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Mr. Speaker, I must say that I am surprised that a Member of the Government cannot get the support of his colleagues for such a good amendment. Why are the Liberal Members not supporting these measures? The people in Lévis want to know.

[English]

Mr. Douglas Fisher (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I would like to give a very short and positive report on the uses in my own city of the program that we are discussing today. In 1983, the City of Mississauga and the region of Peel will receive over \$5 million in grants in lieu of taxes from the federal Government. I am very pleased with that participation by the federal Government in my municipality. It represents great co-operation between the two levels of Government. The city and the federal Government in my area have co-operated on a broad range of different activities. The funding represents the close binding and the intelligent use of taxpayers' money which my citizens expect from all of us.

The \$5 million will be split between the City of Mississauga, the regional government of Peel, and the Peel region Board of Education. The money is calculated and comes from both the industrial and residential levies that are normally applied across the municipality. It represents a payment in lieu of property taxes and it will go to both the municipality and the educational system. The federal properties in my city are extensive. I draw the Member's attention to the Toronto International Airport which is the largest aviation facility in Canada. We also have the Gateway postal station which is the largest postal facility in Canada. As the Member for Lévis (Mr. Gourde) pointed out, we have a small harbours branch in Mississauga, in Port Credit, where the small harbours officials act as both—

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, it is not usual to hear this outline of the number of credits when we are talking about Schedule A of the Municipal Grants Act which definitely excludes certain things. Airports are not excluded. It is Schedule A we are talking about. I suggest, Mr. Speaker, that the Hon. Member is talking beyond the meaning of this particular motion.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I do not believe the Hon. Member has a point of order. If the Hon. Member chooses to enter into the debate and reply to the argument of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance (Mr. Fisher), it is perfectly in order for him to do so, but I hardly believe it is a point of order.

Mr. Fisher: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I appreciate your guidance on this matter. I think the Hon. Member's intervention was quite rude. He has a hard time drawing a straight line let alone a straight line of thought. I do not think he is one to tell me what is relevant.

I was mentioning that the federal Government has acted in our city to provide parks through the small harbours branch of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and has helped the

yacht club to set up its facilities on some of our lands at the mouth of the Credit River.

I think it is appropriate at this time for me to thank the City of Mississauga and the region of Peel on behalf of the federal civil servants and the people of Canada. Our city provides outstanding services to these federal facilities and we are grateful for the help that the municipality provides. It is also appropriate for me to say at this time that the city and the region have indeed given us good service for the money through the work of their outstanding staff. The social services, engineering services and the other services in those two Governments are regularly providing our officials with close liaison and close advice. As a result, we are able to avoid friction between the two Governments. We are able to combine the facilities and give an extra impact for our tax dollars. The regional and city councils send along representations and advice to me on a regular basis, which I appreciate. I receive specific advice about taxpayers' specific problems from municipal departments.

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Therefore, Mr. Speaker, the \$5 million which the people of Canada are investing in Mississauga annually is money well spent. My local government is certainly helping us to maintain high levels of service, helping out by giving us good advice for the improvement of our activities in that city.

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, the intervention I made was merely to keep the Hon. Member from Mississauga north, south, east or west within the ambit of this particular motion. This motion is specifically directed toward, I would say, an amendment to Schedule II of what was known in this particular Parliament as Bill C-4.

I am in favour of this motion which has been put forward by the Hon. Member for Lévis (Mr. Gourde) and I want him to know it. I feel he should have spoken to the hon. gentleman from Mississauga and put him straight. That Hon. Member was just taking the occasion to praise the Government for having contributed largely to his constituency, and that is what I was objecting to, Mr. Speaker.

The Hon. Member for Lévis was worried that the Government is not contributing because of the provisions of this law. I agree with him. I believe it would be useful just to remind ourselves what is in the law with which the Hon. Member disagrees. It was passed by the House of Commons on July 15, 1980. In its definition it talks about federal property, because federal property comes up in that section where the Minister may make a grant in respect of federal property.

In the definitions section there is a list of things which it does not include, and these are the exceptions with which the Hon. Member for Lévis was taking issue, and I agree with him. "Federal property" does not include any structure, work, machinery or equipment included in Schedule II. Schedule II is very important. It applies directly to my riding as well because, as the Hon. Member for Joliette (Mr. La Salle) mentioned, Esquimalt does have drydocks and a naval installa-