

MINUTE ORDER OF REFERENCE

THURSDAY, March 3, 1966.

Ordered,—That the name of Mr. Macquarrie be substituted for that of Mr. Monteith on the Standing Committee on Health and Welfare.

Attest. Chairman, Mr. Harry C. Huxley, presided.

Members present: Mrs. Macinnis (Vice-Chairman), and Messrs. Brown, Cowan, Egan, Harley, Howe, LéON-J. RAYMOND, The Clerk of the House, Knowles, Macquarrie, Mills, O'Keefe, Orange, Robson, Ross, Stewart, Edmund, Westbury (18).

Also present: Mr. Robert Priddy, M.P.

In attendance: Mr. Ronald C. Merriam, Q.C., Secretary of The Canadian Bar Association, Ottawa.

The Committee resumed consideration of the subject-matter of Bills C-23, C-24, C-24 and C-71.

The Chairman referred to the Minutes of the last meeting of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure; he read a letter from The Canadian Medical Association, dated March 2, 1966, explaining the position of the C.M.A. in relation to the Criminal Code amendment on dissemination of information and material related to contraception.

The Committee agreed to accept the letter at this moment and to ask a representative of the Association to elaborate at a future date, if necessary.

The Chairman read into the record a tentative schedule of future meetings and informed the Committee that some other organizations have indicated their desire to present a brief.

The Chairman also referred to the reply given to the Standing Committee (1961 of Hansard), to Question No. 3387 in the House of Commons, where many letters and petitions have been received from various groups regarding Section 159 Clause 3(c) of the Criminal Code. The Committee agreed that the Chairman should have contact with the Department of Justice, where the relevant documents be transferred to the Chairman to investigate if any groups have any objections or proposals opposing any amendment to or repeal of the present section and to report back to the Committee.

The Chairman introduced Mr. Merriam who presented the views of The Canadian Bar Association. Mr. Merriam tabled a true copy of the resolution passed by the Association on September 7, 1963.