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putting up \$350,000 as against the federal government's \$50,000 were sufficiently annoyed to quickly advertise the total amount of the federal government's contribution.

I am glad that this sort of practice has been discontinued. I think we should grow up. If federal, provincial and municipal governments each make their contributions, we ought to rely on the integrity and generosity of spirit at all levels of government to give credit where credit is due.

Were this amendment to be accepted, and were there to be no mention of the contributions of local governments—and I will point out that in clause 7, as defined in the definition part, hospitals are included, and these hospitals may be built with the majority of contributions coming from the local people—local governments will not take kindly to legislation which insists that the federal and provincial contribution shall be advertised while the local government's contribution will be completely ignored.

It seems to me, Mr. Chairman, if we were to adopt this amendment we should be demonstrating a degree of childness that is not worthy of this house. I hope that we are prepared to make the most generous contributions we can to any particular joint project, and that those who take part in the program will see to it that those who receive the benefit of the project are fully informed of the contribution that each respective government has made.

Mr. Starr: Mr. Chairman, the amendment proposed by the hon. member for Ancaster-Burrard had a forerunner seven or eight days ago when the Minister of Finance, cried, lamented, and wailed in Montreal that the press was not giving sufficient publicity and credit to what this government did. Probably the press has had no solid foundation for giving this government credit for anything it has done up until now. We had the spectacle of the Minister of Finance finding out that buying a newspaper for the use of the government would cost a great deal of money. The government probably felt that by moving the sort of amendment now before us to an act such as this, much trouble and expense in publicizing the government's efforts would be saved.

It is very strange that two weeks ago this same hon. member rose in this house on another bill, which provided for the payment of money with respect to a training program. He tried to leave the impression in the house

that what was being introduced was an entirely new bill that this government, through its benevolence, was introducing for the good of the people of this country. It was only when I rose, following his announcement, to point out that what was being introduced was not a new bill, that it had been with us for a long time, and that only amounts were being increased, that the hon. member, and the hon. member for Kootenay East stood in their places and gave the former government the credit for building the technical schools in this country. That was the first time I had heard such an admission from the members of the government.

I am not against any government's getting the credit for what it is doing, but surely this should not be done by way of legislation. If we read this amendment it states:

The Governor-in-Council shall make regulations prescribing the manner of carrying out and giving effect to paragraph (d) of sub-section (1) of this section in order that the contribution of Canada towards the acquisition, construction and renovation of health training facilities and research institutions within the provinces shall be acknowledged in a manner approved by the minister.

As soon as the order in council envisaged is signed, I can just visualize the tremendous numbers of public relations people who will get to work across this country, publicizing what this benevolent government is doing, in the same manner as they publicized the Canada Pension Plan in every newspaper—the taxpayers had to pay for that—and in the same manner that that program was sponsored by the hon. lady who is now Secretary of State.

This sort of thing has to stop. I think it is up to the members of the government to make sure that their stories get across to their constituents and to the people of Canada. But they should not do that by smuggling such publicity into legislation which is meant to bring some good to the people of this country.

I have been studying the government during this session very closely, and I have come to the conclusion that today's performance is a very good example of how members of this government can mess up the progress of business in this house far more effectively than anyone else could. This, I might point out, has nothing to do with the opposition.

I think we have come to the stage now where we on this side of the house have adopted an attitude of responsibility in seeing that this government gets some work through the house. We find ourselves in a position