Olympic Bill

We have had conversations aimed at finding the best means to meet COJO's requests about the creation of a national lottery to support the 1976 Olympic Games and promote amateur sports in the participating provinces. Under those proposals, the lottery may operate in the provinces having given their approval and over periods of time determined by those provinces. This proposal takes into account the fact that the federal government is not in the least interested in operating a national lottery and the time requirements make it inconvenient, in each province, to propose the adoption of enabling legislation. It goes without saying that the Olympic lottery will be operated in compliance with regulations adopted by the governor in council.

[English]

The production and marketing of Olympic coins, stamps and postal-related products is intended to generate revenue for the financing of the 1976 Summer Olympic Games, at no expense to the federal government, since all costs will be recovered. To ensure that these activities are adequately accounted for the bill provides for the establishment in the Accounts of Canada of a special account to be known as the Olympic Account. The Olympic Account, Mr. Speaker, will record transactions dealing with Olympic coins, special Olympic postage stamps and postal-related products. Payments out of the account to COJO will be made on the authorization of the Minister of Finance (Mr. Turner).

The bill also provides that donations by individuals and corporations may be deducted from taxable income by deeming COJO to be a registered Canadian amateur athletic association. In this way, Mr. Speaker, COJO can appeal to those individuals and corporations who share the desire to promote and develop the Olympic games in Canada to come forward with donations on a purely voluntary basis.

As I have outlined, Mr. Speaker, the provisions of this bill permit the production and sale of Olympic coins, postage stamps and postal-related products, as well as the conducting of a national lottery. These provisions are intended to discharge the commitment made by the federal government which requires special legislative action.

I now propose to elaborate on the extent and potential cost of other federal government involvement mentioned by the Prime Minister last February, given the additional information available to us as a result of the progress made by COJO in planning for the Olympics. I should say at the outset that most of the activities which I will describe will not require supplementary funds and will be carried out within the scope of normal federal government programs.

[Translation]

The most important specific item which requires additional funds is the contribution of the CBC, which would be responsible for the broadcasting during the Olympic Games. According to the practice established elsewhere during recent Olympic Games, foreign broadcasters will expect to see Canada, as the host country, provide for radio facilities, a basic television input and facilities for commentary services. These facilities will enable visiting foreign broadcasters to make thorough reports to the world radio and television public of over one billion

people. The government agreed to grant to the CBC a maximum amount of \$25 millions for this purpose.

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[English]

Mr. Speaker, the next area of federal government involvement requiring supplementary funds is one which I am sure is of vital concern to every member of this House, that is the area of security which will involve the participation of local, provincial and federal agencies. I am advised that Canada will be host to upwards of 9,000 foreign athletes and officials, approximately 4,000 representatives of the international news media, and as many as 250,000 spectators at the games each day.

I am sure hon. members will agree that it is clearly the federal government's responsibility to ensure that athletes, officials and visitors from other nations—including heads of state—will be free from harassment and threats of violence by subversive groups. The tragic events of Munich, which resulted in the loss of innocent lives, point up the sad fact that there are groups who are prepared to subvert international gatherings to their own ends without regard for the rights of others.

We must be prepared to take those measures necessary to maintain the security of the public and the participants. Therefore, while co-operating with Olympic officials as fully as possible to facilitate the entry of athletes and officials, Canada will retain control of admissions to this country. A strict control of persons entering Canada is a basic element in the proposed security program. These precautions are not designed to frustrate the entry of duly accredited participants, but rather to permit more effective control of undesirable persons. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police will fulfil their normal role in the protection of visiting dignitaries and heads of state, as well as in the maintenance of national security. In addition, the resources of the Canadian Armed Forces will be made available to supplement the RCMP in the protection of national security.

The total cost of all security measures which are within the responsibility of the federal government is estimated at \$27.5 million. This total includes \$14.3 million in supplementary funds for the Department of the Solicitor General in preparation for an execution of its responsibilities, in co-operation with Montreal, Kingston and provincial authorities; \$3.2 million in supplementary funds for the Department of Manpower and Immigration for the provision of additional staff and computer resources to process the influx of athletes, officials and visitors without compromising security requirements; and \$10 million from