

*Athletic Contests and Events Pools Act*

**Madam Speaker:** Is the Hon. Member asking me to withdraw that notice for an urgent debate under Standing Order 30?

**Mr. Nielsen:** Yes, the circumstances of the debate this morning and this afternoon have made that unnecessary now.

**Madam Speaker:** Very well.

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**GOVERNMENT ORDERS**

[Translation]

**ATHLETIC CONTESTS AND EVENTS POOLS ACT**

MEASURE TO PROVIDE GOVERNMENT OPERATED POOL SYSTEMS

The House proceeded with consideration of report stage of Bill C-95, An Act to provide for government operated pool systems on combinations of athletic contests and events and to amend the Criminal Code and the Income Tax Act, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Communications and Culture.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin):** Before proceeding with the report stage of Bill C-95, it is my duty to inform the House that we have examined the motions relating to the report stage of Bill C-95, an Act to provide for government operated pool systems on combinations of athletic contests and events and to amend the Criminal Code and the Income Tax Act.

I shall now inform the House how the motions are to be considered. Motion No. 1 in the name of the Minister of State (International Trade) (Mr. Regan) and motion No. 3 in the name of the Hon. Member for St. Catharines (Mr. Reid) concerning the groups of recipients listed in Clause 18, Subclause 3, of the Bill, are to be grouped for the purposes of debate and be voted on separately. Motions No. 2, 4 and 5 will be considered and voted on separately.

[English]

**Hon. Gerald Regan (Minister of State (International Trade))** moved:

Motion No. 1.

That Bill C-95, to provide for government operated pool systems on combinations of athletic contests and events and to amend the Criminal Code and the Income Tax Act, be amended in Clause 4 by striking out lines 29 to 32 at page 2 and substituting the following therefor:

"(4) The directors appointed pursuant to subsection (1) shall include at least one person from each of the following three fields, namely,

- (a) arts and culture;
- (b) fitness and amateur sport; and
- (c) medical and health research."

**Mr. Joe Reid (St. Catharines)** moved:

Motion No. 3.

That Bill C-95, to provide for government operated pool systems on combinations of athletic contests and events and to amend the Criminal Code and the Income Tax Act, be amended in Clause 18 by striking out lines 11 to 20 at page 8 and substituting the following therefor:

"of the XV Winter Olympic games to be held at Calgary, Alberta,"

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin):** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motions?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some Hon. Members:** No.

**Hon. Gerald Regan (Minister of State (International Trade)):** Mr. Speaker, in relation to Motion No. 1, it is the position of the Government that this amendment should be supported. However, we are unable to support the second amendment to which reference has been given. At this stage, I might just give the reasons for the particular amendment which outlines, in detail, classifications from which directors will be represented.

The Government is moving this motion to amend Clause 4(4) because it was felt that a problem arises out of the vague expression, "beneficiary groups", which is not defined anywhere in Bill C-95 but which is in the present or what will be the former subsection. The term "beneficiary groups" is used in relation to the whole Section 18(3), making it impossible to say who would be entitled under the new subsection 4 to representation on the Board of Directors.

This amendment was initiated by the Opposition to ensure that the directors will have representation from the groups which will eventually benefit from the operation of the sports pool. The Government is simply ensuring that the intention of the Opposition in that regard is secured by this amendment. The proposed Government motion sets out clearly that representation on the Board of Directors will include at least one person from the fields of arts and culture, fitness and amateur sport and medical and health research.

Hon. Members will be aware of the aims of Bill C-95, to establish a mechanism to manage and operate a sports pool, to supply supplementary and non-tax revenues for the deserving areas of arts and culture, fitness and amateur sport and health and medical research. In addition, the sports pool will provide non-tax revenues for the fifteenth Winter Olympics Games to be held in Calgary in 1988. It is the responsibility of the federal Government to support worthy projects of that type, and as these games will benefit Canada and Canadians in many ways this source of funds becomes extremely important to the staging of the games in this country. In any event, I will restrict myself for now to the remarks I have made on the first amendment.

**Mr. Reid (St. Catharines):** Mr. Speaker, the joining of Motion No. 1 with Motion No. 3 makes it somewhat difficult from our point of view. As the Minister points out, Motion No. 1 arises out of an amendment which we proposed in committee and adopted in a certain language, now reduced to the language of the amended Bill C-95 and the Bill which is now before Hon. Members.