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previous bill, we should have some answers to the questions that have been asked.

There is one other thing I should like to mention, Mr. Chairman. I hope the Minister of Finance is going to answer those last two questions. I should like him to explain also what has happened to the principle that one government should not be in a position to tax another, that is one level of government should not be in a position to tax another level of government. As has been pointed out on a number of occasions, this Crown Corporations (Provincial Taxes and Fees) Act is going to allow the provinces to gain a larger share of the distribution of funds from the federal treasury by increasing provincial taxes. In many respects this is a violation of some of the concepts of equalization. The equalization formula we have been discussing contains a provision concerning payments to provinces when their level of taxation does not come up to that of other provinces. Prior to the introduction of this bill, that level was the national average. While the provisions of this clause may not be a matter of major concern in terms of absolute dollars, there is in fact a complete contradiction of that principle. As I said before, bonuses are going to be paid to those provinces that levy the highest sales taxes. I hope the Minister of Finance, even though he may not like having these questions put to him, will try to answer them so that the members of this committee can have some indication how the provision is going to be applied in practice.

Clause agreed to.

On clause 6—*Definitions*.

Mr. Lambert: In so far as this clause is concerned, paragraph (a), what province to date has indicated it is not going to participate in the youth program under the Youth Allowances Act?

Mr. Gordon: The province of Quebec.

Mr. Lambert: And no others?

Mr. Gordon: No.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 7 agreed to.

On clause 8—*Regulations*.

Mr. Lambert: I must register a caveat about the wording in this clause dealing with regulations which, in effect, give carte blanche to the minister to determine these regulations and the carrying into effect of the intent of the regulations. As I indicated on a previous occasion, I draw attention to this and I must

[Mr. Olson.]

ask the minister and his colleagues to really look at this provision because, frankly, it does give carte blanche to the administration.

Clause agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported and read the third time and passed.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Churchill: I should like to ask the acting house leader if he is prepared now to let us know the department whose estimates will be considered on Friday?

Mr. MacNaught: On Friday, we will consider the estimates of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration, followed by the Department of Labour.

Mr. Knowles: What are we going to do tomorrow after we finish the flag debate?

Mr. MacNaught: Tomorrow, we will resume debate on the resolution to give Canada a distinctive flag.

Mr. Churchill: We have a distinctive flag now.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

A motion to adjourn the house under provisional standing order 39A deemed to have been moved:

SPORTS—FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO OLYMPIC GAMES TEAM

Mr. Arnold Webster (Vancouver-Kingsway): I do not wish to take up the time of the house for very long at this late hour. However, this afternoon I asked a question on the orders of the day which I am sure was of interest to many thousands of Canadians. Since I had sent the minister notice, and since she appeared ready to answer, I thought it only fair to give her or her parliamentary secretary an opportunity to reply tonight.

My question was: "In view of the fact that Olympic trials in track and field were completed last week end in Quebec, to what extent does the federal government plan to contribute toward the cost of sending Canadian athletes to Tokyo later this year?"

There is widespread interest in all kinds of amateur sports in this country including the contests that find a place on the Olympic program. We must remember that the young people who qualify to attend the games do not represent local communities alone, or even