

sentences imposed as a result of the same event or series of events. The Special Committee further recommends that the Minister of Justice work with the provincial Attorneys General in establishing a set of firm directives for Crown Attorneys which would require the laying of section 85 charges whenever firearms are used in the commission of criminal offences. Moreover, the consent of the provincial Attorney General would be required before a section 85 charge could be withdrawn. (Page 41)

RECOMMENDATION 30

The Special Committee recommends that the duration of a prohibition order under section 100(1) of the Criminal Code be extended to ten years in the case of a first conviction and for life in any other case. The Special Committee does not oppose the addition of an element of discretion in section 100(1) and (7) of the Code as proposed in Bill C-80. (Page 42)

RECOMMENDATION 31

The Special Committee recommends that the federal government undertake a comprehensive review of all issues affecting the ability of the Department of National Revenue, Customs and Excise, to provide effective protection against the illegal entry of firearms into Canada. Such a review should include, as a minimum, a consideration of the issues of sufficient staff levels and of the training of customs officers in regard to firearms laws. It is the government's responsibility to ensure that there are sufficient numbers of adequately trained and equipped customs officers to provide effective border controls on firearms. (Page 43)

RECOMMENDATION 32

The Special Committee recommends that the federal government table, and Parliament enact, the legislation necessary to implement the recommendations made in this report as soon as possible. (Page 46)