

that the Food Prices Review Board could play a useful role in this regard.

Recommendations

Your Committee recommends:

1. THAT THE HOUSE GIVE CONSIDERATION TO THE ADVISABILITY OF AMENDING ITS STANDING ORDERS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS.

Your Committee is of the opinion that the Canadian consumer would benefit from the establishment of a Standing Committee on Consumer Affairs. Your Committee is also of the opinion that important legislation such as the amendments to the Combines Investigation Act will be emanating from the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, which legislation could be better examined by a Consumer Affairs Committee. In the event that the House establishes a Standing Committee on Consumer Affairs, the Committee recommends that the Government adopt, as a policy, the automatic reference of all reports of the Food Prices Review Board.

2. THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GIVE CONSIDERATION TO THE ADVISABILITY OF ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE AND REALISTIC LONG-TERM FOOD POLICY FOR CANADA, COORDINATED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT GIVE CONSIDERATION TO HAVING THIS MATTER REFERRED TO APPROPRIATE STANDING COMMITTEES.

A copy of the relevant Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence (*Issues Nos. 28 to 35 inclusive*) is tabled.

(*The Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence accompanying the said Report recorded as Appendix No. 72 to the Journals*).

Mr. Stewart (Okanagan-Kootenay), from the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, presented the Third Report of the said Committee which is as follows:

Pursuant to its Order of Reference dated Thursday, July 12, 1973, your Committee has considered Bill C-203, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act, the Broadcasting Act and the Income Tax Act in respect of election expenses and has agreed to report it with the following amendments:

Clause 2

Add after the word "donated" in line 5 on page 2, the words "or provided"

Add immediately after line 42 on page 2 the following:

(h) the cost of goods or services provided by a government, crown corporation, or any other public agency.

Strike out lines 4 to 10 on page 3 and substitute the following therefor:

commercial value is where the person by whom the goods or services are so donated or provided is in the business of supplying such goods or services, the lowest amount charged by him for an equivalent amount of the same goods or services at or about the time they are so donated or provided, and where the person by whom the goods or services are so donated or provided is not in the business of supplying such goods or services, the lowest amount charged for an equivalent amount of the same goods or services at or about that time by any other person providing those goods or services on a commercial basis in the market area in which the goods or services are so donated or provided if that amount charged is equal to or greater than \$100 dollars, and if that amount charged is less than \$100 dollars, nil;"

Clause 3

Strike out line 3 on page 4 and substitute the following therefor:

3. (1) Paragraph 13(8) (b) of the said Act is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

(b) after the thirtieth day before polling day, delete from the registry any registered party that

(i) was not represented in the House of Commons on the day before the dissolution of Parliament immediately preceding the election, and

(ii) did not, on the thirtieth day before polling day at the election, have candidates officially nominated in at least fifty of the electoral districts of Canada.

(2) Section 13 of the said Act is further amended by adding thereto, immediately after subsection (8) thereof, the following subsection:

(8.1) The Chief Electoral Officer shall delete from the registry any registered party that fails to comply with any of subsections 13.1(2), 13.1(3), 13.3(1) and 13.3(2).

(3) Section 13 of the said Act is further amended.

Clause 4

Strike out lines 29 to 31 of subsection 13.1(2) on page 4 and substitute the following therefor:

(2) Every registered party shall, within thirty days after the coming into force of this section or within thirty days after the party becomes a registered party, whichever is the later, file with the Chief Electoral Officer

Strike out line 14 in subsection 13.1(3) on page 5 and substitute the following therefor:

the registered party shall, within thirty days, no-

Strike out lines 28 to 32 on page 5 and substitute the following therefor:

(a) all money provided by an individual other than the candidate or by a corporation, trade union, unin-