

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

THE SENATE

OTTAWA, Tuesday, December 9, 1952.

The Standing Committee on Public Health and Welfare, to whom was referred Bill J, an Act respecting Food, Drugs, Cosmetics and Therapeutic Devices, met this day at 10.30 a.m.

Hon. Mr. VENIOT in the Chair.

The CHAIRMAN: Honourable senators, we have a quorum now. We should proceed with our work in the study of this bill. At the last meeting we reached page 4, clause 11. We were, I understand, through with clause 10. I understand that Senator Hayden, who is not a member of this committee, had some representations to make regarding some of the clauses which we have checked off already. Would it be the desire of the committee to have Senator Hayden make the remarks he wishes on the section which we have already considered?

Hon. Mr. GERSHAW: Carried.

Hon. Mr. HAYDEN: There were not any "representations" in that sense. There were some questions I want to ask someone in authority from the Department.

The CHAIRMAN: What is your particular point, Senator Hayden?

Hon. Mr. HAYDEN: Well, I was concerned about "advertising" generally under section 3 of the bill. Do I understand that the representatives of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association have indicated their approval of section 3 in the form in which it now stands?

The CLERK OF THE COMMITTEE: Mr. Thompson was here and presented a brief. I do not know what particular objection, if any, he had. We have the report of his evidence.

The CHAIRMAN: Perhaps Dr. Morrell will be able to answer that. Would Dr. Morrell please come forward? Or is it Mr. Curran who could answer that?

Hon. Mr. HAYDEN: Both, maybe.

The CHAIRMAN: Will you reply to Senator Hayden's question regarding any objection or any representations made concerning that clause 3?

Dr. MORRELL: Mr. Chairman, the only representation that was made so far as I know, with respect to clause 3 really goes back to clause 2 (a), as to which they requested that the definition of "advertisement" read as follows: "advertisement" includes any public representation". The addition of the word "public" was suggested in that connection.

Hon. Mr. HAYDEN: I am thinking a little deeper than that. What is the significance of the combination of those words "treatment, preventative or cure": that just covers the whole field of possible promotion of any product, does it not?

Dr. MORRELL: To the public, for those particular diseases,—I think it does.

Hon. Mr. HAYDEN: And the schedule you have is not a closed schedule. It can be added to at any time.

Dr. MORRELL: That is correct.