

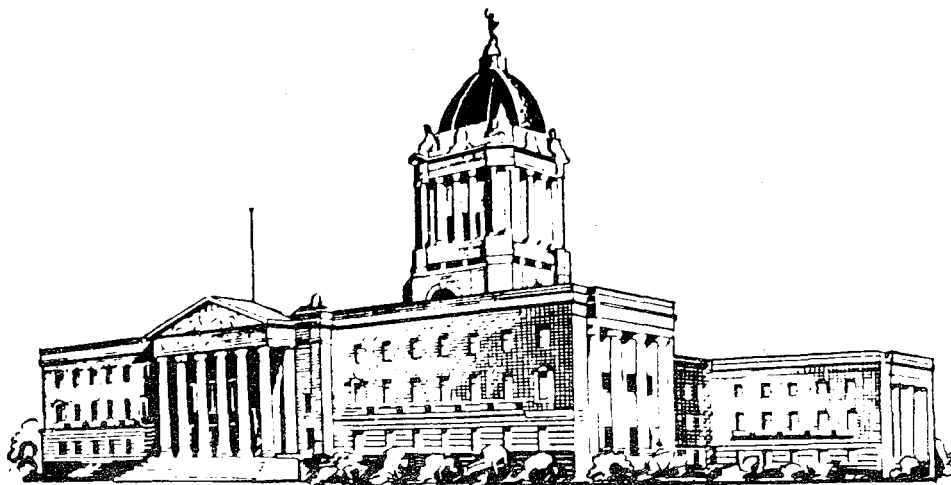


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The Honourable Peter Fox



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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA
8:00 o'clock, Thursday, May 24, 1973

Opening Prayer by Mr. Speaker.

Presenting Petitions; Reading and Receiving Petitions; Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees. The Honourable Member for Logan.

REPORTS BY STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. WILLIAM JENKINS (Logan): Mr. Speaker, I beg to present the Fourth Report of the Standing Committee on Law Amendments.

MR. CLERK: Your Committee has considered Bill:

(No. 34) - An Act to amend The Snowmobile Act.

And has agreed to report the same without amendment.

Your Committee has also considered Bills:

(No. 12) - An Act to amend The Brandon Charter (1).

(No. 50) - An Act to amend The Teachers' Pensions Act.

(No. 63) - An Act to amend The Health Services Insurance 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 move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Osborne, that the report of the Committee be received.

MOTION presented and carried.

MR. SPEAKER: Ministerial Statements and Tabling of Reports; Notices of Motion; Introduction of Bills; Oral Questions.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SIDNEY SPIVAK, Q.C. (Leader of the Opposition) (River Heights): Mr. Speaker, I think that the House has noted that the First Minister has returned from the east, (Applause) and I'm not sure, Mr. Speaker, with good tidings or bad tidings from eastern Canada but . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Question please.

MR. SPIVAK: . . . Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the First Minister could indicate whether there has been a rejection of the position of Manitoba by the Federal Government with respect to the new fiscal arrangements to be made for the support of the health field?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

HON. EDWARD SCHREYER (Premier) (Rossmere): Mr. Speaker, I bear no tidings for my honourable friend neither good nor bad. In fact I can advise my honourable friend that the conference did not really come down to agreement on any new proposals by anyone, and as a result I think it can be anticipated that there will be an extension of the present arrangements for a number of additional years into the future.

MR. SPIVAK: Well, Mr. Speaker, I wonder then if the First Minister can indicate whether that will mean less financial support for Manitoba than in the past.

MR. SCHREYER: No, Mr. Speaker, it wouldn't mean less than in the past since the extension of the present arrangements into the future mean a continuation of the present levels of cost-sharing. According to our calculations, and the calculations of a number of sister provinces, the new proposals put forward by the Government of Canada would have resulted, if accepted, would have resulted in somewhat less being available for health care, post-secondary education financing than if we continue with the present arrangements.

MR. SPEAKER: Order. The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

MR. L. R. (Bud) SHERMAN (Fort Garry): Mr. Speaker, to the Honourable the Minister of Industry and Commerce. Is there any way in which the Province of Manitoba and perhaps sister western provinces can act to support the BOAC application for new trans Atlantic air routes, flight routes between Britain and western Canada?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

HON. LEONARD S. EVANS (Minister of Industry and Commerce) (Brandon East): Well, Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to inform my honourable friend from Fort Garry and other members of the House that my department will do everything in its power to accelerate, to enhance, air

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(MR. EVANS cont'd) traffic in and out of Manitoba and particularly the Winnipeg International Airport. I am pleased to inform my honourable friend from Fort Garry that staff of my department have been in contact, have been meeting with BOAC officials. We will do everything we can to enhance BOAC traffic in and out of Winnipeg should that be permitted by the U.K. and Canadian authorities.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. J. WALLY MCKENZIE (Roblin): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Honourable Minister of Tourism and Recreation. I wonder if the Honourable Minister of Tourism and Recreation can advise the House if any lottery licences have been granted to political parties by the Lotteries Commission, and the one that comes to light is the constituency of St. Matthews.

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. The Honourable Minister.

HON. LAURENT L. DESJARDINS (Minister of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs) (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, I heard the same newscast where they mentioned that three different parties had licences, and I would like to tell my honourable friend that is not the responsibility of my department at all.

MR. MCKENZIE: Mr. Speaker, I'll direct my question then to the Honourable Attorney-General, and ask the Honourable Attorney-General if any licences have been granted by the Lotteries Commission to political parties in this province?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Attorney-General.

HON. A. H. MACKLING, Q.C. (Attorney-General) (St. James): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

MR. MCKENZIE: Would the Honourable Attorney-General be prepared to name the political parties that are using this facility for raising funds?

MR. MACKLING: Mr. Speaker, I haven't made it my practice to get an index on who has received licences but I'm aware of the fact that the Progressive Conservative Party and the New Democratic Party have held lotteries. I assume probably the Liberals have as well.

MR. MCKENZIE: Mr. Speaker, I'll now ask the Attorney-General, is there any need for change in the present legislation?

MR. MACKLING: No.

MR. SPEAKER: Orders of the Day. The Honourable Member for Brandon West.

MR. EDWARD MCGILL (Brandon West): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Honourable the Minister of Tourism with respect to the information on the net proceeds of the lotteries which is imminently available. Could he undertake to have that available before this present session of the Legislature ends?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. DESJARDINS: Mr. Speaker, I have no idea when this session will be over but just to satisfy my--well it depends. What are you going to do today? Are you going to stall? If you're going to stall it will take a longer time. Now, Mr. Speaker, I will tell my honourable friend that I will make damn sure that he gets all the information, and all the members of this House, before the end of the month.

MR. SPEAKER: Orders--the Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. MCKENZIE: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Honourable the Minister of Tourism and Recreation. I wonder if the Honourable Minister can advise the House how these various organizations dispense of their moneys that they earn from the licence that's granted through their Lotteries Commission?

MR. SPEAKER: Orders of the Day. The Honourable Member for Thompson.

MR. JOSEPH P. BOROWSKI (Thompson): Yes, I have a question for the First Minister. I wonder if the First Minister could indicate whether his government's going to take any action against one of the dirtiest films that's playing in Winnipeg today?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Attorney-General.

MR. MACKLING: Mr. Speaker, the Honourable Member for Thompson is aware of the fact that that's a matter that would be dealt with by the Attorney-General's Department, and I want to let the honourable member know that the appropriate people are making an evaluation of that question.

MR. SPEAKER: Orders of the Day. The Honourable House Leader.

HON. SIDNEY GREEN, Q.C. (Minister of Mines, Resources and Environmental Management and House Leader) (Inkster): Yes, Mr. Speaker. Would you please call the Concurrence Motion.

ORDERS OF THE DAY - CONCURRENCE - NORTHERN AFFAIRS

MR. SPEAKER: We are on Northern Affairs. The Honourable Leader of the Opposition had the floor at noon hour when we adjourned. The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, it's not my intention to review the matters that I've already

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the honourable member would let me interrupt for a moment. Members will recall that Private Members' Committees will be meeting concurrently, and I would urge members of Private Members' Committees to go to the committee room and get those five bills back to us. Thank you very much.--(Interjection)--

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, as I indicated it's not my intention to review the matters that have already been discussed in this House with respect to the Department of Northern Affairs. I'm sorry that the Minister is leaving, there are certain matters that I believe, I believe should be placed on the record, Mr. Speaker. We're dealing with the Estimates of the department essentially for the first time. By comparison to other departments it only involves approximately \$9 million but its impact for the north is important. It has the Government Air Service; it is involved in direct community development in the northern area of our province, and particularly among our native people. There are two or three things, Mr. Speaker, that must be said.

First the Honourable Minister in carrying out his functions has probably not by design, Mr. Speaker . . .

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition proceed.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, it's probably not by design but by reason of his personality has found himself in confrontation with many of the groups in northern Manitoba whose co-operation and assistance is necessary and required if there is to be the kind of communication and the kind of joint activity in solving many of the problems of our northern areas. Mr. Speaker, the Honourable Minister has found himself in confrontation with the community of Southern Indian Lake; he has found himself in confrontation with the Metis Association, Metis Federation, and, Mr. Speaker, we are aware of the fact that certain charges have been made about an executive assistant to him who ultimately became a community development officer who it was alleged was sent to a community to promote the government's position with respect to hydro. Mr. Speaker, there were allegations made of a bribery attempt; those allegations were not made by this party but by another party. I'm aware, and I think the members opposite are aware, that this matter is under investigation at the present time. It's not my intention to comment on that other than to indicate that we await the report, but we are aware that there was a feeling that in effect the placement of the individual by the Minister first as an executive assistant, and secondly, Mr. Speaker, as a community development officer and a civil servant, was primarily to promote the New Democratic Party's position with respect to the flooding of Southern Indian Lake.

Mr. Speaker, the people of the north must have confidence in the government; the people of the north must have confidence in the man who is to represent the northern area; and I suggest, Mr. Speaker, the people of the north do not have confidence in the present Minister of Northern Affairs.

MR. SPEAKER: Resolution--the Honourable Member for Rupertsland.

MR. JEAN ALLARD (Rupertsland): Mr. Speaker, I have some few comments here that I'd like to make about the Department of Northern Affairs--the one we face right now--and related to that I'd like to first start by saying that I want to commend the government, I want to commend the governments on the efforts that they have been making on the problems of western Canada vis-a-vis eastern Canada. I think that the relationship between west and east bears much resemblance to the relationship between north and south in this province.

The Premier just got back from Ottawa and I trust he's been doing his best for our province. He's been a moving force in the efforts to get all four western provinces acting together for the welfare of western Canada. It is my contention that in politics the reason that the Liberals in Ottawa find themselves in so much trouble is that for the last 25 or 30 years since they came here they have forgotten that one of their foundations of their power is western Canada. They have neglected it and they find themselves where they are.

I would suggest one of the reasons this government came into power is that it got northern support in 1969, and I would suggest that notwithstanding - and I say that notwithstanding the efforts of the First Minister who has unstintingly, I think, done what he could, the efforts of a

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(MR. ALLARD cont'd) number of his Ministers in this government leave a lot to be desired in terms of the north for two reasons.

One of them is that people do not like to be governed as sheep. They want to be involved in the decisions that affect them, and if there is one area in which the Minister would seem by his training one would expect him to excel, it is in the area of involving people. Unfortunately exactly the reverse is true and that it has become a form of manipulation of people. And that is one of the reasons, I think, why there is a malaise in the north - for want of a better word, I think that describes it. I see programs, Headstarts, Community Development, Extension Services, Planning -- that, Mr. Speaker, seems to be the extent of the ability of the Minister in terms of his efforts in the north.

This government has done, I believe, in the terms of the input of resources, of funds, in terms of airports, efforts in the manpower field, PEP programs, a communities fund, has made serious efforts in the north. I believe that to be true. I also recognize areas in which, unless I'm mistaken, I had some input myself at one time. And so I think that the government as a whole, since no individual member can be responsible for anything, the government as a whole and probably the First Minister more than anyone, has to be commended. Unfortunately the efforts have not borne what would normally, what one would normally expect as reasonable fruits. We find that the MMF, their leader is running against the government, and I know that his decision was taken as an immediate reaction to a contact with the Minister of Northern Affairs. The Executive Director of Northern Associations of Community Councils in a peculiar move, and a move that somehow exemplifies the attitude, the conflict between the efforts of the First Minister and some of his people is vying for nomination against the Deputy Minister of Northern Affairs in a constituency, in the constituency of Rupertsland - the Assistant Deputy Minister, I'm sorry. His platform is one of the north's first, I believe; secondly, the devil take community development, which seems to have been the alpha and the omega of the efforts of the Minister of Northern Affairs. Mr. Speaker, the Department of Northern Affairs, certainly when it was a commission, had the responsibility not only of airports and of municipal services in small communities, it had a much broader responsibility, that of co-ordination of government efforts in northern Manitoba. Efforts in education, in health and welfare -- health and social development, pardon me -- in transportation, in municipal affairs, communications. Unfortunately this has not happened, this is not happening. We find the Minister rather than involving himself in the co-ordination of the efforts of his colleagues, and there's a great deal of necessity for this, rather than involving the communities, their associations, their organizations, in the development of policy and decision, we find him involved in I.C. programs, Information Communications - and we've heard something about that today. It really amounts to a propaganda unit in his constituency. A propaganda in his constituency, and there's no other description that I can give to it.

Mr. Speaker, the Minister would have better used his efforts I think in convincing his colleagues that whilst the efforts of the government in the last four years have been better than what they were in the past - and I say this and I hope I won't get too much of a reaction from this side of the House, the truth is that was the facts - they explain why the former Member for Churchill resigned his seat to sit as an Independent, the most drastic move. Well, rather than convincing his colleagues that their efforts while something to be commended, nevertheless were not at the measure of what needed to be done. No, he didn't bother doing that; he didn't bother worrying about whether the quality of life in the north had reached -- was on the way to achieving parity with that of the south.

You know, Mr. Speaker, the idea that the north is some sort of a frontier area where people, you know, can live without the amenities of the rest of society is something that we should leave to the past, something that we would better leave to former years. In our day and age with what is possible the people in the north want to have exactly the same quality in education, and it's possible, all you have to do is pay for it, and other countries of the world are paying for equality and even superiority in isolated areas as far as education is concerned; they pay for it, they pay more.

Mr. Speaker, when I talk of paying more, I'm not asking for something, asking for charity. It is my conviction that were it not for the mineral developments in northern Manitoba, the resources that exist there in terms of energy and of . . . that this province would find itself in very serious economic straits. The role of this city as the distributing point for the

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(MR. ALLARD cont'd)prairies, which gave it its foundation, this role has slowly dried up in the last ten years. We are by-passed, people go from Toronto, or from Chicago, to Edmonton, to Calgary, to Saskatoon; they don't bother using us any more. The truth is that the health of this city is based, is based on \$300 million worth of minerals that are coming out of the north every year; it is based on the energy that comes out of the north, that gives us the cheapest power and the surest power in the North American continent, and based on the other resources of the north, Mr. Speaker. And I only need to remind you of the situation that exists in Saskatchewan where they have had to depend on one resource, on the farming area -- and this is not to blame the farming area, this is the result of what has happened, that was outside their control, in the world markets. It's only in the last year or so that they've started to get back into shape. The truth is that if this province had had to depend on the farming economy here in this city for its health, Mr. Speaker, it wouldn't be a very good health indeed. Those are the facts as I see them.

