

Bay is operating most efficiently, as it is at this time, by 1985, although it is expected it will be able to handle the expected movement of traffic and goods, it will have difficulty moving the goods down the full length of the seaway. I know that the Department of Transport, along with many other interested parties both in Canada and in our area in particular, is cognizant of that fact and will work toward that end. That project alone will take up a considerable part of the summer for me as a member of Parliament.

There are other things that members of Parliament do over the summer, especially those of us who have far-flung ridings. We have an opportunity to meet the people in our constituencies who like to talk to their member of Parliament and express their concerns first hand. Similarly, we have the opportunity to submit those concerns to the government of the day.

We all recognize that, for the most part, we try to express our concerns to the government in this chamber. But if matters were to end there, the public would not be as well served as it is. I recognize that I am among many members who have vastly more experience than I have been able to accumulate in the 18 months I have been here, but I have observed that ministers are receptive to what a private member has to say, no matter on which side of the House he or she sits. While we go the public route of expressing our concerns in the House, we also have the opportunity to discover individual problems of a constituent or a region. These can then be forcibly presented to the minister by letter, a telephone call or at a one to one meeting. We are then directed to the proper authority in the department. That is part of the process of being a parliamentarian that does not or should not end when the House recesses.

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We are supposedly coming back on October 14. However, it should be noted that at any time should the need arise, this House can be called back into session. It is not as though we are going to leave here tonight to enjoy a blissful summer of doing nothing and no longer having any obligations.

**Mr. Mazankowski:** Tomorrow morning.

**Mr. Masters:** I thank the hon. member. Very early tomorrow morning. I always was a morning person. We should note for the record that this House can come together should the need arise. All hon. members, certainly those on this side, are prepared to do their duty.

The impression is sometimes gained that if this House is not sitting, the members no longer have any input into government. That is not correct.

**Mr. Mazankowski:** The minister said you needed a holiday.

**Mr. Masters:** What the minister probably had in mind is that we have a holiday from being here to go and do other things, something I look forward to. The demands of this past session have been very great on all of us. The committee work has been onerous. The hours have been long. I do not think any

of us complain about that. However, a perspective starts to develop here that is not necessarily the perspective we should have concerning the country as a whole. In other words, there is the very real danger of our getting away from the people we are here to serve.

I look forward to the summer recess and to meeting people in all parts of my riding and in other parts of this country. As members of Parliament, it is our duty when possible to visit people in other parts of this land so that we understand our country better. I look forward to meeting these people in more than a cursory fashion. It is an opportunity to hear their complaints and concerns. It is an opportunity for me to acquire a proper perspective in order to represent my area and the country as a whole.

There is something else that I look forward to this summer. In addition to seeing the riding and getting into some of the specific problems regarding transportation, which have more than a parochial connotation and in fact have an impact on the rest of the country, I look forward to a very positive event. It has been positive for Thunder Bay which this summer will have the opportunity of hosting Les Jeux Canada Games 1981. Sometimes we must find other things to do and to think about. We need to find other devices to bring us together.

Les Jeux Canada Games 1981 will bring together over 3,000 athletes to compete in Thunder Bay from August 9 to 22. This is the first time Ontario has had the opportunity of hosting these games which to date have been very successful. I look forward to the most successful games ever this summer.

There is a real need for these games. It brings our young athletes together to test their mettle in an environment that is second only in size to the Olympics. The games will bring to the very centre of this country people from the east, the west, the north and the narrow strip of the south. These people will be able to talk about other things in terms of national unity and getting to know each other.

The games are being brought to Thunder Bay not only because of its geographic location and ability to handle this large scale undertaking. It was recognized that Thunder Bay is a new city in the scheme of things, having come into being only in 1970, combining the old cities of Port Arthur and Fort William. Like this country, it has had to go through a shake-down period, and still faces a real coming together. A statute does not bring people together. That has to come out of mutual trust and contact and takes time.

I am very pleased to report that the citizens of Thunder Bay and northwestern Ontario have rallied around this focal point, Les Jeux Canada Games 1981, and have stopped worrying about whether it is Port Arthur, Fort William, West Fort William or whatever. They know they have a big job to do. They have the opportunity of playing host to Canada for a very important national event. In doing that, our communities have come together.

Some 3,500 volunteer workers will be involved in the staging of these games. In a community of 118,000, when 3,500 people become intimately involved, this has a tremendously profound