

*Adjournment Debate*

per million of formaldehyde amounted to roughly half the scale used in the laboratory model. In other words, when we realized that the safety factor was one half of the laboratory scale model, there was no choice for the minister but to place a temporary ban on the use of this material. The hon. member correctly pointed out that this was done on December 17.

I think the hon. member made some valid points about how we should inform the Canadian public of a situation that could exist in their homes at the present time. The minister has informed me that a pamphlet is being made ready for distribution to home owners who are affected. It will outline the steps the department feels should be taken if any of the symptoms are evident in the home.

The minister has also instructed her staff to prepare a special pamphlet for distribution to all physicians in Canada. It is hoped that both these pamphlets will be ready for distribution in the next two weeks. In this way we can at least

inform the public about the inherent dangers that could exist in homes where urea formaldehyde has been used.

The hon. member raised the question of the availability of equipment to test for parts per million of formaldehyde in the atmosphere in these homes. I have been given to understand that some provinces already have that equipment. If the hon. member would contact me tomorrow, perhaps I could tell him which provinces have the equipment to test the homes for the presence of formaldehyde in the atmosphere.

Once these steps have been taken, and it is hoped the final report of the committee will be ready in three weeks, I expect the government will make recommendations to deal with the other problems which may arise as a result of the banning of the product.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The motion to adjourn the House is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

At 10.19 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.

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