arthurs.

Bill No. 164 (from the Senate), for the relief of Bertha Amelia Bertelet.—Mr. Hocken.

Bill No. 165 (from the Senate), for the relief of James Edward Barnaby.—Mr. Garland (Carleton).

Bill No. 166 (from the Senate), for the relief of Evelyn May Bateman.—Mr. Edwards (Ottawa).

Bill No. 167 (from the Senate), for the relief of Fannie Louise Dance.—Mr. Jacobs.

Bill No. 168 (from the Senate), for the relief of Sarah Simpson.—Mr. Jacobs.

Bill No. 169 (from the Senate), for the relief of Percy Compton.—Mr. Anderson (Toronto-High Park).

Bill No. 170 (from the Senate), for the relief of Hazel Green Anderson.—Mr. McMillan.

Hon. HUGH GUTHRIE (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, would there be any objection to giving these bills second reading now? It would advance them to the committee stage.

Mr. SPEAKER: I am in the hands of the House.

Mr. LAPOINTE: No objection.

Mr. SPEAKER: Then I will take a motion covering all the bills. Is that satisfactory?

#### CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT—POSSESSION OF WEAPONS

On the order for the first reading of Bill No. 173 (from the Senate) to amend certain provisions of the Criminal Code respecting the possession of weapons:

Mr. SPEAKER: There is no mover.

Mr. ARTHURS: The mover should be nominated on the order paper.

Mr. SPEAKER: I understand that the hon. member for Bonaventure (Mr. Marcil) is prepared to move the first reading of the bill.

Mr. MARCIL: This is a Senate bill, I move that it be read a first time.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

#### MOTION FOR SECOND READINGS

Mr. SPEAKER: When shall these bills be read the second time?

Mr. ARTHURS: We object seriously to the inclusion of the last bill.

Mr. SPEAKER: Very well; the others.

An hon. MEMBER: And the first.

Mr. SPEAKER: With the exception of the first and the last of these bills, it is moved by Mr. Edwards (Frontenac) seconded by Mr. Arthurs that bills 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169 and 170 be now read the second time.

Sir GEORGE PERLEY: I am not rising to object to this motion at all, but I want to call attention to the fact that there are a good many bills of a similar nature on the order paper, where they have stood for days for second reading, and it seems to me that if we are to dispose of these bills in the way proposed it will place them a stage ahead of the others. I submit that all these divorce bills should be treated in the same way, sent to the committee, and taken off the order paper, just as it is proposed to do in this case.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I suggest that probably a more expeditious way would be to conclude the debate on the Georgian bay canal and get that bill across to the committee as speedily as possible. We could then dispose of all these others in rapid succession. However, the government will be prepared to consider my hon. friend's suggestion.

Mr. MARCIL: I object to the suggestion of the hon. member for Argenteuil (Sir George Perley). I have a bill on the order paper coming immediately after the Georgian bay bill, and if these divorce cases are to be advanced a stage I do not want my bill left behind. It is well for the House to remember that these divorces are a plague and that over 600 divorces were granted in Canada in 1926, according to the statistics.

Mr. SPEAKER: Are there any objections? The motion can be entertained only by unanimous consent.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Yes.

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Mr. SPEAKER: The motion for second reading of these bills stands until the next sitting of the House.

#### MARITIME CLAIMS

##### STATEMENT OF POLICY BY PRIME MINISTER

On the Orders of the Day:

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING: (Prime Minister): I said yesterday that I hoped to be able on the orders of the day to-day to make a statement on behalf of the