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If the Minister enjoys the co-operation of his provincial colleagues, then why is he scared to go to the provinces and tell them, "We gave you a \$300 million, \$400 million industry. We are getting in return \$35 million. Can you try, please, to help the sports organizations which would have received that if we hadn't given it to you?" But the Minister will not be responsible. He tells us he gave it to the provinces, he does not know what the statistics are, and to go and check for ourselves.

I ask the Minister if that is responsibility to his sports jurisdiction. I think not. I am not telling the Minister to go out and do war with the provinces but, for goodness sake, if he is prepared to take a sports-generating funding mechanism and give it to the provinces, then why can he not go to the provinces and try to get some guarantees? If the Minister is not prepared to do that, he should not give away the mechanism.

Mr. Jelinek: Mr. Chairman, the Hon. Member talks about me giving away the shop to the provinces. This Bill does not deal with giving the provinces anything. This Bill deals with getting \$100 million from the provinces, for which I was responsible. That is what this Bill we are discussing today is all about. Why does the Hon. Member keep saying I am giving the shop away to the provinces when the Bill we are discussing—at least, we are supposed to be, Mr. Chairman, with all due respect—is a Bill which is part of an agreement whereby I raised on behalf of the Government of Canada \$100 million? That money is from the provinces in return for this Bill. That is what this Bill is all about.

I believe a disease which is shared by all Hon. Members of the Liberal Party is that they forget that the citizens of a province are also citizens of Canada. Why is the Hon. Member trying to break up the jurisdictions? If we are going to give to the provinces, does that mean it is going to disappear from the borders of Canada? Does the Hon. Member not consider that there are citizens of other provinces other than the one he lives in? We are all citizens of this country. Members of this Party and this Government believe that the citizens of British Columbia, Alberta, Prince Edward Island or any other province, are also citizens of Canada.

Mr. Della Noce: Quebec.

Mr. Jelinek: Yes, Quebec. I will go through all of them: Saskatchewan, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and the Territories.

Mr. Della Noce: And Quebec.

Mr. Jelinek: And Quebec, the Yukon, and Ontario. I had forgotten Ontario, and I am from Ontario.

On a serious note, the point which the Hon. Member is trying to make is a point the Liberal Government tried to make, and that is, if you give to the provinces, it disappears, and Canadians do not benefit. I do not believe that. I believe that when we give to the provinces—although that is not what we are discussing today; we are discussing something the provinces are giving us, which is \$100 million—it is still money which is to provide for all of Canada. It is to provide for all Canadians. It is to provide for the benefit of Canadians in the field of amateur sports, in fitness, in health reductions, medicine, the arts and in the whole spectrum of our society. This Party stands united with the provinces.

We have created a new spirit of co-operation between the federal Government and the provinces. It is a spirit which never existed under the Trudeau Liberals. I believe that the attitude which has been expressed today by the Hon. Member for York West, and by other Hon. Members on the Liberal side, even without Mr. Trudeau around, would still not change. Those Hon. Members would still try to dictate to the provinces. They would still try to be the confrontationalists. That is inbred in their blood. That is what the Liberals are all about. They are all about splitting the country apart, putting region against region, province against province, the rich against the poor. That is the problem with the Liberal administration.

I believe that the steps we have taken today, and in the past 14 months, are the best steps that the federal Government has taken in many years, and economic statistics prove it.

The Chairman: Pursuant to the order made earlier this day, it is my duty to interrupt these proceedings and to put to the House the necessary motion to dispose of the remaining stages of Bill C-81.

Clauses 1 to 4 inclusive agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It being 6.02 p.m., the House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 11 a.m. pursuant to Standing Order 3(1).

The House adjourned at 6.02 p.m.