

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. Gershaw moved that the bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

Hon. Mr. Vien: Honourable senators, may I suggest that the provincially constituted bodies which control these professional matters in each province be notified of the date at which this bill will be considered in committee and invited to express their views to the committee?

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: It seems to me, honourable senators, that notice of the date of the committee's hearing on the bill should be sent to the Attorneys General of all the provinces, so that if they have any objection to the bill we may hear of it.

Hon. Mr. Vien: That is agreeable to me. I should like to have the house express formal approval of that suggestion, and if necessary I will move that that be done.

Hon. Mr. Haig: Excuse me, but I do not think that is a matter for the house. That can be attended to in committee.

Hon. Mr. Robertson: The Chairman of the Miscellaneous Private Bills Committee (Hon. Mr. Bouffard) is present and will have noted the suggestion that has been made. I am sure he will act accordingly. If, when the bill is reported back from committee, any senators thinks that the attorneys general of the provinces were not notified, that would be a very pertinent question to raise here at that time. It seems to me that, as stated by the leader opposite (Hon. Mr. Haig), notice of the committee's hearing on the bill is a matter for the committee to consider, and that no formal action by the Senate is necessary.

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: That is satisfactory to me.

The motion of Hon. Mr. Gershaw was agreed to and the bill was referred to committee.

DIVORCE BILLS

SECOND READINGS

Hon. Mr. Haig, for the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Divorce, moved the second reading of the following bills.

Bill Z-8, an Act for the relief of Leo Kendall.

Bill A-9, an Act for the relief of Tom Barnard Clayton Gould.

Bill B-9, an Act for the relief of Helene Laura Solomon Wiseberg.

Bill C-9, an Act for the relief of Joan Borland White.

Bill D-9, an Act for the relief of John Laurence McDonough.

Bill E-9, an Act for the relief of Jean Wiseman Schwartz.

Bill F-9, an Act for the relief of Judith Sorel Riven Gainsbury.

Bill G-9, an Act for the relief of Agnes Bertha Baugh Guimont.

Bill H-9, an Act for the relief of Genevieve Flora Agatha Brown Smith.

Bill I-9, an Act for the relief of Marcelle Alice Beliveau Martin.

Bill J-9, an Act for the relief of Marcel Despatis.

Bill K-9, an Act for the relief of Joseph Wilfrid Ernest Senecal.

The motion was agreed to, and the bills were read the second time, on division.

→ CRIMINAL CODE BILL

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING

On the motion to adjourn.

Hon. Mr. Robertson: Honourable senators, I wish to remind the house that the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce will meet as soon as the Senate rises to resume consideration of the Criminal Code Bill. May I add this: I assured the Minister of Justice that as far as lay within our power we would do all we could to see that the bill was dealt with as expeditiously as it is possible to make a thorough study of the measure.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 3 p.m.