

*Tabling of Sports Document*

vation of public goods in favour of private ones. Those sports which are not marketable have a much more difficult time attracting private financing than do the others. Business in our affluent society only encourages mass participation in sports by those who are financially capable of consuming, such as skiing and golf.

The proposition of charitable tax exemptions to patrons of sports, such as outlined in the report, it seems to me may increase the amount of money available for such sports, but what I would be particularly interested to know is which sports will be selected and who will really control the priorities as to which sports are to be so favoured. Obviously, the man who pays the piper. This system may well perpetuate the ugly ramifications that the earlier part of the report pretends to abhor.

There is a certain fuzzy vagueness about this interim white paper on sports. What we and the public would like to know is whether this paper is really window-dressing or whether the government really means it this time. We know, for instance, that while the minister possessed the authority to do it, to date he has done absolutely nothing to democratize the major Canadian professional sports of football and hockey. How have players in these sports been helped by the minister, who professes such noble intentions, to have more say about their contracts and game rules? However, whenever there is an important sports announcement to be made,

we can expect for certain to see our minister bathed in the full light of television publicity

After we have cleaned all the dust away, how precisely are the lower and middle-income groups going to achieve greater participation? Where do you put facilities in the dense urban parts of our cities without slum clearance destroying housing? Where are the proposals to grant funds directly to the communities that need it for non-competitive, recreational facilities?

I should like to say, in conclusion, that the paper ends with a long-term challenge for Canadians. The question is: How long, oh Lord, how long? All grandstanding aside, it should be the right of every Canadian, handicapped or not, to participate in a sport of his own choosing at his own level.

**BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I could confirm the business of the House for Monday. The first item to be called will be third reading of the bill that was under debate today, to be followed by the report stage of Government Order No. 72, the consumer textile articles bill, to be followed by Government Order No. 78 with regard to the Industrial Research and Development Incentives Act, to be followed finally by Government Order No. 47, second reading and debate on the standards council of Canada.

At 5.40 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.

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