So when the north asks for goods at reasonable prices, Mr. Speaker, it doesn't do so as a beggar, it does so with full rights, and it says, we produce this wealth, we want to be able to live out here where we are the vanguards; we want to be able to live with the same amenities, the same communications, the same TV; we want to be able to buy a loaf of bread, or a quart of milk, or a pound of meat or of butter, at the same price as everybody else does.

Mr. Speaker, the Minister doesn't seem to be concerned with these things. --- (Interjection) -- I don't believe he is. Mr. Speaker, I suppose that it means little to him, I could say anything, it wouldn't bother him. He has one section of his department that has received some approval in the north, and that's this group of co-ordinators who are responsible for doing some things that have some meaning to the communities. Well, these seem to take the third row seat somewhere, and the people who have some importance, Mr. Speaker, are the social developers, members in extension services involved in God knows what kind of programs of community development, of animation, of conflicts. Mr. Speaker, the truth is that the Minister has been receiving from the north a continuous stream of flak, and it doesn't seem to bother him. He seems to think that he can keep on going that way, and it's quite possible that he may be re-elected on the strength of the efforts of our First Minister. I want to guarantee that it won't be on the strength of his efforts, Mr. Speaker, because what he has created in the north is a reaction on the problem. The truth is that at the moment in Thompson, which is a seat that normally the government would have been expected to keep, at the moment in Thompson, things don't seem to be going that well; the fact is that the candidate, the Conservative candidate there on the strength of taking a stand as a northern person and of insisting that the north be involved in the decisions that affect them, that person is probably going to be elected a member. -- (Interjections) -- The fact is, Mr. Speaker, is that -- I don't want to offend the Member for Swan River, but I don't believe it's on the strength of being a Conservative -- (Interjection) -- but on the strength of being a strong, outspoken member, a sort of female Joe Borowski -- (Interjections) -- that she may be elected in Thompson. (Applause)

Mr. Speaker, I believe that what the north want is an equality in the condition of life, an equality of life -- it's a term we've heard a great deal about from this government; I think it's a good one, but I think that it should be lived up with in the north, and for that we need a very massive effort, a massive effort, Mr. Speaker. Right now, the resources of the north are being exploited; the people of the north are being very highly taxed. The fact is that, Mr. Speaker, when an extra amount is placed on a pound of material to be shipped to the north, the Provincial Government collects five cents on that extra cost out of every dollar. Now, the fact that the people of Thompson have to pay, you know, earn a salary that is a little above the average of the rest of the province, ends up with their having to pay taxes, a richer people -- they're not richer, they have to pay more for their goods, but they pay taxes as if they were making the same salary down here, and they end up having less money, effectively.

Mr. Speaker, teachers in the north have to be paid the needed incentive to get them up there; that's not \$50.00 a month extra, it's three to five thousand dollars extra.

Mr. Speaker, I've dealt with a number of subjects here. I don't think I'm going to dwell on any more. The fact is that the government has to step in and has to say, we will subsidize transportation. I don't care how they do it, northerners have a right to get services at the same prices as everybody else; they're going to have to step in and say we're going to subsidize. I don't care whether they subsidize companies directly, whether they want to do it

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(MR. ALLARD cont'd)by some other means, but certainly the piecemeal effort of saying, we will build winter roads to the north -- Mr. Speaker, we build roads all over here, all over the south -- we don't see that as a subsidy, we see that as a normal service. And the fact is that in the north good roads should be seen as a normal service. The fact that when you get to isolated communities then the government has to step in and say, we will subsidize transportation there, and that's the only way that it can be done. And as I said, I don't care whether you do it privately, publicly, do it in any way you want, just get it done so that people get a decent service at a reasonable price; and a \$1.35 or \$1.40 for a gallon of gas in Island Lake is not a reasonable price, and it's not a reasonable condition.

Mr. Speaker, I'll finish my comments by saying that -- by repeating what I said at the beginning, that the government is to be commended for its efforts in terms of presenting a western case to eastern Canada, that at the very foundation of that case is the fact that there is inequities in terms of transportation and freight rates, and that the same argument applies to the north; people of the north want to get the same services at reasonable prices, the same goods at reasonable prices, and they want to get roads and transportation. Mr. Speaker, all the people of the north want is to be equal Manitobans. And their resources, their resources, Mr. Speaker, are being exploited for the good of all Manitobans; they have a right to equality and justice. (Applause)

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Charleswood.

MR. ARTHUR MOUG (Charleswood): Mr. Speaker, I agree with the previous speaker that the people of the north certainly should be treated with equality to those of us in the south here who expect roads and good gravel roads, good paved highways. I had the opportunity once in the House to ask the Minister of Northern Affairs a question in regards to a letter that he had received in his office, and it was to do with roads on the east side of the lake, of Lake Winnipeg, and winter roads in particular, some permanent construction, some grading and maintaining of existing roads. And I wanted to bring to the Minister's attention tonight that this letter of March 5th that came from the Manitoba Indian Brotherhood, it was signed by the Grand Chief of Manitoba, Dave Courchene. He mentions in here that: "We have built a new road from the main road to Bloodvein, and this is approximately 20 miles. We have found that the cost of the new road is \$1,500.00. Since our construction company has taken it upon ourselves to construct this road we would appreciate being compensated for a sum of \$30,000.00." He also goes on to say: "We've also undertaken the construction of a new truck road to Little Grand Rapids at a distance of approximately 45 miles from Round Lake, anticipated to be completed very shortly. Again the cost is \$1,500 per mile. We would appreciate compensation for such of the sum of \$67,500.00."

Now he mentions in here that he anticipates that the road will be completed shortly and asked for the payment of \$67,500.00, the two of them totalling some \$97,500.00. I'd only like to ask the Minister for a short explanation as we come to the end of concurrence in his estimates, if he'd be good enough to explain to us in the first instance, why the Chief, the Grand Chief of the Indian Brotherhood says, "that our construction company has taken it upon ourselves" -- did the government give them a contract, did they tell them how many dollars they would pay them to construct the roads, and did they give them the job in the first instance? Is the equipment that the Indian people are using up there government funded? Is the construction firm employees made up out of Metis and Indian people? Did they hire equipment from Winnipeg based equipment? Did they hire equipment and take them in there and let them take some of the cream off the top that come out of Winnipeg here? I don't know whether this was Me Ke Se Construction that the Grand Chief is referring to, or what construction company it was. But I know that it was a government funded -- I'm given to understand that what Dave Courchene refers to, that is was the equipment that the native people are using, the Metis people up there, is government funded equipment, and I would want to know if there's possibilities that they're given an open hand. The proposal that's attached to this letter of March 5th says that they propose to construct some 422 miles for the '73-74 season, and they go through to explain how many miles from what area to what area, and they go on to say that at present -- now, they mean in the '72-73 construction year, "at present we are encountering some difficulties due to the tardiness in awarding the contract." They feel that the government was late in giving them the contract to let them get going on last season's winter roads. And they say that they will construct the roads in the '73-74 season; roads of the same calibre, they're

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(MR. MOUG cont'd) willing to construct them at \$700.00 a mile, Mr. Speaker. And the problems that they ran into was the tardiness in the awarding the contract to these people, and for that reason they have to come forward with a bill of \$97,500.00, or \$1,500 per mile, more than double the price.

So I was wondering if -- well, this is only a letter the Minister got, so I can only go by that -- (Interjections) -- and it's signed by the -- (Interjections) - So, I would just ask explanation on one or two of those items, Mr. Speaker.

I have other news that I can give you that, you know, as you sit there, as the House Leader sits there, Mr. Speaker, waving his head and saying, well that was explained before. But when I am told in my area -- and I'm a contractor, I deal in construction equipment, and I own some, and I get around amongst these people -- and when they come to me and they say, what are you doing, are you sleeping in the Legislature there? Don't you know that Schreyer Equipment has their -- Schreyer Construction has their equipment working on Me Ke Se Construction, or some of those firms? And I say "no, I don't know that", I don't say there's anything wrong with it; but I say if plums are handed out, if plums are handed out from \$700.00 a mile to \$1,500 a mile, maybe there's a reason why Schreyer Construction gets a piece of the action. I don't know. This is what I want to know from the Minister, but I feel that this is probably the last opportunity we have to ask this particular question. When I asked the Minister in the Question Period, no -- I am not in receipt of a letter from Dave Courchene, although I had a copy of the letter. I had it on my desk, and I asked a question from this letter. And he says, no I'm not in receipt of such a letter.

Well, I can understand mail piling up when you're out flying around in the north and in a big area such as he looks after, but there are certain conditions, and I also wonder if he's taking these into consideration. The Chief says, as he endorses this '73-74 proposal: "However, we would have to specify certain conditions" -- and this is under the new \$170,000 contract at \$1,500 per mile for some hundred -- it's hard to read because it's been typewritten and written over with ink -- I think it's 130 miles it makes reference to -- "And No. 1 is that control patrols would have to be provided by the province. We have encountered several difficulties with outright abuse to the general use of this year's road. Crawler tractors have gone 150 miles up the road from Hollow Water deliberately breaking up the centre portion of the road."

Well I think if that's happening, it's time that the government found out; the Minister should get himself out there and find out, he or his department, find out who is deliberately destroying the road, and do the crawler tractors have the right to be on there? If they are and it's a government road and they're going in with the supplies for some reason or other, definitely he should find out who's doing it, and if it takes policing then the Minister should find out. But I think the key thing of the whole issue, and this letter that was forwarded to the Minister, is the awarding of the contract at the right time of the year so these people can prepare themselves and get the right equipment in, bring in their caches of fuel and get their equipment set out in the areas that's necessary in between the spots of water, and let them create these roads. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Resolution passed. Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$12,909,300 for Public Works. The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

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MR. SHERMAN: Mr. Speaker, it is not my intention to be very long on this subject, but I would think that even my friend the House Leader would agree with me that it would be deplorable and insupportable to permit an expenditure of \$12.9 million to go through and to be given concurrence without our having had the opportunity, or taken the opportunity, on this side of the House to say a word about it.

At the same time, Mr. Speaker, recognizing the weariness on both sides of the Chamber, I reiterate that I intend only to take a few minutes. But the increase in the appropriations allotted this department runs something in the neighborhood of 21 or 22 percent this year over last year, and that, Sir, is a substantial increase in public spending.

MR. ENNS: Well, they're building bigger and better bathrooms or washrooms.

MR. SHERMAN: That, Sir, is a substantial increase in public spending, and it's an awful lot of money \$12.9 million to go through the House without any examination, without any scrutiny. And, Sir, this procedure really has become all too typical of the modus operandi of

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(MR. SHERMAN cont'd) this government, vis-a-vis the opposition. They expect us to allow this kind of appropriation, this kind of undertaking all too often to go through without the kind of scrutiny that the taxpayers of Manitoba deserve. So I rise at this point just to underscore the fact, Sir, that that kind of a spending program shall not go unmarked, shall not go unrecorded, as far as the opposition is concerned. We want the people of Manitoba to know, Sir, just how many of their dollars are being spent by this government, in virtual mystery, and just how many of their dollars are being spent by this government with virtual impunity, and just how many of their dollars are being spent by this government in virtual non accountability. And in this case, Sir, it's nearly 13 millions with no scrutiny, no examination at all until this moment.

Sir, the biggest issue, the biggest incident arising in the area of Public Works in the administration of that department in the past year has, of course, been the controversy surrounding the construction of the general, the public washrooms in Memorial Park, and notwithstanding the desirability of that kind of a facility somewhere in or adjacent to that very popular part of the city, the significance of the controversy for Manitobans, I think, Sir, lay in the manner in which this government handled the procedure under which it undertook construction of the project itself. There was total disdain and disregard for the proprieties of building, of normal building procedures; a total disdain and disregard for the proprieties and the normal requirements and the normal niceties of intergovernmental relations, that is intergovernmental relations as between the province and the city; and a total disregard and disdain for the kind of safeguards and the kind of guaranteed workmanship that devolves from going through the proper procedures where city inspection and planned inspection is concerned.

The argument over the lack of facilities for handicapped persons has been raised by me and others in this Chamber on earlier occasions, and I don't intend to go back into that again, except to say, Sir, that there are omissions in our view in that facility, and those omissions in terms of the accommodations for certain of our citizens would not occur if the proper review procedure had been followed. The fact of the matter, Mr. Speaker, is that -- at least I suggest, Sir, that the fact of the matter is that the plans for that public facility were never subjected to the normal area, the normal department in which planned study and review is normally carried out.

Now the government may say that the plans were studied, they were reviewed, but we've had no tangible evidence of how that review was carried out; we've had no convincing or persuasive testimony from the government that such did in fact take place, and our information -- my information, Sir, is that those plans which normally would go through a review procedure in the Municipal Offices of the City of Winnipeg never did go through that procedure. Therefore, there was never any review of what the plans contained and what they lacked. There was never any review of the extent to which those plans conformed with the requirements of the National Building Code; there was never any review of the extent to which those plans conformed with the requirements of the Winnipeg Building Code; and the facilities that have been omitted, namely those for the accommodation of handicapped persons, to which I and others have made reference, remain omitted because there was nobody there in a review capacity to catch them. And the simple fact of the matter I suggest, Mr. Speaker, is that those omissions would have been caught and would have been corrected had the proper review been made.

Now it's one thing to deplore the fact that those facilities were omitted, that's one thing, and that's a serious thing. But equally serious, Sir, I think is the fact that that review procedure was circumvented; whether omissions were caught or not caught is one argument, and we've already engaged in that to some extent. But a parallel argument of equal importance is the fact that the procedure was circumvented by the arbitrary manner, the arbitrary manner in which the province, in which this government proceeded with that project on its own, regardless of the kinds of requirements vested in the City of Winnipeg and its authorities.

So, Sir, I can't let the estimates for this department find their way to concurrence without just registering that protest which has been uppermost for some time in the minds of many of us, not only on this side of the House, but many Manitoba taxpayers I submit.

Sir, the only other two points I would mention for the record are that we for our part would like to acknowledge the excellent work that's done by the security people and the maintenance people around this particular provincial building and these particular provincial

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(MR. SHERMAN cont'd) grounds. We acknowledge the services they perform and I think we would like to make our pride in their work known and place on the record the fact that we appreciate the services they render - the Legislators of Manitoba, the civil servants of Manitoba, and through those two categories of Manitobans, the people of the province generally.

Nonetheless, Sir, overall in the section of the estimates of this department devoted specifically to operation and maintenance of provincial buildings and grounds, one can't ignore the fact that there is a substantial increase in the appropriation, of the total appropriation for this department of \$12.9 million which represents an increase of 2.3 million over last year's figure; of that total increase of 2.3 million, 2 million of it, Sir, relates to the operation and maintenance of provincial buildings and grounds alone, so by far the vast preponderant majority of that increase in spending in Public Works this year relates to the operation and maintenance of provincial buildings and grounds, and we would simply caution that in a period of high government spending and high taxation and run-away inflation, the Minister of Public Works should be on his guard to make sure that unnecessary costs and unnecessary expenditures in this area are not being indulged in, either by him or his department. If there is fat, if there is wastage, if there is redundancy and excessive spending in that area, then the Minister should be quick to jump on it and hold that spending program down where he can.

