

Bill R, an Act for the relief of Edith Maude Bull.—Hon. Mr. Willoughby.

Bill S, an Act for the relief of Joseph Bernard Hoodless.—Hon. Mr. Willoughby.

Bill T, an Act for the relief of Edward Barker.—Hon. Mr. Willoughby.

Bill U, an Act for the relief of Joan Henderson.—Hon. Mr. Willoughby.

Bill V, an Act for the relief of Vina Kennedy (otherwise Vina Dorothy).—Hon. Mr. Willoughby.

Bill W, an Act for the relief of Aimée Glenholme Young.—Hon. Mr. Willoughby.

Bill X, an Act for the relief of Alberta Lutz.—Hon. Mr. Willoughby.

Bill Y, an Act for the relief of George Frederick Adams.—Hon. Mr. Willoughby.

Bill Z, an Act for the relief of Edward Saville.—Hon. Mr. Willoughby.

Bill A2, an Act for the relief of Robert Fisher.—Hon. Mr. Willoughby.

Bill B2, an Act for the relief of Dorothy Terry.—Hon. Mr. Willoughby.

Bill C2, an Act for the relief of Lillie May Brown Nichols.—Hon. Mr. Willoughby.

Bill D2, an Act for the relief of Hazel Pearle Clarke Percy.—Hon. Mr. Willoughby.

Bill E2, an Act for the relief of Edith Swartz.—Hon. Mr. Willoughby.

Bill F2, an Act for the relief of James Gibb Erskine.—Hon. Mr. Willoughby.

Bill G2, an Act for the relief of Ernest Johnson.—Hon. Mr. Willoughby.

Bill H2, an Act for the relief of Maxime Demers.—Hon. Mr. Willoughby.

Bill I2, an Act for the relief of Ethel Clementina Craig-Williams.—Hon. Mr. Willoughby.

Bill J2, an Act for the relief of Ida Lula Dupuis Murchison.—Hon. Mr. Willoughby.

Bill K2, an Act for the relief of Gladys Andrea Boyle.—Hon. Mr. Willoughby.

Bill L2, an Act for the relief of Leslie Ellis Noble.—Hon. Mr. Willoughby.

POSSESSION OF WEAPONS BILL

SECOND READING

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT moved the second reading of Bill A, an Act to amend certain provisions of the Criminal Code respecting the possession of weapons.

He said: Honourable gentlemen, this is a measure which received very serious consideration in both Houses last year. It stands in very much the same position as the Divorce Bills with which we have just dealt. The Bill is regularly on the Order Paper for to-day, and is exactly the same as that which was passed last year, but did not become law because, like many others, it failed to receive the Royal Assent. Although this Bill

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has not been printed, I think that under the circumstances it might be given the second reading.

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

REFERRED TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: I would move that the Bill be referred to the same Committee which dealt with it last year, and which was composed of Hon. Messieurs Barnard, Beaubien, Beique, Bureau, Dandurand, Girroir, Haydon, McMeans, Murphy, Pardee, Robinson, Ross (Middleton), Tanner, Willoughby, and myself.

Hon. Mr. McMEANS: I was going to suggest that as the Bill went through the Committees of the Senate and the House of Commons last year, we might dispense with the Committee stage altogether and pass it now. When we dealt with it before all the objectionable features were eliminated.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Can the honourable gentleman tell us whether the Bill is now in the form in which it left the Senate last year, or in the amended form in which it was returned from the House of Commons?

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: The Bill was the subject of considerable discussion in the Committee of the other House. It was reported by that Committee, and I am not sure whether it was read a third time. At all events, numerous amendments were made in the other House, and my impression is that they did not come back to us.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: So if we were to pass the Bill now we should be agreeing to the amendments made by the House of Commons?

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: Yes.

Hon. Mr. GORDON: We have nothing to show what those amendments are.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL: I think it is much better that the Bill should be referred to the Special Committee. I do not see any particular urgency for rushing it through so quickly. I think it is better that it should take the ordinary course and go before the Committee. There will be plenty of time to pass it when we come back.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: My motion was to refer it to the Committee.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was referred to the Special Committee.

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday, February 15, 1927, at 8 p.m.