

enter this debate in support of the motion moved by the member for Greenwood (Mr. Brewin), to include in the statement of objectives, section 3(b), the word "multicultural".

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Lee: Canada is a country made up of hard-working and talented people, many of whom have come from other countries to make this their home. There are thousands of native born as well, and together we represent a great range of ethnic backgrounds and many political parties. We have Canadians who have come from Italy, Germany, Yugoslavia, the Netherlands, from other European and Asiatic countries and, of course, from Great Britain. We are glad they chose Canada. It was on that basis the federal government introduced the policy of multiculturalism in 1971, and in so doing affirmed multiculturalism to be a fact of the cultural and social fabric of Canada.

I am also in support of this motion as I firmly believe that multiculturalism is an excellent means to foster and facilitate national unity. I say this as a westerner, for westerners take great pride in our earnest hopes for a united Canada based on the diversity of our ethnic origin.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I strongly encourage the Minister of Manpower and Immigration (Mr. Cullen) to accept the motion of the hon. member for Greenwood.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Is the House ready for the question?

Some hon. Members: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): All those in favour will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

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

Some hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Pursuant to Standing Order 75(11), the recorded division on the proposed motion stands deferred.

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood) moved:

Motion No. 7.

Immigration

That Bill C-24, An Act respecting immigration to Canada, be amended in Clause 3 by striking out line 19 and substituting the following therefor: "ter of Canada and the multicultural nature of Canada;"

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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

Some hon. Members: Yea.

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

Some hon. Members: Nay.

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

And more than five members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Pursuant to Standing Order 75(11), the recorded division on the proposed motion stands deferred.

Mr. Alexander: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. When I am speaking in this House I do not want the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mrs. Holt) to make any reference to the fact that perhaps some of my comments have anything to do with my skin. She was not standing in her place at that particular time. I thought she understood this particular problem. I do not want her at any time in the future to make reference to my skin. It was not an offensive intervention, but I just question why she had to bring that in. That is my point of order. I have been here nine years. It is the first time I have heard that. I want to let hon. members in this House know that Alexander can be quite tough when it is required.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order, please.

Mr. Alexander: I am still on my point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order, please.

Mr. Alexander: I just want to say that I have a great deal of respect for the hon. lady, but let it not happen again.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order, please.

Mrs. Holt: On a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): The hon. member for Hamilton West (Mr. Alexander) speaking on a point of order referred to remarks made by some hon. members. The Chair cannot rule on what was said by a member who was not recognized. There has been, and I am sure there will continue to be, shouting across the aisle which the Chair cannot recog-