

comments about the previous speaker's words suggest to me that an allegation I have heard before about some Members of the Liberal Party, that they want to be the defenders of the rich, may be true. To suggest that the poor do not pay for the lotteries, to laugh at that suggestion when the facts speak clearly, particularly a Member who prides himself on facts, indicates that the Member wants to be part of a lot of political hypocrisy, trying to pretend that something is being done for Canadians when what is being done through this Bill to Canadians is something dreadful.

I am going to speak very briefly on the evidence that was placed before the committee when we dealt with this proposal. I noted in reading yesterday's *Hansard* that the Minister who was then responsible for this matter at one point interjected and asked an Hon. Member from Edmonton a question. He asked whether Members knew that the commitment to this pool was a condition of Olympics approval, a condition of going to Baden-Baden and asking them to approve the Calgary Olympics. That was the utter and total misrepresentation of the facts.

The simplest way to say that to Canadians is to ask whether anyone on an international Olympics committee would have approved awarding the Games to a country if that country had said to the committee it would only assist if it could get a lottery approved in its House of Commons. Would anybody internationally have believed that? The fact is we made no such claim. We said that the Olympics were important to Canada, and they are. We said we wanted them in Canada, and we do. We said we would finance them out of our existing arrangements. That is what we said. That is precisely the arrangement that Members opposite know was made in order to get the federal Government out of the lottery business and produce revenues for the federal Government.

Let me also say in response to the interjections of the Hon. Member opposite exactly the same thing which the Hon. Member for Saskatoon West said. What is reprehensible about lotteries run by governments is that they are run by governments. It does not matter whether the government is provincial or federal. What is reprehensible is not that someone is asked to buy a ticket or take a chance, but that a government of this country would say to Canadians that the way to do well is to gamble on a get-rich-quick scheme on which the odds are 100 times higher than being struck by lightning.

That is the philosophy of "getting ahead" which the Government of Canada proposes to reintroduce to the citizens of Canada as the means to succeed. It is not to work hard, to struggle or save but to buy a ticket on a government-run lottery. That proposal is what underlies all of the advertising of Loto Canada and all of the advertising behind provincially-run lotteries. It is the morality of saying to Canadians that the way to succeed is to take a 600,000 to one chance with that \$10 ticket. That puts into the heads of Canadians that that is the way to succeed. The very suggestion that we should espouse that view is wrong.

The Government says it is only doing this for Calgary. It says it is absolutely essential if we are going to support the

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Olympics we all want. It is not going to honour the commitment made in the beginning, but it has a new commitment called the athletic contests Bill.

The reason for motion No. 3 is quite simply that the Ministers responsible for this Bill have used that argument across the breadth of this land. If that is the argument for this Bill in the mind of this Government, then let the Government by its vote say that the purpose of this Bill is to fund the Calgary Olympics. The Bill itself does not say that. It says the revenues will be raised any darn way the Government wants through whatever amendments, regulations or orders in councils it wants, and ultimately will be spent on anything the Government wants. That is what the Bill says. It does not say anywhere that the moneys are restricted to the Calgary Olympics. The Government gives an undertaking that it will consider spending some of the money.

When we asked in committee what happened to the share of the moneys now coming to the Government from lotteries, 50 per cent of which were to go to amateur sports and fitness and 50 per cent to culture, when we asked what had the 50 per cent support been and what had it been spent on, the answers were: "We have no idea, we don't know". That was the defence of the moneys that the poor have already contributed through lotteries to amateur sports. No one knew. Now, we as Parliamentarians are being asked to tell Canadians, "Just trust us. We will do it right just as we did with Canadair and de Havilland and, so far as the people opposite are concerned, just as we have done everything right."

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Let us be clear, Mr. Speaker, that what we are dealing with is the Calgary Olympics. A great number of volunteers are being used by the Government of Canada to justify having the Government of Canada get back into Government-run gaming. That is what is happening. I suggest to you, Mr. Speaker, that if someone came into the House and said to the Government of Canada: "I will give you \$200 million to fund the Calgary Olympics," the Government of Canada would say: "Thank you, but we still need this Bill and we will now say that we need the money for the other things that are in the Bill". It would then use medical research or cultural communities as its whipping boys because it is not the purpose of the Government, Mr. Speaker, to pay for those things. It is the purpose of the Government of Canada to tax the poor in order to have more money to give away to its friends.

As everybody who has studied lotteries knows, something less than one-third of the funds that are raised through lotteries ever find their way to the charities they are supposed to help. That was the evidence that was presented to the committee which the Liberal Members chose to ignore.

Some day I hope to be able to stand in my place and say: "Thank God, finally every government in the country has stopped trying to skim taxes through lotteries." I do not know whether I will ever be able to say that, but I hope and pray that I will, Mr. Speaker. The reason I hope that is not only because there is an incredible amount of hypocrisy and, in my