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not intend to read them all, but I should like to quote those I believe are pertinent to the subject now under discussion.

Under the heading "Air Pollution", having regard to the possible activities of the federal government in this field, it is suggested:

That a single federal organization or agency be established

(a) To establish a national pollution abatement code.

(b) To co-ordinate the preparation, collection and dissemination of pollution information.

(c) To conduct or cause to be conducted, research in the field of pollution on a continuing basis.

Let me refer to paragraph (g) which reads:

(g) To promote environmental contamination studies which must include the following factors:

(1) cost-benefit analyses including social costs where possible.

(2) the consequences of inaction or incomplete action as a function of time.

In another part of this report which deals with the field of water pollution, other recommendations are set out. Perhaps I should mention to the house that the conference was subdivided into many guideline groups which attempted to arrive at a composite picture. I mention that fact because I want to stress the almost unanimous view which emerged from these various groups in certain fields.

Under the heading of "recommendations on water pollution control and legislation and administration", the following is stated:

2-2 that the federal government undertake responsibility for general program direction, the development of standards, and research into pollution control; 2-3 that a single federal organization or agency be established to develop a national pollution abatement code and to co-ordinate the preparation, collection and dissemination of information on pollution, to conduct research, to co-operate with other agencies and to cover a broad spectrum of aids;

Under the guideline recommendations referring to the matter of soil pollution, following the heading "Science and Technology", the following recommendation states:

That a single inter-disciplinary national agency on environmental contamination be established with broad responsibilities in the general areas of

- (1) Setting up a library and data centre,
- (2) Developing national standards,
- (3) Support for research,
- (4) Resource management techniques,
- (5) Use of the least harmful chemicals,
- (6) Training and education,
- (7) Monitoring system,
- (8) Guidance on legislation,
- (9) Dissemination of information and
- (10) Cost benefit analysis.

[Mr. Barnett.]

Recommendation No. 2 reads:

That a national environmental policy be developed in close co-ordination with industry. This policy should emphasize:

(1) Encouragement of uniform objectives between provinces,

(2) Financial incentives to expedite abatement,

(3) Establishing national standards for sampling and analytical procedures,

(4) Step-by-step implementation of objectives at the local level,

(5) Extensive documentation on environmental control,

(6) Development of additional technology.

Recommendation No. 3 reads:

That support be given to fundamental research and that support, encouragement and judicial direction be given to applied research in pollution.

It should be obvious to all hon. members of this committee on reading these recommendations in respect of all three fields of pollution control, as dealt with by the conference, that there is a common theme. The theme is that the responsibility for developing standards and objectives,—however they may be described—and the responsibility for initiating and co-ordinating efforts in this regard should immediately be assumed as the responsibility of the federal government.

I do not intend to go into the guideline suggestions in relation to the jurisdiction of the provincial governments, other than to say that in my view the general consensus of the conference was that the provinces had primary jurisdiction in the matter of legislative control of pollution and that they should move actively into this area, going far beyond anything that has been done up to the present time.

The Chairman: Order, please. It being six o'clock, in order that the house may proceed to the consideration of private member's business, I do now leave the chair.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED UNDER ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It is my duty, pursuant to provisional standing order 39A, to inform the house that the questions to be raised at ten o'clock this day are as follows: The hon. member for Argenteuil-Deux-Montagnes (Mr. Régimbal), Expo '67—Montreal—tourist accommodation; the hon. member for Lapointe (Mr. Grégoire), the Royal Canadian Mounted Police—inquiry as to a search; the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles),