

I have in mind a specific case which I do not want to detail here, in order not to impose upon the patience of the house, but where, it seems to me, a local immigration officer took a certain attitude which I do not think the minister would endorse eventually.

That is to say, Mr. Speaker, perhaps the bill now under consideration is not perfect; indeed, I do not think we will ever see any perfect legislation in this house, even though one is convinced this is the best parliament there ever was. There will always remain differences of opinion about the ways to correct situations. I believe that, generally speaking, it is good, provided that emphasis is placed on this human aspect of the problem and things are not carried too far. And I want to repeat this so that the hon. member for York South (Mr. Lewis), who is here, may realize that there is nothing mischievous in my approach, but that I differ with him as regards the defence of those people known as security risks. Let us not go so far as to take away from the government every weapon at its disposal, for it is its job to protect the common good. I suggest that from that point of view, democracy must not deprive the legally elected representatives of the people of the authority they need to act, to act well and quickly.

Besides, if there should be excesses, Mr. Speaker, well, we are 265 here and surely someone would realize it some day and we would hear about it. I believe I know enough people in this chamber who are diligent and who are aware of all these problems, that it would not take long before we hear about it and before the minister in fault would be tried promptly.

That is to say, Mr. Speaker, as a matter of fact, even if I associate myself with certain constructive criticisms that have been made and which the minister will probably take into account in the practical administration of the act, I am one of those who will vote in favour of the bill before us, which provides for the establishment of this Immigration Appeal Board.

[English]

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS
TO BE DEBATED

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. Perhaps the hon. member for Regina City, who is about to rise, might permit me at this time to inform

Establishment of Immigration Appeal Board the house that the questions to be raised on the adjournment proceedings this evening are as follows: The hon. member for Sherbrooke (Mr. Allard), External Affairs—request for bilingual personnel in Canadian embassies; the hon. member for Brome-Missisquoi (Mr. Grafftey), Housing—meetings of study groups respecting shortage; the hon. member for Kootenay West (Mr. Herridge), Canada Law Reports—sale price of.

IMMIGRATION

PROVISION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF APPEAL BOARD

The house resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Marchand for the second reading of Bill No. C-220, to make provision for appeals to an Immigration Appeal Board in respect of certain matters relating to immigration.

Mr. K. H. More (Regina City): Mr. Speaker, it is not my intention to take very long in making my remarks because I am anxious to see the bill reach the committee stage so that we can discuss it clause by clause. Generally speaking, in my experience in dealing with matters such as are covered by this bill I have received excellent co-operation from the staff of the department, the various officers and the minister concerned with these problems.

I believe we must realize that the departmental officials are faced with limitations which have been established under the law and by practice. When these cases reach us, in most instances they have been considered by the departmental officials. If after reviewing the file we find that in our opinion some legitimate representation can be made, it must be remembered that it is not because of lack of co-operation or lack of consideration by the departmental officials that we refer cases to the minister's office or to the office of his parliamentary secretary.

In our discussion of the bill I believe all of us have benefited from the fact that three former ministers have participated in the debate. I should like to say how pleased I was that the hon. member for Matapédia-Matane (Mr. Tremblay) took part in this debate. I found him to be a very responsible minister. He had to leave the cabinet because of a disability. I am pleased to see him back in the house and participating in this debate. While he was in office my experience was that he gave that careful consideration to these matters which benefits a responsible minister of