

Immigration Act, 1976

Figures from the Government's own Department clearly show that bias. This law will increase that bias because all the restrictions the Minister is placing do not hinder the people of the designated classes from eastern Europe. They only hinder the people who come to our shores seeking refugee status. Therefore, in closing, I wish to say two things. It would be practical if this Government would withdraw this Bill, at least for the purpose of allowing further consultation for amendment, because I warn, not out of any decision of mine, but as a matter of public record, that there are Canadians who have organized to oppose this Bill which they regard as fundamentally unjust.

The Bill will be paralysed by court challenges if it is proclaimed into law and attempted to be put into practice. At the very least, I would ask that one amendment be accepted, and that is the amendment about which I spoke previously. It is a subamendment to the amendment of the Hon. Member for York West. I would add to the end of his amendment the words "according to the principles of fundamental justice". I

do not have it typed out because I had to find out the wording of the amendment. I am prepared to write it out and give it to the Clerk immediately because it is a very simple matter.

Therefore, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Regina West (Mr. Benjamin), that the last clause would read that these people would have the right to have the merits of their claims determined in that country "according to the principles of fundamental justice."

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Kempling): The Chair will reserve on the admissibility of the Hon. Member's subamendment.

When the House next engages itself on this debate, the Hon. Member will be entitled to 10 minutes of questions and comments.

It being after 6 p.m., this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 11 a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 3(1).

The House adjourned at 6 p.m.
