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clause 11 be amended to read "Department of Manpower and Immigration" and that this name be used in the following clauses. I suggest that this be done either by unanimous consent or by someone moving a subamendment.

Mr. Bell (Carleton): I would submit it can only be done by unanimous consent, and certainly we on this side would be most happy to extend unanimous consent. If the hon. minister had not moved this amendment we on this side would have done so, and had intended to do so. I think the hon. member for Hamilton West is to be congratulated and I wish the government had given him a chance to move the amendment. He was one of a number of people who had the same idea. I hope the inclusion of the words "and immigration" in this portfolio title will mean something more than lip service to immigration. I hope it will mean that this department is going out specifically and definitely to promote immigration and establish a proper policy. I hope the minister will get rid of the lead swinging he has been guilty of since last December in keeping the white paper under wraps.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Caron: Mr. Chairman, when the minister moved his amendment, I was wondering whether that was necessary because, according to the bill as it is drafted, the minister holds his office during pleasure. He could have been taken from one department and placed in another without having to change the whole act. This way, the act will have to be changed if part of the department is to be transferred to the Department of Labour or another one. I think that is useless.

If the member for Carleton (Mr. Bell) said he would move that amendment, it is proof that we would make a mistake in moving it. I submit that basically it is unnecessary.

I will not object further. I do not understand the reason of such a change which is not absolutely necessary and which could well have been made without this amendment since the minister holds his office during pleasure and could readily have been transferred from one department to another without the house having to change the act.

[*English*]

The Deputy Chairman: Is there unanimous consent that this amendment be carried?

Mr. Knowles: Yes, provided there is a reference to the heading preceding clause 11.

[Mr. Knowles.]

The Deputy Chairman: Yes, and we thank the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre for the new title and for its inclusion in the following clauses and subclauses.

Mr. Knowles: In both languages.

Mr. Bell (Carleton): Before clause 11 carries may I ask the minister if he has given consideration to the problem that I know has been raised with him by the organization known as Manpower Services Limited? I think many hon. members have had communications from this private and long established corporation. I agree that national interest must always be predominant, but I do not think we should suddenly go in and take over what has been a very long established name, I believe of international reputation. Before we proceed further I would like the minister to comment on this, and we might wish to pursue the matter further if his comment is not satisfactory.

Mr. Marchand: Mr. Chairman, we have of course taken that point into consideration. We do not have any interest in creating more confusion than is necessary, and so I hope we will find a name that will avoid this confusion and respect the rights of those who have rights in Canada.

Mr. Nielson: Will the minister also make a recommendation to the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources to the effect that he pass on an alternate name to the city of Edmonton?

Amendment agreed to.

● (9:30 p.m.)

[*Translation*]

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Chairman, there is a point on which the minister—

The Chairman: Is the hon. member dealing with clause 11 or clause 12?

Mr. Grégoire: Clause 11, Mr. Chairman.

The Chairman: The hon. member still has something to say concerning clause 11?

Then clause 11 is not agreed to.

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Chairman, I thought we were being asked to agree to the amendment. We agreed to the amendment but not to the clause.

Precisely, before agreeing to the clause, I would like to hear a statement from the minister on a matter he evaded; I do not know whether he did it deliberately or not,