

various items such as the Saddle Dome, the ski runs and other facilities. The Minister of Fitness and Amateur Sports reaffirmed this agreement at a press conference on September 21, 1984, when he announced that the Sports Pool was being terminated. He stated, and I quote: "This government unconditionally accepts the commitment to provide financial support in the 1988 Olympics to a total of \$200 million." Bill C-2 will not affect that commitment.

Honourable senators may have an interest in the future of the staff members of the Sports Pool. Following the termination announcement, negotiations were carried on with Treasury Board. Treasury Board has now reached a satisfactory agreement with the employees, who will receive compensation according to their status within the Sports Pool. Top and

middle management will receive a greater settlement than will the others.

The bill was referred to committee in the other place, but there was no discussion other than a clause-by-clause passage of it. I need not remind honourable senators that our committees have a lot of work before them over the next two weeks, in light of the expected heavy legislative load coming from the other place. Therefore, I would suggest that this bill be passed without referral to committee. If any honourable senator has a question, I will attempt to obtain the information and pass it on to him.

On motion of Senator Frith, for Senator Perrault, debate adjourned.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m.
