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Establishment of Immigration Appeal Board 7(2)(c) be amended by adding at the beginning the words "during a hearing".

Mr. Greene: I so move, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Bell (Carleton): Mr. Chairman, this was the suggestion I made privately to the parliamentary secretary, which I understand he has taken up with the law officers. Having made the suggestion initially, the amendment is entirely agreeable to me.

Mr. Brewin: Mr. Chairman, is it appropriate now for me to move as an amendment to clause 7 as amended a further subclause (3) which would read, as suggested by the hon. member for—

The Chairman: Order, please. Perhaps I could suggest to the hon. member for Greenwood that we first deal with the amendment moved by the Minister of Agriculture. Then I would hear the hon. member on the amendment which he would like to propose. The Minister of Agriculture moves:

That subclause (2) (c) of clause 7 be amended by adding at the beginning thereof the words "during a hearing"

Does the committee agree to the amendment?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

The Chairman: Shall the amendment carry? Amendment agreed to.

Mr. Brewin: Mr. Chairman, I should like to move a further amendment to clause 7:

That clause 7 as amended be further amended by adding thereto subclause (3) reading as follows: "The board may, and at the request of the appellant or the minister shall, give reasons for its disposition of the appeal."

Mr. McCleave: Mr. Chairman, I should like to raise a point in connection with this amendment. Maybe I have misread this provision, but would it not be possible under certain circumstances that the person who wants to be a citizen would be in the position of a respondent and the minister would be the appellant? That is to say, should the phrasing be "the appellant or of the minister", or should it be something broader? This is the question I want to ask the mover of the amendment.

Mr. Brewin: The hon. member for Halifax may be right, Mr. Chairman, but I think on reflection that only two types of appeal are possible, one by an individual who is then described as an appellant, and one by the minister. But perhaps the point the hon.

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member makes is that the minister might appeal and the individual might be the respondent, and as such might like to see the reasons for the decision.

Mr. McCleave: Yes.

Mr. Brewin: Perhaps there is a point in what the hon. member says.

Mr. Baldwin: The hon. member for Greenwood may be assuming that the minister is never going to appeal.

Mr. McCleave: Mr. Chairman, perhaps I could solve the dilemma since I created it. Instead of the words "appellant or of the minister" should we not say "or either one of the parties to the appeal"? Would that not solve the problem?

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Chairman, I think the hon. member is correct. May I move it formally. I move as a subamendment:

That the words "the appellant or of the minister" be deleted and the words "of either party" be substituted therefor.

The subclause would then read:

The board may, and at the request of either party shall, give reasons for its disposition of the appeal.

If you will give a moment, Mr. Chairman, I will write it out.

The Chairman: May I suggest to the hon. member for York South that perhaps the proper thing for him and the hon. member for Greenwood to do would be to get together and redraft the amendment.

Mr. Lewis: With pleasure, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Marchand: I think we should say "either of the parties to the appeal", Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Brewin: We are all agreed.

Mr. Knowles: Mr. Chairman, I wonder whether I may suggest that the hon. member for Greenwood be permitted to withdraw the wording that he gave originally and substitute for it wording as follows:

The board may, and at the request of either of the parties to the appeal shall, give reasons for its disposition of the appeal.

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Mr. Brewin: Mr. Chairman, the hon. member for York South is writing out just that wording. Everybody seems to be agreeable, and I am certainly agreeable to withdrawing my original amendment and substituting this

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