

14. The Policy Objectives for "External User Charges for Goods, Services, Property, Rights and Privileges" published by the Treasury Board are;

"To promote equity in financing government activities that provide specific benefits to external users."

15. If this is the policy behind the proposed amendment the language of the proposed amendment goes beyond it. The concept that charges are to be levied for "specific benefits" forms no part of the language used.

16. The new section will permit charges to be levied against the provinces. The present version does not. In this respect the amendment will permit the executive to make decisions which may have most serious political consequences without the approval of Parliament.

17. In addition to the question whether so broad a delegation of authority to the executive is appropriate, or indeed intended, there is an issue of constitutionality. The short time available for the preparation of this brief