

*Oral Questions***SPORTS****WORLD JUNIOR TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS—  
BROADCASTING FACILITIES**

We are examining the decision with a view to establishing an appropriate legislative framework. I have not ruled out any possibilities at this time, and I think that is fair, until we have looked at the whole decision and see the underlying implications. That is not in the nature of a threat. That is simply prudence which any Attorney General would want to take when there is an important decision such as this under the Charter.

I reiterate to the Hon. Member and to all Members in the House that it would be our intention to look at this very carefully to see what the legislative options are for us. That will require the co-operation of the Opposition, because we have a very heavy legislative load. If we receive the co-operation of the Opposition we would want to ensure that we put forward a régime that is fair and consistent with our long standing and well known party position and government position, and I hope that we can count on the help of the Hon. Member.

**EMPLOYEES OF CROWN CORPORATIONS AND AGENCIES**

**Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier):** Mr. Speaker, the decision of the Federal Court of Appeal applies to approximately 214,000 public servants under the Public Service Employment Act.

Many Crown corporations and agencies, with possibly over 300,000 public sector employees, over the years have copied the directives—the restrictive directives, mind you—of the Public Service Commission in regard to political participation.

Given that these corporations and agencies over the past 20 to 25 years have literally given their employees restrictive political rights, will the Minister and the Government be clear and issue directives today to Crown corporations and agencies regarding the political participation of their employees so that we do not create two groups of public sector employees—those who have rights, and those who do not have rights? Will the Minister act on that today?

**Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada):** Mr. Speaker, I want to remind the Hon. Member, who I think is a fair person, that this Government has moved, in the time that we have been honoured to serve as government, with our relationships with public servants and with respect to the whole question of the organization of Crown corporations.

We have brought a rationale and a responsible approach that were lacking in the previous Government. I know that the Hon. Member was critical of the Liberal Government because of the fact that it did not take steps in these areas. We are moving on those matters. We have committed ourselves to action. We will carry those commitments out. We will need the help of the Hon. Members in the Opposition so that they do not delay the matter and will co-operate with us in the sense of making sure that public servants' interests are served in the proper way.

**Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Deputy Prime Minister, and it is placed in light of the fact that we seem to be enjoying Christmas in July.

The World Junior Track and Field Championships will be held in the great riding of Nickel Belt in northeastern Ontario and the Sudbury region beginning on July 26. To be able to broadcast internationally to the 150 countries that are represented at the games the broadcast facilities needed some \$684,000. They are now short by \$300,000.

We are pleased with the \$115,000 that we did receive from the Government. Would the Government consider digging deep into the bag to see if we could get the other \$300,000?

**Hon. Jake Epp (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, replying on behalf of the Minister of Fitness and Amateur Sport, all of us want to thank him and the Department for the sensitivity brought to this issue. We have been trying to have these types of games right across Canada, as the Hon. Member knows. I also thank him for his words of thanks for facilitating the games, together with many volunteers, and I am sure those are the people we should thank first.

The Government of Canada has tried to move those games forward. The Nordic Games in Thunder Bay are another example.

I cannot give the Member any specifics on his request, but I can assure him that I will take it back to the Minister and we will discuss it.

**REQUEST FOR EARLY DECISION ON ADDITIONAL FUNDING**

**Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt):** Mr. Speaker, as all Members know, we have all had our sympathies with the Sudbury basin when the price of nickel was down. It is a single industry town. The community has since made great strides in moving forward. This was a great attempt to project the community internationally with all the possibilities that would ensue. In light of the fact that we need to have an answer soon, will the Minister mind getting the machinery moving because the games open on the twenty-sixth?

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**Hon. Jake Epp (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member is correct. A lot of us, including Members from northern Ontario, were attempting to try to build a broader base than the metal industry; tourism to name another one, and, for example, the whole matter of the arts community and what has been done in Sudbury in that field.