

(b) by adding thereto the following new subclause:

Idem

“(3) In carrying out its objects and exercising its powers under this section, the Council shall, to the greatest extent practicable, make use of the services and facilities of existing organizations in Canada engaged in standards formulation, testing and certification in the fields referred to in subsection (1).”

RECOMMENDATION

His Excellency the Governor General recommends to the House of Commons that Bill C-163, An Act to provide for the establishment of a Standards Council of Canada, be amended as follows:

1. By striking out all that portion of clause 4 preceding paragraph (h) of subclause (2) thereof and substituting the following:

Objects

“4. (1) The objects of the Council are to foster and promote voluntary standardization in fields relating to the construction, manufacture, production, quality, performance and safety of buildings, structures, manufactured articles and products and other goods, including components thereof, not expressly provided for by law, as a means of advancing the national economy, benefiting the health, safety and welfare of the public, assisting and protecting consumers, facilitating domestic and international trade and furthering international cooperation in the field of standards.

Powers

(2) The Council, in carrying out its objects in the fields referred to in subsection (1), may

- (a) promote cooperation among organizations concerned with voluntary standardization in Canada in those fields to coordinate standardization activities and develop common standards and codes;
- (b) promote cooperation between organizations concerned with voluntary standardization in Canada in those fields and departments and agencies of government at all levels in Canada with a view to achieving compatibility and maximum common usage of standards and codes in those fields;
- (c) recommend criteria and procedures relating to the preparation, approval, acceptance and designation of voluntary standards in Canada in those fields;
- (d) accredit, in accordance with criteria and procedures adopted by the Council, organizations in Canada engaged in standards formulation, testing and certification in those fields, and maintain a register of such organizations and of their standards marks;
- (e) approve standards in those fields submitted by organizations accredited by the Council as national standards where appropriate, and maintain an index of approved standards;