

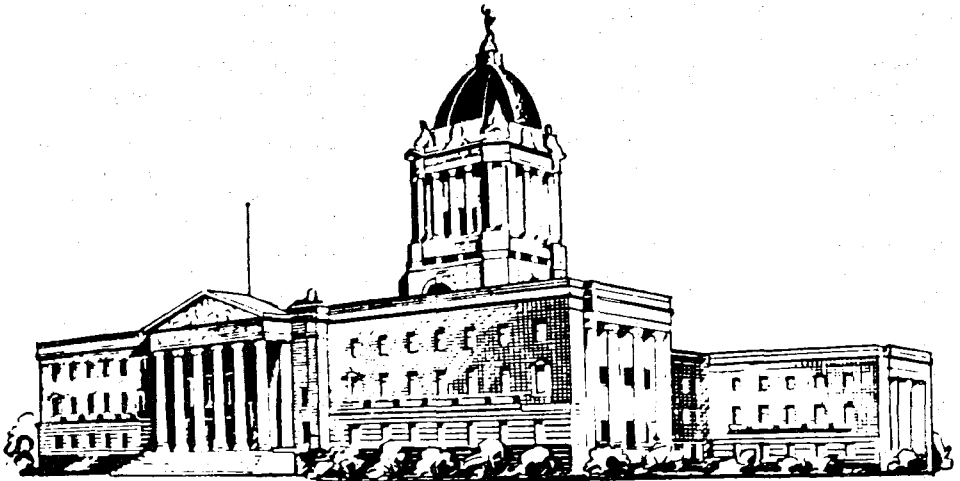


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Opening Prayer by Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Presenting Petitions; Reading and Receiving Petitions; Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees; Notices of Motion; Introduction of Bills; Orders of the Day.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable House Leader of the Liberal Party.

MR. GORDON E. JOHNSTON (Portage la Prairie): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Honourable the First Minister. Does the government have anything further to report on the apparent plan by the C.N.R. to cancel the Camper's Special to the Fairlane, Ontario terminal; and could he also inform this House if the government intends to initiate or ask for hearings to represent the people concerned?

HON. ED. SCHREYER (Premier)(Rossmere): Mr. Speaker, I can tell the Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie, the Leader of the Liberal Party, that the Minister of Transport does have this subject matter under advisement and that also, in the interval, the procedure is pretty clear that the Canadian Transport Commission will have to pass on any application that the C.N.R. may wish to make in connection with this proposed termination of rail service, and that therefore one can expect that there will be hearings held under the aegis of the Canadian Transport Commission in which case there will be submissions made by the Province of Manitoba and any other interested parties.

MR. SIDNEY SPIVAK, Q. C. (River Heights): Mr. Speaker, this is really in the nature of a supplementary question. I wonder if the First Minister can inform me as to whether rail matters will be that responsibility of the Minister of Transportation or himself, or as Minister of Industry and Commerce.

MR. SCHREYER: The precise form that this shall take is still open to some revision, but I think the Honourable Member can take it that the Department of Transport will be exercising the primary responsibility and there will be inter-departmental co-ordination.

MR. SPEAKER: The Leader of the Official Opposition.

MR. WALTER WEIR (Leader of the Opposition)(Minnedosa): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I might enquire of the First Minister, I see in the press that beside the invitations that were extended in terms of a Speakership, that there was at least one application. I wonder if we could know if there was more than one application for the Speakership, and if so, who they might be?

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition should be among the first to know that not everything that is said in the press is kind nor true.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable the Member for Lakeside.

MR. HARRY ENNS (Lakeside): Mr. Speaker, I direct a question to the Honourable Minister of Tourism and Recreation. Could he inform the House if his department is proceeding with the development plans at Hecla Island?

HON. PETER BURTONIAK (Minister of Tourism & Recreation)(Dauphin): Mr. Speaker, in answer to that question, we are in the process of looking at the situation and I think that in a short time the answer will be forthcoming.

MR. ENNS: I take it then that the lands that have been frozen in that area have continued in that state. In other words, land purchases are in the midst of being made in that general area.

MR. BURTONIAK: Mr. Speaker, that is a matter of policy, that's right.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable the Member for Arthur.

MR. J. DOUGLAS WATT (Arthur): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I could direct a question to the Honourable the Minister of Labour. In view of his statement in the Brandon Sun dated August 16th, regarding a raise in salaries to Simplot workers out in Brandon, I think the raise that he has announced is 60 cents per hour - which will graduate up to 60 cents per hour by 1972, increasing the salaries from permanent labour at the lowest to \$3.02 per hour up to \$4.08 per hour. The question I would like to ask the Honourable Minister of Labour - will this be reflected in increased costs of fertilizer to the farmers of Manitoba?

HON. RUSSELL PAULLEY (Minister of Labour)(Transcona): Mr. Speaker, may I suggest to my honourable friend that I am not responsible for anything that appears in the

(MR. PAULLEY cont'd.) Brandon Sun or any other newspaper in Manitoba. An agreement has been entered into between the representatives of the employees and Simplot Limited, that agreement having been successfully concluded, and it is not the responsibility of the Minister of Labour for any due announcement.

MR. WATT: Is the honourable member responsible for Government Information Services?

MR. PAULLEY: The Honourable Minister is responsible for an atmosphere in labour relations which is at the highest pitch it has ever been in the Province of Manitoba.

MR. WATT: Mr. Speaker, if I could be permitted one more question, will the increase take place, and if so, what will happen to the price of fertilizer? This is the question I want an answer to.

MR. PAULLEY: What the net result will be will be decided by the industry, as my honourable friend the former Minister of Agriculture is well aware.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable the Member for Assiniboia.

MR. STEVE PATRICK (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Honourable Minister of Health and Social Services. Is the government giving any consideration to the extension of Medicare to drugs and medicine? If such across-the-board extension is not planned at this time, I wonder if it is the intention of the government to extend this later in the session or in the near future.

HON. SIDNEY GREEN (Minister of Health & Social Services)(Inkster): Mr. Speaker, the government is always giving consideration to improvements of its existing programs, Medicare being one of them.

MR. SPEAKER: Has the honourable member a supplementary question?

MR. STEVE PATRICK: A second question. I know this was one of the promises that was made during the election campaign, that extension in Medicare will be given in the way of medicine and drugs.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, the answer stands, that consideration is being given to the program. I can't recall the promise having been given in the form suggested by the Honourable member.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Brandon West.

MR. EDWARD MCGILL(Brandon West): Mr. Speaker, I have a question I would like to direct to the Honourable the First Minister. Could he tell the House if he has received a letter of invitation from the Board of Directors of Western Manitoba's Centennial Auditorium to host and provide the site for the forthcoming Provincial Premier's Conference to be held in our centennial year, the Centennial Auditorium being situated on Brandon University Campus.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, I wish to advise the honourable member that the invitation has not come to my attention as yet, but I presume that it will be very shortly if, as the member indicates, it has been sent.

MR. MCGILL: Another question, Mr. Speaker. Could the Honourable the First Minister assure us that very serious consideration will be given to this invitation when the time comes?

MR. SCHREYER: Yes, Mr. Speaker, there is a warm feeling for the City of Brandon on the part of my colleagues and myself.

MR. SPEAKER: The Member for LaVerendrye:

MR. LEONARD A. BARKMAN (La Verendrye): Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day are proceeded with, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Is it the intention of the Government to institute a price control board, as promised during the election, to force business to justify increases in the price of goods and services?

HON. RENE E. TOUPIN (Minister of Consumer & Corporate Affairs)(Springfield): Mr. Speaker, in answer to the Honourable Member for La Verendrye, this has been taken into consideration on my part but it was not a promise during the election campaign.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Gladstone.

MR. J. R. FERGUSON (Gladstone): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Honourable the Minister of Transportation. What progress is being made re the hard-surfacing of Highway 464 from No. 258 to the village of Brookdale, also 353 from No. 258 to Welwood.

MR. JOSEPH P. BOROWSKI (Minister of Transportation) (Thompson): I'll take the question as notice, Mr. Speaker.

MR. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, I direct this question to the Honourable the Attorney-General. I wonder if he could inform the House whether or no his department or he himself has recently

(MR. ENNS cont'd.) instructed the RCMP to tighten up the enforcement or other checks on the possible illegal use of purple gas.

