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give full credit to assistance given by the federal government. I think I would go a little further. I am not sure whether we should refer to these funds as federal, provincial or municipal funds. I wonder whether we would not be better off to refer to them as Canadian funds. Each member of this house would then take upon himself the responsibility of seeing to it that his own people are adequately and accurately informed on each one of the projects.

In closing I wish to say that I appreciate what was said by the Minister of National Health and Welfare, that he does not consider this to be a matter of confidence. He went even further than that and said that there were provisions in this bill, regardless of this amendment, which would make it incumbent upon the governor in council to make regulations in this regard. I believe he was not quite sure how the conditions contained in this amendment, even if it were passed, would be met. I am a little concerned about that. What will the conditions be?

Will there be a requirement that a big sign be put up informing the public of the share of the assistance provided by the federal government, or that advertisements be made through the media of newspapers, radio and television such as was the case with the Canada Pension Plan? If we accept this amendment, the minister will oblige the provinces to provide him with an agreement, the terms of which shall be approved by the minister, regarding the way in which the provinces will make this information public. I think it may be desirable for the federal and provincial governments to put up a sign for the duration of the construction period regarding the share of the contribution in the project, as is the case with most of the provisions in Bill C-199. I think this amendment is going a little bit far and no clear explanation has been given regarding how these provisions will be met. On these grounds I find myself unable to support it.

**Mr. Baldwin:** I have very few comments to make. First of all I will say that I do not feel I can support this amendment. The main reason for my reluctance in supporting it is that I consider it to constitute a downgrading of the capabilities of hon. members opposite. From time to time we have to take issue with them and set them on the path of righteousness, which is quite frequently required. I think it is unfair to suggest that hon. members opposite are not capable of fully exploiting the situation by telling the

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world about the few meagre accomplishments for which they have been responsible. There is so little they can talk about that I am quite sure they will have a great opportunity for doing so in the next election; and having been through several elections with candidates representing the party opposite I know very well how capable they are. I am not only speaking of the things they have done but also of things they have not done and things they might do. Finally, let me say, Mr. Chairman, that the abilities of the Minister of National Health and Welfare who is piloting this measure are well known to me, particularly from the statements which have been made from time to time by the hon. member for Cape Breton South.

He has told us of the accomplishments of the minister in describing the efforts of the government in regard to measures which they contemplate taking. For this reason I think it would be quite improper for me to approve this amendment, because in voting for it I would in effect be downgrading the really artistic accomplishments of hon. members opposite when they come to deal with matters of this kind.

**Mr. Gray:** First of all I should like to deal briefly with the point of order that has been raised. One of the hon. members opposite questioned the validity of the amendment. On the grounds that the amendment was not covered by the resolution I would suggest to the committee that if this approach is taken we will discover that none of the existing parts of clause 7 of the bill are specifically dealt with by the resolution. For example there is no reference in the resolution to the submitting of information to the minister.

**Mr. Ballard:** I am confused, Mr. Chairman, as to whether we are still discussing the point of order brought up by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre or whether we are continuing the debate on the clause. I think the discussions which have taken place seem to be alternating between one and the other. May I ask the Chairman to establish whether our discussions are in order.

**The Deputy Chairman:** I thank the hon. member for his remarks and I will ask hon. members from now on to confine their remarks to the point regarding the validity of the amendment that is now before the committee.

● (8:40 p.m.)

**Mr. Gray:** That, Mr. Chairman, is exactly what I was doing. I regret, in one way, that