Mr. Speaker, these are our concerns at this point with respect to Public Works and having registered our concerns, having registered our concerns, it gives me great pleasure, Mr. Speaker, to line up with the Government House Leader and urge that the estimates of this department be concurred in.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Motion before the House passed. The Honourable Member for Thompson.

MR. BOROWSKI: Mr. Speaker, I don't want to prolong the debate. I'm -- (Interjection) -- Yes, I'm just as anxious as the Opposition to get on to the election and toss the rascals out on the other side. (Applause)

As a former Minister of this department, I'd like to take a few minutes to speak about the Minister of Biffies who seems to be determined to build a super biffy for the hippies and the anti-society group. If you look at the money he's spending he'll probably have fur-lined urinals in that building -- I don't know how he could spend a hundred thousand dollars for a biffy; I don't think Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth has a biffy that cost that much. But I think that'll be a fitting memento to his philosophy and his values. I know as Minister of Public Works he's got all kinds of demands from various departments, guys begging him to improve office space and to put air conditioning, and to do all kinds of things, but for some reason he has chosen to give priority to the building of a biffy. And perhaps when they have an official opening they'll use pink toilet paper for a ribbon cutting ceremony.

I simply don't understand why he went with such a missionary zeal after this thing here; there was opposition all around. I mean, we weren't building a school or a hostel, or some other absolutely essential service, yet he went after it. Perhaps he wants to have a monument left after himself and maybe they should call it "Doern's Donnybrook" when it's completed. And no doubt it'll stand as one of the seven wonders of Manitoba, one of them being the Convention Centre and the Saunders Aircraft and -- what's the other one -- Hecla Island -- and this will be one of the seven wonders of the government that'll be left behind for future generations.

Mr. Speaker, I notice the Premier smiling, and I also notice he's got a haircut; I wonder if that means there's an election coming up. Mr. Speaker, -- (Interjections) -- Well, I'm tempted to take the House Leader up, but I assure him I'm just as determined as he is to get this thing over. We don't want to sit till 7:30 again. But I heard the Minister on a hot line -- I think it was this morning -- and his defence for putting up this super duper biffy out there was that there's 100,000 people use it. Now, Mr. Speaker, I don't know if that's true or not, I suspect it isn't; there may be 100,000 people coming to this building because they have records, they clock the people as they come into this building -- (Interjection) -- I don't think there's 100 bums in Canada and I can't believe that they all come to Winnipeg, so I simply don't accept the figure. But even if it's true -- Mr. Speaker, in Paint Lake, we have probably that many people come in just through the summer, because the Thompson people alone come to the Paint Lake area and . . . We got \$75.00 shacks in there for biffies; with

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(MR. BOROWSKI cont'd) a big hole in the ground, they have to use chemical to kill the stench. And we can't get any money from the government, from the Tourist Department or Public Works, or any department, to put in decent outhouses there and parking lots and cooking facilities. We can't get anything because they say, well we don't have the money. Well, I simply ask you, where are you getting the money here, \$100,000, when you can't put it for the people who are producing a tremendous portion of the wealth that's generated in this province. -- (Interjection) -- They got a permit there. Well, Mr. Speaker, I can assure the Minister that if he wants to build a 100,000-dollar monument in Paint Lake we will give him the permit, no problems.

Mr. Speaker, I know that in the years gone by, and I had something -- you know, I had some occasion to be around this building a few years back. I know the number of tourists that come up, and I remember old people sitting out there, particularly on a warm day, and they had no place to go and old people have poorer kidneys than the hippies, I'm sure you'll agree. No one seemed to be concerned about building some facility for them, but now because there's -- there is these freeloaders coming from across Canada, and they're coming into the Legislature, some of them using the government washrooms in here, they've decided that perhaps it's below their dignity to have them come into the same building and they're going to spend \$100,000 of our tax money to put in that monstrosity out here in front.

Mr. Speaker, that's not the end of it. If that was just the end of it, that may be tolerable to live with, but he's going to find out that unless he's got it very carefully policed he's going to have a real problem of drugs and all kinds of other things that I really hesitate to use strong language -- I don't know how many kids are up in the gallery -- because he knows what goes on at the river bank in back here, I don't have to tell him. I know at the bus depot they have guards with police dogs, and they have police dogs that are trained to bite; they keep them muzzled. And the bus depot certainly is a far cry from what you're going to have here. And I have talked to the Thiessen family who has their buses there, and I've talked to the Greyhound people, and they just don't know how to cope with the characters and the dead beats that hang out there; and the guards are scared to walk in a public bus depot, they have to have police dogs. What do you think is going to happen down there when you open that facility? You're going to have to hire guards the same way, walk around with dogs, and I suppose when the tourists come here they will probably figure they're in Papa Doc's Dominican Republic where their palace is being patrolled by dogs with guards. I'm sure the Minister doesn't want to leave that kind of an image.

I have a suggestion here that we should rename that park and I think that perhaps we should rename it after the former business that the Minister had, I forget what it was called, "Vibrations", that'll probably be an appropriate one.

Mr. Speaker, I recall about two months ago we had a delegation come from Thompson to see the Minister of Health because they wanted a few dollars for a day care centre. And they had started this thing up with their own resources. That was a desperately needed facility, and the Minister refused to give them some money because they insulted one of his meatheads in the department. So they had to come down, Mr. Speaker, a whole delegation had to come down and meet with the Minister and plead with him to get a lousy \$2,500, and you know, I had to spend two hours with the delegation explaining to the Minister how important it was to have this facility, a day care centre facility for Thompson. Yet there's \$100,000, and nobody asked for this; there's nobody begging for that facility that they're putting up there, Mr. Speaker. Somehow they found \$100,000 to put that insult to the veterans, and an insult to the old people, and an insult to this fine building and Legislature, the seat of government we have here, and I simply question the priorities and the sense of values of this government that they could treat so callously a day care centre that's desperately needed in Thompson by offering them an insulting \$2,500 and yet spend \$100,000 for putting up a biffy over here.

Mr. Speaker, all I have to say to the Premier is that unless he takes control of some of his Ministers and maybe do a little stock clearance or stock reduction before the next election, he's going to personally have to suffer for it, and I think that that would be unfortunate because I think the Minister is carrying an unfair load because he happens to be surrounded with some Ministers that have strange priorities. And I would hope that the Minister, that the First Minister will give him some direction if they're re-elected on June 28th, that he will give some of these Ministers that are left some redirection in this area. Thank you.

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MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. JACOB M. FROESE (Rhineland): Mr. Speaker, I would like to say a few words and make a few comments on the Concurrence Motion before us dealing with the Department of Public Works. And the Member for Thompson wonders where the moneys are coming from: I should probably inform him that there were transfers made from the Centennial Centre, or the Manitoba Centennial Corporation to the Minister's department. This involved, under one item, I think roughly 256,000 . . .

A MEMBER: Where did that come from?

MR. FROESE: And this is the question I put to him some time ago, in the question period, and I never got a reply from him on it, because in my opinion there is no proper accounting, once an asset is written off there's no accounting at all from then on. We have no inventory whatever, and the assets certainly don't indicate that. The assets on the balance sheet, or on the statement, are just assets that have not been written off. Whenever an asset is written off there is no accounting whatever and I feel that this is something that we cannot tolerate at all; that has to be changed.

A year or two ago we brought in a bill here under which the Minister of Public Works was able to dispose of assets up to a certain limit, and again here I feel that we should have a report from him, at least annually, that would indicate of the assets that were disposed and for how much, because this lends itself certainly to various cases that could happen - giveaways, members could go away with equipment from the various offices and there would be no accounting whatever. There's nothing in the accounts book that prevents anyone from doing so once the asset is written off. And this is why I ask the Minister to at least give me an answer to the question that I put to him at that time where certain assets were transferred from the Centennial Corporation which was dissolved to his department.

MR. SPEAKER: Resolution passed. Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$10,821,100 for Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs. The Honourable for Roblin.

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MR. MCKENZIE: Mr. Speaker, I shall try to be as brief as I possibly can so we can get to the hustings at the earliest possible date (Applause) and get the old political machine oiled up, Mr. Speaker, and meet the challenges of the First Minister who again says I'm not going to win, but I assure him I'm going to win. And he should have no fears and spend no extra money in Roblin, Mr. Speaker, because he can't win it.

Mr. Speaker, in talking about the Estimates of Tourism and Recreation and Cultural Affairs tonight I'm going to make a sort of a political speech. And I'm going to try and justify as we go to the people of this province on the eve of what I think is -- the writ may be given tonight to the people of Manitoba, and try and justify how we can go to the people and who can call himself a Liberal, a Conservative, an NDP, and of course the classic example and the one we can follow is the Member from St. Boniface, this great "L" Liberal that used to sit right here where I'm sitting tonight. And, Mr. Speaker, because I happen to sit in the chair that this great Liberal, this big "L" Liberal used to sit in, I think it's very fitting as we go to the people for me to make that political speech under his Estimates on Concurrence as under the Minister of Tourism and Recreation.

And, Mr. Speaker, at one time in this province, and I guess all across Canada, there was only two choices for the people when we went to the election as I said we're going this evening. There was only Liberals and there was only Conservatives. But, Mr. Speaker, it's not that simple any more; it's not that simple for the people of Manitoba to find out how they're going to vote on their ballots on June 28th or 29th, whatever the date the First Minister decides tonight. I'm sure he's got his mind made up. Because today, Mr. Speaker, we have the big "L" Liberals over there joining the Social Democrats, Mr. Speaker; we have the Social Credit Party . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. I would like to remind the honourable member that the department we are discussing is Tourism and Recreation and Cultural Affairs. I do allow a certain amount of latitude for opening remarks but I do believe we should stick to the rules of the House.

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MR. McKENZIE: Mr. Speaker, in all -- I respect your judgment, Mr. Speaker, as I always do. I'm sure the Minister of Tourism and Recreation is a politician the same as I am, this is a political arena, and we're going to the people of the province, Mr. Speaker, under the political stripes of our various parties. And I just want to try and explain, Mr. Speaker, tonight to the people of Manitoba -- (Interjections) --

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. I shall indicate to the honourable member once more, there are rules that we follow in this House. If the honourable member does not wish to abide by them he can have his choice, but it won't be in the House. The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. McKENZIE: Well, Mr. Speaker, let us deal then with the matter of administration which this Minister administers, the Minister of Tourism and Recreation administers under the administration item some \$890,700.00, and I wonder, Mr. Speaker, how the people of this province are going to find themselves a new Minister for Tourism and Recreation after the election is over, because, Mr. Speaker, the day of only having two choices for -- either find yourself a Liberal Minister of Tourism and Recreation or find yourself a Conservative member for the Minister of Tourism and Recreation, there are other choices now today such as we have, the New Democratic Party have a Minister of Tourism and Recreation, and the Social Credit Party would likely, if they won, Mr. Speaker, find themselves a Minister of Tourism and Recreation, and so could the Independent Parties possibly, because historically, Mr. Speaker, there have been independent parties in this province that formed a government at one time. Because in the political society of this province, how can you tell between . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. This is the last reminder to the honourable member. After this he will not have the opportunity to have the floor on this particular debate. The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. McKENZIE: Well, Mr. Speaker, I have some things that's very important in my constituency to try and justify with this Minister, such as a master plan for the Duck Mountains, and I don't know how I could justify this master plan, or the way it's going to be proposed to the people out there, unless I can talk about the Minister, Mr. Speaker, and if you're not going to permit me the pleasure I will sit down, Mr. Speaker, and let the debate carry on.

MR. SPEAKER: Resolution passed - The Honourable Member for Thompson.

MR. BOROWSKI: Mr. Speaker, I think I'm rising for the last time and I do so only because, only because of the particular film that's shown in town, and I'm not going to mention it because I don't want to give any undue publicity to -- the government members are asking which film? They've probably all seen it, that's why they've got smiles on their faces today.

Mr. Speaker, the government when they passed that Classification Bill . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please.

MR. BOROWSKI: . . . last year, the Attorney-General had promised that it would make it much easier for them to prosecute those, the smut merchants who bring in the dirt and ugliness into this province, and we have today one of the worst films ever made by the smut manufacturers in Hollywood, and that is not my assessment, that is the people who preview films and charges have been placed against the promoters of that film throughout the world, Mr. Speaker, including New York, sinful New York, they've laid charges there. And, Mr. Speaker, we have these dirt merchants coming into Manitoba bringing that film; this government has not lifted a finger to prevent that film to come in here or to prosecute that. I know that the Minister of Tourism who is responsible is concerned, and I know that if he had his way that film would not be shown. Unfortunately he is almost alone in the Cabinet about complaining and having strong views on these matters. I simply want to rise here and I simply want to -- well, the Attorney-General, Mr. Speaker, says "nonsense". I would like him to get up in this House and tell us that he is going to pursue the smut merchants with the same enthusiasm that he does with those guys who serve an extra glass of beer to a minor in this province, and closes the hotel for three days. I have not seen one theatre in this province closed because of violation of allowing minors in to see restricted movies, or because the movies were unduly violent or dirty or ugly or filthy, not a single one, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, if the Attorney-General wants to talk piously and sanctimoniously, let him act like it. His actions do not match his words that he has uttered so many times in this

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(MR. BOROWSKI cont'd) . . . House, and I'm simply rising here to charge the government with being a bunch of pornocrats.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rock Lake.

MR. HENRY J. EINARSON (Rock Lake): Mr. Speaker, I would like to make just a few comments on the subject similar to what the Member for Thompson has just spoken on. I think back, Mr. Speaker, when I was on that side of the House for almost four years, we had a Censorship Board. And when you speak of a Censorship Board there are those who probably feel that that is not necessary, and there are those who feel that the parents should decide what films their children or they will see. That is something I might agree with, but I want to say, Mr. Speaker, that I can recall in those years when we were on the government side with a Censorship Board, I never heard the criticisms about the kind of films that were being shown in the Province of Manitoba in those days like I've heard in the past four years. We had three members, Mr. Speaker, who composed that Censorship Board. Under this government they changed the whole thing and they have what they call a Classification Board whereby films are classified to certain degrees in certain ways. And I think, Mr. Speaker, there are about -- and I stand to be corrected on this -- seven or nine members on that board, appointees by this government -- (Interjection) -- Well, Mr. Speaker, I thank the Minister, there are 15 members on that board. And I want to concur, Mr. Speaker, with the Honourable Member from Thompson when he said that the Minister of Tourism and Recreation probably is in a difficult position in regards to this whole matter. And I feel, Sir, that if we're going to change legislation from what we had as a Classification Board, or a Censorship Board, to a Reclassification Board, that we're going to see the kind of legislation that will be something better. But, Mr. Speaker, we changed to something that has been much worse and has proven not to be satisfactory in its total working operation.

