

Athletic Contests and Events Pools Act

Motion No. 1 which the Chair has already read. In due course I propose to again read Motion No. 3 in its proper numerical order.

However, having informed Hon. Members earlier at the beginning of debate that Motions Nos. 1 and 3 should be debated together but subsequently voted on separately, it would be incumbent upon the Chair at this time to see if Hon. Members who have already spoken wish to speak again. Presumably it would have to be on Motion No. 1. The Chair is extremely conscious of the fact that it should not deprive any Member of his or her privilege to speak on any motion before the House.

If there are no Members having already spoken who wish to speak again specifically on Motion No. 1, I will recognize the Hon. Member for Edmonton North (Mr. Paproski).

Hon. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton North): Mr. Speaker, I am surprised that we should even be discussing this Bill in the House at a time when there are so many people unemployed with so many serious things happening in the country. This Bill must be part of the \$4.6 billion job-creation program which we will probably see this evening. It is sort of a pork-barrel creation for Liberals at \$35,000 annually. Lotto Canada was supposed to have been exterminated, but it is still hanging in there somewhere with \$16.5 million in the kitty collecting interest. The fitness and amateur sports people and the cultural people just do not know what the Minister will do with it.

I would like to give a bit of history in this regard. It surprises me that we have Bill C-95 to establish another lottery or sports pool without the Government having contacted its provincial colleagues in lotteries to say it intends to go ahead with something like this. The Government has not contacted any of the Ministers who had anything to do with lotteries since the agreement of 1980. I checked this out today to make sure that I was right. The only agreement they have is the one between the Government of Canada and the different Provinces regarding the \$24 million connected with the CPI, which now amounts to \$34 million annually being received from the Provinces.

The Minister said that they would be able to make more money out of this new pool. What will happen to the \$34 million? Will they cancel out this particular agreement? The Provinces will say no, that if the federal Government wants to get into the lottery business and the sports pool business, that is fine, but it has lost itself \$34 million annually. The federal Government is duplicating services as far as lotteries are concerned. What has happened to the \$94 million or \$98 million which is now in the kitty as of this quarter? Approximately \$47 million goes to fitness and amateur sport. Why have the sporting fraternities not complained a little to the Minister? They always say that they do not have enough money. What has happened to them over there at 33 River Road? Why have they not complained to the Minister, saying that they have not received any of the \$47 million? They are supposed to receive a piece of the action. Where is all this money?

Mr. Regan: What a lot of baloney.

Mr. Paproski: I know the Minister of State (Multiculturalism) (Mr. Fleming) went ahead and spent a little money on a few things for a cultural event. I think he might have received some funds from that particular kitty, but the poor fitness and amateur sport people, what did they receive? In my short tenure of office, they were on my doorstep every day saying that they did not have enough funds. Now, after three years of obtaining money from the provincial Government without any effort or any work whatsoever and with all this money in the kitty, I do not hear them complaining. Privately they do. Privately they say that the feds are real rats and will not give them any money.

I have heard this Bill many times called the Calgary Olympics Bill. What a bunch of baloney. Who is the Minister trying to kid? How can he even say things like that—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): Order, please. I regret to interrupt the Hon. Member, but the House is now debating Motion No. 1. The Chair has been following the remarks of the Hon. Member attentively. Perhaps he could tell us in what way his remarks are directed to the contents of motion No. 1.

Mr. Paproski: Certainly, Mr. Speaker, but I thought the House should have a little history of what is happening in order to be well aware of what the Minister is trying to do by establishing this lottery Bill or this gambling Bill. I know he will set up a board of directors. He will get its members from arts and culture, fitness and amateur sport, and medical and health research.

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First we had an agreement with the Provinces which was related to just fitness and amateur sport and culture. Look what they have done with the fitness and amateur sport portfolio. They have given it to some poor little man in the other place who can hardly walk. That is where the fitness and amateur sport people have a Minister to look after them, in the other place.

Let me get to the back to the creation of directors. These will be order in council Liberal appointees at around \$35,000 to \$40,000 a year. Many of them are waiting for the jobs because when we got rid of Loto Canada there were about 6,000 Liberal hacks who were relieved of their kiosks which paid \$35,000 annually. When we used to ask whether they were making any money, they would say no, but they received \$35,000 annually to sit in a little booth and rip off the people of Canada.

I cannot believe this Minister, a really fine gentleman, going into something like this. He is familiar with amateur sport. I am told that he used to be a broadcaster. He has all kinds of other talents.

I cannot believe this job creation program that the Government is trying to establish today with this sports pool. Is there not something much better to get into without hurting the Provinces? This will not only be duplicating a service, the