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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

April 1, 1929.

Secretary,
International Olympic Committee,
Lausanne, Switzerland.

Dear Sir:-

I am writing to ask you to kindly call the attention of the International Olympic Committee to the qualifications of Bear Mountain Park, New York, as the most suitable place in the United States to hold the Winter Sports Program of the Olympic Games for 1932.

Bear Mountain Park has gone in on a big scale for Hockey, skating, and ski jumping. It is located forty-six miles from New York City and would permit hundreds of thousands of people in the vicinity to witness these events, which would not be the case if they were held at Lake Placid or at probably any other place in the United States.

As one who is an ardent supporter of all out-of-door sports, I can assure you that Bear Mountain Park meets every qualification for Winter Sports, with the exception of a bob sled run, for which they have ample funds to establish ^{a Run} and will be glad to do so in case the Winter Sports Program is assigned to them. It is my understand that the Bear Mountain Park Commissioners have several millions of dollars at their disposal for improvement of this kind whenever needed.

It is my candid opinion that not only is Bear Mountain Park the most suitable place in America to hold the Winter Sports of the Olympic Games for 1932, but that it is the most accessible and will draw by far the largest crowds, which should run not less than 100,000, up to 250,000. I understand that Major Welch, representing the Commissioners of the Palisades Interstate Park, has submitted a request to you in writing, and all that we are asking is that it be granted strictly on its merits, free from favoritism or politics.

Sincerely yours,

Hamilton Fish Jr.

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