And I have spoken in the House, last year and the year before, and I was critical of the Attorney-General, Mr. Speaker, when by the legislation today this government now has that the responsibility is being put upon the theatre owner, or the theatre operator, who is showing those films. I don't think that's right, Mr. Speaker.

A MEMBER: You're quite right.

MR. EINARSON: If we're going to be responsible in our jobs, as we must in many other areas, my goodness, Mr. Speaker, I can stand here for an hour and expose this government on many other areas by which they're accepting a responsibility and probably going too far. But here's an area where . . .

MR. McKENZIE: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I wonder would the Honourable the Minister of Tourism and Recreation get in his chair while we're debating his estimates.

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. That's not a point of order. The Honourable Member for Rock Lake.

MR. EINARSON: Well, Mr. Speaker, I just want to point out to this government that they have brought in legislation that has worked badly, has failed dismally to provide better films and better entertainment for the people of the Province of Manitoba. I would suggest, Mr. Speaker, that they couldn't do any worse if they were to go back to the Censorship Board if they can't offer anything better than what they have today. I just wanted to make those comments, Mr. Speaker, insofar as this department is concerned.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rupertsland.

MR. ALLARD: Well, Mr. Speaker, there's a peculiar form of human respect, you know, which allows you to tell a dirty and a dirtier, and a dirtier yet joke at a party, even pushes you to do so, makes it embarrassing to get up and to call attention to the fact. There's a lot of people in this House who sit there and if you make any comments about the filth that's peddled in our society who smile at you, who smile at you. -- (Interjections) -- Some members prefer to look at the wall, not to smile now.

Mr. Speaker, at the risk of being smiled at, you know, I add my voice to the comments of those who are more than unhappy with the way the situation is developing. We're having about as much success in dealing with films as we are with abortion, and the Attorney-General seems to be having as much success in prosecuting in the case of one as in the other. It seems odd, Mr. Speaker, that we tell a hotelkeeper exactly what kind of liquor he's going to sell, exactly what he's going to do, and exactly what way down to the last "t", but then we tell the hotel operator, well you run your risk, buddy, tough, and that we allow this stuff to be peddled

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(MR. ALLARD cont'd) around and then we say, well, we'll look at it, then we'll decide to charge you. But that's the result of our Classification Board. It was supposed to work. It was supposed to facilitate things. Does the Attorney-General believe that it facilitates things? Does the Minister of Tourism and Recreation believe that it makes for a cleaner environment, a more reasonable one? Is it an improvement? I don't believe it is, Mr. Speaker. I haven't seen, you know, any convictions, any charges for underage people going in. I am told that the Board is supposed to be responsible - by what charge, what pay, what criteria, I don't know -- on a sort of ad hoc basis. I suppose, I believe that one of them is in charge of St. Boniface Hospital or something of that nature, unless I'm mistaken. I don't know whether it's one of his responsibilities to go and have a look once in awhile. I don't know. You know, we live in an atheistic and materialistic and heathenistic age and a goodly number of the members opposite seem to believe that these are positive values, rather than recognizing them as the decadence of a society for what they are. They proposed them. They live in a sort of a mentality of self-mutilation as members of a society.

Well, Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to state what I thought on this subject. It seems that I repeat. I would like to know what the Attorney-General is going to do about the whole thing. I don't know if it's going to take him three days, a week or two weeks. I wonder whether he cares. You know, his attitude insofar as abortion was concerned didn't seem to show much concern.

Mr. Speaker, when I'm told by a Minister of the Crown that, you know, public outcry is not good enough reason for him to make enquiries to what is happening then, Mr. Speaker, something is wrong when he can look at statistics that multiply by four, five and six in the number of abortions that are happening and he can tell me, well I really can't explain it exactly better medical services, and that's a sham.

Mr. Speaker, that's exactly the same kind of reasoning we are getting in the case of the--I'm speaking on the Department of Tourism and Recreation, Mr. Speaker, and I'm relating the success; I'm relating the success and comparing the success of dealing with the filth in our society with the success that we are having in terms of abortion, and since the subject for which the Minister is responsible, it's the Attorney-General who is charged with making sure that it's observed, and I'm comparing it to some other responsibilities of the Attorney-General, and I'm saying that he has about as much success.

I was concerned last year, Mr. Speaker, that this bill on classification would end up with negative results - not because it wasn't possible to get some decent results from it, but because it wouldn't be applied in such a way. If it doesn't turn out, it's not the matter of the bill, it's what the government wants to do with it that matters and we are seeing the results.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. FROESE: Mr. Speaker, the Estimates of the Tourism and Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department have been discussed. These amounts are roughly \$10,800,000, and here again I don't want to prolong the discussion necessarily, but yesterday members, I think all members were invited to the premiere showing of a film that was produced by the O'Keefe Company on the City of Winnipeg, and which will be shown extensively during the celebration year next year, right through 1974, and the film I think is very good. I enjoyed the showing but I was rather surprised that the Legislature or the Legislative Buildings didn't merit getting in on the film, and I thought this was something that I expected to see giving the film, and the city especially, the image of being a capital of the province, and this was missing in my opinion, and I'm not sure whether the Minister of Tourism had any idea beforehand what would go into the film. I certainly think that provision should have been made and probably that we as a province should have contributed toward it and made sure that the Legislature would also be part of the film that would be produced.

The film depicts the early part of the city when it was established and how it grew, and so on, and the various cultures that are maintained here in this city and the various types of people. All in all I think it is a wonderful film and the people of Manitoba will have a chance to view it. But I would like to know what plans are being made by the Provincial Government, if any, or are we contributing toward the Planning Committee of the City of Winnipeg towards the celebrations that will be going on. I asked the question in the House yesterday, but certainly I had hoped that by this time before the session ended that we would have some estimate given, and some idea given as to what the province would do by way of contribution to the City

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(MR. FROESE cont'd) of Winnipeg for the purposes of celebrating their Jubilee Year.

MR. SPEAKER: Resolution passed. The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

MR. SHERMAN: Mr. Speaker, I just want to ask one question of the Minister related to the present status of the Winnipeg Art Gallery, and the state of the gallery, and the situation at the moment as between the gallery and the Provincial Government. It's our understanding that the Winnipeg Art Gallery is up for, or will be up for tax sale shortly and the question I would ask of the Minister is, whether the government is intending to incorporate the Art Gallery into the Centennial Complex, and whether or not the government has actually replied to the city or has been in touch with, the province has been in consultation with the city on this subject.

MR. SPEAKER: Resolution passed.

MR. SHERMAN: For the record, Mr. Speaker, the Minister tells me no change, everything is where it was a few weeks ago. The Art Gallery is still coming up for tax sale then?

MR. SPEAKER: Resolution passed. Resolved there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$1,785,400 for Urban Affairs. The Honourable Member for Sturgeon Creek.

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MR. J. FRANK JOHNSTON (Sturgeon Creek): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As you know this is one of the departments that we unfortunately weren't able to get to during the Estimates Debate and the Department of Urban Affairs, Mr. Speaker, is fast becoming one of the most important departments in the province, one of the most important departments in the government.

Mr. Speaker, one would wonder if the government really regards the Department of Urban Affairs as an important department, or urban problems generally as important. We have had since the Unicity Bill or the formation of the Department of Urban Affairs in this province, I think we have had one Minister, and then we were transferred to another Minister, and then it was transferred back to the same, the first Minister or the first Minister that had it, the Minister of Finance, and now it's transferred again over to the Minister of Education where Urban Affairs comes under him. And it seems that it's being shifted around because nobody really has any concern for the problems that we have in urban areas today in Manitoba.

Mr. Speaker, when Bill 36 was passed in 1971 we pleaded with this government not to move too fast on it, not to take 13 and 12 cities and municipalities and dump them together at one time, and especially the reason we asked them not to do this it was going to be very costly to the people of this province, and the people of this city, that there would be a lot of money, an awful lot of money, required to operate the city of Winnipeg, an awful lot of money would be required for amalgamation alone because of salaries, and we have found that the amalgamation has caused an increase of salaries naturally from the lowest coming up to the highest.

In the past two years we have seen the mill rates of the City of Winnipeg steadily go up. We asked the government at that time if they would please, if their last stand was don't pass the bill, pardon me, pass the bill, but at least wait a year until you look over the situation to see how the structure that you pass would work and how it would work for the people of the province and the people of Winnipeg.

Mr. Speaker, the structure of the City of Winnipeg is such that just nothing can be done. They are in a complete quandry most of the time trying to get anything done. The councillors have a system of community committees back to the executive committee, then the executive council or, pardon me, back to the commissioners into the executive council and from there it goes back into a council of 50 men where they must turn around and debate many times what has been debated in the local councils. There is no economy whatsoever to these local councils and people should have autonomy in their areas. They should have a regional government as we suggested. They should have a regional government which is in charge of things such as public housing, roads that we all use, all the recreational facilities such as the larger parks, arenas, art centers, etc., and in that way you would take the tax, place the tax burden on the items that everybody uses over the whole area and then you would leave the smaller cities, which I think should be in the neighbourhood of five, to have some autonomy to make their own decisions.

The bigness of the new city does not save money, Mr. Speaker. The bigness has proved to be very costly. The government claims that the rebate system--the government says, well your taxes are not up, you are not paying any more taxes. Last year they were up but, of course, the government has their new rebate system which is giving you your own money back

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(MR. JOHNSTON cont'd) which they say kept your taxes at a very close level. All the outside cities and municipalities, or the surrounding cities and municipalities, mostly had a tremendous tax increase. The centre city of Winnipeg in itself did not have that much of a tax increase but this year again we've got a tax increase in the surrounding cities and we are now seeing the City of Winnipeg go up too.

We are looking at a situation of approximately 80 mills in this city over all, that's an increase for some of the cities and municipalities of close to 30 percent, and higher. Mr. Speaker, we are looking at a commercial mill rate of over 100, slightly over 100 mills. You know that's ten percent, ten percent for every thousand dollars you will pay \$100.00 in taxes if you're in the commercial. For every \$1,000 of assessment you'll pay \$80.00 in taxes and in real estate. The tax structure that we have for recreation facilities has never been changed - curling rinks, golf clubs, all of these types of recreation facilities are paying on a commercial tax basis, and yet the government says we are not paying more taxes in Winnipeg because we are giving you back your own money.

Mr. Speaker, one of the most disappointing things that we have had happen to us in Urban Affairs in this province, and mainly in this city, is that there has been no firm commitment from the government as to how they are going to have a revenue tax-sharing arrangement with the cities.

Mr. Speaker, the City of Winnipeg presented a formula, and I say right now that I am not in complete agreement with the formula they presented but at least they presented a formula that they could work on year after year, and presented it to the government. --(Interjection)-- The Minister, or the government, and I guess the Minister knew what I was going to say--he's quite right, they gave them one back, but their formula is a formula that no city can operate on, Sir. Their formula is a formula that has a new type of system of working with cities, and I don't know really what you call it, let's call it "Take over your liabilities, or take the liabilities off your shoulders type of system". In other words, if we are going to grant you some money, we will take over the law courts. If we are going to grant you some money, the liability in the Assiniboine Park, we'll take it over. We'll take it over; we'll take that cost off your shoulders; never once admitting that the Assiniboine Park is an asset, is a very valuable asset. --(Interjection)-- That's right. They're told they could keep it. They were told they could keep it but no money, no money, no money if you don't give us what . . .

So it's a policy of gradually the Minister of Urban Affairs or the Minister of Municipal Affairs making Winnipeg, or controlling Winnipeg from the Municipal Affairs Department or the Urban Affairs Department from "Big Brother Government". You do as I tell you to do.

You know the attitude, Mr. Speaker, of the government is very plain in a bill that has not come up for second reading in this House. We have had it for first reading but it probably will not be introduced now, and you know section 350-1, do you know what it says, Mr. Speaker? Mr. Speaker, there was a little discussion you will probably remember in this House not too long ago about the fact that the government had asked if they could send out an explanation, and I would call it advertising but I'll be nice and say explanation, of the tax rebate system, with the tax bills. You know we asked if this was going to be practiced and they accused us of doing the same thing, and quite rightly so we did it, but this is a very strange thing, you know, when we did it, we asked and got permission; when they did it, they asked and they got permission, but will the bill that we haven't had presented to us in second reading if it did come up, section 350 says that when the City of Winnipeg sends out any tax form or any kind, the city must include in those tax forms any information the Minister says they must have in it. --(Interjection)-- Now if that's not dictatorship--any information the Minister says must go in with the tax form. You know, they were called stuffers. You know, the First Minister referred to these as stuffers and now all of a sudden they are sort of stuffing the stuffers down the City of Winnipeg's throat. --(Interjection)-- Very good, the Minister of Privies says. But quite frankly, quite frankly, Mr. Speaker, he has proven his dictatorial attitudes with the City of Winnipeg. He is determined to fight with them and not work with them because he doesn't get his own way.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker, co-operation with the cities is very very definitely a crucial situation at the present time in this area. Mr. Speaker, how can you possibly run a city if you don't have a firm policy of your income? But no, what happens? The Mayor of Winnipeg gets a cheque for one million, five hundred one week; the next week there's another discussion and he manages to drag a million dollars out of them next week; two weeks later they get into

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(MR. F. JOHNSTON cont'd) another discussion and all of a sudden we'll say we'll give you this. And you know also in this bill that hasn't been presented to the House gives us a date of moving back, moving back the date that the City of Winnipeg finally has to have its stake accounting and budgets all set up. The only reason for that is the City of Winnipeg is not in a position to make up their budgets because they never know what the government is going to do from one day to the next in dealings with the City of Winnipeg. And they don't seem to care. They go on this new policy which they have is, well, we'll give you the money if we take over your liabilities.

Quite frankly, Mr. Speaker, it can't work, it can't continue to work, it can't continue to work because taxes will be continually going up. The parity of salaries is not there yet; now you're going to have, you have in the city at the present time you have a report, we have a report before us which is about amalgamation of the Fire Departments. We have at the present time a lieutenant in the City of St. James-Assiniboia Fire Department who is taking that report to court. He said under "the agreement, under the agreement or the arrangement of Unicity I was guaranteed to have my salary and my rank". And now we've got a problem with the bill that hasn't been introduced. The problem, if the bill was introduced it would say that the City of Winnipeg could take away a man's rank. Take away a man's rank. The City of Winnipeg asked for that, I guess, but here you would have a man who had been a lieutenant in a fire department for - let's say a captain in an outlying fire department for a long time and you take away his rank. That clause says you must abide by all the other clauses in the section, so if you took him from captain to lieutenant, Sir, what it really says, that he would receive captain's pay as a lieutenant in perpetuity. Mr. Speaker, these kind of interpretations are there, they're not clear and they never have been made clear by this government. The problems --(Interjection)-- Well if I'm confused, Mr. Speaker, I ask the smart Minister of Privies to read the bill.

