

Cultural Property

passed in committee since we all wait anxiously for the implementation of this measure.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

[English]

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Will the government House leader be kind enough to confirm for us the government's business on Monday?

Mr. Sharp: Madam Speaker, the House has made very good progress today. We have moved on some bills, but I had hoped that we might have been able to move on Bill C-25. There are only a couple of speeches to be made and I am hoping it might be possible to dispose of this bill before the Easter recess. So I have kept it in my priority items. However, on Monday I have the intention of calling the motion to concur in the report of the Standing Committee on Procedure and Organization.

● (1600)

Then I would hope to call third reading of the housing act which has now been reported from committee. There is some hope that if we acted on that quickly it might be approved by the Senate and receive royal assent before Easter. We also have a series of amendments from the Senate to the corporations bill, and finally we have Bill C-8, which we would like to proceed with also.

I am sorry that I cannot at this stage go any further as to the order of these items except to say that we will begin with the report of the Committee on Procedure and Organization. The others will, I hope, be considered during the day.

Mr. Prud'homme: Madam Speaker, could we have consent to dispose of this bill on second reading today? It seems that the House is in agreement. If there are only one or two more speeches—

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Four o'clock, Madam Speaker.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): There being no agreement, and it being four o'clock the House will now proceed to the consideration of private members business as listed on today's order paper, namely, notices of motions, public bills, private bills.

[Mr. Gauthier (Roberval).]

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

[English]

DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS**SUGGESTED ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW MINISTRY**

Mr. Hal Herbert (Vaudreuil) moved:

That, in the opinion of this House, the government should give serious consideration to the establishment of a department of sports.

He said: Madam Speaker, the motion proposed is short and uncomplicated, that in the opinion of this House the government should give serious consideration to the establishment of a department of sports. Why propose such a motion? Obviously I am not satisfied with the manner in which the government discharges its responsibilities to amateur sport. This stems from the fact that the fitness and amateur sport program is lost in the Ministry of National Health and Welfare.

The 1975-1976 estimates for the fitness and amateur sport program total \$21,785,000, less than \$1 per annum per person. Even that figure is misleading. The minister said in a speech in January of this year that this year his department has spent over \$10 million on amateur sport. That is over 40 cents per person. Or am I perhaps being a little bit too cynical? As a percentage of the departmental budget it becomes even more insignificant. It is about one third of 1 per cent, and that is almost the level of importance attached by the department to amateur sport.

Put another way, the total sport budget is approximately 3 per cent of the amount by which the total departmental budget has increased over last year. In other words, the departmental budget increased by \$648 million, or \$30 for every man, woman and child in this country, while the budget for fitness and amateur sport increased by 21 cents per person for a full year.

That is to be the level of federal participation in amateur sport for the year 1975-76, less than \$1 per person for a full year. The budget of just one of the provinces doubles that figure.

Let us look for a moment at the objective of the department. It reads:

To raise the fitness level of Canadians and to improve their participation in physical recreation and amateur sport.

And as sub-objectives:

To increase the appreciation for an understanding of fitness, physical recreation and amateur sport.

To improve the Canadian delivery systems of fitness, physical recreation and amateur sport.

To improve the quality of participation of Canadians in physical recreation and amateur sport.

I would like to put on record the fitness and amateur sport program description, which reads:

Promotion and Communications—Strategies and activities to promote a better understanding and active interest in fitness, physical recreation and amateur sport.

Resources Development—Provision of support for human and physical resources necessary to develop and improve fitness, physical recreation and amateur sport.

Training—Support of events for participants and athletes which foster the improvement of abilities and performance in fitness, physical recreation and amateur sport.