HON. AL. MACKLING (Attorney-General)(St. James): There have been no instructions to the RCMP that I am aware of in that field.

MR. SPEAKER: The Leader of the Official Opposition.

MR. WEIR: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the First Minister is in a position to clarify the means under which his signature appeared on the petition that he was going to advise the House?

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, I regret to say that I still haven't been able to make that kind of determination. I hope to be able to do so before the end of the week. This much I do recall, that I was not in the city at the time when this petition was apparently circulated so that there was probably conversation long distance, but I hope to have a statement of clarification by week's end.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable the Member for Emerson.

MR. GABRIEL GIRARD (Emerson): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct this question to the Minister of Education. I wonder if we could be advised as to the cost to the province incurred in maintaining the fees of the university students at the 1968-69 level if they were frozen for the following year?

HON. SAUL A. MILLER (Minister of Youth and Education)(Seven Oaks): I'll accept that as notice.

MR. GILDAS MOLGAT (Ste. Rose): Mr. Speaker, I would like to address a question of the First Minister. Will he be tabling in the House the new agreement between the government or the Manitoba Development Fund and Churchill Forest Industries, and when might we expect it?

MR. SCHREYER: I would suggest, Mr. Speaker, to my honourable friend that he file an Order for Return. I might add that the instruments of ratification have not yet been processed, but immediately that they are, when they are, it will be possible then to accept the Order and provide the information.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Ste. Rose.

MR. MOLGAT: A supplementary question, if I may. I thank the First Minister and I will be putting in an Address for Papers in that case. Could the First Minister indicate - I believe the statement was that the equity would now be one-third by the company - could he indicate what the previous equity arrangement was?

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, my honourable friend would be as shocked as I was if he were to know.

MR. MOLGAT: Mr. Speaker, I am in a position where I can withstand most shocks, and I'll be quite prepared to have the answer if the First Minister would give it.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable the First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, I would like to inform the Honourable Member for Ste. Rose that it is the expressed intention of the principals involved in Churchill Forest Industries to bring their equity input to a level where it will be in line with the equity input of other companies that have Development Fund loans, in which case it would approximate the percentage figure that the honourable member quoted.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for River Heights.

MR. SPIVAK: Yesterday I asked the Honourable First Minister a question in connection with the provincial government's position paper on the Carter Commission. There was some suggestion at that time that there in fact was going to be consideration given to amending it. I wonder if the First Minister can inform me whether any Minister, or anyone within the government service, is at present working on an amending paper on the Carter Commission presentation by the provincial government, and if so, when will we expect it to be tabled in this House?

HON. SAUL CHERNIACK, Q. C. (Minister of Finance)(St. Johns): Mr. Speaker, may I try to reply to the question by indicating that I have no recollection of having received the position paper issued by the former government but I have arranged to receive it. I will be reviewing it. The present plan of the Federal Government, which of course may be postponed again, is that the government's White Paper will be presented at the level of Deputy Ministers about the third week in October and then there will be a period of some sixty days within which the provincial governments will have an opportunity to review and make their first comments. If the Honourable Member for River Heights is so concerned about the changes which may be

(MR. CHERNIAK cont'd.) made to the Carter Commission, comments made by the former government, I can assure him that as and when they are made we will consider how to present them to him.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question and I would like to thank the Honourable Minister for his information. My concern in connection with the Carter Commission is because I really do not know what the honourable members on the other side have been talking about. I may say as well, that I would suggest to you that

MR. SPEAKER: May we hear the honourable member's question?

MR. SPIVAK: I would suggest that the honourable members information is incorrect.

MR. SCHREYER: If the honourable member's statement that our answer of yesterday is incorrect, I would refer him to Page 18 of Hansard at which time I said that "if" the previous government had filed a position paper on taxation with the Federal Government, then "if" this were so we would naturally want to file amendment policy papers because I am sure that we wouldn't agree with the previous administration's stand on tax reform.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. JACOB M. FROESE (Rhineland): Mr. Speaker, I would like to address a question to I think the First Minister in this case. Is it the intention of the government to reconstitute the special committees such as the Professional Association, Farm Machine and Auto Insurance at this session?

MR. SCHREYER: The answer to that, according to my colleague, is we will be re-constituting these committees. We are giving consideration to the reconstitution of them with the exception of the Committee on Auto Insurance. We hope to take alternative steps there.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Riel.

MR. DONALD W. CRAIK (Riel): Mr. Speaker, yesterday in the question period the First Minister indicated that he may within 24 hours indicate the terms of reference on the South Indian investigation by Mr. Cass-Beggs. Can he advise the House at this point whether the terms of reference are going to be filed within that period?

MR. SCHREYER: Yes, Mr. Speaker, it is certainly our intention to make known the terms of reference that were put to Mr. Cass-Beggs and Mr. Durnin and this can be done soon - this week. I would simply indicate now that I believe the terms are pretty general, you know just as in World War II days the order used to go out, seek out the enemy and destroy him. I believe in this case the term of reference was very general, that is that the two experts were just simply asked to take under consideration all of the study material and to advise us whether there were viable alternatives to the South Indian Lake High Diversion. That's about the sum and substance of the terms of reference.

MR. PAULLEY: And no hidden reports.

MR. CRAIK: Perhaps I didn't fully comprehend his reply yesterday, but I took it to indicate that the terms of reference may in fact be presented to us within 24 hours.

And the second question is we would be interested in finding out who is defined as being the enemy?

MR. SCHREYER: I would advise the honourable member that I have given him the gist of the terms of reference that were put to Mr. Cass-Beggs and his associates. To give them in a formal way we undertake to do before the end of this week, but you already have the substance of it.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for St. Vital.

MR. JACK HARDY (St. Vital): Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct a question to the Honourable First Minister. May the First Minister give an indication to this Assembly as to when we may expect a report of the Boundaries Commission?

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, I hesitate to answer because I didn't hear all of the question, but if it relates to the Boundaries Commission and when we hope to get its report, like the former government we are holding our hope that the Commission will report soon.

MR. HARDY: A subsequent question, Mr. Speaker. Do I have the assurance of the First Minister that public hearings will be held, in view of the reports and the brief that have been presented by the Metropolitan Corporation and the City of Winnipeg, before any action is taken?

MR. SCHREYER: I think that the honourable members should assume that when the reports are made available that the public will be given an opportunity to be fully acquainted, become fully acquainted of the proposals therein, and that there will be necessary then a period of time in which we can, as a government, solicit their views.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable House Leader of the Liberal Party.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Honourable the Attorney-General and it is with respect to the breathalyzer legislation that has been passed by the Federal Government but not proclaimed. By way of explanation I might state that there are certain groups prepared to spend a fair sum of money to publicize this legislation. Could the Minister tell us if he has received word from Ottawa as to when the Federal legislation will be proclaimed?

MR. MACKLING: No, I haven't.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Would the Honourable Minister seek to obtain this information?

MR. MACKLING: I can enquire, yes.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable the Member for Birtle-Russell.

MR. HARRY E. GRAHAM (Birtle-Russell): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, I would like to address this question to the First Minister. Is it the intention of this government to proceed with a municipal Tax Structure Committee as quickly as possible?

MR. PAULLEY: I wonder, Mr. Speaker, if I may try to field the question. I'm not clear on what my honourable friend the Member for Birtle-Russell has in mind.

MR. GRAHAM: This was a committee which was proposed by the last government. The legislation was not completed before the House was dissolved, and I would -- (Interjection) -- This was mainly due to obstructionism from the opposition. I would like to ask if it is the intention of the government to proceed along that line with special consideration being given to the assessment and the whole field of municipal taxes.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, if I may first of all answer my honourable friend by saying that this is a matter of policy for this government, and may I assure him and the people of Manitoba that it is the concern of this government in relation to all tax structures that consideration be given to the burden imposed at the present time as the result of the policies of the former government.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for River Heights.

MR. SPIVAK: I'd like to address a question, Mr. Speaker, to the Honourable Minister of Health and Social Services. I wonder if he can tell the House whether it's the government's intention to allow assignments to the doctors under the Medical Insurance Plan?

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, there is no contemplated changes in the rights of assignment under the plan that the honourable member is referring to.

MR. SPEAKER: Has the honourable member a supplementary question?

