

Mr. MACLEAN (*Winnipeg North Centre*): Would it not be possible to have it printed so that if anyone here wanted to get some briefs they could get it?

Mr. BENIDICKSON: Do members of the committee really want to proceed on the basis that they do not want to be familiar with what the Canadian Retail Federation has said, what the Canadian chambers of commerce have said, what the Canadian University Women's Association has said?

Mr. JONES: No member of this committee, as far as I am aware, would try to rush this. I was here on Friday. This bill was brought before the committee and it seems to me this discussion that has gone on this afternoon for thirty-five minutes would have been all over if the members speaking for the Liberal party had been here at that time.

Mr. BENIDICKSON: The first thing that should have been done with this committee would have been to have a meeting called of the agenda committee on banking and commerce and we could have had a proper discussion of this bill.

Mr. PALLETT: Mr. Chairman, the original bill was introduced at the last session of parliament.

Mr. JONES: We discussed this at the first meeting of the Banking and Commerce Committee and we decided at that time we would hold meetings both on Monday and Friday when it became convenient.

Mr. BENIDICKSON: I am speaking of the normal agenda committee where it is decided what witnesses will be called and the times of hearings and so on.

Mr. LOCKYER: Mr. Chairman, does Mr. Benidickson suggest that the briefs that have been submitted are generally opposed to the principles of the bill?

Mr. BENIDICKSON: I think after examining some there are some very serious objections throughout the briefs and many objections to parts of the bill.

Mr. BELL (*Carleton*): I do not think that is a fair statement at all. These briefs—and I have read them all—are mostly in favour of the bill. There are things to which they take exception in certain details of the bill, but the minister has indicated to the committee that those objections raised in the briefs will be presented to the committee when we reach those sections of the bill.

Mr. BENIDICKSON: But if those briefs were before the committee it would be of much assistance to the committee.

Mr. BELL (*Carleton*): Surely that is a matter of the conduct of the committee and if the principal objections are available to the members of the committee as they read the sections of the bill it will work probably in a manner which is becoming to the committee. If we print all this volume it will become hard for members of the committee who will not be able to go through it and we will not be able to proceed in an efficient and suitable manner.

Mr. DRYSDALE: Mr. Chairman, could we not go through the bill on the basis that it is now with the proviso that if there is some objection Mr. Benidickson or somebody else could ask any subsequent questions by returning to that particular section? In other words, maybe Mr. Benidickson is anticipating difficulties which may or may not arise. He apparently has the background and the competency to ask questions on all the sections.

Mr. BENIDICKSON: But I cannot. Do you think I would set myself up as the equal of the certified accountants association in a discussion of this kind or the Canadian chambers of commerce or would I be able to express properly the view of the Canadian University Women's Association or people of that kind? That is a great compliment, but I think it would be far better to get this evidence presented first-hand.