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especially in Quebec, and also to the interests of taxpayers who expected to benefit from certain national acts passed by Parliament to benefit not only taxpayers living in some municipality or other but also municipalities themselves.

Mr. Speaker, it is very well to consider the passing of excellent housing legislation by the Parliament of Canada, but we should also get the means of implementing those acts so that they can fully benefit municipalities and taxpayers.

May I draw the attention of the minister to a matter of particular concern in Quebec and especially in the constituency I represent, namely Bellechasse, the matter of implementation of the housing act and the Neighbourhood Improvement Program.

Mr. Speaker, I remember taking a very active part in the discussions on Bill C-133 and cooperating, I believe, most sincerely with the minister to have that bill passed so that it would benefit Canadian families and also that municipalities with insufficient incomes to implement a Neighbourhood Improvement Program would benefit from a legislation which in my opinion is, and was at the time, extremely positive, so that all families in a municipality or a neighbourhood enjoy equal opportunities and services as compared to the residents of another municipality or another neighbourhood. In September 1974, the present minister of State for Urban Affairs succeeded in signing with the Quebec authorities an agreement clearly stipulating that such and such municipality may take advantage of the provisions of Bill C-133, and this agreement refers to the municipalities of Montreal, Quebec, Saint-Hubert, Laprairie, Doncona, Farnham, Saint-Georges, Saint-Hyacinthe, Saint-Jean, Solomon, Montreal a second time, as far as Carmel Park is concerned, Quebec City, with regard to a second pocket in Saint-Sauveur, Montreal North, Lachute, Jonquière and Longueuil. But I am surprised, Mr. Speaker, at not finding the name of Montmagny on that list.

And it was precisely in order to enable the town of Montmagny to develop a neighbourhood called "quartier sud" that I worked especially in order to provide the residents of that district with the public utilities they need and which exist in other neighbourhoods.

The agreement provided also—and I agree—that the neighbourhood should be first designated and then approved by the province at the request of the municipality. This means that any municipality can apply to the Quebec Housing Corporation or to the Minister of Municipal Affairs. If the government of that province recognizes that the district designated by the municipality falls within Bill C-133 with regard to the neighbourhood improvement program, it is only then that the federal government can step in through the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and grant subsidies directly to the municipality and to the taxpayers living in the designated neighbourhood.

I hope that during this discussion, the Minister of State for Urban Affairs will be able to tell us what procedure must be followed by the municipalities that wish to benefit from this legislation.

Last week, the mayor of Montmagny was here in Ottawa. He met with the officials of various departments

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and was well received. The problems he submitted to the various departments were fully looked into. However, he was given information he did not have on the procedure to be followed by municipalities, whether rural or urban, in order to benefit from this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, may I call it one o'clock?

**The Acting Speaker:** Order please. It being one o'clock, I do now leave the chair until two o'clock this afternoon.

At one o'clock the House took recess.

**AFTER RECESS**

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

**Mr. Prosper Boulanger (Mercier):** Where are the official opposition members?

**Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):** Mr. Speaker, I just heard a government member ask: Where are opposition members.

**Mr. Boulanger:** Members of the official opposition!

**Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):** Yes, he specifies the official opposition! Well, Mr. Speaker, it is understandable that people are late on a Friday when the heat is stifling and the humidity high and there is not air conditioning everywhere as in the House. I think that despite . . .

**An hon. Member:** We should perhaps have a swimming pool built in the House.

**Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):** Someone says that it might be necessary to build a swimming pool inside Parliament. I think it would be somewhat audacious. We might start by using the pool of the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau), because it is very big. There would be room for several members at a time.

**An hon. Member:** He will certainly invite us.

**Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):** This being said, Mr. Speaker, I should like to return very seriously to the subject we were dealing with earlier this morning, but more specifically with the ratepayers within a number of municipalities and also with the municipalities which are responsible for their own housing.

Well, I have before me a well-prepared document, dated in April of this year, which may prove very useful to municipal administrators who want to avail themselves of some benefits available from federal sources, but in conjunction with the provinces. Although this is a very well-prepared document, it would be necessary—

**An hon. Member:** Who prepared it?

**Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):** I have just been asked who prepared it. I do not know.

**An hon. Member:** Civil servants.