MR. SPIVAK: Yes I have. No, not a supplementary, I have another question to the Honourable Minister of Health and Social Services. I wonder if he could indicate to the House whether the Medical Insurance Corporation is now presently borrowing money from the bank, whether in fact any additional funds have had to be given to the Corporation from the Consolidated Fund, or whether any loan has been arranged or is contemplated?

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I can't give that indication at the present time.

MR. SPIVAK: Another supplementary question. I wonder if he would get that information for this House?

MR. CHERNIACK: I wonder if I might indicate that, as far as I have been able to ascertain, advances have not had to be made to the Medical Health Services Corporation from general revenue. I do understand that a loan was made by the prior government, of which no doubt the honourable member is aware, for the purchase of the building from the Manitoba Medical Service. That is my recollection of what I was informed.

MR. SPIVAK: I have another question for the Honourable Minister of Health and Social Services. I wonder if he could indicate whether the Medical Insurance Corporation is in arrears in its payments to the doctors in the province?

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, that is not my understanding.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for La Verendrye.

MR. BARKMAN: Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day are proceeded with, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the fact that the location of the veterinary laboratory facilities have still not been decided, is a decision forthcoming and will the facilities remain in Winnipeg where they belong?

HON. SAMUEL USKIW (Minister of Agriculture)(Lac du Bonnet): Mr. Speaker, the

(MR. USKIW cont'd.) decision will be announced in due course; I expect within a week or ten days.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for River Heights.

MR. SPIVAK: Yes, I'd like to address, Mr. Speaker, a question to the Honourable Minister of Finance. I wonder if he could indicate to the House the overdraft of the Manitoba Hydro to the bank and the interest rate that's being paid, and the overdraft of the Manitoba Telephone System and the interest that's being paid?

MR. CHERNIACK: I'll look into the question.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Souris-Killarney.

MR. EARL MCKELLAR (Souris-Killarney): Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day, I'd like to ask the First Minister a question. Did you answer that there is not going to be a special committee dealing with automobile insurance? Did you reply to a question - I think one of our members asked about committees - did you say that there wasn't going to be a special committee of the Legislature dealing with automobile insurance?

MR. SCHREYER: That's what I said, Mr. Speaker.

MR. MCKELLAR: What alternative method are you using?

MR. PAULLEY: May I suggest, Mr. Speaker, if I may to my honourable friend, that he read the speech of His Honour.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable the Member for Rhineland.

MR. FROESE: Mr. Speaker, I notice that the Minister of Labour replied in the absence of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, and I wonder if we could get a list of the various ministers who are in a position to reply in case the ministers themselves are absent.

MR. PAULLEY: May I make clear to my honourable friend we will gladly supply him and all members of the House with ministers, their alternate ministers and their second alternate ministers.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for River Heights.

MR. SPIVAK: I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, to the Honourable Member from Souris-Killarney. I take it then that we do not expect to receive any legislation on automobile insurance this session.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, would the honourable member mind informing us to whom he is directing that question?

MR. SPIVAK: I'm directing the question to the House Leader.

MR. PAULLEY: This will be revealed to the House in due course, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Riel.

MR. CRAIK: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Honourable the Minister of Education. Could he inform the House as to whether the purported signature of his name on the students' petition - the Manitoba Association of Students' petitions - is in fact a valid signature?

MR. MILLER: It is.

MR. CRAIK: A subsequent question, Mr. Speaker. Could the Honourable Minister indicate what he meant the other night on the public media when he stated that the students had twisted the petition to their own end.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, on a point of privilege. . . .

MR. CRAIK: May I have an answer, Mr. Speaker. . . .

MR. GREEN: . . . because this matter has . . .

MR. MILLER: The Minister has a statement he'll be reading.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Health and Social Services.

MR. GREEN: The Minister of Education has asked me to answer this question for him because there has been considerable question raised about this particular petition, and on a point of privilege and in view of the fact that the First Minister presented some green sheet as being something that certain -- (Interjection) -- yes, the former -- the Leader of the Opposition. In the interest of accuracy, Mr. Speaker, I have a photo copy of the petition that I signed and which also bears the signatures of Mr. Cherniack, Mr. Miller, Mr. Hanuschak, Olga Lewicki and George Strewchuk - I believe that these are candidates of at least two of the parties and perhaps three, I can't remember the Lewicki and Strewchuk's designation. But the actual wording of the petition as contained on this photo copy, and beside the top name, which happens to be my own - and I assume that other people accepted this type of understanding - are the words "in general agreement with principles", and I think that in the interest of accuracy the original petition, the photocopy of it with my handwriting on it carrying the words

(MR. GREEN cont'd.) "in general agreement with principles", are located on the petition. Furthermore, the petition doesn't refer to the language that was used in the green document. It's somewhat different, and I think that it might be for the benefit of all members that a copy of the one portion that I am referring to be distributed to the members and we'll see to it that that's done.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Liberal Party.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister if he would table that document so that we can have it for the archivist - the whole document.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I have no objection to tabling the document that I have referred to. The document that I referred to.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable the Member for Riel.

MR. CRAIK: Mr. Speaker, I thank the Minister of Health and Social Services for his answer. I wonder if the Attorney-General could indicate whether the sheets which he signed also had this caveat on it?

MR. MACKLING: I do recall that I made some qualifying remarks on it but I can't recall them now. I haven't seen the original of that copy back.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for River Heights.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, I'd just like to know under what rule the Honourable Minister of Health and Social Services was allowed to make the statement?

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, on a point of privilege, I believe honourable members opposite should know by now that this is not a place to conduct a cross-examination as though this were a court room.

MR. SPIVAK: Nor is this a place for advocacy where the Honourable Minister of Health and Social Services has to act for the Honourable Minister of Education.

MR. SPEAKER: Order. Order. The Honourable Member for Emerson.

MR. GIRARD: Mr. Speaker, I have with me a photostat of that same petition, and the justification that the Honourable Minister made with reference to the side of it. My question is, the photostat that the Honourable Attorney-General signed does not have

MR. SPEAKER: May we hear the honourable member's question.

MR. GIRARD: My question is, is the Honourable Attorney-General certain that there were comments on the side of the petition that he signed?

MR. MACKLING: Mr. Speaker, I do recall having a conversation; it was during the heat of the election campaign. I now agree in principle, in principle with the concern expressed in the petition. I indicated that verbally. I do not recall whether to this day I indicated that in writing, but I did to the gentleman that I spoke to at that time and I stand behind that now.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, let me cast some soothing oil on the troubled House. I direct a question to the Honourable Minister without portfolio. There has been some concern expressed in organizations and individuals in my constituency whether or no there is any difference in the manner of making enquiries about the Centennial preparations in the coming year. Could he indicate to the House has there been any change in this matter, that is, do these organizations or individuals approach the Manitoba Centennial Corporation as before or directly to the Minister. He might just clarify that for members of my constituency.

HON. PHILIP PETURSSON (Minister of Cultural Affairs)(Wellington): The only change, Mr. Speaker, would be a change for the better.

MR. SPEAKER: Orders of the Day. The Honourable Member from St. Vital.

MR. HARDY: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct this question to the Honourable Minister without portfolio. Is it the intention of this government to erect a statue on the Legislative Building - or the legislative grounds rather, in the memory of Louis Riel during the 1970 centennial year?

MR. PETURSSON: Mr. Speaker, that possibility is being considered by my department and those associated with it.

MR. SPEAKER: Has the honourable member a supplementary question?

MR. HARDY: Another question, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct this to the Honourable Minister of Transportation. Is it the intention of that particular department to construct traffic control signal lights on the perimeter highway where arterial highways intersect, especially in view of the high number of fatalities that have occurred on the perimeter highway?

MR. BOROWSKI: Mr. Speaker, we're simply at the moment - we've been in office just

(MR. BOROWSKI cont'd.) one month - we're just following the policy set down by the previous administration.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary to the question that I asked of the Minister without portfolio, insofar as that he just indicated a change would take place - a change for the better he indicated - am I to take it that this is an expression of lack of confidence in the present Chairman of the Manitoba Centennial Corporation, or if not, what change is he referring to?

MR. PETURSSON: Mr. Speaker, full confidence has been expressed in the present Chairman of the Centennial Corporation.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for River Heights.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct a question to the Honourable the Attorney-General. It's reported in the paper that the City of Winnipeg is contemplating a lottery. Has there been communication with the Attorney-General's department in connection with this matter?

