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individuals who were in my position prior to me for failing to do a job on behalf of amateur sport. I received congratulations from the sports governing bodies and I received thanks for the support I have given them.

When I made my initial remarks regarding this Bill, I spoke in a very sincere, honest and quiet manner.

Mr. Gauthier: And partisan manner.

Mr. Jelinek: I did not get partisan at all. The Hon. Member for Ottawa-Vanier is—

Mr. Gauthier: If you would shut up and sit down, for God's sake, we could get to the Bill.

Mr. Jelinek: If he would have been here, he would have known that there was nothing partisan about the comments I made earlier.

Mr. Gauthier: You are the most patronizing Minister we have ever had, for goodness sake. Quit blowing your own horn.

Mr. Jelinek: The partisan comments came when the Hon. Member for York West started attacking me thinking that I would not respond to him. After he started attacking me with misinformation and misleading statistics, then of course I rose to respond in kind.

I am delighted that I am able to be here on behalf of the Government of Canada to bring this Bill before the House, a Bill based on a \$100 million agreement with the provinces, a Bill which will assist and benefit the Calgary Olympics. As my friend, the Hon. Member for Calgary West pointed out, they will be the best Winter Olympics in the history of the Olympic Games. That does not just come from myself and from those of us closely associated with it. It comes from the great individuals within the Olympic organizing committee. I refer to the President, Frank King, the Chairman, members of the committee, the private sector which has become involved, the provincial Government which is one of the partners, the City of Calgary and its Mayor. All of these individuals in conjunction with the federal Government have worked in harmony and unity to ensure that the Olympic Games will, in fact, be the best ever.

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I am pleased to announce to the Hon. Member that when Juan Antonio Samaranch, the President of the Canadian Olympic Association, was in Calgary not too long ago to review the progress with respect to the development of the games site he said that it appears that the Calgary Games will be the best ever in the Olympic movement.

Mr. Epp (Thunder Bay-Nipigon): My concern this afternoon has been with the Bill as it relates to the Criminal Code changes involving gambling. At the conclusion of my initial comments I raised some questions about the principled stance which the Minister has taken in the past regarding gambling. It was interesting to hear the Minister come close to clarifying the question I left hanging in the exchange between himself

and the Hon. Member for York West. I would like to put this question to him. Given the high moral ground he adopted in 1983 when he spoke so strongly against the use of gambling funds for sports purposes, am I correct in understanding that he has abandoned that stance? He is very good at bandying about terms such as misleading and so on, which are only in order because he does not add the word "deliberately", although I am sure he thinks that. Someone who adopts this high moral ground is, I believe, a fit person to answer a question which is not at all hypothetical but which focuses on the realities of the situation. How far down has the Minister slid in abandoning the principles which he espoused in the summer of 1983? How acceptable is gambling now after all he has said about misleading advertising, sleazy methods and the dependence upon winnings raised from the poor of the country? Has the Minister given up all of that?

Mr. Jelinek: Mr. Chairman, I find it humorous that the Hon. Member says that he now knows what I am thinking. To show him my consistency with respect to my position on lotteries I will repeat what I have said six times today. The position of the Government of Canada is that lotteries fall within provincial jurisdiction. When the Hon. Member talks about my saying some years ago that there was misleading advertising, and I brought the question up to Mr. Abbott, who I believe was the then Minister responsible for Consumer and Corporate Affairs, does the Hon. Member wish to know what the public answer was from Mr. Abbott?

Mr. Epp (Thunder Bay-Nipigon): Not particularly. I am interested in your position.

Mr. Jelinek: I will tell the Hon. Member anyway. The then Minister thought I was right. He thought that the advertising was misleading and he took steps to change it.

Mr. Epp (Thunder Bay-Nipigon): That does not speak for your position.

Mr. Marchi: Mr. Chairman, we are not getting very many real answers to some very real questions. As my hon. friend has mentioned, these are questions which the sporting community would like to have answered. It is fine for the Minister to say that he has received congratulatory notes from the Olympic Association and from sports federations. That is great. In fact, it is almost to be expected. I will bet Hon. Members that during the time in which the previous Government was in office it received congratulatory notes from a good many parties. However, that is beside the point.

Since the Minister failed to answer the question with respect to lotteries falling within provincial jurisdiction I will touch upon the matter. Lotteries have a history of helping sporting organizations. I would like to ask the Minister why lotteries should belong in the provincial domain. I want to know the reasons. He said that they belong to the provincial Governments and I would like to know why. Since they help sporting organizations why can they not be within the federal domain? The Minister gives us many good reasons as to why these should belong within the provincial domain. Based on the