

Mr. VALADE: Do you think we should call these people when we come to the recommendations of the committee at the end of our hearings? Is it the wish of the members of the committee to request their advice on this? Would that be all right?

Mr. RYNARD: It is all right. My feeling is that if we know beforehand just what the situation is we can go ahead and make recommendations.

Mr. VALADE: I am worrying about having the statement made before we start our inquiry. If we do we might be involved in some restrictions insofar as investigation is concerned.

Mr. BALDWIN: It is my suggestion that we have a very brief statement from someone from the Department of Justice along the line Dr. Rynard suggested before we deliberate and propose recommendations. However, I feel the same as anyone else, namely, that the deliberations here should be completely exhaustive and we should cover everything whether under our jurisdiction or not. When we come to make suggestions later on, then I think there should be a great interest shown not only on the part of our federal government but on the part of provincial governments as well as to where the responsibility might lie, and then at the latter part of our proceedings we might call in a representative from the Department of Justice if we think it is necessary at that time.

The CHAIRMAN: Is it the wish of the committee that I have the Department of Justice make a short statement or should we have a lengthy statement at the end before we make our recommendations.

Hon. MEMBERS: Agreed.

The CHAIRMAN: Is there any further discussion in connection with the pesticides section?

Mr. HORNER (*Jasper-Edson*): Mr. Chairman, I have in mind one section which has not been mentioned today and which I think is very important to us, particularly in Western Canada. It has to do with the grain trade, the use of pesticides and the residue in grain particularly, not only for domestic consumption but export consumption. This is vitally important to us and it is at the fore in Western Canada at the moment. I suggest that Mr. Connacher, chief testing officer in the board of grain commissioners be one of our witnesses. As well, it would be of great assistance to us if we could have from the Department of Agriculture the veterinary director general.

The CHAIRMAN: Is there any other discussion in connection with the pesticides section? If not, I will go on to the next section, namely prices and costs.

I anticipated there might be a problem in this regard and I would like to read out again what the minister said in the House of Commons on December 7 at page 2442 of *Hansard*, at which time he was replying to the suggestion that this committee investigate the cost of drugs. He said:

Mr. Speaker, in closing this debate I should like to point out that I think it is probably up to the committee itself to determine the definition of the word "marketing" in the resolution.

Since my appointment as your chairman, on December 19 I have given considerable attention to this and it is my feeling that the prime objective of this committee is the safety factor—and this was the intention of the government. However, the minister, as you will note, did give us an opening in the wording of this to discuss certain situations pertaining to the costs. As your chairman I would not want the safety aspect to get thrown into the background because I think it is the most important thing that faces this country today. We probably will have reference to the thalidomide tragedy and so on, and if we confuse the two initially we will get into trouble later on. I think we