MR. MACKLING: I have received no information on this yet.

MR. SPIVAK: A supplementary question. Is it your intention to contact the City of Winnipeg in connection with this matter?

MR. MACKLING: When the matter comes before me properly, I will make some consideration of the matter.

MR. GREEN: the City of Winnipeg, on a point of privilege, the honourable member suggested that the City of Winnipeg is contemplating a lottery, and that is not my understanding. They are contemplating collecting taxes in a peculiar way, and the question of whether it's a lottery or not certainly can't be decided by the honourable member.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, may I read from the newspaper the statement of the Mayor

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, may I enquire on what basis a point of privilege is being raised by my honourable friend the Member for River Heights? It seems to me that at the question period the tenor of the question goes far beyond the normal accepted practices of this House.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member may present his question.

MR. SPIVAK: Well, Mr. Speaker, this is a point of privilege. I have just heard a point of privilege -- (Interjection) -- The information that the Honourable Minister of Health and Social Services expressed is not correct. I mentioned lottery because the Mayor of the City of Winnipeg today

MR. SPEAKER: I must remind the honourable member that is not a point of privilege. Order please. I must remind the honourable member that that is not a point of privilege.

MR. PAULLEY: That's right.

MR. SPIVAK: Well a point of clarification, Mr. Speaker, would you indicate whether the Honourable Minister of Health and Social Services statement was a point of privilege or not?

MR. SPEAKER: I do not believe that I must enter any debate or argument with any of the honourable members. The Honourable Member for Wolseley.

MR. LEONARD H. CLAYDON (Wolseley): Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. Last Friday I asked him if he had made representations to the Great Northern Railway or the Interstate Commerce Commission regarding reduction in passenger service to Minneapolis. Is he now in a position to tell us whether he had made representations or not?

MR. BOROWSKI: Mr. Speaker, I should have given this information yesterday. I didn't make representation but I did phone and the information that was given to me is that there is no cancellation, it is simply a re-scheduling. The cancellation takes place on the American run, not the Canadian run. There will be a tremendous saving to the company, and this is the reason they are doing it. But there is no cancelling out of Winnipeg, just simply a re-scheduling, so it is unnecessary to make representation.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. J. WALLY MCKENZIE (Roblin): Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Tourism and Recreation. Concern has been expressed in my constituency that the new government are not planning. . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Could we hear the honourable member's question please.

MR. McKENZIE: . . . are not planning to complete the Asessippi Provincial Park. I would like the Minister to confirm or deny, is there any truth in that rumor?

MR. BURTNIAK: I'll take notice of that.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable the House Leader of the Liberal Party.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Mr. Speaker, by leave, I would like to make a brief announcement.

MR. SPEAKER: Does the Member have leave?

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to announce that the Honourable D. L. Campbell, former premier of Manitoba and a Member of this House for a record 47 years until his retirement at the dissolution of the last Legislature, will be honoured at a special celebration in Portage la Prairie this coming Sunday, August 24th. Campbell Day will be held on Island Park in Portage, starting at 3.00 p.m. and everyone is welcome to attend to pay tribute to this great Manitoban. Various events are planned and I might say it's on a non-political basis, and if members or any persons reading this announcement should attend, we would ask you to bring your own food.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Swan River.

MR. JAMES BILTON (Swan River): Mr. Speaker, on the same subject, it is rather unfortunate that this celebration should take place when the majority of the members of the legislature will be in Churchill -- (Interjection) -- I'm forever getting my dates mixed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Labour.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, if I may, dealing with the Order Paper for today. This as you know Your Honour is Private Members' Day and normally private members resolutions take precedence over other motions. However, as a courtesy to the House Leader of the Liberal Party, may I ask that leave be granted by the House to hear my honourable friend and his delivery on the speech from His Honour and any other member that wishes to speak, then following that, revert to private members resolutions for consideration.

MR. WEIR: Mr. Speaker, we would be agreed.

MR. FROESE: Agreeable.

MR. SPEAKER: It is agreed then that we proceed with the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Honourable Member for Osborne for an Address to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in answer to his speech at the Opening of the Session, and the proposed motion of the Honourable Leader of the Official Opposition in amendment thereto as follows: THAT the motion be amended by adding thereto the following words . . . The Honourable the House Leader of the Liberal Party.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Mr. Speaker, in rising to take part in the Throne Speech Debate, I want first of all to congratulate you on your election to the high office that you hold in this Assembly. During your time as a member of the House you have shown yourself to be a fair-minded and reasonable individual and I am confident that these traits will be the hallmark of your term as speaker.

I also want to take this opportunity to extend my congratulations to the premier and the members of his cabinet, as well as to the members on the government side on their success in the June 25th election. To all new members of this assembly also go my sincere congratulations. The mortality rate among politicians in Manitoba seems to be inordinately high, when you consider that counting the February 20th by-elections there are 32 new members in this House. Of course, two of them were here at another time. I know you will forgive me if I say it is my hope that in the next election, whenever it comes, the mortality rate will be just as high but the heaviest casualties will be on the other side.

It is interesting to note that if the election should come before next February 20th, it is my understanding according to the legislation, that four honourable members first elected in the by-elections if re-elected would qualify for a lifetime pension starting at age 50, should they succeed in coming back to this House. So jokingly, I might ask who says politics does not pay? -- (for some people). -- (Interjection) -- I don't know. I imagine some of the former members could tell you what the pension rates are.

Seriously though, it is healthy for parliaments to be refreshed from time to time, to insure that new people with new ideas are given an opportunity to represent the voters in their jurisdiction. I am confident that all new members of this House will respond to the challenge and provide Manitobans with a Legislature that mirrors their views and their aspirations.

(MR. G. JOHNSTON cont'd.)

The member for Osborne and the member for St. George are among our new members and I congratulate them on their enthusiastic contribution to this House in moving and seconding the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne. It is ironical that we sit here today examining a Throne Speech which in large measure contains legislative proposals which came before the last session of the House from the previous government. This should serve as a lesson to all politicians everywhere who are inclined to place their own interest first, the interest of their party second and the interest of the people last. With such a recent lesson fresh in their minds, it is my hope that the life of this 29th legislature, whatever that is, will be devoted to the interest of Manitobans.

Speaking for the Liberal Party, I say once again that our group will support programs that we feel are in the best interests of the province and we will not hesitate to oppose those which we feel are detrimental. When we examine the Throne Speech in detail with respect to new legislation, we find the following main points that bear comment: "A promise of certain changes affecting the operation of the program of economic development and of the Manitoba Development Fund in particular." The vagueness of this statement makes it difficult to assess its intent until the legislation is introduced, but I would hope that this indicates that the present government unlike its predecessor is prepared to implement the organizational steps recommended in the TED Report. The Liberal Party endorses these steps and already has submitted a resolution urging the House to support their implementation. I also would hope that the Manitoba Development Fund will be used to encourage Manitobans and Canadians to invest in this province. Where foreign ownership is necessary, then I believe a greater amount of investment capital should be required to qualify for a MDF loan.

(2) The speech also refers to a review of transactions under the Revenue Tax Act, but the language used gives little hint as to what is intended. It is to be hoped that this review is intended to eliminate the 5 percent sales tax on the necessities of life such as children's clothing and footwear, used clothing, all school supplies, and household necessities such as soap. It is also to be hoped that the government will undertake a thorough review of our entire tax structure to produce a system that is more equitable and just.

(3) The speech promises legislation to substantially reduce the Medicare portion of the combined health care premium. This coincides with the position of the liberal party during the past year. It is questionable whether a tax increase is necessary at this time because of the previous administration's tendency to underestimate revenues and overestimate expenditures. However, when a tax increase does become necessary to finance the reduction in the Medicare premium it is our view that it should be based on the ability to pay principle - specifically, the personal and corporate income taxes and taxes on luxury items. And, of course, we should not relent in our efforts to obtain a better deal from Ottawa under the Federal-Provincial tax sharing agreement. And I might say, Mr. Speaker, that I commend the former premier and the premier before that, for their untiring efforts in this regard and I hope that our present premier will keep up that sort of work.

(4) We welcome the announcement that this government is going to deal with the controversy respecting denturists. For too long now the previous administration has refused to face this issue.

(5) We also welcome the announcement that there will be greater emphasis on northern roads needed to accelerate the resource development but we hope this will be part of an overall program for the entire province, taking into account the needs for all regions.

