

We see the same shortcomings as the government does in the present Provincial systems. Unlike the government, however, we do not dismiss these systems out of hand and propose building a new, costly parallel system. We suggest that the same end result could be realized if the Federal government set the standards for licenses after meaningful consultation with the Provinces and then provided the needed funding to help the provinces bring their systems up to those standards. We further suggest that this would cost the Canadian taxpayer but a fraction of what the present proposals will.

We ask the members of this Committee what they would do if the door to their house needed repair - cut a new door into another part of the house or repair the one already there?

LICENCE.

-Delete in their entirety, paragraphs (c) and (d) from the definition of a prohibited weapon and replace them with:

"Prohibited weapon means"

(c) a weapon of any kind, not being a restricted weapon or a shotgun or rifle of a kind commonly used in Canada for hunting or sporting purposes, that is declared by order of the Governor in Council to be a prohibited weapon."

Comment:

The clause we have recommended represents the law as it is presently constituted and we have found it most effective in allowing government to deal with new weapons coming available. We cite the instance of the "Commander Mark IV" an auto-loading imitation of