

SOSEScript: mobile/getDeviceAttr.php5 failed executing with the following error: Error on line 144 position 1: file_get_contents(http://wurfl.thesedays.com/webservice.php?ua=&ua=Mozilla%2F5.0+%28compatible%3B+MSIE+9.0%3B+Windows+NT+6.1%3B+Trident%2F5.0%29&format=json&search=resolution_width): failed to open stream: A connection attempt failed because the connected party did not properly respond after a period of time, or established connection failed because connected host has failed to respond. Error on line 144 position 1: Maximum execution time of 60 seconds exceeded

Pesticide committee made right decision

June 26, 2012

Like

0

Re: Committee comes short of calling for pesticide ban, The Prince George Citizen, May 18, 2012

The British Columbia Special Committee on Cosmetic Pesticide use should be commended for examining the issue of urban pesticide use so thoroughly.

The committee received 8,675 submissions and held 22 meetings where presentations were made by dozens of witnesses including experts from Health Canada, environmental groups, industry organizations, scientific organizations and academics.

In the end, the committee made 17 recommendations but came to the conclusion that scientific evidence does not warrant preventing British Columbians from buying and using approved pesticides so pesticides should not be banned in B.C.

The committee did its due diligence on this topic and discovered that pesticides in Canada are regulated by Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency, which employs over 350 scientists who are experts in their field. The review process involves a comprehensive set of 200 tests and a review of all scientifically credible studies that exist to ensure the product will not cause harm to people, animals or the environment.

If the report from the committee had been different and they had instead recommended a ban, the groups that are unhappy with the actual outcome would be commending the government on a thorough process that looked at all available science before making the decision they did.

It's ironic that these same groups only like the "growing and suggestive body of evidence" when it yields the answer they want - fortunately for Canadians science doesn't work that way.

The B.C. Special Committee on Cosmetic Pesticide Use did look at all available science and made the right decision to continue to ensure British Columbians have access to useful tools to protect private and public properties from pests.

Lorne Hepworth

President, CropLife Canada - representing the plant science industry

Ottawa Ontario

Like

0

More Stories
<p>The real community builders are in the streets 6/25/2012</p>
<p>Conservatives put oil before water 6/25/2012</p>
<p>Harris needs to apologize 6/25/2012</p>
<p>Anyone there? 6/22/2012</p>