

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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readers*

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Dear Sir:

I am somewhat late in reading Roger and Brad Martin's incisive article in the September 1987 issue.

I wish only to add that well before Mr. Bork's brilliant treatise, the view was in fact expressed in Canada that there can be only a single appropriate objective for competition policy. I refer to none other than the seminal work of the Economic Council of Canada (at page 19):

Essentially, we are advocating the adoption of a single objective for competition policy: the improvement of economic efficiency and the avoidance of economic waste, with a view to enhancing the well-being of Canadians. In conjunction with other policies, competition policy should seek to develop an economic environment in which beneficial change will be initiated and carried through, and in which real income will be maximized.

In other words, consumer welfare, just as Mr. Bork (and others) have argued.

The fact that Bill C-91 contains contradictory objectives is merely one more example of the mutation of principle which seems to be characteristic of 1980's activist legislation. Bill C-91 ostensibly owes its existence to said report of the Economic Council. By the time the legislation was enacted everybody seemed to have forgotten or ignored what the Economic Council really said. It represents the triumph of political expediency over economic logic.

**SPEECHES DELIVERED BY THE
DIRECTOR OF INVESTIGATION
AND RESEARCH**

To assist the business community and the general public in better understanding the *Competition Act*, the Director of Investigation and Research, Calvin S. Goldman, Q.C., has undertaken an extensive series of speaking engagements. Attached is a list of 19 selected speeches delivered across Canada and the United States by Mr. Goldman. These speeches are available to the public.

Speeches marked by an asterisk have been distributed to persons whose names are on the Bureau's mailing list. Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of any of these speeches, or in being added to the Bureau's distribution list, should contact Terry Lucas at (819) 994-0798 or write to her at the address below:

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