(6) The speech promises to provide Manitobans with an automobile insurance program, based upon "maximum service at minimum cost to the motorist". It is difficult to tell whether this is a departure from the official NDP position, as stated in the past, advocating a government operated compulsory plan. Our position is that no vehicle should be on the road without adequate coverage, but that government itself should not get into the insurance business. -- (Interjection) -- I would expect that competition would, as it has served in the past, would help that.

MR. GREEN: There's no competition.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: (7) In the field of labour it is encouraging to see that improvements we have advocated and supported in the past are to be made in benefits under the Workmen's Compensation Act and the Minimum Wage.

(8) We welcome the planned review of the Landlord and Tenant Act. We had already

(MR. G. JOHNSTON cont'd.) introduced a resolution on the Order Paper which of course we will withdraw as it is contained in the Throne Speech.

(9) The Liberal Party for some time now has favoured compensation for victims of crime and the establishment of a Human Rights Commission. While we will have to await the details of the government legislation, we support this principle.

(10) The speech promises legislation to "increase public involvement in the affairs of government". This presumably is a reference to the campaign promise to establish regional action centers throughout the province. These could serve a useful purpose in creating a participatory democracy in Manitoba but at the same time they could prove to be a tempting political tool for a government. A full explanation is necessary on how these action centers would operate and great care must be taken in the drafting of the legislation to insure that they are truly non-political and that they are linked directly to the MLA's of the region, regardless of party.

(11) In previous resolutions we have placed ourselves on record as favouring a lowering of the voting age to 18. The government promises legislation in this field but the speech does not specifically state what the new voting age will be. Nor does it state whether there will be a similar adjustment in the drinking age.

(12) With respect to the all party committee on parliamentary reform, this follows the lead taken by the Federal government and should serve to improve the efficiency of government. Likewise, the establishment of a secretariat on Dominion-Provincial relations should strengthen our position with respect to negotiating with Ottawa. We will await with interest the legislation to create the legislative assistants to the Ministers, and we will not pre-judge the premier's choice of the two members to fill this role. This system apparently has worked in other jurisdictions, such as Ottawa and Saskatchewan; and of course could be considered as a method of training new cabinet ministers.

The Throne Speech also contains many other items of proposed legislation which were introduced at the last session, but which were dropped in the mad rush for an election. These include legislation approving the reorganization of government departments, amendments to the Natural Products Marketing Act, amendment to the Public Schools Act, which would enable people of Indian Ancestry to vote and to be elected to school boards; lower transit fares for Senior Citizens; increased grants to urban transit systems; Fish Marketing legislation to complement the Federal Legislation; greater protection for consumers; the appointment of an Ombudsman. The Liberal Party is already on record as supporting these measures in principle and I will leave my detailed discussions until the legislation is before the House.

We note that there are many other NDP campaign promises which are not included in the Throne Speech this session, and they include: (1) Steps to remove the burden of education, health and welfare costs from the property tax. We have already introduced a resolution dealing with education costs and we hope that the government will see fit to support the proposal, just as it did last session when it was on this side of the House.

(2) An end to the three year tax holiday for mining companies starting operation in the province.

(3) Legislation to do away with snap elections by compelling provincial governments to go to the people every four years unless defeated earlier in the House.

(4) A system of bursaries and loans which would have "forgiveness" factors so that at the end of each university term the province would forgive large portions of loans to certain students.

(5) The appointment of an Auditor-General.

(6) Immediate steps to finance improvement schemes for the Town of Churchill and to extend the shipping season at the northern seaport.

(7) New Housing legislation.

(8) A new structure of municipal government for greater Winnipeg.

(9) A new Manitoba investment corporation to finance economic development of the province's northern resources.

It would be unrealistic to expect the government to introduce its entire legislative program at this session, coming as it does so quickly after the change in administration which took place on July 15th. The session would not have been necessary at this time had the Weir administration completed its legislative program and received approval of its budget at the last session. The result is that we are forced to spend an additional half million dollars of the

(MR. G. JOHNSTON cont'd.) . . . taxpayers' money at this time to complete the work of the last House.

With the exception of the property tax reform, which we feel is a matter of urgency in Manitoba, we are prepared to wait for the next session of the House to receive the balance of the New Democratic program. We will judge at that time when the full details become known. We have already indicated some of our own proposals for this session by way of resolutions. Earlier in my address I made specific reference to two of these items - economic development and reform of the property tax. Other Liberal proposals include abolition of the provincial estate tax, three weeks' vacation with pay after five years, an increase in general holidays with pay, the requiring of the Manitoba Hydro to seek approval of the utilities board before imposing rate increases, and the use of tax exempt gas for boats and snowmobiles where used to earn a living.

Before turning to my concluding remarks I also want to refer today to the serious agricultural problems facing Manitoba and the other two prairie provinces. It was disappointing that the government did not give either a hint or an indication of its proposals to relieve the lot of the farmer who faces his most serious crisis of the century. During the days when the present Minister of Agriculture was in opposition he was one of the most vociferous members of this Legislature in demanding government action and leadership in this field. Likewise the present Premier had a good deal to say about agriculture during the June 25th election campaign. In one election speech the present Honourable First Minister stated most emphatically, and I quote: "Provincial government and the office of the Premier can be more effective in dealing with the cash income crisis than it has been." In another address he promised that a New Democratic Government would move quickly - and this is a quote - "move quickly to revise the crop insurance setup to a field basis rather than on a total acreage." I would hope that before the end of the current session the government will see fit to table a White Paper on agriculture outlining its philosophy and proposed solutions to the serious problems which exist.

It was interesting to hear the Leader of the Opposition condemning the government yesterday for similar reasons. It is also interesting to note that during his own tenure as Premier his government failed to come to grips with the serious agricultural situation which had been the concern of all westerners long before June 25th. We share his concern but can only ask: why didn't you do it then?

We are also interested to hear the Leader of the Opposition state that he favours the appointment of a permanent Speaker. He could have made a major contribution towards the establishment of such a post in this Assembly if he had volunteered the services of the Honourable Member for Swan River instead of holding him back as has been reported.

MR. BILTON: On a point of privilege, Mr. Speaker, I would hope the honourable gentleman will not go into too much detail. Insofar as I am concerned, I think the matter is closed.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker, if I offended my honourable friend, but some reports from the newspaper are true and some are not and I apologize if I have offended him, but I thought it was rather well known that the honourable member would have liked to have had the job. He served with distinction and he would have been an asset to this House.

I want now to turn to the non-confidence motion proposed by the Leader of the Opposition yesterday. I fail to follow the logic that has led to proposing this motion because every single item in it was of concern to Manitobans before June 25th but the government of that day walked away from these problems in its haste to what it considered a favourably-timed election, therefore, it can hardly be expected that a new government would have an answer to all these problems in a short time, something like one month that it's been in office. On that basis we are not prepared to support such a motion at this time. We have entered an important era in our development as a province in which government must be prepared to tear itself away from the outworn theories and doctrines and philosophies. It is an era which requires open, honest, refreshing and on-going review. The recent actions of the Federal Government indicate that we must be prepared to do some of the unpopular things which are necessary to improve government, and we must be prepared to set priorities which are for the long-term good of our province. Although small in numbers, the role of the Liberal caucus in this Legislature will be to protect the interests of the people, to watch the changes that are necessary and to constantly review government programs. That is the basic essence of Liberalism - open, honest and undocinaire government; government dedicated to reform and government which

(MR. G. JOHNSTON cont'd.) embraces all people in our society, not select interest groups or pressure groups. Our role in opposition will be as the questioners and the appraiser, because we believe that change only comes about through dialogue, not through dictates from above.

The Premier is noted to be a man of reason and from the Liberals he can expect a reasonable opposition, but he must accept opposition because it is only through this kind of exchange of ideas that you bring about reform. We in the Liberal Party here were against the abrupt ending of the last Session because of the heavy workload that was left undone. On the other hand, during the 25th election campaign the NDP only repeated many of the things we had asked for or supported during the last Session. We therefore are honour bound to support these items, reserving the right to see the details.

