

Mr. A. C. THOMPSON, Assistant Manager, Canadian Manufacturers Association: Mr. Chairman and honourable senators, I have a brief here, but most of our submissions have been taken care of by the amendments which the department has now added. There are, however, a few items to which I wish to speak. While the brief is being distributed I might say that the Canadian Manufacturers Association comprises among its membership manufacturers of products of all kinds, including drugs. As the drug companies were looking at the bill from the special angle of their own products, we did not deal with the sections relating to them. The committee has heard the representations made on behalf of the drug companies. In our brief we do, however, deal with the sections relating to food, cosmetics and therapeutic devices. And, like the Pharmaceutical Association, we discussed with the department certain provisions in the original bill to which we had some objection or about which we required further explanation.

The result of that has been that the changes that they agreed upon you now see in Bill J. It only remains for me to speak to a few other points on which there was, perhaps, not complete agreement.

Dr. G. D. W. CAMERON: May I intervene a moment to clear a point which may be puzzling members of the committee? It is true that we have discussed this with the gentleman who is making his submission, and as I mentioned the other day, we have agreed substantially to the proposals he has made; but the amendments he is referring to are not in this bill; we have not any authority to amend the act. These are proposals which we say in advance we have agreed to.

Mr. THOMPSON: Yes, I should not have expressed myself that way, Mr. Chairman. I meant that we were in agreement, as the other two parties have said, with these proposed changes in Bill J, and that if these are made, 90 per cent of our suggestions are met.

Dr. CAMERON: May I interrupt again? Would it help your committee to have copies of the proposed bill with the proposed amendments marked in them for their consideration? They have not got them now.

Mr. THOMPSON: Oh, I thought they had. I am sorry.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: I do not like to object, but I can see no great advantage to us in discussing things which the Government has accepted. That does not make any difference to us. All I think we want to know is anything that is not in the bill that he thinks ought to be in, or anything that is in it that he thinks ought to be taken out. If his committee has seen the Government, and they have accepted 90 per cent of the amendments, we are not interested in those amendments. We will come to them in the bill.

The CHAIRMAN: What we have here, Senator Haig, is—

Hon. Mr. HAIG: —the June bill and the amendments they made to it. We are not a bit interested in that. What we are interested in is the amendments that are not in the act that he wants to put in it.

The CHAIRMAN: That is what the Clerk is distributing now—the suggested amendments—and that is what Dr. Cameron suggested a few minutes ago, that Bill J is to be submitted to you now with the amendments which are to be suggested to us as a committee.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: Not the ones that have been accepted?

The CHAIRMAN: No, not the ones that have been accepted; the ones that are suggested.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: That is all right.

Hon. Mr. BURCHILL: These have been agreed to?

The CHAIRMAN: Have these amendments been accepted, or are they simply submitted for study by us?