

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TOBACCO CONTROL

May 10th, 2000

MINUTE NO. 34

8:30 a.m. – Room 125

1. **PRESENT:** Mr. Kowalsky in the Chair and Members Addley, Bakken, Bjornerud, Eagles and Wartman

Others Present

Tanya Hill, Committee Research Officer

2. The Committee agreed to meet *in-camera* to deliberate on the content of its report.
3. The Chair advised the Committee that its Research Officer had been contacted by the Association of Chain Pharmacies, which requested an opportunity to appear before the Committee or to provide a written submission. The Committee agreed that it would accept a written submission, even though the deadline for briefs had passed.
4. The Committee resumed consideration of the subject matter for its report to the Assembly (in accordance with the “Deliberation Outline” document adopted by the Committee on April 11th meeting).
5. The Committee resumed consideration of the Access Issues, as outlined by Item 7 of the “Deliberation Outline” document. Some Members reported on contacts they made with pharmacies in their constituencies, with respect to the question of banning the sale of tobacco products in pharmacies. It was agreed to continue the discussion at the next meeting.
6. The Committee considered the matter of “Advertising,” as outlined in Item 9 of the “Deliberation Outline” document. It was agreed in principle that the Committee should recommend to the government that it take steps to require vendors to have tobacco products “out of sight” at point of sale. It was further agreed that this prohibition would not apply to tobacconists, if regulations are passed to prohibit anyone under a specified age from entering the premises.
7. The Committee considered the matter of “legislation,” as outlined in Item 6 of the “Deliberation Outline” document. The question whether to recommend that urban and municipalities be given authority to make regulations that go beyond provincial minimum standards in order to selectively designate what establishments must be smoke free was debated. A decision was postponed to another meeting.

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8. The Committee revisited the matter of “fines,” as outlined in Item 10 of the “Deliberation Outline” document. Since the last meeting it was learned that it would be difficult to enforce a graduated fine system. It was agreed that the Committee should recommend a uniform fine.
9. The Committee initiated discussion on the matter of “youth possession,” as outlined in Item 4 of the “Deliberation Outline” document. The Committee agreed in principle that a confiscation and fine regulation be adopted with respect to youth but could not agree on whether the principle should be based on “use” or “possession” of tobacco. The Committee agreed to come back to this item at another meeting.
10. The Committee considered its first report to the Assembly. It was agreed that the Committee should report on all matters on which there was general agreement. The research officer had prepared a draft first report on this basis, which was distributed to committee members. The Chair requested that all committee members review the draft and be prepared to discuss its content in the near future.
11. The Committee adjourned at 9:50 a.m. until Thursday May 11th, 2000 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 10.

Gregory A. Putz
Committee Clerk

Myron Kowalsky
Committee Chair