

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA
9:30 o'clock, Tuesday, July 13, 1971

Opening Prayer by Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Presenting Petitions; Reading and Receiving Petitions.

REPORTS BY STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Logan.

MR. WILLIAM JENKINS (Logan): Mr. Speaker, I beg to present the first report of the Standing Committee on Industrial Relations.

MR. CLERK: Your Standing Committee on Industrial Relations beg leave to present the following as their first report:

"Your Committee met for organization and appointed Mr. Jenkins as Chairman. Your Committee recommends that for the remainder of the Session the Quorum of this Committee shall consist of nine (9) members.

Your Committee considered Bills:

No. 63 - An Act to amend The Workmen's Compensation Act.

No. 84 - An Act to amend The Fires Prevention Act.

No. 85 - An Act to amend The Equal Pay Act.

And has agreed to report the same without amendment.

Your Committee considered Bills:

No. 57 - An Act to amend The Remembrance Day Act.

No. 83 - An Act to amend The Labour Relations Act.

No. 86 - An Act to amend The Payment of Wages Act.

And has agreed to report the same with certain amendments."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Logan.

MR. JENKINS: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Member for St. Matthews that the report of the Standing Committee on Industrial Relations be received.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The Honourable Member for Morris.

MR. JORGENSEN: I believe it's necessary to require the leave of the House in order to present a bill under the new rules; 48 hours is necessary to receive a report from the Standing Committee unless it's by leave, if I understand the rules correctly.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Labour.

HON. RUSSELL PAULLEY (Minister of Labour)(Transcona): Mr. Speaker, my knowledge of the rule is "not to receive" the report; the receipt of the report I believe is still automatic following the presentation of the report.

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

MR. SPEAKER: Ministerial Statements and Tabling of Reports.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Attorney-General. Sorry. The Honourable First Minister.

MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

HON. EDWARD SCHREYER (Premier)(Rossmere): Excuse me, Mr. Speaker, you called for Ministerial Statements and Tabling of Reports? I would like to make a very brief statement this morning for information of honourable members. It is a statement which I regard as good news and hope it will be regarded as such by honourable members opposite.

It is to the effect that according to the most precise kind of calculation possible to our administration and staff that I wish to announce that Manitoba's population is now estimated at 1,018,535. This is significant in that it, if accurate, and I have every confidence that it is accurate in every respect, it is the first time in the history of the province that the population has gone over the million mark, and it is well over the million mark; a population of 1,018,535 people, consisting of 512,009 males and 506,526 females. If there are any bachelors in this House it should give them some cause for gloom, but other than that that's the only negative note I have to sound on this this morning.

I might add for information of honourable members that this count was compiled from records maintained by the Manitoba Health Services Commission, the records of the treaty Indian bands, cross-checked with the municipalities and is now being further cross-checked

(MR. SCHREYER cont'd) with the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. And inasmuch as this year is census year we will be able to have a most precise cross-calculation and cross-checking of the province's population, including as well according to major category. I present this for honourable members.

MR. SPEAKER: Any further Ministerial Statements? Tabling of reports. Notices of Motion.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

MR. SCHREYER introduced Bill No. 110, an Act to amend The Legislative Assembly Act (2). (Recommended by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.)

HON. SAMUEL USKIW (Minister of Agriculture)(Lac du Bonnet) introduced Bill No. 113, The Farm Machinery and Equipment Act.

HON. LEONARD S. EVANS (Minister of Industry and Commerce)(Brandon East) introduced Bill No. 114, The Communities Economic Development Fund Act. (Recommended by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.)

HON. A. H. MACKLING, Q.C. (Attorney-General)(St. James) introduced Bill No. 115, an Act to amend The Provincial Police Act.

MR. PAULLEY introduced Bill No. 116, an Act to amend The Labour Relations Act (2).

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Riel.

MR. DONALD W. CRAIK (Riel): Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day, could I direct a question to the First Minister? Could he indicate the conditions regarding the new General-Manager of Autopac; the person, the length of appointment and so on.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable the First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, the appointment of the General-Manager is for a one-year period, is a one-year contract.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Riel.

MR. CRAIK: A subsequent question, Mr. Speaker. Can the First Minister indicate whether the Autopac program is in serious difficulty as a result of having to make such a change at this stage of the game?

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, the Assistant General-Manager is there to provide continuity as well as his expertise and I'm happy to be able to report to the House that at this point in time there are no major problems whatsoever.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Morris.

