

*Immigration Act, 1976*

There are three choices. The first is to withdraw the legislation altogether, which would not be particularly hurtful. If the Government were to adopt a rapid and fair refugee determination process, as is possible to derive from Bill C-55 with appropriate amendments to bring it into accord with what has been recommended by the Canadian Council of Churches, then this legislation would not be necessary. I know that the Government will not do this because, after all, it brought us back here for an emergency. The emergency was Bill C-84 and Bill C-22 and the Bill dealing with Canagrex, and half a dozen other Bills. But this is part of the emergency.

One will note in the papers prepared justifying this document that there are the most devious arguments imaginable which try to point out that the Charter of Rights does not play a part to those people out in the ships in the middle of the sea. There is here a clear attempt to circumvent the Charter of Rights. In other instances in which there are people on our shores, there are those who say that this matter could be tested in the Supreme Court. There are others, including Members opposite, who have suggested that this sorry piece of legislation should be presented to the Supreme Court to let it adjudicate

whether or not it fails in its test when measured against the Charter of Rights. In all of Canada we have only one group of people who see this legislation as consistent with the Charter. That group is made up of members of the Government.

There was an honest way for the Government to approach the situation. But this is a Government that rejects honesty, just as it has rejected the Charter of Rights. If it wants to reject the Charter of Rights, then it has a means of doing so in Section 33, the notwithstanding clause. If Members opposite want this legislation, I suggest to them that they tell the people of Canada honestly that they want it exempted from the Charter and declare to the world and those who vote for—

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Order, please. It being three o'clock, pursuant to the order made Wednesday, September 2, 1987, the House stands adjourned until Wednesday, September 9, 1987, at two o'clock pursuant to Standing Order 3(1).

The House adjourned at 3 p.m.

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