

lishment of a department responsible for sports and leisure might infringe upon provincial jurisdiction. I thought that it would be possible to develop a three-level financing policy under which 25 per cent would be secured by municipalities, 25 per cent by the provincial government, and 50 per cent by the federal government. In my opinion, if we set up such a policy, we could leave it to the municipality to ask the province to participate in its own capacity. If it were within the provincial government's jurisdiction to consider that request to participate on a 25 per cent basis, the federal government would not interfere at all with the provincial jurisdiction by its planning policy, and it could then accept to participate on a 50 per cent basis. In so doing, we would contribute to the training of young people for future competitions.

I realize, Mr. Speaker, that what I am saying may not seem to be within the scope of the bill before us, but I feel, and I repeat it, that we would be making a serious mistake if we subsidized only the 1976 Olympic Games, and let it go at that. To prepare international competitions where Canadians could give the maximum, it is absolutely necessary to establish a policy designed to prepare and motivate young people.

The federal government has never done it up to now but this year, they will perhaps answer me: Credits for amateur sports have been increased twofold and perhaps fivefold. Why? Because the Olympic Games of 1976 will take place late, since youth is hardly or not at all prepared.

Thus, I hope that these few observations on what we can do about young athletes who, when they are grown up and mature, will want to represent Canada suitably, will prompt the government to do more than they did up to now.

So I think that when evaluating only the credits which will be earmarked for the Olympic Games, we forget completely the motivation of youth I was speaking about earlier, the conditioning and the stimulation this implies for young people, as well as the training they will derive from sport. I think that the majority of young people want to participate in a sport, they want to apply themselves more and effectively to sports. In fact, without realizing it, they get themselves a training which is very valuable; in future, they will finally be responsible for the society they have to live in.

I think that if we devote only a moment to the consideration of the interest the Olympic Games of 1976 will arise among young people, we have no reason for hesitating a single moment to support the bill which is before the House, although incomplete, so that the Olympic Games of 1976 are a complete success.

Thus there is much to be done because the participation and the involvement non only of hon. members but of Canadians as a whole are essential. The olympics will be that we want them to be according to our direct or indirect participation. But letting Canadians fret by brandishing the prospect of an eventual deficit, letting them wonder about who is going to make up the deficit and about the chances of success, that Mr. Speaker, is a very bad start.

I would like to see in this House members who are a great deal more optimistic. I would also like to remind hon. members the place held by recreational activities in

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our society. It is not enough, of course, to be satisfied with believing in and hoping for a 40 or 36 hour work week. We know perfectly well, through the medias, the significant role played by recreational activities in our society. All the more reason to be in favour of those competitions and to prepare for them. It is in that sense that we as Canadians must look forward to the successful fruition of those international competitions.

Some worry, in certain circles, about the position taken by the mayor of Montreal. To my mind, Mr. Speaker, one shifts the problem in saying in this House that if those \$350. \$400 or 500 million were allocated for renovating the city of Montreal, we would all agree. That is shifting the problem because one does not exclude the other, and everyone knows that Montreal has its problems, just as Vancouver and Toronto as well as the government have theirs.

To accuse the Mayor of Montreal of being concerned only with the Olympic Games is to misunderstand him badly. He has in fact had great success with many undertakings in Montreal and I believe Montrealers are pleased with him.

Some have even claimed that Mayor Drapeau's successes, of which Expo, have left nothing behind and that there is the danger the 1976 Olympic Games will leave nothing good to the citizens of Montreal. Let us remember that great works have been achieved; for instance, the thruways, Metro, Man and his World, the most beautiful amusement park in Canada, are as many achievements which remained after Expo 67.

It is untrue to claim that Expo 67 did not leave the Montrealers anything good. Briefs were presented by various groups in Montreal opposing the 1976 Olympic Games project and claiming that green spaces were vanishing, but Mayor Drapeau went before the Quebec parliamentary commission and defended his position quite ably. The press recognized that Mayor Drapeau was well documented; he even proved that by choosing the site of the olympic village, he added to the green spots in Montreal and by using a golf course reserved for a hundred of Montrealers at \$5 a day. This was not mentioned, but if some people want to submit briefs, reference should be made, after all, to the one Mr. Drapeau submitted to the House committee which was well defended and was not questioned.

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If we want to be honest, we must admit that, after all, Mayor Drapeau has achieved some rather fantastic results in the city of Montreal; of course, he did not succeed in everything, but was the present Prime Minister successful in creating the just society that he talked about in 1968, and do we have to fight him constantly for that reason? I believe he made some efforts, tried to adapt every day that just society and it would be fair to say that we are trying to adapt it better than to achieve it.

The Mayor of Montreal has tremendous achievements to his credit but he also failed in some other endeavours. But on the whole, what Mayor Drapeau gave to the people of Montreal was designed to attract thousands of visitors; the Olympic Games will be another attraction. A great number of visitors will come to Montreal and certainly those Olympics will bring profits.