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services and immigration. I have been concerned, as have many other members, because of the fact that the department is not being called manpower and immigration. For many years in this country we have had a Department of Citizenship and Immigration and I know of no country which has been more dependent on immigration.

Recently provincial governments, notably those of Quebec and Ontario, have organized drives to attract skilled workers to Canada. This is taking place because of the great need in this country for skilled immigrants. It is dismaying to find that the new department does not have as part of its name the word "immigration".

I fear that a very heavy load will be placed on the minister in regard to his work in the field of manpower, to say nothing of the duties he will be required to carry out in respect of immigration. I hope that his shoulders are broad and strong. During the short time I have been a member of this house the duties of at least one minister of citizenship and immigration have been onerous. For these reasons I am inclined to believe that there should be two separate departments, one to look after manpower resources and the other to look after immigration.

Manpower and immigration have some associated facets but I fear, as has been expressed privately by members on this side of the house, that the immigration branch in the new department will become more redundant than ever. Perhaps the civil service will assume a greater role in respect of immigration while the minister and his deputy devote their efforts to utilization of manpower resources and employment services.

I certainly hope that the new system of organization will work efficiently but, as I say, there is some basis for the fear that the civil service will take an even stronger part in the operation of the immigration branch. I do not understand how a man on the street is going to be able to get in touch with officials of the immigration branch because I assume it will be listed as a branch of the department of manpower. To whom will individuals direct correspondence and applications? I expect the government will advertise the fact that immigration is a branch of the department of manpower, but I think it might have been easier for all concerned if the name of the new department had been the department of manpower and immigration.

Before we reach consideration of clause 11 of the bill during the committee stage, I

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seriously hope that the government will propose a change in the name of this department. Canada is a country made up of descendants of immigrants. This fact should be given due consideration. I know the situation will not change because of the policy the government proposes to bring forward.

Those are the points I wanted to bring to the attention of the minister and the government before we reach consideration of clause 11 of the bill, and I hope that consideration will be given to the suggestion I have made regarding the name.

Mr. Brewin: Mr. Speaker, would the hon. member permit a question? Does he not think it would be appropriate for him to propose an amendment to the bill along the lines he has suggested during its consideration at the committee stage? I can assure the hon. member that some of us would consider such an amendment with a good deal of sympathy.

Mr. Macaluso: That may very well be what I will do.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Rinfret): Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

Mr. Starr: On division.

Motion agreed to on division, bill read the second time and the house went into committee thereon, Mr. Rinfret in the chair.

● (4:30 p.m.)

On clause 2—*Department established.*

Mr. Bell (Carleton): Mr. Chairman, clause 2 is the first of the various clauses up to No. 10 which are designed to accomplish the dismemberment of the Department of Justice. At the resolution stage preceding the bill I stated my objections to the emasculation of that historic department. Without repetition, I want to submit again as vigorously as I can that the proposal to divide the department into three separate ministries is a major error which may well have calamitous effects upon the administration of justice in Canada.

This legislation would never have been proposed had it not been for the problems encountered in the portfolio of justice by the hon. gentleman from Papineau. That is self-evident. But such problems as he encountered in that portfolio resulted from a lack of consultation and a lack of co-ordination. This trifurcation of the department must inevitably intensify rather than cure those problems. I put it to the committee that one ministry of justice with an experienced, competent counsel at its head, such as the hon. member for