

S.O. 21

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): In my opinion, the yeas have it.

Motion No. 17 agreed to.

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (for the Minister of State (Finance)) moved:

Motion No. 19

That Bill C-90, be amended in Clause 36

(a) by striking out lines 36 to 44 at page 43 and substituting the following therefor:

“(a) is ordered by a court pursuant to provincial property law (within the meaning of subsection 25(1)); or

(b) is made pursuant to a written agreement between the spouses.”

(b) by striking out line 1 at page 44 and substituting the following therefor:

“(4) Any agreement or arrangement”.

(c) by striking out line 9 at page 44 and substituting the following therefor:

(5) Subsection (4) does not apply in”.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The question is on Motion No. 19. Is it the pleaser of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): In my opinion, the yeas have it.

Motion No. 19 agreed to.

especially since his recent refugee policy, the importance of appointing well qualified individuals to the Immigration Appeal Board. Immigrant organizations have also stressed that appointees need the prerequisites of competence and experience in order to make sound decisions. In refugee matters, particularly, error can lead to certain death. Earlier this month, however, the Minister made seven new appointments to the Immigration Appeal Board, six of whom had direct links to the Conservative Party.

Being a volunteer, an organizer, or fund-raiser for a past provincial or federal candidate with the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada, does not, in itself, constitute legitimate qualifications. If the Minister is serious about his stated intentions and is genuinely concerned, he will revoke such blatant partisan appointments. They do nothing but offend the integrity of the entire immigration process.

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GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

PROPOSED RENAMING OF PARKS CANADA

Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport): Mr. Speaker, what is in a name? For Canadians and visitors, we identify our national parks and historic sites with a name, Parks Canada. One would think that this title, short, historic—and, yes, even patriotic—would appeal to the Government. Apparently not. The Minister of the Environment (Mr. McMillan) is renaming Parks Canada “Department of Environment—Parks”—an uninspired, long, dull name.

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The cost of renaming? Probably into the hundreds of thousands of dollars, from changing the letterhead on stationery, to repainting signs and vehicles, to altering literature. At a time when the Minister is complaining of insufficient funds to do worth-while things, where will the money come from? Will more scientists be laid off to pay for McMillan's silly idea? Will environmental programs be further weakened? Only the Minister—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Hon. Member knows that such a comment, direct and by name, is out of order.

Mr. Caccia: I regret that, Mr. Speaker.

Only the Minister knows. What is clear is that the pride of Parks Canada employees has been hurt. A fine tradition has been dealt a mortal blow, a respected identity has been eliminated surreptitiously.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 21

[English]

IMMIGRATION

APPOINTMENTS TO IMMIGRATION APPEAL BOARD

Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of State for Immigration (Mr. McLean) has stated repeatedly,