After careful study it is our opinion that the theme of the Throne Speech does not warrant a motion of non-confidence. It remains to be seen whether this will apply to the specifics of the government's legislation as the work of the House proceeds. For the same reasons we have decided not to introduce a non-confidence motion of our own at this time. It is our belief that the people of Manitoba do not want an election immediately and that it's too early to judge the performance of the new government. It is our view that this administration deserves a chance and that it should be judged on its performance later, whereas a non-confidence motion from our party at this time could prematurely precipitate an election. I would not want this position to be misinterpreted as tacit approval of the present government's philosophies or proposed directions for this province. I serve notice now that we will not be tied to either of the other parties which in the past, in some cases, have shown themselves to be holding old and immovable positions. We will function as a group tied to neither side and committed only to the support of good legislation, be it proposed by the NDP or the Conservative opposition, our own group or the other members of this House.

MR. SPEAKER: Are you ready for the question?

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MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, I indicated at the offset in anticipating my honourable friend possibly moving the adjournment and received a note accordingly, and when I asked for the change in the Order Paper procedure I did suggest that following the honourable member the House Leader of the Liberal Party, if any other member indicated they wished to speak, they should be given the opportunity.

MR. SPEAKER: That meets with the agreement of the House? The Honourable the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Speaker, honourable members. I wish first of all, Mr. Speaker, to congratulate you on your recent election, and I wish to make a few comments on the Throne Speech.

This government expects all Manitobans to be involved in the celebrations at all levels during the twelve months of 1970. Many bills will be presented at this Session for your approval, one of these being the Consumer Protection Act to regulate disclosures and borrowing costs, and provide for the establishment of a Consumer Bureau as an agency of the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. All items, Mr. Speaker, included in the Throne Speech are, I feel, for the good of all Manitobans, and I must say that they may well set examples for many other provinces in Canada. Concluding that this government is here to serve well all Manitobans, it is of great importance that all MLAs from all parties be displayed to the public as they really are.

I feel it my duty, Mr. Speaker, at this point to quote an article that appeared in the Globe and Mail on August 5th, 1969. My only reason for bringing this article to the attention of my honourable members is to make sure that my constituents in Springfield are all informed and that all Manitobans get the same opportunity, whether it be by means of government, the press or by all other means. Just in case that any local newspaper quotes this article by the Globe and Mail, I wish they would contact me before publishing same. Just to point out a few of the quotes that they've got in here, Globe and Mail August 5th, 1969, they appoint myself as being Manitoba Minister of Co-Ops, and this is far from being true as it has never been suggested that I be Minister of Co-ops. They equally say that -- well they say here that I am Provincial-Secretary - there's nothing wrong with this - and that my background makes me a militant, only a militant for the Franco-Manitobans, and this is not true. I wish to be - and this I have said while being in the Province of Quebec at the Premiers Conference with Mr. Schreyer - that I will be a militant for all Manitobans. They again refer in this text here as being the Minister of Co-ops and not being in favour of certain things, and that in my own riding that I have a third of French Canadians. This is true. They equally say that the other two-thirds is of German expression. This is not true. I have a third of French-Canadian approximately, and I could say at least a third who are of Ukrainian expression, and quite a few of German expression. But the way these things are put on newspapers, it gets me down anyways, especially as a new MLA and as a new Minister and as a Canadian.

Mr. Speaker, I do not want to hold back this Assembly any longer but I do want to make sure that any members of the press who are here, or any honourable member who has read this article or who will read it, to take in mind that it wasn't quoted directly from me. I wish to thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable the Member from Winnipeg Centre.

MR. BUD BOYCE (Winnipeg Centre): Mr. Speaker, this is quite an occasion for myself, and I wish to offer my congratulations in public as I have in private to yourself in your appointment.

As a representative of the hub of the wheel of Greater Winnipeg, I feel that I am part of it. I learned a lot about people in the election campaign; I expect to learn a lot in the House, as I have done already, from the Honourable Member from Portage la Prairie. The next time I bring a speech in I'll bring five books to bring the thing up within my focal point. But one other thing I learned during the campaign was that it was very difficult to follow some Liberals because he's stolen some of my thunder, but I wish to point out as a new member of the House perhaps some of the things as I see them.

Out of India came a cartoon which I think epitomizes one of the ways that human beings look at problems. Some of you may be familiar with it. It's the one of six blind men looking at an elephant, where the fellow holding on to the tail and seeing it with his hands, that's all he can see. The fellow holding on to the trunk, that's all he can see. The fellow holding on to the ears, that's all he can see. You can fill in the rest of the details yourselves. Now I

(MR. BOYCE cont'd)... suggest to you that this epitomizes the way the former administration looked at many of the problems of Manitoba. I would suggest to you what part of the elephant they were looking at, but you can see that for someone to understand the problem they have to get a little farther back from the elephant sometimes. And not only just seeing the problem, some of the solutions that were offered were analogous to one that was offered in the medical profession a few years ago. Everyone knows that an awful lot of women get morning sick in the early part of pregnancy and the medical profession came up with Thalidomide. Well you all know what resulted - the children were deformed; and I suggest to you that some of the answers that were offered to many of our Manitoba problems by the prior administration were comparable to this. The children of these people, or this approach to the problem, are deformed.

Now being in Winnipeg Centre and having an opportunity to walk through the constituency I met people and people with problems, people in high-rise apartments, people on low incomes and people who are involved in a personal way in urban development. When we're talking about urban development and increase in industry or anything else, I think one of the things that the prior administration forgot most of all was the people who are involved.

About a thousand years ago the cliff-dwellers left their caves. Nowadays we're creating caves for the people to crawl back into. Many of the psychologists tell us that the increase in mental illness and alcoholism and the problems of people are due to the environment that we are creating. It was refreshing to me to hear in the Throne Speech that this New Democratic Government is going to change and change one thing - it's going to put people first, then things; people, then things. I don't want to start off as my first exposure to you, because one of the things that we do, we size each other up, and I have had opportunity to talk to many of my colleagues and I have had opportunity to talk to some members in opposition, but I wonder, during the campaign, and I wonder still, you know, how it could have been that the former administration didn't fulfil their political responsibility as I understand it, and it seems that with reference to the development of Indian Lake that Hydro is being made a scapegoat of. I ended a sentence in a preposition. I'll stop for a drink. They tell me I've got forty minutes - take my time.

In the last two months I have spent a little bit of time looking into the problem of Indian Lake - as an individual, not as a member of the committee or anything else - and I understand how complex the problem is. But I would like to go on record as one person, and I'm not speaking of the government when I say this, but I think that Hydro and the personnel in Hydro are to be commended. I had a short experience in business. It wasn't too successful and I have been accused of being a disenchanting capitalist, but I do know that if I was offered a task of selecting one of two alternatives, I would decide on one and then I would follow it through. If there are political ramifications to another decision then that is the responsibility of the government. That with reference to what I said earlier, Indian Lake to me was one of the reasons why I decided to run in the last campaign because it epitomized the attitude of prior administrations in this province, that you do something, you talk about bringing industry in and then you worry about the people involved. I suggest to this House, Mr. Speaker, that if we build an environment that people want to live in, people will come to this province and then industry will follow them.

With this, my first attempt, I'm going to sit down.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. FROESE: Mr. Speaker, if there are no further speakers I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Churchill, that debate be adjourned.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried.

MR. PAULLEY: I wonder now, Mr. Speaker, if you would revert to the regular order. Private Members' Resolutions please.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' RESOLUTIONS

MR. SPEAKER: The proposed motion of the Honourable the House Leader of the Liberal Party. The Honourable the House Leader of the Liberal Party.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Speaker, in his absence may we have this matter stand, please?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable member has leave. The proposed motion again standing in the name of the Honourable the House Leader of the Liberal Party.

MR. PATRICK: May we have it stand?

MR. SPEAKER: The member has leave. The proposed motion standing in the name

(MR. SPEAKER cont'd). . . of the Honourable Member for Ste. Rose. The Honourable Member for Ste. Rose.

MR. MOLGAT: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Member for LaVerendrye constituency,

WHEREAS economic development must have the highest priority in Manitoba to provide job opportunities for our people, improve our standard of living and broaden the provincial tax base, and

WHEREAS the Report of the Commission on Targets for Economic Development analyzed the Manitoba economy and established objectives to be reached by 1980,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this House urge the government to consider the advisability of implementing the four main recommendations in the chapter entitled "Organization for Development", namely:

- (1) Creation of a new Standing Committee on Economic Development in the Manitoba Legislature.
- (2) Appointment of a high-level Advisory Council on Economic Development drawn from the private sector.
- (3) Establishment in Ottawa of an office of Manitoba Economic Affairs.
- (4) Development of an applied technical and economic research capability for industry in a new institute.

