

**Hon. Mr. Prowse:** The majority of the people in the world go to bed hungry every night. So, I doubt very much whether an argument that we are ahead or behind someone else has anything to do with it.

**Hon. Mr. Thorvaldson:** What about the United States?

**Hon. Mr. Prowse:** If my honourable friend is suggesting that this is entirely the product of a consumers' lobby, then I would say that he is missing some very important facts. There is one person sitting right behind him who can assure him that the editors of newspapers right across this country have had a field-day writing editorials every time somebody was burned because she was wearing a dress made of nylon or some other material that she did not know was flammable, or because somebody gave a child a toy at Christmas time that turned out to be suddenly flammable, or when people who took LSD jumped off bridges—although LSD is not included in this bill.

**Hon. Mr. Thorvaldson:** It certainly is not.

**Hon. Mr. Prowse:** The same applies when kids have sniffed glue because they did not know the danger of what they were doing.

This bill is the result of a public outcry and not just that of a single group. It is the result of a public outcry that people ought to be protected from such things.

Honourable senators, if you have listened to the speeches that have been made you have all the figures. You will know that in this country, for example, in 1964 there were 720 reported cases of poisoning attributable to a common household bleaching preparation, and an additional 217 reported cases attributable to a common household drain and pipe cleaner. One is ordinary bleach that is used in laundries, and one is lye. I presume these are cases of where children have drunk the liquids that were left nearby by ignorant parents.

Honourable senators will find, upon reading the bill, that clause 3, which designates the offences, divides them into two types. Sub-clause 1 provides:

No person shall advertise, sell or import into Canada a hazardous product included in Part I of the Schedule.

I doubt if anyone would defend the right of a person to bring into the country some of the things set out in Part I of the Schedule, and here I am referring to jequirity beans or any

substance or article made from or including jequirity beans in whole or in part.

These beans have poisoned children when they have come into the country in toys. Such toys have been withdrawn, because if anyone who is aware that they are dangerous sells them, he leaves himself open to a charge of criminal negligence, I would think, under the Code. Also, if a person sells something, knowing that it is dangerous, to somebody who is not aware of the danger, he then leaves himself wide open to a civil action. I think that this would be a classical case of where liability would be established.

**Hon. Mr. Thorvaldson:** That is exactly my point. Why do you then need this army of inspectors?

**Hon. Mr. Prowse:** Because there are some things in the world that are more important than giving the dog one more bite, and they become more important when the life of one Canadian child is endangered. It is as simple as that. That is what we are talking about. When it comes to the life and health of one Canadian child, then we are doing something far more important than discussing the old principle of a dog being entitled to one bite. Incidentally, that refers only to bad-tempered young dogs which have not yet grown their teeth, or to bad-tempered old dogs which have lost their teeth.

Part I of the Schedule sets out other articles that contain lead paints and poisons. In other words, Part I of the Schedule deals with things that everybody knows by now have resulted in most unhappy experiences, and they are included here because at the present time there is no provision for controlling or checking them. These things do slip in, and I can hardly remember a Christmas period going by when I did not hear stories about dangerous toys, in respect of which the danger was not discovered before somebody had been hurt and suffered damage. Surely, there can be no objection to the inclusion of these articles.

Part II of the Schedule includes bleaches, cleansers, household polishers, and glues—such things concern my friend because he can buy them cheaper in the United States, but that is another matter.

The second offence in clause 3 is in the advertising, selling, or importation of the products included in Part II of the Schedule except as authorized by the regulations. The circumstances under which they are to be handled will be set out in the regulations made pursuant to clause 7. The regulations