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Are the Liberals the Grinch who Stole Hockey?

MP Brad Trost defends junior hockey while Ralph Goodale again does nothing

OTTAWA-Brad Trost, Conservative MP for Saskatoon-Humboldt, forcefully defended hockey in small town Saskatchewan on Wednesday. Trost rose in the House of Commons to demand action on a festering issue plaguing the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League.

“The Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League is the only junior hockey league in Canada where the players, through their sponsors, are taxed on their room and board per diem (that they receive for the players),” Trost said.

This issue has stagnated because the Liberals cannot figure out which department should deal with the matter.

“For two years the Minister of Finance has done absolutely nothing to help teams in his home province. It is a disgrace that he has done nothing to help the SJHL,” Trost stressed.

Finance Minister Ralph Goodale’s inaction on this issue is now being challenged under Bill C-285. Drafted by fellow Conservative MP David Anderson, (Cypress Hills-Grasslands), C-285 is designed to amend the Income Tax Act so that income (up to \$8,000) received by an athlete from a non-profit club is excluded from taxation.

MP Brad Trost backs the swift passage of Bill C-285 because he wants to bring tax relief to junior hockey teams in Saskatchewan. While Ralph Goodale lets teams like the Humboldt Broncos twist in the wind, Brad Trost supports his home league, the SJHL.

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