MR. WARNER H. JORGENSON (Morris): I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Agriculture and ask him if he is going to be able to advise the egg producers of Manitoba the type of arrangement that was agreed upon in Montreal yesterday by the Ministers of Agriculture of the four provinces concerned.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Agriculture.

MR. USKIW: Mr. Speaker, the producers having been represented at that particular meeting will be well advised.

MR. JORGENSON: . . . the processing industry was represented at that meeting yesterday?

MR. USKIW: No, they weren't, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rhineland. The Honourable Member for Morris.

MR. JORGENSON: Is it the intention of the four provinces concerned at that meeting to, despite the Supreme Court ruling, effect a balkanization of this country in the marketing of eggs?

MR. USKIW: Mr. Speaker . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. I would like to hear that question again I didn't catch the full content of it, before I rule whether it's admissible or not.

MR. SCHREYER: A point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: If you have the good fortune or misfortune to hear that question again, Sir, I would ask you to listen in particular as to whether or not it is argumentative. I raise that as a point of order.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Morris.

MR. JORGENSON: My question to the Minister of Agriculture was to ask him if the four provinces who were concerned at that meeting yesterday have agreed to effect a balkanization of this country despite the Supreme Court ruling of the end of June?

MR. SPEAKER: I would agree that the question is argumentative. I rule it out. The Honourable Member for Souris-Killarney.

MR. EARL McKELLAR (Souris-Killarney): Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct a question to the Minister of Municipal Affairs. When does he expect to pass the regulations for the Autopac policy?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs.

HON. HOWARD R. PAWLEY (Minister of Municipal Affairs)(Selkirk): All the regulations will be passed in due course and certainly there'll be no unnecessary delay in the passage of same.

MR. McKELLAR: Will it be passed in the month of July or the month of August?

MR. PAWLEY: In the course of time we'll disclose to the honourable member which.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. JACOB M. FROESE (Rhineland): I'd like to address a question to the Minister of Agriculture. What were the conclusions of the conference held in Ottawa and were they to the advantage of Manitoba?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Agriculture.

MR. USKIW: Mr. Speaker, we had a very lengthy discussion and there were many points of view proposed by the different provinces, but what we did decide to do is to set up a technical committee of producers and departments of agriculture to try to develop a formula that would be presented by way of interim report to the Ministerial Conference that will be held in Edmonton next week, a formula that would try to bring about some sort of order out of the present chaos that exists in the marketing of eggs in Canada.

One of the questions put to this technical committee will be one of developing a marketing arrangement with a long haul for all of Canada; one of trying to determine the applicability of federal legislation in this regard; and one of how do we plan our production relative to market demand in Canada.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Attorney-General.

MR. MACKLING: Mr. Speaker, the other day the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition asked questions of me as to whether or not anyone in my department or to my knowledge had requested from the R.C.M. Police information on any one or more members of the Legislative Assembly. I at that time denied any knowledge that such was the case. I have had a meeting with the Assistant Commissioner of the R.C.M. Police and requested from him whether or not he was aware of any requests by anyone, by any source, for information on members, and he confirms my belief that no request has been made to the R.C.M. Police for such information, so there has been no request from me or from anyone in my department to my knowledge, nor from anyone to the R.C.M. Police that the Assistant Commissioner is aware of. So I want to reconfirm that such is the case.

There has been concerns registered with me in respect to alleged eavesdropping or wire-tapping. I had the systems checked last year because they were sloppy and easily subject to electronic eavesdropping. The building has been tightened up and so far as I know there is no electronics surveillance being made of this building. It's a continuing problem, it's a continuing concern of authority everywhere.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Swan River.

MR. JAMES H. BILTON (Swan River): Mr. Speaker, by leave I would like to thank the Attorney-General for that report this morning. It's most reassuring that he has confirmed it out flat all the way. Thank you very much.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable House Leader.

HON. SIDNEY GREEN, Q.C. (Minister of Mines, Resources and Environmental Management)(Inkster): Mr. Speaker, as indicated, the Law Amendments Committee is meeting this morning at 9:30. I note that many representatives of the public are already there and therefore it was the intention of the House that it would immediately adjourn to Law Amendments Committee. I don't expect, Mr. Speaker, that we'll be coming back until tomorrow at 9:30 and on that basis, unless there's any objection on the part of any honourable member, I would intend to move the adjournment at the present time.

(MR. GREEN cont'd)

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Labour, 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 9:30 Wednesday morning.