

I emphasize that there are no halfway measures possible when producing evidence before a board. If we introduced any of those elements which are proposed by the amendment and by the suggested amendment, no lawyer would be satisfied with them. I do not think anyone would be satisfied with a general statement to the effect that one man was a criminal or that another was a security risk to Canada. Everybody would feel frustrated. Everybody would like to have more details. They will insist on having the names, and from that moment on I believe we would be placing some individuals in a very dangerous position. I do not see how we can be satisfied, and I would not be satisfied if I were a lawyer appearing before the board, if I were to have only half of the evidence.

• (6:00 p.m.)

Mr. Brewin: Half is better than none.

Mr. Marchand: No, it is not better; it may be worse. It might be very misleading. I think if I were to accept these amendments, I would be in favour of opening the case and giving all the information. I do not believe we are going to achieve what is aimed at by these amendments. So, Mr. Chairman, I know it is not a comfortable position, and everybody understands I am sure, but I believe we have to wait for the recommendations from the royal commission on security. It is not wise to bring such amendments until we have those recommendations, and I think the ministers should bear sole responsibility for the decision.

I have been here for nearly a year, and there are not many cases. There have been some cases of applications from behind the iron curtain. This is not the way to solve the problem. We hope we will find a solution very soon. So far as the real criminals or the real subversive elements are concerned, there are very few of them. When it is stated in this house that this bill will be useless if it remains as it is, then I say that is an exaggeration. I think it would be useless for some people to make the efforts they are making if that were going to be the result.

We are not taking away any rights from anybody. Who can come before this board? The sponsor who wants to sponsor somebody, and the man who has been ordered deported. The man who has been ordered deported is generally neither a Canadian nor a landed immigrant. He of course is a human being. He has a moral right to ask to come to Canada, but he has no legal right. He cannot say, "You

Establishment of Immigration Appeal Board are depriving me of a right I have." He has a moral right; there is no doubt of that, and I could make an argument on that ground which would be well founded.

We are concerned with a Canadian citizen or a landed immigrant who asks to sponsor somebody. We do not deny him any rights. The sponsor has a right to ask if this man can come to Canada. If we have any information on our file and we were to reveal that information it would be revealed not to the prospective sponsor but to the appellant and to probably the 10 or 12 people in the court. I tell you that in some cases this would be dangerous for the security of the state. I am less sensitive about that aspect because I think we can protect ourselves. However, I believe the security of some individuals can be placed in real danger.

So, Mr. Chairman, I believe there are only two ways of accomplishing this purpose. Either we treat these cases exactly like the others and we produce all the evidence to the lawyers or interested parties, or we refuse to do so and put the responsibility on the minister for seeing that the file is not revealed. I do not believe there is a middle way. I think we should wait for the inquiry to make its recommendations and perhaps we will find some solution. I do not see any solution in the amendments or suggestions before the committee.

The Deputy Chairman: Is the committee ready for the question.

Amendment (Mr. Bell, Carleton) negatived: Yeas, 14; nays, 27.

The Chairman: Shall clause 21 carry?

Mr. Brewin: I have a further amendment, Mr. Chairman, but I call it six o'clock.

Progress reported.

GOVERNORS GENERAL OF CANADA

MEASURE TO PROVIDE ANNUITY UPON RETIREMENT

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister) moved the second reading of Bill No. C-265, to provide for the payment of a retiring annuity to the Governor General of Canada.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time, considered in committee, reported, read the third time and passed.