Mr. Speaker, there has to be a structure worked on by the Minister of Urban Affairs which will no doubt and in no uncertain terms start to give the local areas more autonomy, which we pleaded for when this bill was passed. There is no way, no way that when a community council decides to have some recreation facility or wants some recreation facility in their area and it's all put in their budget and it goes downtown, it goes through the commissioner's office; from the commissioner's office to the executive council; from the executive council to a 50-man council; and that 50-man council is sitting there - they're representing wards all over the city and you're problem that you have in the Winnipeg government at the present time is basically parochialism, and you're going to find that when you have that many aldermen, you're going to find, Mr. Speaker, when you have that many aldermen that you're looking very seriously at what nobody seemed to want when the election was held, and that is party politics in city government. --(Interjection) -- Mr. Speaker, the Minister says, "cut 'em in half". That probably would be the case right now if the government had had enough sense to read the Boundaries Report; if they'd had enough sense to go by the Boundaries Report we would not be in the position at the present time. But of course, Mr. Speaker, if they want to debate it, this bill was pretty well written by a man from Toronto, originally born in Winnipeg, but written by a man who was brought in from Toronto.

Mr. Speaker, so now we have a system with 50 councillors and you cannot avoid, on that position you cannot avoid looking at what is called, or we get to what is party politics in civic government and the people of the City of Winnipeg don't want it. They told the government, they told the government that in no uncertain terms when the first election for Unicity was held. The NDP Party ran in the Unicity, Mr. Speaker - and I bring this up because I urge the Minister of Urban Affairs to change this situation - ran as a party in Unicity. The other two parties do not believe in party politics in civic government so naturally they formed the other group.

You know, Mr. Speaker, they just don't understand. You accuse the election committee of being party politics. That is made up of people who do not believe in party politics in civic government and the NDP government does. And you know, Mr. Speaker, there's a lot of NDP people in this city who don't believe in it either and all you have to do is look at the results of that election. And you have no need to have party politics, you'd have no need to have election committees if they would just revert back to having smaller areas and more local autonomy

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(MR. F. JOHNSTON cont'd) in the local areas. There is no need for your top government in Winnipeg, Mr. Speaker, and the Minister of Urban Affairs is going to have to realize it, of being 50 councillors. You have 13 community committees and there is no reason why you shouldn't have maybe only one representative from those community committees on a central council to take care of the whole area. But no, no, no, this government has not seen fit to do anything concrete as far as changing the structure of the City of Winnipeg so it is not so unwieldy for these people.

Mr. Speaker, the taxes, as I mentioned before, are not going to get better, they're going to get worse. The game of rebate can only go on for so long. The structure that has been set up is not working. There should be a move made to change the structure so that it is workable and less costly; in other words you should be working now to start to save money for the people instead of leaving it on a basis of increasing. The autonomy in the local areas is important and we're proving that. The Boundaries Commission Report has proven to be right, and they still won't admit it; and they aren't doing one thing, not one thing to move towards a better structure in the City of Winnipeg when they know that the one they set up is wrong. The evidence is there, the evidence is there, Sir, and that's all there is to it.

The government goes merrily along blaming the elected members of the city for all the mistakes, mainly because they're not part of the NDP Party. It's been said in this House many times, it's been said in this House and it's been said by the Minister of Public Works, that the big problem we have is we're dealing with a non co-operative group of councillors whose political philosophy is such that they don't want to get along with us. Mr. Speaker, that's hogwash. That's small, narrow-mindedness and an excuse being used not to work with people because you didn't get it all your way which is childish and little.

Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Privies keeps shaking his head. He believes he knows everything about Urban Affairs, and quite frankly I'm glad the Minister of Urban Affairs is not listening to him. Because if he would have changed this bill he wouldn't talk to anybody, he would just put it through in no uncertain terms.

Mr. Speaker, we have other urban areas in this province who also would be part of a tax-sharing arrangement, because what you do for the City of Winnipeg you must do for them all. The government doesn't seem to like that. They want to deal with all the cities in this province, they want to deal with all the cities in this province on the basis of come and talk to us then we'll decide what you may or may not get. No system, no nothing for anybody to set up their budget.

Maybe I'm prejudiced and I'm sure the Attorney-General is also prejudiced but the best run city in the North American continent was St. James-Assiniboia and I can assure you, I can assure you, Sir, that nobody ever did come to see us or ask us how we did it. Nobody did ever ask us how we had the low mill rates, nobody asked us how we were able to do the things that we were able to do in St. James-Assiniboia. --(Interjection)-- Charleswood was very good. Nobody ever came along and said to us when we were going through this that maybe we could get some ideas from you. You know, Mr. Speaker, nobody in the whole of the City of Winnipeg was consulted to any great degree before the Unicity Bill was passed, and it's high time, it's high time that the government and I say the Minister of Urban Affairs in this department, starts to immediately get together a group of people who are knowledgeable, not the Minister of Privies, but the people who are knowledgeable about urban affairs in this province. Never mind bringing in all the experts from outside--and by the way there are experts from outside that have looked at our system and been very disappointed with it after the way they've seen it work--and start to put this city back on a basis where the taxes will move down, or to put the other cities in this province on a basis where the taxes will move down and start to do it fast because you haven't had any real expense, urban expenses yet in your urban areas of Manitoba. Your main expenses have come from amalgamation, but when you start to get the expenses such as the transportation problems that you will have in urban areas, when you start to get the many expenses that you will have just handling people and traffic, when you start to get the expenses that you'll have just to build a new airport - you know, this government hasn't even looked into the fact that if the planes get bigger there's more people at the airport, there's more people travelling back and forth, that's bigger roads, bigger arteries, everything that's going on. Those expenses, Sir, haven't even come to their attention yet and they're there. So we better start to look to finding a way to start getting our costs down, handle our money better

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(MR. F. JOHNSTON cont'd) in the urban areas. And for goodness sakes, Mr. Speaker, if nothing else is done, nothing else is done, get away from the handout system that you've been giving to Winnipeg, get away from the system that if we are going to give you any money we're going to take over something from you, the big brother control act, and the Provincial Government really doesn't have that right in urban affairs.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope that the Minister takes this to heart. I don't know that they will. I've been fighting for it for four years to see some sense come back into the urban structure of this province, but the government is determined to play big brother with the cities and have more control over the workings of the cities and they're working to that extent. Thank you.

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MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Charleswood.

MR. MOUG: Mr. Speaker, I feel that I should make one or two comments tonight in regards to urban affairs before we move on out of concurrence. I think really the government has got the problem going for them that they ask for in the first instance when they come along and decided to amalgamate the twelve areas bounding the City of Winnipeg into one city. We started out in good faith. I think the First Minister had every intention of trying to make this a success. He chose a man, the Minister of Finance from St. Johns who came out and really and truly put an effort into amalgamating the city as fast as he could without listening to anybody, giving any consideration to the area municipalities who came in, pleased with him in his office, came into committee as it was being heard publicly and pleaded with him not to do this as hastily as he was moving.

The second move that the First Minister made when he passed this responsibility on to the now Minister of Mines and Natural Resources, I don't think was all that bad because the Minister undoubtedly had some line of thinking, some experience on how a city should be run and certainly what had to be expected from the elected members of that area.

Now whatever got into the First Minister's head in the past year when he passed this on to the Minister of Education I cannot understand. I really and truly, I'm buffaloed, I can't understand what he was thinking about. Had he changed the chairs in the front bench and moved the Minister of Finance over in front of the Minister of Education, somewhere in the area where the Minister of Agriculture is so when he got asked a question on urban affairs he could refer to that Minister and get the answer as he does when he's asked a question on education. Because it really and truly must be embarrassing for that Minister and for the people he represents to sit there, is absolutely buffaloed when somebody asks him. They could ask him what the temperature was and I'm sure that he would have to reach over and ask somebody, because on urban affairs the man is just not qualified to carry on and look after that department. He certainly may know something down the lines of education with his past employment, etc., but certainly on urban affairs the city is really and truly in a true doom and gloom situation as the Minister of Public Works says. Not the Province of Manitoba but the City of Winnipeg is in a real doom and gloom situation as far as those councillors battering their heads against brick walls day in and day out, and I think the government is pleased to see this because they feel the candidates in about 42 seats out of the 50 available, and they come out with seven victories, I think, and they are not pleased. They just want to do anything to stop the free enterprise group that was opposing socialist type governing in the city to have control there, and they feel that this group of people are not trying and, believe me, they are really and truly trying, Mr. Speaker, to do a job and to make the best of what the government has spelled out in the Act.

The Act as you have it explained to you by several of the councillors say that one thing just conflicts with the other and there's no way they can make common sense out of it or possibly hold hearings or make any headway for the people. Now when they get phone calls from the residents of the City of Winnipeg and are asked how do you do this and how do you rezone land to that, there's no way that they can give anybody an answer; they don't know. They're tied from one section to the other. We had it proven to us when the City of Winnipeg had a conflict with the Minister of Public Works in regards to a permit for the public biffy over here. One part of the Act said, no, the government doesn't need it. The other part said yes. The Mayor of Winnipeg showed me in the front hall of this building one day exactly where they needed to have a permit for that building and yet the Minister of Public Works can tell you no. The Minister of Urban Affairs can tell you no, they don't need a permit. And this has to be straightened out. It's too big. The City has become more than half the population of the Province of Manitoba and they should be in the position where they can come in here and make demands of the Cabinet and the Treasury Bench responsible for the handling of the government funds, and make demands of them of what they need done. But this government of course because it's a free enterprise group that is governing the City of Winnipeg, they refuse to cooperate with them in any manner.

The people in the city are, well, put out because they were accustomed to the habits of the several areas, 11 or 12 outside the City of Winnipeg, where they got certain privileges on garbage pickup, certain privileges on snow clearing. They expected to have their roads cleaned on certain days and their back lanes. Now it's all under one roof and nobody knows where they're going. The moneys are being collected at the same rate municipally pretty well

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(MR. MOUG cont'd) right across the 12 areas. There's some concession given to the outlying areas where the people are trying to farm and grow market gardens and make money off the land. The assessment is far too high on these properties; there's no way the people can pay their taxes and possibly come out of there with a livelihood. They've been asked on several occasions from groups that have come in to this government, met with the Cabinet and met with the First Minister, and it's fallen on deaf ears, Sir, and I say to them tonight that certainly a lot of the problems could be overcome if they would only get an understanding Minister and a department that is qualified to deal with these people. We have the outlying areas where these people are, they're not making any use out of the streets, sewer systems, distribution of water; they make no use out of transit; they make no use out of the several thoroughfares downtown, such as the Metro routes as they were previous to the amalgamation, and these people are still being charged for it with a very very small discount in taxes, and if this keeps up, certainly we can have nothing but unsettlement amongst the semi-rural area that bounds and is taken in by the now City of Winnipeg. It was set up by this government; I ask them to bring in something more than they brought in in the bill that sits before us now for second reading, because there's nothing in there to cure these problems. The only thing that's in there is a few nothings that was suggested by the council and some of the departments of the City of Winnipeg that said there was some of the "i's" weren't dotted and some of the "t's" weren't crossed, and to certainly overcome that. That is what's in that bill and there's nothing to relieve the great problem of the council or City of Winnipeg has today, and I ask the First Minister to take us back to a Minister that was more qualified to handle this department and somebody that can get the City of Winnipeg council out of its problems. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Resolution before the House. The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, would the Honourable the Member for Charleswood permit a question?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Did the honourable member mean to say that in his opinion the City of Winnipeg Bill that's before the House is of no particular consequence? Is that what the honourable member said or meant to say?

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Charleswood.

MR. MOUG: What I meant to say is that it certainly doesn't clear up the problems that the City Council is faced with today. I've spoken to several of them; I took copies out of this building of that bill to pass to them, and they say that it's a little bit of housekeeping but certainly doesn't get them off the hook in any way.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Resolution before the House, is House going to adopt . . . The Honourable Member for Riel.

MR. DONALD W. CRAIK (Riel): Mr. Speaker, I want to speak briefly on the Concurrence of the Urban Affairs Estimates and preface my remarks, Mr. Speaker, by saying that I think it's unfortunate at this session when we're faced with so many urban problems and urban issues that there really hasn't been a chance either by way of the Estimates, or by way of the bills before the House, to adequately deal with some of the principal issues.

But I only wish to speak, Sir, of one issue in particular that has been boiling for the last twelve months in the City of Winnipeg, and this is the issue surrounding the rail relocation study. And I bring it up, Mr. Speaker, because it is a joint study between the Federal/Provincial and City of Winnipeg governments. It's financed completely by the Federal Government but it is guided by a joint Advisory Board of the Provincial along with the other two governments. So, Mr. Speaker, what we have come up with as a result of the phase one of this study, the principal objective which was to rationalize the rail arteries through the centre of the City of Winnipeg to the extent that they could bring about urban redevelopment in the centre portion of the city and send the rail yards and rail lines to other portions in the urban area, either on the outskirts or through other parts of the city.

So, Mr. Speaker, it's almost staggering to believe that the recommendation which Phase 1 of this study came up with was alternative No. 3 which gave a favourable cost-benefit ratio but in so doing shifted the problems of the urban part of the city in a major way to not even the far suburban but only midway between the outer limits of the city and the downtown area. And, Mr. Speaker, one of the most staggering recommendations was to see them recommend as Stage 1 that the CNR mainline be relocated in such a way that it was to traverse approximately seven miles of residential area.

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Mr. Speaker, even the people who weren't directly affected couldn't help but look at the recommendation and say, but to what avail is a move such as this which simply transfers the downtown problem to the suburbs. And the committee and the study group that was looking at this came back with the recommendation, in fact it was written in their report to some extent, that they could make it environmentally acceptable in the residential area. Well, Mr. Speaker, it begs directly the question that if you can make a main line railway with 120 trains per day, approximately 60 going each way, shifting either from one side of the city or across Canada, if you can make that environmentally acceptable in a residential area, why, Mr. Speaker, can you not make it environmentally acceptable in the downtown area which has plenty of right of way at the present time to accommodate moves such as lowering the track or covering it, or camouflaging it, or providing what other environmental measures they plan to bring in in the suburbs.

Well, Mr. Speaker, this problem is now at the stage where you have a greatly disturbed community through a belt of lands that cuts right through prime residential area in the southern half of the City of Winnipeg and these people have been going to meetings, having public meetings, trying to talk to the chairman of this group, and trying to talk to other people to try and get their point across. Well at this point, Mr. Speaker, as I say this is one of the major issues that should have come before the House at this session to be dealt with at least in some form or other so that we could glean from the government a position from it on this issue or from their members who are on the Advisory Board because it is not completely a metropolitan government or a City of Winnipeg problem.

So as it stands now the city council has avoided going to Phase 2 of the study. Mr. Speaker, they recognize the grave problems faced by attempting to put a railway main line even through a 1,000 foot right-of-way, or a 500 foot right-of-way at narrowest, through a residential area. So even the people who are on their committee who in their great desire to, I think, Mr. Speaker, to perform an experiment by completely removing the tracks from a downtown area and seeing urban redevelopment take place, have fallen short of a grasp of the total picture and the total problem and then relocated it in a residential area. So in their wisdom, Mr. Speaker, and there's indication that the City Council at least, and there has been no indication from the provincial people on that board, they at least have hesitated to go to Phase 2 of the study which would be the indepth study of how this would be done. They have to their credit, they've looked now at other alternatives to Alternative No. 3, but they still have not come out and said unequivocally that Alternate No. 3, which would put the mainline through this residential area, would be abandoned. Mr. Speaker, this has still not been stated, and the people that are affected, which are the people of St. Boniface, old St. Boniface, I mean the previous City of St. Boniface in the southern reaches, City of St. Vital and the City of Fort Garry, are all hoping that somehow this group will come to its senses and realize that you don't solve one problem by creating another which, potentially, is much much greater, because even at the present time much of the trackage is located in an industrial area as opposed to a residential area.

