

This section (101 (b)) would allow the training of youngsters below the age of 12 by parents or qualified instructors. It is also needed to allow people of any age to take the training necessary to meet the competency requirements to obtain a licence.

There has been much said already by many of the people who have appeared before this Committee, about the wide regulatory powers given Cabinet and individuals in Bill C-83. This is a matter of deep concern to our members and one which we ask this Committee to give serious thought to. While we recognize the need for some regulatory powers, particularly in light of today's fast moving society, we question the need for such broad and open ones in the Criminal Code. We are concerned that these powers are the beginning of the removal of Government from the control of Parliament.

CONCLUSION.

On reading our proposed amendments we trust the members of the Committee will bear in mind that we are not lawyers. Where they find our wording is not legally correct we trust they will at least find the intent is clear.

We also wish to make it clear that in putting forward these suggested amendments we do so not because we recognize as valid the firearms provisions of Bill C-83. We do so only because we recognize the political facts of life, and see very little probability that the government will withdraw the firearms sections of this Bill and have it re-drafted by some competent people.