

Olympic Bill

normal operating funds of the Department of National Defence in support of other federal departments in the execution of the national security role.

I would like to point out, Mr. Speaker, that these figures, which of course would be spread over a four-year fiscal period, are very preliminary estimates based upon assumed world conditions in 1976. These amounts, expressed in 1973 dollars, will be revised periodically and reviewed by this House in its continuing consideration of proposed department expenditures.

In addition to these special measures, a number of federal regulatory programs will be called upon to provide, within their normal budgetary allocations, those services which are available to all Canadians or foreign visitors. Mr. Speaker, I refer here to the involvement of such federal government employees as inspectors of the Department of Agriculture who will be required to deal with the importation of animals for the equestrian events. The Department of Communications, for example, will allocate radio-frequency channels for communications purposes, and officials of the Department of Transport who will provide advice concerning marine safety and regulations. Also, as part of the preparations for the 1976 summer Olympic games, the Department of Public Works has estimated an expenditure of \$770,000 for dredging and construction of a breakwater in Portsmouth Harbour at Kingston, the site of the sailing events.

[*Translation*]

Other departments of the federal government will indirectly assist COJO in the accomplishment of their normal and continued programs.

The Fitness and Amateur Sport Directorate of the Department of National Health and Welfare, Sport Canada, has already begun the implementation of an intensive program to foster the creation and training of Canadian athletes whose objective is to take part in the 1976 Summer Olympic Games. Mr. Speaker, I should like to add that the part to be played by Sport Canada is not restricted to the young people of this country. The 1976 Olympic Games will require numerous officials namely people to fill in such positions as judges, time-keepers and score keepers. A training program for those officials also originates from Sport Canada and I firmly believe that the program will attract Canadians of different age groups. Thus many among those who cannot take part in the competitive events will have the opportunity to play an important role in preparing them.

In order to encourage visits in Canada in 1976, the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce will actively promote and advertise the 1976 Summer Olympic Games within its normal publicity program for tourists and foreign dealers.

Mr. Speaker, the organization of cultural meetings in connection with the Olympic Games is an old tradition meant to encourage a better understanding and co-operation among nations.

The Secretary of State (Mr. Faulkner), my colleague in charge of cultural affairs, will hold meetings with the directors of cultural organizations and officials of departments involved in designing a cultural program with a largely Canadian character and consistent with the spirit

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of the Olympic Games. The government expects that the activities will be carried out through the usual estimates affected to the programs of those organizations.

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Mr. Speaker, last February the Prime Minister referred to the possible involvement of the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation in the funding of the proposed Olympic village. To date, the federal government has not been officially approached. However, on the basis that the Olympic village meets criteria currently established for CMHC programs, such a project would be eligible and funding could be provided for normal CMHC program allocations in metropolitan Montreal. The amount of the federal funding required could depend on the number and cost of the units and the amount of commercial financing involved.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, recognizing the desire of all Canadians that the cost of the games should be kept to a minimum, the Prime Minister also indicated in February that the government would be willing to consider making available certain specialized personnel to COJO. Following discussions with COJO, it is now proposed that approximately 25 man years would be made available over the period from 1973 to 1976. This personnel would be provided by certain departments out of their normal resource allocation and with the stipulation that normal federal program operations will not be hampered.

The organization and operational complexities associated with presenting the games involving up to 9,000 athletes and officials is a mammoth undertaking. When compressed into a two-week time frame, such a production is formidable. Providing adequate staff for such a venture is also a major problem because the two weeks of the Olympics fall in the middle of the summer work period for high school and university students. Since students give priority to openings providing full summer employment, previous host countries for the Olympics have found it necessary to rely heavily on the military for the provision of large numbers of personnel.

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The Department of National Defence has been asked to prepare a report on the total requests for DND support for the games, together with the implications associated with the various alternative solutions possible. When this report has been received, the government will review our responsibilities to meet internal security requirements and our international commitments to determine in what way members of the Canadian Armed Forces could be made available in 1976 to serve in support roles at the Olympic games.

In summary, Mr. Speaker, except for the amounts to be made available to the CBC and the cost of security measures, most of the federal government's program involvement with the staging of the 1976 summer Olympic games will be met without the need for supplementary funding. Moreover, as I have stated, Parliament will continue to exercise full control over federal government program involvement with the Olympics by means of the annual estimates review under which details of all programs are submitted for examination and approval.