So, Mr. Speaker, I bring this up in the dying hours of this session only because there hasn't been an opportunity other than the Throne Speech to adequately, to get at the issue, and it is an issue that is most pressing and certainly, Mr. Speaker, I was hopeful, and still am hopeful, that the government will come out even perhaps before an election, I expect they'll have something to say about it in an election campaign as well, saying that they too are opposed to locating rail lines through the back yards of residential areas. So with those few remarks, Mr. Speaker, I'll leave the issue and trust that if we don't hear from the government on this concurrence that we'll at least hear from them some time in the near future.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. STEVE PATRICK (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, we did not have an opportunity to say anything in this department in Estimates so I do wish to say a few points on Concurrence which I believe are very important and, Mr. Speaker, I would like to talk about the procedure for approval of zoning and zoning by-laws which at the present time has been creating a considerable amount of problem and delay as far as zoning is concerned. I'm not talking that it should be an easy procedure to rezone residential land to commercial, in fact I'm quite concerned that it's too easy to rezone. But my complaint and my concern is that it takes too long. There's many projects today stalled for as long as six months, eight months, because it is very complicated and difficult to get a permit. For instance we have four stages at the present

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(MR. PATRICK cont'd) time and you have to go through these four stages before you can get a building permit, and each one takes as long as 30 days and sometimes it takes longer than 30 days. You have to deal with the Community Committees, the environment, Executive Policy Committee, and then the whole council. So it is a very complicated and cumbersome operation. I haven't got a ready-made solution but surely the Minister of Urban Affairs should be concerned and should know how many projects are stalled and delayed at the present time because in my opinion, I feel that Urban Affairs Department is a name only and it plays no significant part, in fact very little. I think that the Minister could keep a pretty good eye on what's going on and what's required as far as city problems are concerned. I know myself of a few developments that are being stalled because of the stages that it has to go through, the four stages, and surely there must be an easier way. One may be perhaps that the hearings should be only held by the Community Committee and it could be, maybe reviewed by your Environment and Executive Policy Committee and it should go directly to council or another way there should be a time limit. And my concern isn't if the area is zoned properly or rezoned, but the delay and the time that it takes to get this procedure through or get the building permits through this procedure. So surely the Minister should concern himself with this because it has, and is, holding up considerable amount of development in this city.

The other point, Mr. Speaker, I believe that this is the department should play some role and machinery should be developed to establish some priorities between the cities, as far as transportation facilities are required, and the country. Because, Mr. Speaker, since we had the debates on the inner perimeter beltway, there's been very little said in respect to throughways, and I know in my part of the city we have serious difficulties as far as the east-west traffic is concerned.

I know that the other area that we can concern ourselves with is the centre core of older part of Greater Winnipeg, which has many obsolete buildings and has much vacant land, and this has been created because at one time the street car brought all the people to the centre core and today as people develop in the suburban areas in the suburbs and moved away from the centre core and again have created many blighted areas by this condition.

Another point is that a large amount of railway tracks in the city, which one of the other members has talked about, has created this problem.

So, Mr. Speaker, I'm really concerned about these couple of points, and my other point is that the transitional tax equalization payments will not be sufficient because we all know that the increase in assessment that have been increased in Winnipeg this year, and even with the tax credits, all we're doing is holding our own. In fact that every year the tax - even with the tax credit the property tax will continue to rise. So I do not wish to take the time but really, Mr. Speaker, this department is in name only and has done very little to improve the conditions of downtown urban problems, downtown Winnipeg problems, transportation problems, or it has never concerned itself with zoning, or the stages and procedures of zoning regulations that would speed up the process. I'm sure that the Minister should take a very active role as far as this department is concerned and improve the procedures and start putting the pressure on some of the other Ministers that the City, central part of the City of Winnipeg requires much more attention than it has been receiving at the present time.

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

MR. EARL McKELLAR (Souris-Killarney): Mr. Speaker, I'm going to be very short and to the point. It's sure nice to see the First Minister back here in his seat this evening. Styles must have changed in Ontario, I didn't know they had changed that much. Maybe the haircuts are cheaper in Ontario than they are in Manitoba but they sure have changed. I'm going to have to suggest to my leader he's going to have to get a haircut.

A MEMBER: Best election indicator we've had.

MR. McKELLAR: I don't know what about my partner to the left, whether he's going to get a haircut or not but it seems that the styles - the fact is that the First Minister looks like he did in 1958 when he came . . .

MR. SCHREYER: Point of privilege, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, I don't recall the citation number from Beauschêne, but I'm sure that there is a citation which bears on the point of an honourable member reflecting on the physical appearance of another honourable member. So I will only tell my honourable friend

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(MR. SCHREYER cont'd) that the only reason that I have the kind of haircut I have is because I went to a barber in Ottawa because I had an hour's time, which is something that honourable members opposite don't give me when I'm here.

MR. WARNER H. JORGENSEN (Morris): . . . citation is only applicable when the reflection is derogatory, and in this instance it wasn't.

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

MR. I. H. (Izzy) ASPER (Leader of the Liberal Party) (Wolseley): Mr. Speaker, the Honourable House Leader for the Conservative Party's point is well taken but when the First Minister indicates that he may have been clipped in Ottawa it's time for a statement.

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

MR. McKELLAR: Mr. Speaker, I'll be serious, I'll continue my speech. But I just wondered if the barber in Ottawa decided to call when the election was going to be. This is what I was just wondering.

But you know being serious though, the First Minister does look more tonight like he did in 1958 when he came in here, a youthful, 22-year-old man. But I tell you by the time he's walked around the constituency for 35 days it's going to be a different ball game, it's going to be a different ball game.

Mr. Speaker, getting back to Urban Affairs. The greatest game of musical chairs has been played by the First Minister during his term as First Minister of the province. What has happened, Mr. Speaker? Well I'll tell you what's happened, I'll tell you what's happened. Between the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources, between the Minister of Finance, they've juggled around, juggled around, each had a go at this particular portfolio. And last but not least, what did the First Minister do? Who'd he give this portfolio to? The Minister of Education, a man who is the least qualified of the whole works in the Cabinet as far as I'm concerned. Least qualified of the whole works.

I admire the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources. He had ability. He used leadership in that department. But my gosh what happened? About three days before the session started on February 22nd who did the First Minister give this portfolio to? The most important portfolio, who deals with the most people. He gave it to the Minister of Education. Gave it to the Minister of Education. And where was the Minister of Education spending all the time at that time? At Ninette. In Ninette trying to solve a little educational problem in the Town of Ninette in my constituency. How can he handle the problems of Urban Affairs when he can't even handle the problems of education? Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker, it deserves more attention, it deserves more attention.

Mr. Speaker, how much are we giving to the City of Winnipeg? Mr. Speaker, this is the problem as I see it. Urban Affairs does not cover all the urban communities in the Province of Manitoba. As far as I can see the Urban Affairs Department covers only the City of Winnipeg. Mr. Speaker, why doesn't it cover the City of Brandon? Why doesn't it cover the Town of Souris? Why doesn't it cover the Town of Killarney? Boissevain? All the urban towns in the Province of Manitoba. Why doesn't it? Because they're actually serving no useful purpose. It should be called the Department of Winnipeg, the Department of Winnipeg. Mr. Speaker, for those of us who are concerned about urban communities in the Province of Manitoba this is not quite good enough in my opinion.

Mr. Speaker, we had a good example this afternoon in Committee, Law Amendments Committee. The government of the day decided they are going to tell the people of Brandon they are going to raise their taxes in Brandon this afternoon. They did that by amending the City of Brandon bill. They raised the taxes in the residential over a mill and a half. They raised the taxes on commercial over three mills. They did this by amendment to The City of Brandon bill. Mr. Speaker, when the City of Brandon boundaries were extended the City of Brandon did not get a dollar for the extension. The City of Winnipeg did, it's right in here, a million and a quarter this year, a million and three quarters last year. Mr. Speaker, for a sum of \$32,500 this afternoon, Mr. Speaker, this bill was amended. This bill was amended. That was the total cost of that amendment this afternoon. Thirty-two thousand five hundred dollars. Thirty-two thousand five hundred dollars. They said to the people of Brandon, you can pick up your own costs.

Well I don't happen to live in Brandon but I happen to live in other communities which I represent where the mill rate for the commercial already rose to 100 mills this year. In Souris

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(MR. McKELLAR cont'd) it's 94 mills; in Killarney it's about the same, other communities are about the same. Running around 95 to 105. Mr. Speaker, that's not the kind of leadership. We need some help for these communities in the Province of Manitoba and we need help now before it's too late. How do we expect growth to come in these communities when you've got mill rates around 100 mills? The businessmen they cannot afford to keep in business with that kind of a mill rate. That's not a tax, Mr. Speaker, that's a debt on their business for the next number of years unless some help is given in the near future.

This is all I'm saying to the First Minister, that he needs leadership in that department; and he won't get it from the man that's representing him here as Minister of Urban Affairs. He won't get it. It's not good enough. You'd have been better if you'd left it to the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources who does provide leadership, even though he kept us here till 7:30 in the morning. But that's not the kind of leadership. But he did it because he thought old men like myself would give in and go home to the hotel. I tell you, Mr. First Minister, I'm not that kind that's ever given up in my life and I'll never give up for the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources. I'll stay here and fight, and I tell you I'll be here till 6:00 o'clock tomorrow morning too. But I tell you I admire him. That's one thing about the Minister of Mines and Resources, if he says something you know he means it. Even if he tells you he's keeping you here till 7:30, you know he means it, every word of it, every word of it.

But, Mr. Speaker, did we ever hear from the Minister of Education who is the Minister of Urban Affairs? Not a word, not a word. He gave us a lecture on that great paper that the Member for Riel brought out. That's the only speech he made, the only speech he made trying to justify his position as Minister of Education. Mr. Speaker, that's not good enough for the people of the Province of Manitoba. That's not good enough for the communities which I serve. We want leadership. We want leadership and we need it in 1973, not later. (Hear, Hear)

MR. SPEAKER: Resolution passed? (Carried)

MR. SHERMAN: Ayes and Nays, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Call in the members.

Order please. Motion before the House is pass the resolution on Urban Affairs.

A STANDING VOTE was taken, the results being as follows:

YEAS

Messrs. Adam	Johannson
Allard	Jorgenson
Barrow	McBryde
Bilton	McGill
Blake	McGregor
Borowski	McKellar
Boyce	McKenzie
Burtniak	Mackling
Craik	Malinowski
Desjardins	Paulley
Doern	Pawley
Einarson	Petursson
Enns	Schreyer
Evans	Shafransky
Froese	Spivak
Girard	Toupin
Gottfried	Turnbull
Green	Mrs. Trueman
Hanuschak	Uruski
Henderson	Uskiw
Jenkins	Walding
	Watt

NAYS

Messrs. Asper
Barkman
G. Johnston
F. Johnston

Moug
Patrick
Sherman

MR. CLERK: Yeas 43; Nays 7.

MR. SPEAKER: In my opinion the ayes have it. I declare the motion carried.

Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$338,000--the Honourable Member for Gladstone.

MR. JAMES R. FERGUSON (Gladstone): Mr. Speaker. I was paired with the Honourable Member for St. Johns. Had I voted I'd have voted against.

MR. SPEAKER: Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$338,500 for Education Property Tax Credit Plan--passed? (Agreed)

Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty a further sum not exceeding \$78 million for Supplementary Supply, Resolutions 1 to 7 separately and collectively--passed? (Agreed)

That concludes the resolutions on concurrences.

The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Labour, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into a Committee to consider of Ways and Means for raising of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty. And if it meets with the approval of honourable members when we are in Committee of the Whole we could also deal with Bill 61. If that meets with general approval.

MR. SPEAKER: Is that agreed to? (Agreed).

MOTION presented and carried and the House resolved itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, with the Honourable Member for Logan in the Chair.

COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS

MR. CHAIRMAN: Is it the pleasure of the House to consider the resolution? (Agreed)
Resolved that towards making good certain sums of money granted to Her Majesty for the Public Service for the Province for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1974, the sum of \$605,761,300 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund--passed? (Agreed)

Resolved that towards making good certain further sums of money granted to Her Majesty for the public service of the Province for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1974, the sum of \$78 million be granted out of the Consolidated Fund--passed? (Agreed)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Bill No. 61, An Act to Amend the Income Tax (Manitoba) Section 1, 4 Sub (8)--passed, Sub (9)--passed, Sub (10)--passed; Section 1 passed. The Honourable Leader of the Official Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Before we pass, I wonder if the First Minister is in a position to indicate whether the sections that we have approved and the wording, comes as a result of the uniformity of legislation with other provincial jurisdictions, and is the legislation itself, that is, is the sections themselves, or are the sections identical with sections in other provinces?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Chairman, the answer is affirmative, yes, and it was the bill - this section is necessitated because of the requirements of having uniformity as across the country and the drafting was accordingly with that in mind.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Section 1--passed. The Honourable Leader of the Liberal Party.

MR. ASPER: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the First Minister would also confirm that the Manitoba tax legislation is now in harmony with the Federal amendment which will exempt from the capital gains tax farms when transferred between husband and wife and child on life or death transfers. Is the Minister in a position to indicate, is any further amendment to our statute required or will Manitoba farmers automatically through the amendment put through in Ottawa, or about to be put through in Ottawa, will they benefit from the change?

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Chairman, the changes that are involved here are those that are required technically to bring our legislation tax law in technical compliance and harmony with the federal law. Where there is a change in policy or a difference in policy, of course, that is a different matter.

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

MR. ASPER: Could the First Minister then give the House his assurance, which I believe he may have given in other ways in Question Periods earlier, that should any amendment be required so that Manitoba farmers get the full benefit of the abolition of capital gains tax on transfers in families, that such amendments would be made retroactive should they be required.

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, if that question is posed in a technical sense the answer would be affirmative. We do not intend to withhold any tax benefit that might, that would be intended by any change in Federal law, but my answer is not to be interpreted so as to extend to any tax changes that are of a policy nature.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Leader of the Official Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: I wonder if the First Minister can indicate whether the government has considered the potential of the possibility of a policy change which would put it in line and conform with the Federal position.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, the answer is yes, we would want to consider that, both in the light of the Federal changes and also in the light of succession duties and the relationship thereto.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Chairman, to the First Minister. I wonder if he can indicate whether the government has considered it, his government have they considered it, have they at this point rejected it?

MR. SCHREYER: Not in any final sense, Mr. Chairman. The matter will lend itself to consideration at a future date.

MR. CHAIRMAN: (Sections 1 and 2 were read and passed) Section 3--The Honourable Leader of the Official Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the First Minister has in his possession, or has a breakdown of the manner in which the \$42 million that is proposed to be provided by way of relief in this particular section was in fact determined; the amount of \$28 million was projected last year and there was some question and disagreement between ourselves and the government as to how and what manner that was projected. I know that the Minister of Finance indicated an amount which was less than the projection, and less than was anticipated, because my understanding was that the projection was to be more, and I wonder if in fact the First Minister has any figures or any basis for the assumption that there will be \$42 million of tax relief offered by this particular change.

