

Dr. CAMERON: I would like to explain that, in order to facilitate this, we had prior discussions with the gentleman who is going to present his brief now, and we as officials of the Department have, I think, agreed to most of the proposals; but I know that of course we cannot amend a bill which has been introduced in the Senate. This is simply to facilitate discussion. If your committee accept the proposals made we are simply saying in advance that as far as we are concerned we see no objection to them. But any action to amend the bill must be taken, of course, as I understand it, by your committee.

Hon. Mr. McGUIRE: The representatives are here to make their representations; and I think all we need to hear from the witness is his objection to certain clauses that are in the bill.

Dr. CAMERON: That is what he proposes to do now, sir.

Mr. THOMPSON: Mr. Chairman, and honourable senators, for the record then I will say that I want these written amendments, suggested amendments—

The CHAIRMAN: They will be considered.

Mr. THOMPSON: I mean these inked changes. I am asking that they be made, and then I shall ask for a few other things. The Department are agreeable to these.

Hon. Mr. BURCHILL: Go ahead.

Mr. THOMPSON: In addition to that, I would like to direct your attention to the definition of "advertisement" in section 2(a). We think that that should be changed to read:

'advertisement' includes any public representation . . .

That ties in with section 3(1) which says:

No person shall advertise any food, drug

and so on as a treatment of disease. And then there are other provisions relating to advertising.

Hon. Mr. BURCHILL: What did you say?

Mr. THOMPSON: Public representation. We think that if it is desired to stop private representations it should so state; it should not be under the guise of the word "public", which has a public connotation. With this change in there, you could stop people at an exhibition who are advertising foods or drugs improperly. It would not subject an employer to prosecution, nor perhaps a salesman in a private conversation with a customer who perhaps overstepped the mark and said things he should not say. And moreover that addition would bring "advertisement" more in line with the ordinary meaning of "advertisement", which means, I think, public representation.

My next point is regarding the definition of "sell". In paragraph "(m)" of section 2 we find the phrase "manufacture for sale". We think that phrase should go out. We do not think that is the natural meaning of the word "sell" at all. You might have goods manufactured and not ready for sale. Just delete those words.

Hon. Mr. DAVIS: Do you not think the definition section should include a definition of "adult"? It may mean various things. What is the legal definition of "adult"? Some parts of the bill apply to adults and, as I said, "adult" is not defined here.

Mr. THOMPSON: You would have to take the dictionary meaning, I suppose.

Hon. Mr. DAVIS: Which dictionary?

Mr. THOMPSON: It depends on the Judge!

Hon. Mr. DAVIS: We should try to avoid going before a judge, I think.