

Athletic Contests and Events Pools Act

out of it. I will have more to say on these things, there is so much to say about them.

The only thing concrete about the whole affair is that there is a possibility of deceit in this Minister that I dislike. I hope other Members will bring that to the foreground. I agree with my colleague, the Hon. Member for St. Catharines, and I will vote for his amendment.

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West): Mr. Speaker, of particular note this evening is the fact that the Hon. Member for St. Catharines (Mr. Reid) on behalf of the Progressive Conservative Party has moved a significant amendment, yet we have not yet heard from the Government side. At one point three Ministers of the Crown were present in the House. We have had no indication from the Government whether or not it supports this amendment. I suspect—

[*Translation*]

—Mr. Speaker, the Liberal Party is a party of silent Members, as usual.

[*English*]

The Minister who introduced this Bill in the House has travelled to the City of Calgary and to other communities across this country. He has spoken on radio, he has given newspaper and television interviews and he has said that the Progressive Conservative Party is blocking this piece of legislation, that we are filibustering it and will not let the Bill pass. He has said "Isn't it a shame because the Bill needs to pass if there is to be funding for the Calgary Olympics?" That is what the Minister has said. The truth-telling Minister has said that we must pass this Bill in order to have funding for the Calgary Olympics.

Mr. Epp: Easy on the word "truth".

Mr. Hawkes: Easy on the word "truth"? It is a word the Minister uses to describe himself and it is one that I would not use in a million years. When a Minister says that this piece of legislation must pass this House in order to provide funding for the Calgary Olympics it behooves every voter to read the Bill. If you read it carefully, Mr. Speaker, you will notice there is not a word guaranteeing that a penny raised will go to the Calgary Olympics. There is absolutely no requirement in this piece of legislation that a penny, a dime or a dollar, will go the Calgary Olympics. When a Minister goes to public meetings and to the media and says that we have to pass this Bill in order to provide money, you would think that an honest Minister would put into the piece of legislation the simple fact that if money is raised—and there seems to be some doubt whether money can be raised through this mechanism—it will go to the Calgary Olympics.

I want to congratulate the Hon. Member for St. Catharines. He has moved an amendment, the one we are debating now, that will guarantee that if money is raised it will go to the Calgary Olympics. If the Minister, the Cabinet, the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) and the Liberal Party of Canada are telling Canadians the truth, that this piece of legislation is to provide money for the Calgary Olympics, then they should signal the fact in the House of Commons that they intend to vote for the amendment. They cannot have it both ways. They

cannot tell Canadians that they need it for funding and then refuse to include in the legislation that the funding will be used for the Calgary Olympics. If the Liberals rise in the House and vote against Motion No. 3, they will be clearly branded for the Canadian voters as liars. To vote against this amendment and to stand up and say the measure is necessary for the Olympics is to brand oneself in each and every individual case as a liar, because there is nothing in the legislation to indicate that one dime has to go to the Calgary Olympics.

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The legislation indicates that the money, if it is raised, could be used for arts and culture, fitness and amateur sport and for medical and health research. The only item missing in that list of activities for an advertising manager who wants to promote the sale of lotteries is something to do with children. It is a peculiar list of human activities for which the profits of this fund are to be used. It is an advertisement agency dream, because who can be against arts and culture, fitness and amateur sport or, more important, medical and health research?

The Liberals are making a public statement about their personal morality and about their concept of Canadian society, that funding for these activities shall be chancy and depend upon the willingness of Canadians to bet. What a different statement we would have if the Liberal party of Canada said it wanted a sports lottery and the funding would go to drill oil wells, to put buoys in the ocean, to build a frigate or to build an atomic bomb. No, the Liberals say that those things will get their funding. Petro-Canada will get \$400 million to drill oil wells but medical research will depend upon Canadians who want to bet and take a chance. In other words, they will fund medical research, arts and culture, and fitness and amateur sport from the back pockets of the poorest segment of Canadian society. Those things will be subject to the hazards of the willingness of Canadians to bet at any given point in time.

But they want to drill oil wells in the Arctic and to give the President of Petro-Canada his private jet to fly weekly back and forth to Calgary. They will ensure that that funding is secure; they put it in the budget and they have it for spending. But when it comes to an international commitment to amateur sport around the world, it will depend upon the willingness of the poorest segment of Canadian society to bet. If we want increased medical research, it will also depend upon the poorest segment of Canadian society.

The Government's morality and priorities are upside down. The reason for the list of activities in the Bill is to sell tickets, to encourage Canadians to bet. I would not be surprised after this speech to see a Liberal rise and suggest that some kind of charity for children be added to the list because that would help sell even more tickets. The purpose of the list is to sell tickets.

I would like to suggest one more test of the sincerity of the commitment of the Liberal Government. When this Bill is