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, the answer to that is really quite straightforward, that is the projection that was calculated by the officers of the Department of Finance and we were given that figure by way of advice from the officials of the Department of Finance. The Honourable the Leader of the Opposition is correct that there is some deviation from the estimate last year but it is not one that surprises us. It is only in the nature, as I recall offhand, of two to two point five million, I believe, and this figure of 40 million is really arrived at by in a sense straight line projection - that's the last basic mode, if I may say, of arriving at it, and I would venture to say that it too is subject to plus or minus two million and I don't think we'd be too far out.

MR. SPIVAK: Well, Mr. Chairman, there appears to be by simple arithmetic the basic contradiction, and this is why the question's asked. In effect there is a rise of \$26 million that was actually expended this year, \$42 million, and that's a rise of about \$16 million or approximately 40 percent. Excuse me, I'm sorry, more than 40 percent. No, it's 60 percent. No, but the point is there's a rise of about 60 percent of projected moneys to be forwarded yet the actual rise in the amount to be given as the basic minimum is only \$50.00 and applied to the number of dwelling units, assuming that everyone was to get an increase of \$50.00, and I don't think that will happen in all cases, it still would only be a rise of about 10 or 12 million dollars. So it would seem to be, Mr. Chairman, and I say to the First Minister, that the projection of \$42 million appears to be, unless there's some basis that can be put forward, to be a fairly substantial over-statement of the amount of money that will actually be given by way of tax relief next year.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, the course of action that my honourable friend has not taken into consideration is that whereas the former, last year's program was - the one legislated last year - that the basic formula was \$140.00 minus 1 percent of taxable income, with the remainder or the residual to be the amount of the rebate or credit but not so as to exceed

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(MR. SCHREYER cont'd) the total amount of school tax payable. It is now changed, as my honourable friend knows, so that it is now \$200.00 minus one percent of taxable income, with the remainder so as not to exceed in effect the total of their combined school and municipal tax. And therefore there will be a significant increase in the numbers that are eligible for larger amounts because that's one limiting factor the totality of school tax could not be exceeded in the individual case, now it can be exceeded so as to include some relief on municipal tax.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Chairman, is the First Minister in any position to indicate how much of that portion or what amount would be really municipal at this stage of the 42?

MR. SCHREYER: We are not attempting to give the impression, Mr. Chairman, that the amount would be major but I would try to identify for my honourable friend only by way of attempting to give a general indication, I would not want to be held to the amount, I would say in the order perhaps of 20 to 25 percent.

MR. CHAIRMAN: (The remainder of Section 4 was read and passed). Section 5, 4.1 Sub 10(a)--The Honourable Member for Riel.

MR. CRAIK: Mr. Chairman, this section 4.1 (10) here raises a number of questions.

A MEMBER: What section?

MR. CRAIK: 5 4.1(10) which deals with the deduction from municipal taxes. Mr. Speaker, the debate has gone on as you know at great extent on the--what we have considered to be a pretty convoluted way of paying back to the taxpayer money which has been taken from him directly in the first instance as a result directly of provincial government policy. Mr. Speaker, this section 4.1(10) is a section which allows the government in 1973 to grant back to the taxpayer a deduction of \$100.00, if in fact his municipal tax bill is that high, or less if his tax bill is less than 100, and of course in the vast majority of the cases the tax bills are over \$100.00, but allows the municipality or city or LGD presumably to - the Commissioner of Northern Affairs to deduct directly the \$100.00 off his tax bill this year. Now, Mr. Speaker, it begs the question naturally and this, of course, is the heights of the concern about this whole method of using a rebate system to pay back money to the taxpayer because the policies which have been generally developed by the government have imposed too high a property tax in the first place. But the way this section is worded, Mr. Speaker, it allows the government even at that to declare this \$100.00 to be deducted at source, namely the tax bill, property tax bill, only at the discretion of the government in any particular year, and of course we know by statement of the government that it will be deducted in 1973. Now, Mr. Speaker, it's been strongly rumoured that we'll have an election in 1973 and, of course, there's nothing to prevent this section of the Act the way it's worded to not be instituted in 1974, 1975 or 1976, and can be proclaimed again if necessary in another election four years from now, or whenever that might be, or the year after, or whenever the party in power and the First Minister decides that it should be called. Mr. Speaker, it really begs a question as to why it isn't written into the legislation that the equivalent of the \$100.00 that is to be deducted at source off the tax bills isn't in fact simply adopted as government policy and said that the property taxation levels in Manitoba are going to remain at a sufficiently high level that this policy shall be instituted and that at least there shall be a deduction of the minimum, or a maximum of \$100.00 every year until such time as the government shall bring in an Act or a different policy respecting school rebates and municipal rebates - school tax rebates and municipal tax rebates. But the way this bill is drafted, to repeat it again, Mr. Chairman, it allows the government at its discretion, and 1973 as we already know is going to be a year of discretion for the government and they're going to impose, or grant to the people the sum of \$100.00 on their property tax bills, property tax bills which are a result of government policy in the first place.

So again we disagree with the principle of this system of financing local government. We say that the government should adopt a policy of grants to the school divisions, an adequate foundation program, and a grant system to your municipalities for this sort of complicated method, that by the statement of the government itself, is going to cost \$338,500 just to manage to give the people back the money they shouldn't have paid in the first place, but to add insult to injury this clause 4.1(10) allows the government only to grant that \$100.00 back at source in any given year that it chooses, and again, Mr. Chairman, this isn't good taxation policy. It's inefficient taxation policy; it's taxation policy which will buy votes if you don't understand it. So, Mr. Chairman, hopefully there are enough understanding people in the Province of Manitoba that they will grasp the political content of wording and instituting a policy in a manner that it's contained in 4.1(10) of this Act.

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MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Chairman, I know that the honourable the member hasn't really tried to evoke any answer from me so I can be very brief. I would simply say to him that of course it is possible in so many sections of law to read sinister intent into draft legislation. But, Mr. Speaker, it is not as though we are proceeding unilaterally and out of step completely with the rest of the country. My honourable friend should recognize that in the Province of Ontario they do have a similar program under the Statute Law of which they are required and financial administration really deems it necessary that regulations of a detailed nature be passed. Here we have the Province of Ontario in February and in March with their advertisements, "Have you claimed your credit? Many happy returns on your property tax credit - Province of Ontario", etc. So what we are doing here is really in conformity with similar efforts in at least two other jurisdictions, one in toto, and one in part. The regulatory authority here is in keeping with previous indications.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Sturgeon Creek.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: Mr. Chairman, in this section this year when a person in Manitoba filled out their 1972 income tax and if he had a net income of \$8,000 deducted from \$140.00 he received \$60.00 credit. Now next year in 1974 remembering that he's getting \$100.00 this year off his real taxes in this year, if he has \$8,000 net next year deducted from 200 he is only going to get \$20.00 in 1974. You can say that he's had \$100.00 this year. Now what is going to happen next year? Is there going to be another rebate or something come up to take that strain of that \$100.00? Right now he's getting \$100.00 on your plan that you set up that would work yearly, that was regarded as a good plan. You're giving \$100.00 credit this year and when the man makes out his income tax in 1974, his '73 income tax, he is going to get \$20.00. He got \$100.00 this year.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. FROESE: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to ask the First Minister, will municipalities be compensated for the work that is involved in handling this program for them? I'm not sure at this time whether there is provision in other parts of the original Act to provide for this.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, one of the reasons that this particular mode was adopted, and I suspect the same reason in Ontario and partly in Alberta too, is because it is not as administratively cumbersome as was a previous effort at property tax rebate such as in 1965 when the effort was related by individual mailings to individual holders. I can also advise my honourable friend the Member for Rhineland that to the best of my knowledge, and I have just enquired of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, we have not received any indication from the Union of Manitoba Municipalities or the Urban Association that they felt that this was a particularly bothersome, cumbersome, or administratively expensive method. We didn't receive any negative advice.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Leader of the Official Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, there is a real tendency on the part of everyone to be very ecumenical in spirit as they deal with the government's main tax proposal. And, Mr. Speaker, in this particular section I think it is important to not restate a position but to answer the Honourable Attorney-General who in answering, as acting Minister of Finance for the government, the other day discussed and dealt with the criticisms and the position that we took with respect to this bill. Mr. Speaker, we see in this particular section the adoption of the position that we presented last year when the government introduced the revolutionary Education Tax Credit Program. Mr. Speaker, we said that the people in Manitoba - Mr. Speaker, we said that the people in Manitoba wanted direct tax relief on their tax bills, were not interested in the razzle-dazzle that was going to be provided by the Provincial Government who were going to try to give the impression that they were Big Brother handing back the taxpayer his money. We indicated, Mr. Speaker, that in effect the proposition that was being put forward, which was replacing a \$50.00 rebate program that the government had adopted, would have the effect of raising taxes initially by \$50.00, plus any additional mill rate that would be imposed as a result of increased costs, both for schools and for municipal costs and city costs, and further, Mr. Speaker, that it would mean that the people would be paying an excessive amount and would demand and want additional relief from the government.

So in effect what the government has done, has adopted the policy and brought it into its programs. In reality, Mr. Speaker, the government has gone full turn and is now providing

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(MR. SPIVAK cont'd) a direct rebate to the municipalities and to the cities for each individual taxpayer of \$100.00 on his tax bill. And in effect is providing the direct tax relief that we suggested they wanted in the first place. And the reason for this, Mr. Speaker, isn't because of the election that is to be forthcoming, and the reason, Mr. Speaker, that the section of this Act is worded in such a way that this can be a continuous thing by government, not just permissive for this one particular situation but rather the right for years to come, is because the government recognized that to their surprise that the people were not prepared to accept the Education Tax Program with all the waste of money on advertising and administration without the kind of direct relief at the time that they have to pay their taxes to the municipalities and to the cities.

And so, Mr. Speaker, whether the honourable members on the opposite side like it or not, and whether they are prepared to admit it today or not - and I do not think that the First Minister will admit that - what they have done, Mr. Speaker, is they have in effect changed and altered their policy, adopted the proposals that we put forward, and in effect are providing the direct tax relief, albeit not as high in the sense of the total relief that is being offered in the program but sufficiently high for the taxpayer to know that there is a provincial input that is assisting him in the almost unlimited growth of real estate taxes that he has to live by. So, Mr. Speaker, in accepting this particular proposal we should know, and we should note, that this proposal of Section 4.1(10) does not deal for this year only but can in fact apply for years to come and can be changed by regulation so that the amounts --(Interjection)-- No. By government, by regulation, not by the Legislature, by regulation. --(Interjection)-- No. Let's understand, Mr. Speaker, the reason that the government had to bring another Income Tax Act in is because the other Income Tax Act dealt with a maximum amount of \$140.00 and did not provide the government the right by regulation to alter and change that. What they have now done is provided that they can do this up to \$200.00. And in doing this, Mr. Speaker, they have had to come to the Legislature for another Act. But they have provided by way of regulation in this particular section the ability on their part for the years to come, or for any government in the years to come, to increase the amount or decrease the amount of \$100.00 and that is an acceptance, Mr. Speaker, or Mr. Chairman, in the most obvious way of the basic proposals that we as a Progressive Conservative Party suggested were in the interests of the people of the province and what they themselves desired. --(Interjection)-- Beg your pardon? --(Interjection)-- No. I say you did it. But I say what you did is followed our advice. Now the First Minister can send me all the advertising paraphernalia of the Ontario Government --(Interjection)-- I've read it - but it does not take away from the fact that in Manitoba the people in Manitoba wanted direct relief and the government was caught with the proposition, Mr. Speaker, that that relief had to be applied, and so we have this particular bill with the new section. We accept it. But let it be noted and, you know, it may be very difficult for the Attorney-General to swallow this, this proposal was ours, this proposal is what we said the people wanted, and in effect you've had to do it, and you in effect have had to provide for it in years to come.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Section 5 4.1(10)--the Honourable Member for Arthur.

MR. J. DOUGLAS WATT (Arthur): On the same section, and at the risk of being out of order because of being repetitive, since the First Minister is in his seat now, I want to again state my position that I did when this bill was on second reading in the House when I said that the Government of the day had used our taxation laws, had used the laws, had misused our laws, had abused the laws to overtax the people in order that they could have a surplus, and through this bill to rebate the property owner \$100.00 in a tax year or, pardon me, in an election year, if there is going to be an election this year. And my position is still the same that it is an election gimmick used by way of legislation that puts us in a very awkward position that we have to support giving back to the people the money that the government owes them, that the government have taken through the use and abuse and the misuse of the tax laws to give back to the people the money that is rightfully theirs.

MR. CHAIRMAN: (The remainder of Bill 61 was read and passed). Is it the will of the Committee to rise and report? Both committees rise and report. Committees rise. Call in the Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, your Committee of Ways and Means has considered certain resolutions and has directed me to report the same and asks leave to sit again.

Concurrently the Committee of the Whole has also considered Bill No. 61 and has directed me to report the same without amendment and asks leave to sit again.

IN SESSION - INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Logan.

MR. JENKINS: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Point Douglas, that the report of the Committee of Ways and Means and the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

MOTION presented and carried.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Mines and Resources, that the resolution reported from Committee of Ways and Means be now read a second time and concurred in.

MOTION presented and carried.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER introduced Bill No. 38, an Act for granting to Her Majesty certain further sums of money for the public service of the Province for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1974; and Bill No. 45, an Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the Province for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1974.

MOTION presented and carried.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

SECOND READING - BILL NOS. 38 and 45

MR. SCHREYER, by leave, presented Bill No. 38, an Act for the granting to Her Majesty certain further sums of money for the public service of the Province for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1974, for second reading.

MOTION presented.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. FROESE: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I think we should have copies of the Bill first.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Yes I was perhaps hasty by a moment there; the clerk is arranging for the distribution. My honourable friend the Member for Rhineland will see that the contents thereof are the same as that which we have been dealing with in previous stages.

MR. SPEAKER: Now that the bill has been distributed is it the pleasure of the House to concur in the motion? The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. FROESE: Mr. Speaker, which bill are we on?

MR. SPEAKER: Bill 38.

MR. FROESE: I'm agreed to let it go.

MR. SPEAKER: Motion agreed? So ordered. The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by - I'm sorry . . .

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: I wonder if there could be an explanation given of the amendment, or the page that indicates the comparison of the Supplementary Appropriation Act and the Supplementary Appropriation Act (1973) and how it relates, which deals with the \$2 million that was transferred from Urban Affairs.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker, I didn't get the full purport of the question.

MR. SPIVAK: Does the First Minister have in his possession a sheet called the Comparison of Supplementary Appropriation Act (1972) and Supplementary Appropriation Act (1973), and I wonder if he could explain what this really is all about.

MR. SCHREYER: Oh! The only significance of this sheet which attempts to compare the nature of the Supplementary Appropriations Act of last year and this bill that is before us now, is that it is similar in format. The amounts, of course, would vary from year to year, but it is similar in format, in fact identical, the only difference being that in the supplementary supply as provided for in this Bill 38, there is an amount not exceeding \$2 million for purposes of provision of assistance under the Department of Urban Affairs to the City of Winnipeg.

