

so reluctant, so timid, so irresponsible? Is it apathy? Is it fear? Is it stupidity? Or is it votes? Is it the powerful tobacco lobby? Or is it their annual \$100 million to advertising agencies? Is it the government's \$5 billion annual revenue from taxes on tobacco products? Is it the tobacco companies' donations to political party coffers? Or is it all these reasons? Tell me. Tell the victims of tobacco. Tell Canadians who are burdened with this great human loss and economic cost why the tobacco epidemic is not attacked vigorously and totally by their indifferent fellow citizens, their policy-makers, their politicians, their legislators, their governments. I appeal to the Minister of National Health and Welfare, who has spoken out against tobacco smoking, to show more courage, initiative and intelligence by bringing forth, without delay, legislation and enforceable regulations to curtail tobacco smoking in Canada. I call upon honourable senators who are associated with the tobacco industry to work within that industry to reform its practices.

Anti-smoking advocacy agencies have told us that there are numerous violations even of the voluntary code existing among the tobacco industries. There are only four tobacco companies in Canada that sell these 70 billion cigarettes. The largest is Imperial Tobacco, followed by Rothmans of Pall Mall and then by R.J. Macdonald Inc. and Benson and Hedges. Some of them are also in the business of selling alcohol, another toxic substance.

Senator Bosa: Leave that one alone.

Senator Haidasz: I appeal to honourable senators to cooperate with the movement to curtail tobacco smoking. Yes, impediments certainly exist, but that is our challenge, a challenge that we face together. I welcome your participation in this debate and a thorough study of Bill S-8 in the appropriate Senate committee.

Before concluding my remarks, I would like to express my deep gratitude to my parents who gave me the inheritance of a smoke-free home. I thank my peers for their good example. I am grateful to our legal counsel, Mr. Raymond du Plessis, who helped me to put my ideas in the legal language in which it appears in this bill before us.

Honourable senators, if there is wisdom among us—and I believe there is—and if there is the will—as I believe there should be—and if there is experience—as I am sure there is—then these qualities should be mobilized and employed in the best way possible to improve the quality and quantity of life of our fellow citizens.

I therefore urge honourable senators to take up this challenge with a sense of urgency and determination. This would

then be another great opportunity for us in the Senate to serve our people.

On motion of Senator Bosa, debate adjourned.

● (1700)

SOCIAL AFFAIRS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE TO TRAVEL—DEBATE ADJOURNED

Hon. Philippe Deane Gigantès, pursuant to notice of February 18, 1986, moved:

That the Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology, which was authorized by the Senate on October 29, 1985, to study and report upon the Consultation Paper on Training and the document entitled: "Employment Opportunities: Preparing Canadians for a Better Future", or any sub-committee so authorized by the Committee, be empowered to adjourn from place to place within and outside Canada for the purpose of such study.

He said: Honourable senators, this motion and its attendant budget provisions has been approved by the Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology on the recommendation of its steering committee, which agreed to a proposal by the Subcommittee on Employment and Training. The reason we have asked for a change in the budget and for the right to travel is very simple: We discovered that a professor, if asked to come from Toronto to Ottawa, wants a fee of approximately \$600 if he is an economist, to which one must add the cost of his aeroplane ticket and his per diem. On the other hand, if a member of our subcommittee who may be travelling with another committee, or who may go to Toronto just for that purpose, visits that professor at his office, the professor is prepared to be taped for three hours for nothing, or perhaps for the price of a lunch.

Professors at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology are prepared to grant a Canadian senator the privilege of a three-hour interview for nothing if the senator attends upon them. However, if one of those professors is asked to come here, he requires a fee of \$2,000 or \$3,000. That is why we are asking for this privilege of travelling. There will be no increase in the budget of the subcommittee involved. The Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration has been so advised, and its permission has been granted.

On motion of Senator Marshall, debate adjourned.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m.