

Mr. Paproski: We are going to gild one for you.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mrs. Campagnolo: Do hon. members opposite want to hear what the athletes of Canada have in the way of support or not? My branch has an operation called Game Plan. Game Plan used to be subsidized by the private sector to a much larger degree than it is now, and as a result of the private sector's having removed some support, it has become necessary for the government to make up that financial loss. This has been done through Loto Canada.

The hon. member wants to know when the national coaching school will be launched. The first part of it will be launched September 1. In other areas of athlete support we have the national coaching television program which will be begun this spring. If hon. members opposite want to know what moneys the people of Canada are paying to support athletes, they need only ask, and I shall supply them with the amounts allotted to each of the athletes who are being supplied with basic funding by the people of Canada.

ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL COACHING SCHOOL—
CONSULTATION WITH PROVINCES

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Could the minister tell the House whether she has been able to achieve any sort of understanding with the provinces since their co-operation will be necessary in so far as the establishment of a national coaching school is concerned? If she has achieved understanding why has she not informed the House?

Hon. Iona Campagnolo (Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport)): Mr. Speaker, this is a rather delicate matter. There have been two scheduled meetings of federal-provincial conferences on sport. The first was to be held last November but was subsequently cancelled, the last was held in June and I was not invited to attend. When the provinces do wish to speak to me, I am most anxious to speak to them.

Mr. Paproski: They do not want you to go into the locker rooms.

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CONFEDERATION

SUGGESTED ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON
NATIONAL UNITY

Mr. Heward Grafftey (Brome-Missisquoi): Mr. Speaker, I would like to know whether the right hon. Prime Minister is now prepared to accept the suggestion of the opposition concerning the establishment of a joint parliamentary committee on national unity involving all hon. members of the House of Commons.

Oral Questions

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, as I indicated during the debate, I think, it seems to me that we are a bit too far into the session to establish such a committee. We hope the House will be able to adjourn within a matter of days and I do not really see the need for debating the resolution mentioned by the hon. member if the session is to end in a few days.

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ATOMIC ENERGY OF CANADA LIMITED

SALE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR TO ARGENTINA—RESPONSIBILITY
FOR MARKETING POLICY

Miss Flora MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. I should like to refer to testimony given by the Chairman of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited before the Porter Commission on July 12. When questioned about the marketing practices of AECL and specifically when questioned on the Argentinian reactor sale he replied:

The government of Canada is responsible for the marketing policy.

He went on to say with regard to the Argentinian deal that that would slip into the kind of category of a loss leader to get into a market. Given those statements by the Chairman of AECL in which he denies responsibility for marketing practices, given the letter written by Dr. Foster to the hon. member for Vegreville in which he denies responsibility for the marketing practices of AECL, in light of the \$130 million loss, the fiasco sustained in the Argentinian deal, would the minister tell the House whether it was he or his predecessor in that portfolio who sanctioned this marketing policy attributed to the government by the Chairman of AECL when he described it as a loss leader sale?

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, if one listened carefully to the hon. lady's question one would note a good deal of confusion, perhaps intended, on her part. At one point she talks about marketing policies and at the next point about marketing practices and she confuses them completely with a view to trying to confuse an already difficult situation. With respect to the sale of reactors, the policy of the government has been to sell reactors. That is the marketing policy question; with respect to the marketing practices, that is a corporate policy.

Miss MacDonald: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I should like to ask the minister if he is denying the statements made by the Chairman of AECL before the Porter Commission in which he was asked particularly about the marketing practices and attributed them to the government of Canada.

Mr. Gillespie: Mr. Speaker, if the hon. lady will look at *Hansard* and re-read her first question she will see it concerned marketing policy but not marketing practices.