

break its election promises to them. I wish to ask the Deputy Prime Minister the following questions. Does the Government of Canada acknowledge that the Armenian genocide occurred? Does it agree that the then Turkish Government was responsible for the genocide? Does it agree that the Turkish Government over the years has failed to acknowledge in any meaningful way its responsibility for the matter?

Hon. Pat Carney (Minister for International Trade): Mr. Speaker, it is sufficient to say that Canada has and will continue to deplore the tragic events of 1915.

GOVERNMENT POSITION

Hon. Bob Kaplan (York Centre): Mr. Speaker, that is not an adequate answer, if I may say so. The Government made certain promises. The Armenian community looked to the Government, and I believe supported it because of the promises. Without pressing on the particular events that the Government promised would be established, I wish simply to ask does the Government acknowledge that the Armenian genocide occurred, and that the then Turkish Government was responsible for it? It is a simple question; simple justice.

Hon. Pat Carney (Minister for International Trade): The Secretary of State for External Affairs has previously answered that point in the House.

Some Hon. Members: No.

Mr. Guilbault (Saint-Jacques): Just like you are doing now, he did not provide an answer.

Miss Carney: He also made very clear the point that we value the contribution that has been made by Armenians to Canadian society.

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WINTER OLYMPICS

LOAN SOUGHT BY 1988 OLYMPIC ORGANIZATION

Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport. Canadians are now aware that the 1988 Olympic Organization is seeking \$50 million in the form of a loan from the American Broadcasting Corporation. Would the Minister tell the House what has gone wrong and what has happened to the finances of that organization which forces it to seek such a large infusion of cash at this point in time?

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Hon. Otto Jelinek (Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport)): Mr. Speaker, I should like to advise the Hon. Member that nothing has gone wrong with OCO. OCO is in sound financial shape. If the Hon. Member was ever involved in business, he would know that it is normal business practice to

try to take care of cash flow difficulties which arise from time to time in a situation of this nature. OCO is simply trying to obtain some advances from the extremely good contract it has been able to obtain from ABC.

Mr. Angus: We thought the reason for a corporate sponsor was to get it to pay the bills, not for it to be able to extract more money in the form of loans.

PUBLIC RESPONSE

Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan): Mr. Speaker, are the current financial problems with OCO because of the dismal response to at least two of the try out events—the ski-jumping in November and the lack of sales for the World Nordic Combined next weekend?

Hon. Otto Jelinek (Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport)): Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member is so far out to lunch on the issue that he probably does not know the difference between a bob-sleigh and a luge. The fact of the matter is that ticket sales for the Olympic Games have gone beyond anyone's expectations. Financial commitments and identified funds have gone beyond anyone's expectations. I assure the Hon. Member that OCO is in tremendous financial shape and that the 1988 Calgary Olympics will be the most successful in the history of the Olympics.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Nystrom: You skated around that nicely, Otto.

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TREASURY BOARD

LAPRADE FUND

Mr. Gilles Grondin (Saint-Maurice): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the President of the Treasury Board, but in his absence, I shall direct it to the Deputy Prime Minister. The publication of the terms regarding the Laprade Fund poses a few problems because many questions remain unanswered. Indeed, we may well wonder whether the dice are in fact loaded since an amount has already been put aside to build an aluminium wheel plant in the Louiseville region.

Some Hon. Members: Question!

Mr. Grondin: While the terms were revealed only last Monday—

Some Hon. Members: Order!

Mr. Grondin: —it seems that amounts have already been put aside for certain projects. Is this true?

Hon. Robert de Cotret (President of the Treasury Board): As I have said many times, no part of the Laprade Fund has