

Move to let pie cart operate until 1 a.m.

The North Terrace pie cart would be allowed to stay open until 1 a.m. each day under a compromise proposed by a Parliamentary Committee.

The Joint Committee on Subordinate Legislation says in minutes of evidence tabled in State Parliament yesterday that "evidence tends to show that there is no reason why the pie cart should not operate where it is to 1 o'clock in the morning."

One of the main objectors to the pie cart's former late operating hours, Mr. J. N. Sharman — managing director of the Grosvenor Hotel — says in the evidence he would be "perfectly happy" for the pie cart to be open to 1 a.m. each day.

Government MLC Mr. Davis, a member of the committee, says he hopes the 1 a.m. compromise would be seen as reasonable by the Adelaide City Council and "I would view it as unreasonable of Mr. Oram (the pie cart's owner) to refuse that sort of compromise."

Mr. Oram said last night he "would agree to anything that will allow me to stay open longer, but I believe that if the pie cart is not a problem there should be no restriction at all on our trading hours."

[The pie cart has been forced to close at 11.30 p.m. since July when the Adel-

aide City Council changed the trading conditions of Adelaide's street traders.]

The chairman of the committee, Mr. Evans (Lib., Fisher), says in the evidence he believes there would be "some merit" in the Adelaide City Council's looking at the committee's evidence in relation to the pie cart.

The Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Dr. A. J. Watson, says the council's legislation, properties and general committee "would certainly look at it (the evidence), assess it, and decide how to respond to it and make a recommendation to the council accordingly."

However, he says the committee decided to impose the early closing times "having heard all the evidence."

The officer in charge of the Adelaide Police District, Superintendent J. H. Lockhead, says in the evidence his "information is that the pie cart area is not a problem."

He says there were only two assaults, and six minor offences at the pie cart in the year ended June 30, 1982.

The investigations by the Joint Committee on Subordinate Legislation is part of its consideration of an Adelaide City Council by-law which sets new fees for the city's street traders.

Mr. Evans says in the evidence the committee is concerned about the new fees Mr. Oram is "obliged" to pay and the decreased hours that have been imposed upon him.