

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Orlikow has moved that today's presentation, pages 1 to 25, be printed as part of today's proceedings. Is there a seconder for his motion?

Mr. HOWE (Hamilton South): I second the motion.

Motion agreed to on division.

(The Brief follows):

Mr. Orlikow, the only difficulty—I do not think it applies to today's brief, but it might very well be a difficulty for the next brief—is that, hopefully, this Committee is going to make some recommendations about drug prices. We certainly have been asked by the government to make recommendations with regard to one specific item, the question of the 11 per cent sales tax. If this Committee make a recommendation on this and members of the government who are directly involved and members of Parliament who will be involved in discussing and voting on any recommendations that we make or that the government may make do not have the opportunity of looking at all the presentations, then it seems to me that their work is going to be very difficult. Certainly other committees that I have been on—I am chairman of the transport and communications committee, which has had a members' number of briefs, have no single one as long as the one from the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association will be put a tremendous number of briefs from dozens of organizations—have insisted that the whole brief either be read and the proceedings be printed as an appendix. I just do not know how one can later make a logical decision on these matters unless one has the whole record. If as far members of the Committee will have the whole record but the other members of Parliament will not, I think before we decide from what has been a common practice, not just here but in other committees, we should give it some very serious thought. I move for today, anyway, Mr. Chairman.

That, pages 1 to 25, the white pages of a brief by the Canadian Pharmaceutical Association be printed as part of today's proceedings. I think the Chairman is going to say there is one other alternative which I think might be acceptable for general evidence. Mr. Turnbull has mentioned there is a summary available of which I will see each member receives a copy. When the pharmaceutical list comes around I will see that you get a copy of this summary of today's evidence. I understand there is also a summary available of the brief from the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association. Perhaps it would be more acceptable to print the summary as part of the proceedings rather than the whole brief.

Mr. Orlikow has already moved a motion about today's proceedings. What would you think about the summary, or would you like the complete evidence of today, Mr. Orlikow?

Mr. Orlikow: I do not think this brief is too long, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: Today's brief is not.

Mr. Orlikow: Yes, with regard to the question of the next brief, we have a couple of days to think about it and perhaps you, Mr. Chairman, could speak to the appropriate officials, wherever they are, with regard to the problem arising out of printing. The other brief is a very large one. Perhaps you could give us the information when the Committee next meets?