

THE SENATE

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND COMMERCE

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OTTAWA, Wednesday, April 26, 1967.

The Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, to which was referred Bill S-60, to amend the Food and Drugs Act, met this day at 9:30 a.m. to give consideration to the bill.

Senator **SALTER A. HAYDEN** in the Chair.

The **CHAIRMAN**: I call the meeting to order. We have Bill S-60 before us this morning for consideration.

The committee agreed that a verbatim report be made of the committee's proceedings on the bill.

The committee agreed to report recommending authority be granted for the printing of 800 copies in English and 300 copies in French of the committee's proceedings on the bill.

Appearing before the committee this morning from the Bureau of Scientific Advisory Services of the Department of National Health and Welfare is Dr. A. C. Hardman, the Director, and Mr. J. D. McCarthy, the Legal Adviser. Mr. N. M. Thurm, of the Legislation Section of the Department of Justice is present, as is Inspector J. A. Macauley, of the Criminal Investigation Branch, Royal Canadian Mounted Police. These gentlemen are well equipped to answer any questions that the members of the committee have.

I suggest that we have all our questions answered at this stage, after which we can deal with the bill section by section. Does that meet with the approval of the committee?

Senator **CROLL**: If we are allowed to ask questions at this stage, then let me ask one.

The **CHAIRMAN**: Very well.

Senator **CROLL**: Dr. Hardman, where is the greatest incidence of LSD found in this country? Where did the incidents occur?

Dr. A. C. Hardman, Director, Bureau of Scientific Advisory Services, Department of National Health and Welfare: Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, we have evidence through the police reports that LSD is available primarily in Vancouver and Toronto, although there is evidence that it is available also in Edmonton, Calgary, Saskatoon, Regina, and Montreal—not to as great an extent in Montreal, and to a lesser extent in the Maritime provinces.

Senator **KINLEY**: Did you say it was available in the Maritimes?

Dr. **HARDMAN**: Yes, I believe there was one incident in Halifax, but I stand subject to correction.

Senator **KINLEY**: I have not heard of any.

Senator **CROLL**: When did it first come to the attention of the authorities—let us start with Vancouver—and where do you suspect the movement came from?

Dr. **HARDMAN**: LSD has been available since 1939. It has been available in Canada since about 1952 in limited research. It was only about 1962 that we had some