At the time when this was drafted there was still some negotiations as to the precise nature that the programming that would be eligible for this 2 million that has been resolved,

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(MR. SCHREYER cont'd) and the 2 million is being proceeded with as originally, I believe, announced in the Budget Address and as provided for as shown in the Budget papers.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

BILL 45

MR. SCHREYER presented Bill No. 45, an Act for Granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the Province for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March 1974, for second reading.

MOTION presented and carried.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider of the following bills: Bill Nos. 38 and 45.

Motion passed and carried and the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole House with the Honourable Member for Logan in the Chair.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE - BILL NO. 38

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please. Bill No. 38, an Act for granting to Her Majesty certain further sums of money for the public service of the Province for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1974. Page by page? (Agreed) Bill No. 38. Agreed? Page 1--passed. Page 2-- The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. FROESE: I think there's difficulty in discussing the sections when we're doing it page by page. Under Section 4(1) we have the transfer to capital division of certain funds appropriated, and we're giving the Minister of Finance the discretion to make these transfers.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I would like to draw the honourable member's attention he's on the wrong bill. Bill No. 38. Order, please.

Page 3--passed; Preamble--passed; Title--passed; Bill be reported.

BILL No. 45

MR. CHAIRMAN: Bill No. 45, an Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the Province for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1974.

Page by page? Page 1--passed? The Honourable Leader of the Liberal Party.

MR. ASPER: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I think it ought to be said and I wish to say it on behalf of the Liberal Party, that we are as in these two bills, 38 and 45, and as we will again in bill, likely 22, the Capital Supply Bill, we will advance very rapidly and we will give immediate passage, notwithstanding the fact that, Mr. Chairman, less than due consideration has been given to many of the items. Many of the items contained in these Estimates, and particularly in the Capital Supply, warrant very considerable debate and have had scant attention from this House. But, Mr. Chairman, it's no secret that we have been advised through the media that if passage is given to the essential legislation of this House facing this House tonight, that the First Minister is inclined to call the Lieutenant-Governor and issue a writ for an election. And, Mr. Chairman, it is the view of the Liberal Party that the value of this House as well as of this government to the public has come to an end and, Mr. Chairman, the events of the past two weeks, culminating in the unfortunate events of last night, persuade me and the Liberal Party to permit immediate passage of this and a number of other very controversial bills, including Capital Supply, without the debates . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please. Point of order has been raised. The Honourable . . .

MR. GREEN: Mr. Chairman, on the point of order. I would think that my honourable friend is dealing with sections of a bill and should deal with them.

MR. ASPER: Mr. Chairman, that's . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please. I would direct the honourable member to Rule 64(2) of our own House rules, and I'll read it for his benefit. Speeches in Committee of the Whole House must be strictly relevant to the item or clause under discussion. The Honourable -- (Interjection)-- Order. The Honourable Member for . . .

MR. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order. I think certainly all of us in this Chamber and most of the citizens of the Province of Manitoba are aware of the time that we have latterly spent in this Chamber, and to listen to this kind of sanctimonious crap from the Leader of the Liberal Party who is one person who has exemplified his attendance in this House by not being

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(MR. ENNS cont'd) here, one person in this Chamber that has only graced this Chamber occasionally trying to make a headline, one person who has never spent any time to examine any of these Estimates, then, Sir, that is hypocrisy of the sheerest and the highest order that I wish to disassociate myself and the Progressive Conservative Party from. Thank you.

MR. ASPER: Mr. Speaker, on the point of order, under the Rules of the House, under the Estimates and in Committee, there is the widest conceivable latitude. I have only a few minutes left to make my observation. My only comment on the point of order raised by the Honourable . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please. Order. I have already ruled that there is no point of order and directed the honourable member to Section of our House Rules 64 (2). Now I wish the honourable member would read the section. I have read it to him; I am not going to anticipate a debate and I'm not going to be prepared to debate with the honourable member. If he wishes to speak to the clauses or the items under discussion, fine and dandy. If he's not, I'm going to rule him out of order and I'm going to ask him to sit down. Failing that I will name him.

MR. ASPER: Mr. Chairman, I'm speaking on any section I wish to in the bills that you care to have me speak on. I can make my comment under the title of the bill; I can make it under Section 1. My comment is this and it is a perfectly appropriate comment; that we've had examples many times in this Chamber where political parties have been permitted the opportunity to put their position on the record. And we want it on the record, Sir, that one billion dollars is going to be approved between those three bills I've made reference to, and it is of the utmost of responsibility that we record here and now our position . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please. ORDER, PLEASE. The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Speaking on a point of order, Mr. Chairman. The Honourable the Leader of the Liberal Party has the misimpression that it is permissible under the rules to speak with the same kind of wide general latitude that is, I admit, permitted under other stages of House procedure, that is to say it is permissible under the rules and long-standing parliamentary practice, that when dealing with the Estimates of spending of a department, when dealing with Capital Supply in Committee stage, and of course all of the opportunities to move a motion of grievance on going into Supply or into Committee of Ways and Means, those are occasions when it is permissible to speak with the greatest amount of latitude and generality. But in a bill stage, Mr. Chairman, it is very clear that it is at least the principle of the bill that must be dealt with, the principle and the concept. But then, Sir, my honourable friend the Leader of the Liberal Party can deal with the principle of Bill 45 and the amount that is involved. Yes, I admit that. But he cannot then digress from that to talk about the parliamentary system and whether or not this Assembly has a practice of sitting longer hours on occasion than other legislative assemblies, etc., etc. That is straying from the principle of the bill. That is dealing with parliament and its modes of operation.

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

MR. ASPER: Mr. Chairman, for the very things that have been said and the fact that they have been said, I have no further observation to make. My first observation stands. This House has outlived its usefulness.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Leader of the Official Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Well, Mr. Speaker, on the point of order and the only comment I have to make on that, and it's a very brief remark. The hour of midnight is approaching and some decisions -- the witching hour depends on one's point of view. Mr. Speaker, I think that the Honourable Liberal Leader should be forgiven for what he considers his first shot in the election campaign. Having said that, Mr. Speaker, we are attempting to facilitate the government's intention and we are quite prepared for the battle that is going to come, and we look forward with great anticipation to the result. Having said that, Mr. Speaker, I think it is as much in order as the remarks of the Honourable Leader of the Liberal Party has --(Interjection)-- No. I haven't had my shot. I just want to indicate, Mr. Speaker, that in dealing with the Estimates of some \$700 million we will take these matters to the people and we'll discuss them with the people and be in a position to deal with them there.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order please. I don't know what the will of this House is, whether they want to discuss this bill, or do you want to engage in a debate with the Chairman or what? Page 1--passed. The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

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MR. FROESE: Mr. Chairman, just a few brief words. Bill 45 will give the government under Section 2, which is on page 1, \$605 million for purposes of government spending, and I think it should just be brought to the attention that in 1960 it was \$89 million, now it's \$605 million, the great increase that has taken place over the years. And I think it should be incumbent on members to see to it that the money is spent wisely and that we make every dollar count and that --(Interjection)-- Well, they are so anxious to get it passed, I will speak on the following page then.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Page 1--passed; Page 2--passed -- The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. FROESE: Mr. Chairman, on Page 2 we have the section dealing with transfer to Capital Division of certain funds appropriated. Here we're authorizing the Minister of Finance of funds that are unexpended, to transfer them for other purposes, and under (b) we have \$25 million which is to go for the construction of provincial trunk highways and provincial roads, related projects. And if this money is not spent for that purpose the Minister of Finance has the authorization, the power, to transfer that for other purposes, and I would take very strong exception that when we allocate funds for highway purposes that they should be spent for highway purposes when they are needed so badly in this province, and I take exception to this particular section of the bill.

MR. CHAIRMAN: (The remainder of Bill No. 45 was read page by page and passed). On Division. Is it the will of the Committee to rise and report? Committee rise. Call in the Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, your Committee of the Whole has considered Bills Nos. 38 and 45 and has directed me to report the same without amendment and asks leave to sit again.

IN SESSION

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

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

MOTION presented and carried.

THIRD READINGS

BILLS NOS. 38, 45, 61, 11 and 22 were each read a third time and passed.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable House Leader

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, would you now go to Page 2 of the Order Paper and call the bills in order, with the exception of those that have now been introduced by the Honourable the First Minister.

BILLS NOS. 2, 5, 20, 26, 35, 36, 44, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 15, 16, 18, 24, 25, 30, 39, 53, were each read a third time and passed.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I believe that leave is necessary to move Bills Numbers 42, 32, 49, and 59 which were reported from Committee today. Is that correct?

MR. SPEAKER: Is leave granted? The Honourable Member from Morris.

MR. JORGENSON: Mr. Speaker, I believe there are also four others: Bill Nos. 12, 34, 50 and 63.

MR. GREEN: Yes, that's correct, Mr. Clerk, and I don't have those immediately available.

MR. SPEAKER: Would the Honourable Minister name them?

MR. GREEN: I named 42, 32, 49 and 59 and the Honourable Member for Morris named four others.

MR. JORGENSON: No. 12, No. 34, No. 50 and No. 63.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, while we're waiting can we have the report from the Committee on Private Bills.

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

MR. JAMES WALDING (St. Vital): Mr. Speaker, I beg to present the second report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS

MR. CLERK: Your Committee has considered Bill No. 33, An Act to amend an Act to incorporate the Winnipeg Real Estate Board, all of which is respectfully submitted.

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

MR. WALDING: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Gimli that the report of the Committee be received.

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MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I believe that leave is necessary to move Third Reading of those bills as well, having just been reported from Committee this evening.

MR. SPEAKER: Is that agreed to? (Agreed)

MR. GREEN: I wonder if Bill No. 63 . . .

BILLS NOS. 63, 49, 32, 42, 59 were each read a third time and passed.

MR. GREEN: Would the members having private bills now present their bills.

BILLS NOS. 34, 50, 33, 37 were each read a third time and passed.

SECOND READING - BILL NO. 41

MR. J.R. (Bud) BOYCE (Winnipeg Centre): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Member for Flin Flon, seconded by the Member for Radisson, I beg to move that Bill No. 41, An Act to permit The City of Flin Flon to make a Grant to The Flin Flon Elderly and Infirm Housing Inc., be now read a second time and passed. (Read amongst third readings above)

MR. SPEAKER: Motion on Bill 41 be agreed to? So ordered.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

MR. SPEAKER: Before we proceed for a moment--do we have another bill? Before we proceed may I direct the attention of the Honourable Members to the loge to my left where we have some visitors - The Honourable Senator Molgat, I believe, a former member of this House, and Mr. Guttormson a previous MLA of this House. (Applause)

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

THIRD READINGS

BILLS NOS. 31 by leave, 54, 58 were each read a third time and passed.

MR. SPEAKER: Seventh inning stretch.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if it would meet with general concurrence to have, you might say, a ten minute recess and to reconvene at 10 minutes past.

MR. SPEAKER: Ten past twelve?

MR. SCHREYER: If that is acceptable, otherwise honourable members might wish to informally just to continue in Chamber, although there is no business to conduct for approximately five to ten minutes.

MR. SPEAKER: I'll make the break by leaving the Chair and then everyone can have a ten minute break.

CORRECTION

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable House Leader.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I would just like to unrecord an error in Hansard. By mistake Bill No. 41, which had not gone to Committee was moved for third reading and passed, and it should be noted in Hansard that that bill has not been passed.

MR. SPEAKER: Is that understood? (Agreed)

ROYAL ASSENT

His Honour, W. J. McKeag, Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Manitoba, having entered the House and being seated on the THRONE:

MR. SPEAKER: May it please Your Honour the Legislative Assembly, at its present session, passed several Bills, which in the name of the Assembly, I present to Your Honour and to which Bills I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent,

MR. CLERK:

- No. 2 - An Act to amend The Garage Keepers Act.
- No. 4 - An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act.
- No. 5 - The Personal Property Security Act.
- No. 6 - An Act to amend The Sale of Good Act.
- No. 7 - An Act to amend The Bills of Sale Act.
- No. 8 - An Act to amend The Assignments of Book Debts Act.
- No. 9 - An Act to amend and repeal The Lien Notes Act.
- No. 11 - The Special Municipal Loan and General Emergency Fund Act.
- No. 12 - An Act to amend The Brandon Charter.
- No. 13 - An Act to amend The Local Authorities Elections Act.
- No. 15 - An Act to amend The Married Women's Property Act.
- No. 16 - An Act to amend The Tortfeasors and Contributory Negligence Act.
- No. 18 - An Act to amend The Employment Safety Act.
- No. 20 - An Act to amend The Queen's Bench Act.
- No. 24 - An Act to amend The Crop Insurance Act.
- No. 25 - An Act to amend The Mortgage Brokers and Mortgage Dealers Act.
- No. 26 - An Act to amend The Real Estate Brokers Act.
- No. 30 - An Act to repeal The Small Debts Recovery Act.
- No. 31 - An Act to incorporate Dauphin Golf and Country Club.
- No. 32 - An Act to amend The Fires Prevention Act.
- No. 33 - An Act to amend An Act to Incorporate "The Winnipeg Real Estate Board".
- No. 34 - An Act to amend The Snowmobile Act.
- No. 35 - An Act to amend The Criminal Injuries Compensation Act.
- No. 36 - An Act to incorporate The Certified General Accountants Association of Manitoba.
- No. 37 - An Act to amend An Act to incorporate Westminster United Church Foundation.
- No. 39 - An Act to amend The Manitoba Water Services Board Act.
- No. 42 - An Act to amend The Child Welfare Act.
- No. 44 - The Prescription Drugs Cost Assistance Act.
- No. 49 - An Act to amend The Civil Service Superannuation Act.
- No. 50 - An Act to amend The Teachers' Pensions Act.
- No. 53 - An Act to amend An Act to amend The School Tax Reduction Act.
- No. 54 - An Act to amend An Act to Incorporate Transcona Country Club.
- No. 58 - The Concordia Hospital Act.
- No. 59 - An Act to amend The Social Allowances Act.
- No. 61 - An Act to amend The Income Tax Act (Manitoba).
- No. 63 - An Act to amend The Health Services Insurance Act.

MR. CLERK: In Her Majesty's name His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these bills.

MR. SPEAKER: We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and faithful subjects, the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba in session assembled, approach Your Honour with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to Her Majesty's person and Government, and beg for Your Honour the acceptance of these Bills:

No. 22 - An Act to Authorize the Expenditure of Moneys for Capital Purposes and Authorize the Borrowing of the Same.

No. 38 - An Act for Granting to Her Majesty Certain Further Sums of Money for the Public Service of the Province for the Fiscal Year Ending the 31st day of March, 1974.

MR. CLERK: His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth thank Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to these Bills in Her Majesty's Name.
(God Save the Queen)

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, I have the duty to inform the House of two messages from His Honour.

The first is that His Honour has dissolved this Legislature; and the second message is that Writs have been issued this date for a general election to be held in the Year of Our Lord 1973, the 28th of June.

This House is dissolved. (Applause)