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the party or the government in power, I say that this goes somewhat beyond the limits of decency and that the party at the helm of federal affairs, whether the Liberals of today or the Conservatives of tomorrow should be sufficiently conscious of the loftiness of their own intentions and purpose, and of the disinterestedness of their devotion to the public weal, to refrain from demanding that the provinces be further required to conduct their publicity.

Furthermore, this publicity would always be unconvincing and, in certain circumstances, it could boomerang against those who have asked for it. I have great trust in the sense of values and analytical minds of all the members who make up the government in power today or that which will be in power tomorrow, since it must be presumed that under the rules of the game, it will not always be the same. I have much greater trust in the influence that each member on the government side can exert in his own respective constituency by telling his electors that the government has accomplished for the common good, than in what could be required by a piece of legislation.

It was said a short time ago that national unity cannot be achieved by legislation. As far as I am concerned, I think that gratitude to a political party can only be achieved by facts, by legislation beneficial to the common weal, which will accumulate during the months in power and which will exert a much greater influence on behalf of such party than anything we are liable to add to the legislation.

Furthermore, Mr. Chairman, I see something in the amendment which tends to confirm what I say and what others have said before me, and that is that the governor in council shall make regulations prescribing the manner in which the paragraph is to be implemented and enforced. I shall not impose the rest of the paragraph upon the house. "Shall make regulations". In substance, if my understanding of the legislation is correct, we are reimbursing until such time as the provinces are in a position to administer their own affairs, or we are reimbursing because some provinces recognize that they are not in a position to provide for the common good in this area, but that they need the co-operation of the federal government. We are, to a certain extent, returning the sources of revenue which essentially belong to the provinces,

but this we do with the proviso that they will cense the government and sing its praise.

I say this is not on a par with the reputation of the government and I do not exclude the party not now in power, for I have studied the history of this country and have noted that both parties have done great things for the country without having to require, through legislation, that their praises be sung. And it is to the honour of the members of the party in power who have spoken in this debate and who have objected, to have shown precisely such high-mindedness, disinterestedness and concern to do well, in short, to do the best for the common good, without forcing the provinces to sing praise.

[English]

The Chairman: Is the committee ready for the question?

Some hon. Members: Question.

• (9:10 p.m.)

Amendment (Mr. Basford) negatived: yeas, 10; nays, 67.

Clause agreed to.

On clause 8—*Advisory committee established.*

Mr. Brand: Mr. Chairman, this clause provides that an advisory committee be established consisting of 11 members, ten appointed by the lieutenant governors in council, and the eleventh being the deputy minister of national health, to serve as chairman of the committee. Would the minister consider providing for the statutory representation of those vitally involved in the problem of health education, such as the Canadian Association of Medical Colleges, the Canadian Hospital Association, the Canadian Nurses Association and the Canadian Medical Association?

In view of the stated purpose of the bill to co-ordinate these groups and use their ideas, would it not be wise to include statutory provision for their representation? I agree with the provision presently being made to give provincial representation, but I am wondering about national representation from the groups I have mentioned. I would like to hear the minister's views on this. Incidentally I am prepared to move an amendment but would like first to hear from the minister.

Mr. MacEachen: The matter of representation from professional associations was fully discussed at the conference of ministers of