

APPENDIX A

JOINT SUBMISSION

BY

THE CANADIAN FOOD PROCESSORS ASSOCIATION

THE ONTARIO FOOD PROCESSORS ASSOCIATION

THE WESTERN FOOD PROCESSORS ASSOCIATION

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TO THE

STANDING COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND COMMERCE

OF THE

HOUSE OF COMMONS

IN RESPECT TO BILL C-5—AN ACT TO AMEND THE BANKRUPTCY ACT

The fruit and vegetable processors of Canada welcome this opportunity of presenting this submission to the Committee on behalf of their members.

The membership of these Associations, all of which are non-profit organizations, is made up of firms engaged in the canning, freezing, pickling, and preserving of fruit and vegetable products. Because of their operations our seasonal products are made available to Canadian consumers and others all year around. The membership of these organizations would account for over ninety percent of the Canadian production of processed fruits and vegetables. This submission is presented jointly on behalf of the following Associations.

The Canadian Food Processors Association

The Ontario Food Processors Association

The Western Food Processors Association

The Quebec Canners Association

The life-blood of a food processing firm is the raw product of the primary producer. Therefore, Bill C-5 is of particular concern to the fruit and vegetable processing firms even though the Bill applies to many other products and processing industries. This submission will confine itself to Bill C-5 as it affects the processors of fruits and vegetables.

We believe the Committee members may wish to question us on various points and so that this can be done on a national, as well as a regional basis, the witnesses here today are the Presidents, or their appointed representative, of the various Associations.

The intent of Bill C-5, as covered by the Explanatory Notes, is, "to prevent financial distress suffered by unpaid primary producers when the processor in possession of their products goes bankrupt". After studying the evidence placed before this Committee by the Canadian Banker's Association, Superintendent of Bankruptcy, The Canadian Credit Men's Association and the Clarkson Company, it becomes apparent that in their opinion Bill C-5, if adopted, would create some serious problems in the present control of credit.

We must be guided by those experienced and qualified in matters of legislation under the Bankruptcy Act and the Bank Act to make sure such legisla-