

National Recreation Policy

Mr. Paproski: The government is against health and recreation and has no ideas or policies on the subject.

Mr. Buchanan: Here the byways and special places program may go some of the way to increase the Parks Canada involvement—perhaps by the assumption of responsibility in areas which relieve provincial agencies of high priority programs in rural areas, and give them the opportunity to redirect priorities to the urban centres.

Mr. Bell: You are against the high cost of loving.

Mr. Buchanan: Against the high cost of loving, that is correct. But the Parks Canada activity is concerned primarily with the provisions of outdoor recreation space and is by no means the only federal program involved. At least four other departments have programs directly relating to the supply or use of recreational open space. Their programs are co-ordinated by interdepartmental committees, and consultation is active. Because of the nature of

land and the nature of recreation, each program needs its own policies and its own means of implementing them.

The Department of the Environment has in the "Canada Land Inventory" classified much of Canada's land mass for its recreational capability. This inventory is widely used for recreational land assessment by both federal and provincial agencies. The department has a component directly related to recreation and open space research with particular concern for the environmental impact of recreational activities. Its fisheries service has a great deal of impact on recreational fishing.

Some hon. Members: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): Order, please. The time provided for the consideration of private members' business having expired, this House stands adjourned until two o'clock Monday afternoon.

At five o'clock the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.