

cent and is similar in construction to the *Yarmouth Castle*, which burned and caused the loss of so many lives, will the use of this vessel be permitted for the purpose intended?

Mr. Speaker: Order. Since I do not think there is any immediate urgency about this question I suggest it be placed on the order paper.

CRIMINAL CODE

SUGGESTED AMENDMENT RESPECTING BREATHALIZER TESTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Barry Mather (New Westminster): I had wished to direct a question to the Minister of Justice. In his absence his parliamentary secretary might take it as notice. Having in mind the recommendation of the committee on justice and legal affairs with regard to mandatory breathalyzer tests for drinking drivers, is the minister considering such a provision?

IMMIGRATION

PROVISION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF APPEAL BOARD

The house resumed, from Wednesday, February 22, consideration in committee of Bill No. C-220, to make provision for appeals to an immigration appeal board in respect of certain matters relating to immigration—**Mr. Marchand**—**Mr. Batten** in the chair.

The Chairman: When the committee rose yesterday clause 21 of the bill was under consideration. Clause 19, with an amendment proposed by the hon. member for York South, and clause 20 were allowed to stand.

On clause 21—*Certificate of minister and Solicitor General*.

Mr. Bell (Carleton): I wonder whether the hon. member for Greenwood would permit me just a moment in which to raise a matter arising from the deliberations of the joint special committee on immigration sitting today in Montreal.

I am advised that this committee, in a resolution moved by the parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and passed unanimously, asked this house and the committee of the whole not to proceed further with the legislation now under consideration until the special committee has completed the hearing of the evidence in Montreal, much of which apparently relates to this particular bill. Could the leader of the house or the minister

Establishment of Immigration Appeal Board indicate the attitude of the government toward this unanimous request in a resolution moved by a junior minister, the hon. member for Parkdale? This is a request to which I am sure serious attention should be paid, particularly if, as indicated, evidence is being taken in relation to the bill before us.

Mr. Marchand: I heard about this resolution which was adopted in Montreal this morning. As to the suggested procedure itself, I am not very happy about it. A committee sitting outside Ottawa is asking the house to hold up an important piece of legislation. The committee knew this question has been under consideration since Monday, and if this matter was of such importance to the special committee members it would have been possible for them to have been here yesterday.

Nevertheless, though I do not agree with the procedure, I am ready to hold up clause 1 of the bill so the members of the committee may be given an opportunity to communicate their views to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Starr: But suppose it was the intention of the committee to propose amendments to certain clauses in this bill which have not yet been passed. If these clauses are carried there will be no opportunity for the hon. members concerned to give effect to their proposals.

Mr. Marchand: Most of the clauses have been adopted now. There are only a couple of clauses which remain to be passed, so I do not see the purpose of postponing altogether the discussion in committee.

• (3:10 p.m.)

Mr. Brewin: Mr. Chairman, in moving today the amendment to which I referred yesterday I will not repeat what I said at that time. I have here copies of the amendment I propose to move, which proposes to delete the present clause.

The Chairman: Order. May I ask the hon. member for Greenwood whether he now is referring to clause 21?

Mr. Brewin: Yes, I am.

The Chairman: The hon. member for Greenwood.

Mr. Brewin: Mr. Chairman, the proposal in my amendment of which I gave notice yesterday is to delete present clause 21. As the committee will know, this clause in effect provides for the removal of security cases from the jurisdiction of the appeal board when the minister and the Solicitor General