MR. SPEAKER: I have perused the contents of the resolution moved by the Honourable Member for Ste. Rose, dealing with the matter of the advisability of implementing the four main recommendations in the chapter entitled "Organization for Development" that's contained in the report of the Commission on Targets for Economic Development, and find that the resolution anticipates a matter already referred to in the Throne Speech on page 3, which reads in part as follows: "It is desirable to increase further our efforts to stimulate the economic development of our province and to reduce regional economic disparities. This task requires greater involvement of the members of the Legislature in the appraisal of Manitoba's economic potential. It also requires more information and review of economic development transactions, past and present." In my opinion, I must rule that the motion is out of order since it anticipates a matter already set for consideration in the Throne Speech. May I refer the honourable member to our rule number 30.

MR. MOLGAT: Mr. Speaker, if I may on a point of order. I must say I did not anticipate your ruling in this matter, because it would appear to me that the Speaker is reading into the Throne Speech a great deal more than the Throne Speech says, and that if one of the government ministers is prepared to get up in his seat at this point and state that these four proposals are going to be acted upon, then I think it is proper for the Speaker to rule anticipation. But surely we must have from the government a much clearer indication, Mr. Speaker, than the vague statements in the Throne Speech to consider a specific resolution of this sort as being anticipation.

MR. SPEAKER: . . . that the Speaker's rulings are not subject for debate and he does have a course of action he can take.

MR. MOLGAT: Mr. Speaker, I rose on a point of order; I made that clear at the outset. I believe it has been the custom in this House that on these occasions it is proper to hear a point of order on the ruling.

MR. WEIR: If I may say a word on the point of order as well. I must say that I agree wholeheartedly with the Honourable Member for Ste. Rose, that on that basis, Mr. Speaker, there could be very few resolutions presented if a vague reference like that was to be considered anticipation.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, I certainly accept your admonition that your rulings, Sir, are not debatable, and I don't propose to do that. But speaking on the point of order, I suppose it's permissible to speak to the point of order, to say that in fact it would be very difficult to make a ruling on this particular resolution because my understanding of the resolution, and of His Honour's speech, is that two points are anticipatory of the Throne Speech and two points aren't, of the four points. So therefore, Mr. Speaker, your ruling in a sense--well, I shouldn't comment on the propriety of your ruling, but it's certainly fifty per cent correct.

MR. PAULLEY: I wonder if I may just raise a point. I believe that the. . .--(Interjection)-- beg your pardon? I respectfully suggest, Your Honour, that we accept your ruling on this. I believe that the First Minister has properly placed the situation before the House, and that the Honourable Member for Ste. Rose consider a redrafting of the resolution in order that

(MR. PAULLEY cont'd)... it might be properly before the House for the consideration of the House.

MR. MOLGAT: Mr. Speaker, if I may on the point of order, and I think that we should get this matter settled very early in the House for the benefit of all sides and for logical discussion, because we've been through this before on this question of anticipation. Now, if a government minister will rise in his seat and say the government intends to act on point 1, or point 2 or point 3 or point 4, then I shall be quite prepared to ask leave of the House to withdraw my resolution and present it with those items that are not included. But at this point, members on this side of the House are completely in the impossibility of knowing which specific one the government intends to act upon, because no government minister has told us specifically which one. I don't want to be difficult at this point, but I would ask the First Minister, or whichever minister is responsible, to merely tell us, we intend to act on such and such a one, then I will ask leave of the House to withdraw and re-present covering those items which are not covered.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, with your leave and with the indulgence of honourable members I can do just that. I can indicate which of the four points are subjects referred to in the Throne Speech, and with your leave I would do so.

MR. SPEAKER: Does the Honourable First Minister have leave?

MR. SCHREYER: It is certainly the intention in accordance with the contents of the Throne Speech to place before you measures that relate very directly to points one and two of the resolution in the name of the Honourable Member for Ste. Rose. Therefore, as suggested by my colleague the House Leader, it would be in order to withdraw the resolution and re-submit it along the lines of inclusion of points three and four or any other point.

MR. MOLGAT: I want to thank the First Minister, Mr. Speaker, and may I ask leave of the House to withdraw the resolution and I will re-present it properly drafted, or rather drafted in the light of the information given to us now.

MR. SPEAKER: Leave is granted. The proposed motion standing in the name of the Honourable Member for Ste. Rose. The Honourable Member for Ste. Rose.

MR. MOLGAT: Mr. Speaker, I would beg leave to have the matter stand. I had been prepared to speak on Resolution 3 and not on 4 today.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member has leave. The proposed motion standing in the name of the Honourable Member for Assiniboia. The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move,

WHEREAS longer vacation periods are being more widely accepted throughout the province and Canada, and

WHEREAS our neighboring province of Saskatchewan has for some years had legislation on their books providing employees three weeks vacation after five years of service, and

WHEREAS increasingly collective agreements provide for three weeks vacation after five years of service, and

WHEREAS many Manitoba tradesmen are leaving every year to work in other provinces where better wages and benefits can be obtained,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the government of Manitoba amend The Vacation With Pay Act providing employees three weeks vacation after five or more years in the service of their employer.

Seconded by the Honourable Member for LaVerendrye.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion.

MR. PATRICK; Mr. Speaker, this is the same resolution I presented to this House during the last session early in the year. I had dealt with it at quite length when the Labour Estimates were before the House so I will not take too much time of the House at this time to give the reasons why I feel that the government should introduce legislation or amend the Vacation With Pay Act in this respect.

As you know, in the last few years that I have had the privilege of sitting in this House I have introduced many resolutions on behalf of the Liberal Party, in respect to certification problems, government supervised strike votes, higher minimum wage, automation and many others that I do not wish to mention at this time. The Liberal Party is committed to the principle that the working man can improve and protect his interest through strong and collective bargaining units. I feel that in the free enterprise system and where the working man cannot do this, I think it is the responsibility of the government then to introduce legislation, and this is the reason why I'm presenting this resolution on behalf of the Liberal Party to

(MR. PATRICK cont'd)... attain these ends for the working man in this province.

I think it is an established practice by legislation that some of the provinces at the present time make provisions for three weeks vacation after five years of service with one employer. It is also known that all of your collective agreements today provide for three weeks holidays after five years of steady employment as well.

Mr. Speaker, it has been pointed out about a year ago at our labour management committee conference and other media that employees are leaving every year from this province seeking higher pay, better wages and better benefits which they can obtain in some of the other provinces. I'm particularly referring now to the skilled tradesmen who are leaving Manitoba going to eastern Canada or the West Coast where they do get better fringe benefits and better wages. For this reason I'm proposing this resolution, and I hope that the government will amend the Vacation With Pay Act providing employees with three weeks holidays after five or more years of service.

As I mentioned, I will not take too much time, because I did take quite a bit of time during the Labour Estimates just some short while ago, so with these few remarks I hope that the government will be able to act and amend the Vacation With Pay Act.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable the First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, in the case of the resolution that has just been moved by the Honourable Member for Assiniboia, as in the case of the other resolutions on the Order Paper, it is not so much a matter that we are opposed in principle to the contents. In fact, I think I can say that the subject matter of the resolution proposals meet with the approval of my colleagues in general agreement with the principle or principles contained therein. But surely it is not unreasonable on our part to say the following: that the administrative changes that are required, the changes in legislation that are required, are such that it would be more prudent and in the public interest to ask for some time in which to draft the proposals, in which to marshal all of the facts needed before we commit ourselves to legislative change. I think that the public, and I'm sure the Honourable Member for Assiniboia and his colleagues, will agree that the public would rather that a government takes enough time to proceed prudently rather than act in undue haste. When I say undue haste, I don't mean that this government will be expecting to seek refuge in some excuse after we've been in office for months or beyond a year, but after things have been problems for years, surely it's not unreasonable to say that after we have succeeded a government which in some cases has been aware of a problem or a grievance that required redress, and after the passage of three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten years it's not unreasonable to ask for three months, and we've been in office hardly more than three weeks. So our position at this Session is that we've scarcely had time, and I think everyone understands that, and that we have found time to commit ourselves to introducing certain legislative changes and to enact those measures that were left undone after the last Session was aborted - and there is no other word for it but aborted - and therefore we really expect the understanding of our friends opposite when we say that the proposal contained in this resolution we fully intend to try to implement, to bring to reality, and that we would, along with many other similar proposals, expect at least three months, and certainly before the regular Session, before we actually bring in the measures and submit it to honourable colleagues.

