

*The Address—Mr. Lavoie*

The Ottawa *Journal* of Tuesday, October 25, summarizes the green paper well. Some of the words in the Ottawa *Journal* article which I have in my hand were taken right from the minister's green paper, so I am not exaggerating or trying to misrepresent what the minister says in her green paper. Here are some of the proposals in the green paper, according to this article in the Ottawa *Journal*:

—A national coaching apprenticeship program to develop world class coaches in Canada.

—More assistance to increase the number of world-class officials and referees.

—A talent identification program to give the basis for identifying promising young athletes.

No reference is made to ordinary athletes or young athletes, just promising young athletes. Those are the athletes who are going to be helped.

—A club assistance program to help sports clubs "willing to and capable of producing top athletes for our national and international teams."

Look where the emphasis is.

The paper also says that if universities are willing "to commit themselves to excellence in their sports programs, co-ordinating them with those of the community, and expand training and competitive opportunities," the government will subsidize . . .

I wonder if the minister took the trouble to check with the universities of Canada to see whether in fact they really believe that the prime responsibility, or even a major responsibility, of a university is to develop excellence in sport. That traditionally is not the history of universities, and I predict that the minister is going to get a lot of flack if she tries to sell to the reputable and high class universities of this country the idea that they should become involved and commit themselves to excellence in their sport programs.

The minister goes on to say, and this is another quotation from the green paper:

"We want universities to take over the development of the high-performance athlete," . . .

We can see where the minister is putting the stress. The stress is on high performance athletes, national teams, international teams, world class coaches, world class referees and so on. This is deplorable.

I see that my time is running short. I want to refer to some of the minister's comments regarding sport policy. After an introduction by the hon. member for—

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier):** Order, please. I regret to interrupt the hon. gentleman, but I notice that his allotted time has expired. Nevertheless, he may continue if there is unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** No.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Jacques Lavoie (Hochelaga):** Mr. Speaker, first I would like to say to the House how pleased I am to take part in the debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne. I would like the people of Hochelaga, a constituency which I represent, to share this pleasure with me, all the more so since it will be remembered that on June 14 last I had the

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courage to take a difficult step in the interests of my fellow-citizens, my Quebec constituency and all Canadians. I crossed the floor of the House, because the people of Hochelaga elected me in the first place to represent them and to work, not to remain in a party where disorder comes before the interests of Canadians.

Since then, considering the needs of my riding and of all Canadians and through my sincere contribution to the Liberal party caucus, I proposed some ideas which are today part of the Speech from the Throne, of the government's objectives and the policy it intends to adopt during the present session.

Mr. Speaker, I must thank all my colleagues and the right hon. Prime Minister of Canada for accepting me in that great team of the Liberal Party of Canada. I am pleased to work at their side because I soon came to realize that their first preoccupation, like mine, is to serve all Canadians without exception. After two years here in this House as the representative of the Hochelaga riding, I wish to thank also all my colleagues who gave me the help and support that I needed, including some colleagues of my former party and I wish to mention the hon. member for Joliette (Mr. La Salle) and particularly the hon. member for Saint-Hyacinthe (Mr. Wagner) who is presently convalescent, and I wish to take that opportunity, and I hope that my colleagues will join me, to wish him a fast recovery.

Mr. Speaker, I also wish to congratulate the hon. member for Louis-Hébert (Mr. Dawson) and the hon. member for Malpeque (Mr. Wood) for their excellent job. And I wish to congratulate them especially as the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre (Mr. McKenzie) declared in his speech yesterday and I quote, and it is important, Mr. Speaker:

Unfortunately, I cannot offer congratulations to the two members who moved the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne, as that would be hypocritical of me.

At least he is sincere about that.

I cannot congratulate anybody who is supporting and congratulating this government with its record. I look at these two members with disdain. It amazes me that they could get on their feet to support and praise this government.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate them and I know other members from all sides have congratulated the hon. member for Louis-Hébert and the hon. member for Malpeque. Are those two members contemptuous? Has any member of parliament the right to scorn or to hold another member in contempt? It seems to me, Mr. Speaker, that the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre should eventually withdraw at least his contemptuous remarks. I think it is unacceptable in our institution; it is democratic. Each of us has the right to give his views but to be contemptuous of one of his colleagues, Mr. Speaker, that is too much! If he holds one of his colleagues in contempt, he feels the same for himself and the public, which is pitiful.

Mr. Speaker, you will understand why I have crossed the floor of this House. I had said before that should the government take positive steps, should they introduce very positive measures for the benefit of all Canadians, I should do it, which I did, and rightly so. You will recall, for instance, that I asked the government, that if they wanted to remove price and