

Immigration

seems to me that the motion relating to the establishment of a different kind of board than now exists under our immigration law would obviously provide for expenditure. Therefore, on that basic, fundamental ground, I rule the motions out of order. Motion No. 40 having been ruled out of order, the motions related to it also fail, those being motions 34, 35, 36, 43 and 45.

As I said earlier, motions Nos. 2 and 9 having failed, motion 22 is the only other motion which mentions specifically the concept of domicile. Therefore, motions 2, 9 and 22 are out of order.

I note that motion No. 23 was referred to earlier. I have examined the language of motion 23 and do not find the word "domicile" in it, although there seems to be language in it which has a similar description or connotation. In fact, the word "domicile" is not used. Therefore, on procedural grounds I am not able, without further elaboration, to find difficulty with that motion.

That brings us to the consideration of motion No. 6 in the name of the hon. member for Provencher (Mr. Epp). That, in accordance with early discussion, also brings forward motion No. 7 in the name of the hon. member for Greenwood (Mr. Brewin), and motion No. 8, in the name of the hon. member for Egmont (Mr. MacDonald). I should also add that Mr. Paproski is the seconder of motion No. 6, Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre) the seconder of motion No. 7, and Mr. Brewin the seconder of motion No. 8.

Mr. Jake Epp (Provencher) moved:

Motion No. 6.

That Bill C-24, respecting immigration to Canada, be amended in clause 3 by striking out lines 11 to 13 at page 5 and substituting the following therefor:

"long term demographic goals as shall be established by the government of Canada from time to time after consultation with the provinces, concerning regional demographic needs and after consultation with such other persons, organizations and institutions as it deems appropriate in respect of the size, rate of".

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood) moved:

Motion No. 7.

That Bill C-24, respecting immigration to Canada, be amended in clause 3 by striking out line 19 at page 5 and substituting the following therefor:

"ter of Canada and the multicultural nature of Canada;"

Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont) moved:

Motion No. 8.

That Bill C-24, respecting immigration to Canada, be amended in clause 3 by striking our line 41 at page 5 and substituting the following therefor:

"origin, colour, religion, sex or legal political opinion or activity;"

Mr. Jake Epp (Provencher): Mr. Speaker, when the special joint committee reported, and during second reading debate on Bill C-24, my party stressed the need for a Canadian demographic policy. We contended, on second reading, that Canada has no demographic policy. The minister's remarks on second reading convinced us that this is the case.

• (1720)

When this matter was raised during committee stage, further evidence was brought to our attention which illustrates that, in fact, Canada does not have a developed demographic policy. The purpose of this amendment is to put into place the mechanism by which a demographic policy would, in fact, be developed. We are not calling for a demographic policy to be put in place, and to be in place immediately. What we are calling for is that the procedure and development of that demographic policy to be put into place in very fair terms.

The minister went part way in clause 7. I am not trying to move ahead, Mr. Speaker. I hope I am in order. In clause 7, the minister went part way in the development of a demographic policy. I must stress that he only went part way. The amendment in clause 7 is acceptable. We endorse it and hope to go further on it. Clause 7 states that after the establishment of annual levels—

The minister . . . shall lay before parliament, not later than the sixtieth day before the commencement of each calendar year or, if parliament is not then sitting, not later than the fifteenth day next thereafter that parliament is sitting, a report specifying

- (a) the number of immigrants that the government of Canada deems it appropriate to admit during any specified period of time; and
- (b) the manner in which demographic considerations have been taken into account in determining that number.

What the amendment does is obligate the minister to lay before parliament the target, not the exact number, of the number of immigrants who will be landed in the next year. That target might be overshot or undershot largely on the basis of the number of refugees that we land during that given year. We cannot determine beforehand, on any demographic considerations or manpower considerations, the number of refugees who might be landed in that given year. I believe that is clearly understood by those members who sat on the committee.

What will happen at this stage is that the minister, under clause 7(b), will have to place before parliament the demographic considerations, in other words, the rationale for the number he deems wise to land in that given year. That is fine as far as it goes. However, demographic considerations have not been defined in 7(b). The minister can give us the demographic considerations as he sees them. A process must be established whereby we will get those policy statements and demographic considerations. That is the reason for the amendment.

I believe I am supported in this by the report of the special joint committee. I do not recall how the committee split at that time. I do know there was general agreement on recommendations Nos. 84 and 85 of the special joint committee. It is important that they be read into the record at this time. Section 84 of the special joint committee report, page 53:23, reads as follows:

As now proposed, the only inducement offered to a prospective immigrant to settle in a designated community is the opportunity to emigrate immediately. This would be attractive only if a waiting list had developed. With a waiting list, an immigrant choosing to settle in a designated community would do so entirely voluntarily since he would be admissible in any event if he were prepared to wait.