

On behalf of the Committee, the Chairman thanked the witness for his presentation and at 12.00 noon the Committee adjourned to 11.00 a.m., March 22nd, at which time the representatives of the Voice of Women and of the National Council of Women will be heard.

Gabrielle Savard,  
Clerk of the Committee.

Tuesday, March 15, 1966

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The Standing Committee on Health and Welfare met this day at 11:00 a.m. The Chairman, Mr. Harry C. Harjes, presided.

Members present: Mrs. Madeline (Vanouwe-Kingway), Mrs. Rideout and Messrs. Brown, Cowan, Enns, Harjes, Howe (Weinberger-Kuron), Isabelle Knowles, Macdunnachie, Mattie O'Keefe, Orange, Rochon, Rock, Ryan, Simard, Stanbury (18).

Also present: Mr. Robert Prittie, M.P.

In attendance: Mr. Ronald C. Merriam, G.C., Secretary of The Canadian Bar Association, Ottawa.

The Committee resumed consideration of the subject-matter of Bills C-32, C-40, C-84 and C-71.

The Chairman referred to the Minutes of the last meeting of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure; he read a letter from The Canadian Medical Association, dated March 3, 1966, explaining the position of the C.M.A. in relation to the Criminal Code amendment on dissemination of information and material related to contraception.

The Committee agreed to accept the letter at this moment and to ask a representative of the Association to elaborate at a future date, if necessary.

The Chairman read into the record a tentative schedule of future meetings and informed the Committee that some other organizations have indicated their desire to present a brief.

The Chairman also referred to the reply given on February 22, 1966 (page 11561 of Hansard), to Question No. 2342 in the name of Mr. Prittie, asking how many letters and petitions have been received from individuals requesting that Section 160 Clause 2(c) of the Criminal Code be amended or repealed. The Committee agreed that the Chairman shall have authority to decide after having contacted the Department of Justice, whether the Committee should ask that the relevant documents be transferred to it. It was also agreed that the Chairman investigate if any groups have since written to the Government opposing any amendment to or repeal of the said section, and that he report back to the Committee.

The Chairman introduced Mr. Merriam who delivered a short statement on the views of The Canadian Bar Association. He was questioned thereon. Mr. Merriam tabled a true copy of the resolution passed by The Canadian Bar Association on September 7, 1963.