

would be used. The Special Committee further recommends that the regulations be made "subject to affirmative resolution of the House of Commons" pursuant to section 39(1)(b) of the Interpretation Act. (Page 31)

RECOMMENDATION 25

The Special Committee recommends that the sale of magazines up to a capacity of 10 be completely unrestricted. The Committee further recommends that only competition shooters, whose FAC or restricted weapon registration certificate shows that they are so authorized, be allowed to acquire magazines up to a capacity of 20. Licensed gun collectors should be allowed to acquire magazines of any capacity, but further importations of magazines of a capacity over 20 would be prohibited, so that only those over-capacity magazines now in the country would be available for further acquisition by such collectors. An appropriate scheme of regulations and penalties would be devised to ensure that licensed firearms retailers did not sell over-capacity magazines to non-authorized purchasers, and that these magazines were not otherwise available. (Page 33)

RECOMMENDATION 26

The Special Committee recommends that a power to declare periodic general amnesties be added to the Criminal Code. The Special Committee recommends that amnesty periods be declared every few years. (Page 33)

RECOMMENDATION 27

The Special Committee recommends that the newly-established Canadian Advisory Council on Firearms be given an extended mandate, and a primary role in the development, implementation and monitoring of any changes to our present system of firearms control, including those presently under consideration and those which may be made in the future. The Special Committee further recommends that the Advisory Council submit to the Minister of Justice an annual report on the activities of the Council which the Minister must table before each House of Parliament. (Page 37)

RECOMMENDATION 28

The Special Committee recommends that there be as much certainty as possible in the Criminal Code itself. Furthermore, the Committee recommends that where detailed or technical provisions are inappropriate for inclusion in the Code, or where it is necessary to ensure certainty and consistency, use should be made of regulation-making powers. The Special Committee also recommends that all regulations, in addition to those specifically addressed earlier in the report, made pursuant to Part III of the Code be submitted to the Canadian Advisory Council on Firearms and laid before the House of Commons and referred to the appropriate Committee before being implemented. (Page 38)

RECOMMENDATION 29

The Special Committee recommends that with respect to section 85 of the Criminal Code, the minimum mandatory sentences therein be increased to three and five years respectively (from one and three respectively) and that these sentences retain their consecutive feature relative to other