

time for the Province of Manitoba to support agriculture the way the federal Government is supporting it under the leadership of the Prime Minister.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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1988 WINTER OLYMPICS

NATION-WIDE BROADCASTING IN FRENCH AND ENGLISH— GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Mr. Speaker, my question concerns the broadcasting of the 1988 Winter Olympics.

I raised the matter about a year ago, which was that the Olympic Games Organizing Committee had awarded television and radio transmission rights to CTV, a national English network and TVA, a French network in Quebec. There is no national radio, and there is no provision in the agreements, as far as I know, for television coverage in French outside Quebec.

I want to ask the Government, and I gave notice to the then Minister of Communications about a year ago: Is this Government going to do anything to try, first of all, to provide for national radio coverage in French and English for all Canadians, and second, will French-speaking Canadians get their \$200 million worth like all other Canadians who invested this money in the Olympic Games? We are entitled to get the signal across Canada.

[English]

Hon. Jake Epp (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member is correct in saying that he has raised this matter before and he has raised it in the same context as he has today. The Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport has been addressing this issue. I do not have details on possible solutions. I will bring it to his attention for an early resolution if it has not already been resolved.

REQUEST FOR UNDERTAKING CBC WILL PROVIDE COVERAGE

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Mr. Speaker, if the Minister will return to the House with some information, I wonder if he could also give us the undertaking that he will ensure that CBC Radio and Television are involved in the negotiations, along with CTV and TVA Quebec, so that we do have coverage on both radio and television networks of the Olympic Games in which Canadians have invested \$200 million.

Hon. Jake Epp (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I think the Hon. Member would appreciate that I cannot affirm all those details, but I think he would agree with all of us in the House that the Olympics will be a great

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national and international event and we would obviously want it telecast in Canada in both official languages.

Mr. Speaker: I would like to advise Hon. Members that there will be one question from the Hon. Member for Yorkton—Melville followed by one question from the Hon. Member for Capilano, and that will end Question Period.

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BROADCASTING

TELEVISION OF NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton—Melville): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Deputy Prime Minister and I ask him this question as a fellow westerner. Is the Deputy Prime Minister aware that all of Saskatchewan and large parts of western Canada, as well as parts of northern Ontario and Quebec, will receive only half the television coverage of the NHL semi-finals and the NHL finals because the coverage has been split between CBC and Global?

In Saskatchewan and much of western Canada we have no access whatsoever to Global, and in Quebec the coverage will be split between Radio-Canada and Quatre-Saisons. I wonder if the Deputy Prime Minister could tell us what he will do through his good offices to ensure that all Canadians, regardless of where they live, will have full and complete access to the NHL finals and semi-finals.

Hon. Jake Epp (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I will bring this matter as well to the attention of the Minister of Communications and the Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport so that all Hon. Members and all Canadians can watch my beloved Winnipeg Jets take the Stanley Cup this year.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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CHILDREN

PROGRAM TO COMBAT SEXUAL ABUSE

Mrs. Mary Collins (Capilano): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. As the Minister is aware, the problem of the sexual abuse of children continues to be a real concern to Canadians. While I am confident that the Government's legislative initiatives will shortly receive final approval by the House, I am interested in knowing what progress the Minister is making on the \$20 million program he announced last fall designed to focus national efforts on combating sexual abuse. For example, has the special adviser on child sexual abuse been appointed, and have any local projects been funded as yet?