

Mr. Speaker: I am sorry. I will check the "blues". Under the circumstances, what I heard was an accusation against a political Party. I will, for the sake of the record, check the record. I am sorry, under the circumstances, that was all I could hear.

ALLEGED IMPUTATION OF MOTIVES

Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport): Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit a point of order flowing from the answer to my supplementary question which I asked of the Minister of Environment (Mrs. Blais-Grenier). In her answer, in the concluding sentence, the Minister of the Environment imputed to me the motive of being inspired by bad faith. It was done in a manner, I think, not consistent with proper parliamentary language.

Maybe this escaped you, Mr. Speaker, and therefore, I would ask you please to check the "blues" and perhaps let me have the benefit of your views tomorrow. If you agree with me that the language used by the Minister of the Environment is improper and the accusation of being motivated by bad faith is improper, then I ask the Minister of the Environment to withdraw her words and apologize.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Davenport (Mr. Caccia) has a request to which I will gladly accede. I would remind Members of the citation in Beauchesne which is very clear:

—a Member will not be permitted . . . to impute to any Member or Members unworthy motives for their actions in a particular case—

I take it that is the citation to which the Hon. Member is referring. I will, therefore, be happy to do as the Member requested and verify the record one way or the other.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

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Hon. Otto Jelinek (Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport)): Mr. Speaker, last September, just days after taking office, this Government announced that the Canadian Sports Pool Corporation would be wound up along with the dormant Loto Canada Corporation.

This decision was made for two very obvious, and I believe good reasons. First and foremost was the fact that the existence of the Canadian Sports Pool Corporation contravened the spirit, if not the law of the 1979 lottery—

Mr. Speaker: Could I interrupt the Minister for one second to ask two things: First, that there be an opportunity to hear him. Second I sense that in the noise we missed an earlier call

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for Tabling of Documents. To do that we need unanimous consent. With the consent of the House, may I revert to Tabling of Documents for one moment?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES READJUSTMENT ACT

TABLING OF WHITE PAPER ON REDISTRIBUTION

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 46(2), I have the honour to lay upon the Table in both official languages copies of the document entitled White Paper on Redistribution.

Mr. Speaker: Statements by Ministers. Again I apologize to the Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport (Mr. Jelinek) for interrupting him. The Hon. Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport.

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Hon. Otto Jelinek (Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport)): Mr. Speaker, we will try again. As I said, last September, just days after taking office, the Government announced that the Canadian Sports Pool Corporation would be wound up along with the dormant Loto Canada Corporation.

This decision was made for two very obvious and, I believe, good reasons. First and foremost was the fact that the existence of the Canadian Sports Pool Corporation contravened the spirit, if not the law, of the 1979 lottery agreement between the federal Government and the provinces. For this reason alone, it was necessary to terminate the sports pool as soon as possible, in order to restore a measure of trust and co-operation between the two levels of Government. Second, at the time of our announcement the corporation was losing approximately \$1.5 million per week. Suffice it to say, the sports pool was a burden which Canadians could ill afford to bear.

In the spirit of greater federal-provincial co-operation, not to mention fiscal responsibility, the cabinet decision was obvious. Within days of the resumption of the new parliamentary session, Bill C-2 was introduced, thus beginning the legislative process of winding up both the sports pool and Loto Canada.

Of course, this left us with the problem of raising the necessary non-tax revenue dollars toward our commitment to the 1988 Winter Olympic Games in Calgary. I immediately approached the provinces with a view to having them share with us this financial commitment, in light of the tremendous economic impact the games would have on all regions of Canada. Specifically, I am pleased to announce that a recent