And I think this is a point that really must be emphasized, that this Session is not a regular session. In the tradition of Manitoba's Legislative Assembly, the regular session, work sessions, are held in the winter season, and that this Session would not be taking place at all if it weren't for the fact that certain things essential to the routine administration of this province were left undone last April and May. They have to be dealt with and we have had time to revise and touch up those bills that were introduced at the last Session that we are re-submitting, plus a few others that we have had time to put together, but in three weeks we have not had the time to get the legislation prepared with respect to all of the many problems that exist in our economy and our society. We hope to move for these improvements and I do regard the resolution now before us as seeking an improvement in working conditions, conditions of pay and holidays, etc. But I do ask for this understanding that it will require a few months, and accordingly I would expect that my colleagues will want to adjourn the debate.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

MR. BUD SHERMAN (Fort Garry): Mr. Speaker, without in any way endorsing any of the remarks the Honourable the First Minister just made, and in fact while dissociating

(MR. SHERMAN cont'd) . . . myself from the purport of his remarks in entirety, I wish to move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Birtle-Russell, that debate on this particular resolution be adjourned.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, may I . . .

MR. SPEAKER: . . . that a motion to adjourn is simply made as such without any preamble, and by having made a preamble which you have, you have in fact spoken.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, may I . . .

MR. SPEAKER: However, I have noticed that there are other members who wish to speak and it has been the custom of this House to allow members to speak who do wish to on any resolution at any given time.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, if I may be granted the privilege of the House, I understand the practice in the other House down east is slightly different in that a member does say a few words before moving an adjournment, as reversed to ours, and knowing that my honourable friend was at one time a resident of that great institution at Ottawa, I wonder, since this is the first time that he has spoken in this House, if we may grant him the privilege of tolerance in having spoken before he made the actual motion for adjournment, although I do agree with you, Sir, that if anyone else wishes to speak to the motion that they have that opportunity, and I don't think we on this side would have any objection at all for the adjournment being taken by my honourable friend.

MR. SHERMAN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the honourable member the Minister for his indulgence and charity in this case and defer to the direction that he has offered me as a new member of this Chamber.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Kildonan.

MR. PETER FOX (Kildonan): Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Member from Winnipeg--(Interjection)--In all deference to all the advice I'm getting, Mr. Speaker, I suggest the Member for Fort Garry have the adjournment.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

MR. SHERMAN: Mr. Speaker, with thanks to you, Sir, and honourable members opposite, I wish to move, Your Honour, seconded by the Honourable Member for Swan River, that debate on this particular resolution now be adjourned.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia. The proposed resolution standing in the name of the Honourable Member for Assiniboia. The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Member for La Verendrye,

WHEREAS in the present Employment Standards Act of the Province of Manitoba only seven (7) "General Holidays" are specified, and

WHEREAS generally in Manitoba additional holidays are recognized especially in relations between employers and employees who are represented in collective bargaining by trade unions, and

WHEREAS in the current Employment Standards Act, there is no provision for payment to employees for any of the "General Holidays" not worked, and

WHEREAS this omission in the Employment Standards Act results in a penalty in the form of lost wages to many workers in the Province,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the government consider adding to the specified "General Holidays" outlined in Section 2(k) of the Act, Boxing Day and Civic Holiday (first Monday in the month of August), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the government consider enacting legislation providing for payment to employees for "general holidays" not worked, at the rate of their regular daily wages.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Speaker, my remarks will be short as well on this resolution as the other one. I didn't expect the First Minister to say that he would enact legislation immediately but I did expect him to at least agree in principle that the government will move in that direction and have legislation within the next three months. This is agreeable to us on this side, but he did not state his position if the government is agreeing in principle to the resolution or not, but I do hope that the government will accept it because last Session - just

(MR. PATRICK cont'd.) a couple of months ago - the government was I believe in agreement, as I recall their spokesman agreed in his reply in the labour estimates at that time. So my remarks will be the same in this respect, Mr. Speaker.

The present legislation in Manitoba does not entitle an employee to his pay if he is off on any of the statutory holidays. I would say that probably in many cases, or almost all cases, I feel that the employees are paid but there are some isolated cases that employees are not paid for statutory holidays. In other words, the employer has the right to deduct pay for any vacation or any holiday that's a statutory holiday. The law says he must be paid only if he would otherwise receive the low minimum wage, Mr. Speaker, and what I'm seeking here is that he must be paid if he's not working on a statutory holiday. This is the reason why I'm submitting this resolution to the Legislature and asking that statutory holidays as well be increased from seven to nine to include Boxing Day and the first Civic holiday - the first Monday in August which was just recently.

I know some of the other provinces at the present time have this type of legislation and I think that it would probably eliminate some of the misunderstanding at the present time that we do have among some of the employees and the working people in this province. So my recommendation to the House is that the government, I hope that they will accept it in principle, and I think that we're prepared on this side to give them time, be it three months before they enact this legislation.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if my honourable friend would permit a question on his resolution, and I'm not challenging the resolution or trying to debate the matter. I would like to ask my honourable friend, in connection with the terminology in the resolution, he says civic holiday, first Monday in August. Is it the intention of the mover that it would be the civic holiday if the civic holiday was in July, or the first Monday in August in any case.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Speaker, it wouldn't make any difference to me as long as it's one holiday a year, that's right.

MR. SPEAKER: Are you ready for the question?

MR. ARTHUR MOUG (Charleswood): I'd like to move, seconded by the Member for Gladstone, that the debate be adjourned.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried.

MR. SPEAKER: The proposed resolution standing in the name of the Honourable Member for La Verendrye. The Honourable Member for La Verendrye.

MR. BARKMAN: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Ste. Rose,

WHEREAS the Manitoba Telephone System and other utilities in the province are required to apply to the Public Utilities Board for approval of changes in rates, and

WHEREAS Manitoba Hydro is not required to do so,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Manitoba Hydro Act be amended to provide that Manitoba Hydro be required to obtain approval of the Public Utilities Board before altering hydro-electric rates in the province.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for La Verendrye.

MR. BARKMAN: Mr. Speaker, I think the resolution is self-explanatory and I will be very brief on it. -- (Interjection) -- I think also (I thank you) I agree with the Minister of Labour that I hope it is well drafted because I can quite remember the time that he possibly spoke on it five times as long as I will today. Anyway, thank you, Mr. Minister.

I think it's just possibly an oversight on government housekeeping or whatever you wish to name it. I think there are various points in having any hearing, or having a setup of the other utilities. They go through this motion and I think this is beneficial not only to the taxpayer, or in this case not only to the hydro user, for that matter I think it's also beneficial to the utility itself. I had an opportunity to sit in on one in Portage la Prairie approximately a year ago; this was at a gas hearing concerning the prices of using utilities in various areas, and I think it was educationally beneficial to both. I was very surprised to the depth that the Public Utility Board people went into to find out if these increases were really in line with what they were asking, and I think this is beneficial to the customer, so call him customer if you like, and also to the utility itself. In other words, it is something that has to be brought in line with the other utilities. I realize that possibly Hydro with their very, very good name, possibly this was omitted at one time for that reason - it wasn't necessary - and I'm certainly

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(MR. BARKMAN cont'd.) not suggesting that they be brought in line because of them not having a good name because we all know that they do.

So, Mr. Speaker, I wish that even if this is a short session as the First Minister hopes it will be, and I do too, I do hope that the government does consider this resolution as a serious one and just simply bring in line with the other utilities.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Member from River Heights that the debate on this resolution be adjourned. Should anybody wish to speak I have, of course, no objections.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried.

MR. SPEAKER: The proposed resolution standing in the name of the Honourable Member for La Verendrye. The Honourable Member for La Verendrye.

MR. BARKMAN: Mr. Speaker, I ask the indulgence of the House to have this matter stand.

MR. SPEAKER: Does the honourable member have leave? (Stand) I've reached the end of the Order Paper.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Finance, that the House do now adjourn.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried and the House adjourned until 2:30 Wednesday afternoon.