
13. Olympic Referendum wanted
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Rick Cluff: As you've heard on the news, the race will now run with three contestants. One of the cities competing to host the 2010 Winter Olympic Games is expected to bow out by the end of this week. In a recent referendum the residents of Berne, Switzerland voted not to spend the money necessary to continue with that bid.

That had our Talkback line ringing off the hook. Have a listen.

Caller 1: It's just going to take away the split vote that would have happened for Europe, and I think that Europe stands a better chance now of getting the Games.

Caller 2: I've just been listening to the talk of the Olympics and the referendum in Switzerland, which is a democratic country, and they voted it down. Here we are, apparently, not a democratic country because we don't even have a chance to vote whether we want it or not.

Caller 3: So, still waiting for our referendum, Gordy. And if Mr. Campbell doesn't want us to have a referendum, I suggest we do a end run around him and go directly to the IOC and tell them: we don't want your Games.

Caller 4: It seems that at least somebody has their head screwed on. The Swiss certainly are a very level-headed, sensible people, who don't want the Olympics. I can't agree with that more.

Caller 5: I object very strongly to the way we've just been railroaded into this whole thing, and I'd really like to opportunity to vote in a referendum. All I can see is huge bills and a big mess.

Announcer: Keep the calls coming. The Olympics or anything else you hear on the program.