

must submit a brief on redistribution of electoral boundaries in Quebec, particularly on the south shore of Montreal, I ask the unanimous consent of the House to interrupt the debate on the Ontario ridings for only 5 or 6 minutes so I may make my own comments. Will the House grant me unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

[English]

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner):** It is my understanding that the hon. member for Chambly will talk about a riding in the province of Quebec and then we will immediately revert to the province of Ontario. Does the hon. member have unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

[Translation]

OBJECTION TO COMMISSION REPORT RESPECTING QUEBEC

**Mr. Bernard Loiselle (Chambly):** Mr. Speaker, first I would like to thank my colleagues for allowing me to interrupt the debate on the redistribution of the ridings in the fair province of Ontario, to hear a few comments on the province of Quebec and to give hon. members the opportunity to find out that it is not easy to change the electoral map; in particular the commissioners should have known more about the various communities when they carved out the Quebec territory.

Mr. Speaker, my comments are aimed at requesting that the Electoral Boundaries Commission review its decision concerning my riding of Chambly to which part of the present riding of Saint-Hyacinthe has been added, after which it has been split into two. What I would like to see, Mr. Speaker, is that the towns of Saint-Bruno, Montarville and Saint-Basile be taken out of the Chambly riding and added to the future riding of Verchères. The reasons are obvious and very simple. First, my intervention arises from explicit requests from the authorities of these two municipalities, public agencies such as chambers of commerce, school boards and all public and quasi-public bodies of that area.

At this time, if the commission did not change its figures, the new riding of Chambly would count 81,000 inhabitants and that of Verchères 71,000. However, we are aware that the riding of Verchères, as it is now and shall have to continue to grow, is a predominantly rural riding and therefore its growth rate will be relatively low, while Chambly, with towns like Saint-Hubert and Chambly, is mostly an industrial riding with a high rate of residential development. So the growth rate of the population is among the highest. If we made forecasts for 1981, it is obvious that the town of Saint-Hubert should constitute a riding by itself.

And we will have to separate the town of Chambly. But if we take the territory of Verchères to which we would add the municipalities of Saint-Bruno and Saint-Basile in 1981, it could still remain a riding. Anyway, according to 1971 figures, the population of Verchères, which is known to remain stable, would now be about 90,000 and Chambly's with its high rate of population growth would amount to about 62,000 or 63,000 constituents.

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The reasons not to dissociate Saint-Bruno and Saint-Basile from municipalities such as Boucherville, Belœil and Sainte-Julie are quite simple. Under an agreement on tourism, our own government will grant \$13 million for developing green spaces and agricultural area in this territory. Consequently, we will achieve once and for all what has been called the Bois de Verchères project. This implies the cooperation of all municipal boards because this project expands over all these municipalities. Therefore we need cooperation.

Clearly the commissioners could not know that policy. But the document will be signed soon and the municipalities must remain within the same constituency.

As far as environment is concerned, I wish to indicate there is not only a territorial distribution agreement, but also a land-use agreement.

As for rural zoning and municipal infrastructures, such as sewer and water systems, although we are evidently surrounded by rivers, we have nonetheless water supply problems, and the municipalities, whether Boucherville, Sainte-Julie, Saint-Bruno or Saint-Basile must be supplied from one source, from the same purification plants, and the bulk of the expenses are financed in the normal way. There is of course the Department of Municipal Affairs in Quebec, but it gets money from Ottawa.

I wonder why in areas of intensive development, in areas such as the south shore where we find headquarters of the CMHC which for the last two years made direct loans of about \$60 million, I wonder why more consideration is not given to local factors and the role of the member of Parliament. In such areas, his role is not strictly that of a law-maker coming to Ottawa five days a week to ensure better quality of life to all. His basic duty is in the nature of an administration role, which is hard to perform when there is a multiplicity of problems.

Let us take the City of Saint-Hubert for instance. It is experiencing very active development. It is also a city where urban renewal must retain attention. Taking the municipality of Chambly, with the Department of Northern Development and Indian Affairs and the industrial park project, we have another type of problem although linking easily with those in Saint-Hubert. But with the airport between Saint-Hubert and Saint-Bruno, when the present member for Chambly leaves Saint-Bruno to go to Saint-Hubert, he feels he is getting into a different constituency. This is something I must live with. And if I do represent the eventual Chambly constituency, I have no wish to keep on shifting personalities, as I now have to, because of absolutely different sets of problems.

So, Mr. Speaker, for all these reasons, I ask the commission to review its work. This is not only the wish of the hon. member for Chambly, it is also that of the various town councils affected in this case, those of Saint-Basile and Saint-Bruno, which want to be part of the Verchères Riding, as well as those of Boucherville and Belœil, which would like to work and be in the same riding as these two towns which they will eventually lose if the commission does not modify its decision. Mr. Speaker, this is also the most sincere wish of the present member for Chambly, who still does not know which riding he will represent. But the wish I express as member for Chambly arises not from electoral concern, so to speak, but much more from