

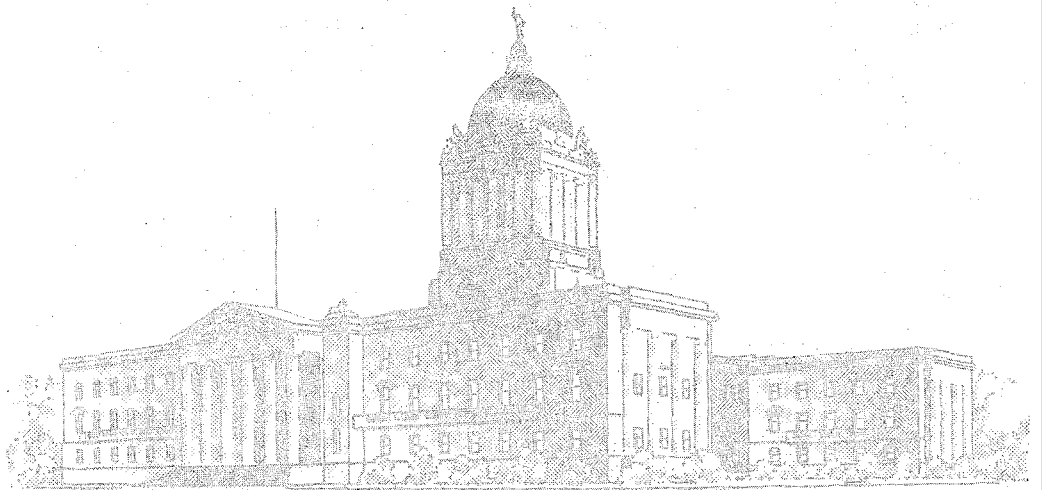


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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA  
8:00 o'clock, Thursday, April 13th, 1961.

Opening Prayer by Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Presenting Petitions.  
Reading and Receiving Petitions.  
Presenting Reports by Standing and Select Committees.

HON. STERLING R. LYON, Q. C. (Attorney-General) (Fort Garry): Mr. Speaker, I beg to present the Sixth Report of the Standing Committee on Law Amendments.

MR. CLERK: Your Select Standing Committee on Law Amendments begs leave to present the following as their Sixth Report. Your Committee has considered Bill 81, An Act to amend the Metropolitan Winnipeg Act (2), and has agreed to report the same without amendment. Your Committee has also considered Bill No. 88, An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act (2), and has agreed to report the same with certain amendment, all of which is respectfully submitted.

MR. LYON: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources, that the report of the Committee be received.

Mr. Speaker presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried.

MR. SPEAKER: Notice of Motion.  
Introduction of Bills.  
Committee of the Whole House.

MR. LYON: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the proposed resolution standing in my name on the Order Paper.

Mr. Speaker presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House with the Honourable Member for St. Matthews in the Chair.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

MR. LYON: Mr. Chairman, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having approved of the subject matter of the resolution, recommends it to the House.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Whereas the Standing Committee on Statutory Regulations and Orders has reported to the House: That the Standing Committee on Statutory Regulations and Orders consisting of Honourable Messrs. Lyon and McLean, Messrs. Christianson, Groves, Hillhouse, Hryhorczuk, Orlikow, Scarth, Smellie and Wright, appointed by the House on Thursday the Ninth Day of March, 1961, be appointed to examine all regulations made under The Regulations Act from June 1st, 1960 to February 14th, 1961; AND WHEREAS the Standing Committee on Statutory Regulations and Orders has reported to the House that the said Committee shall make its reports with such recommendations as it may deem advisable, to this House at the next regular session of the Legislature, and shall have power to sit during recess after adjournment or prorogation; THEREFORE be it resolved that the Standing Committee on Statutory Regulations and Orders appointed on Thursday the Ninth Day of March, 1961 be authorized to examine all regulations made under The Regulations Act from June 1st, 1960 to February 14th, 1961, and make such report as it may deem advisable to this House at the next regular session of the Legislature and shall have power to sit during recess after adjournment or prorogation; AND be it further resolved that the Provincial Treasurer be authorized to pay out of the Consolidated Fund to members of the said Committee the amount of such expense incurred by members in attending the sittings of the said Committee during recess as may be deemed necessary by the Comptroller-General.

MR. LYON: Mr. Chairman, I would make a short word of explanation. This is the usual resolution that accompanies the decision of the Committee to ask the House for permission to sit during recess. The final paragraph, of course, is very important that the Provincial Treasurer be authorized to pay travelling expenses and so on to the members. There's been some suggestion that the members may traverse to points outside of Winnipeg. I don't know, but I hope this resolution will receive the support of the Committee.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Committee rise and report. Call in the Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the

(Mr. Chairman, cont'd.) . . . . Committee of the Whole House has adopted a certain resolution and directs me to report the same and asks leave to sit again.

MR. W. G. MARTIN (St. Matthews): I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Winnipeg Centre that the report of the Committee be received.

Mr. Speaker presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried.

MR. LYON: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources, that the Resolution standing in my name on the Order Paper be now concurred in.

Mr. Speaker presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried.

MR. SPEAKER: Orders of the Day.

HON. DUFF ROBLIN (Premier) (Wolseley): Mr. Speaker, I'd like to consult the House about the order of business this evening. Normally I would suggest that we proceed with third readings and second readings that are on the Order Paper, and also hear the Honourable the Leader of the CCF Party speak on the Budget Debate if he wishes, but it seems to me that we have been crowding out the private members just a little bit and I would be quite willing to proceed at once. We'll leave out the third readings and give private members a chance to debate their resolutions if that were desired. I really don't recommend that; I recommend that we proceed in the way that I first outlined, but I leave it to the judgment of the House as to whether they wish to do that. Perhaps there could be some expression of opinion.

MR. EDMOND PREFONTAINE (Carillon): I don't think that our group, Mr. Speaker, has many private resolutions that they are very anxious to talk about at the present time, so I think our group will just leave it to the pleasure of the House.

MR. RUSSELL PAULLEY (Leader of the CCF) (Radisson): I think, Mr. Speaker, we would agree with that here. We have been given the assurance that private members' resolutions will not die on the Order Paper. While debate on them may be curtailed due to the closeness of the adjournment of the House, I think at this particular stage, though, we would have no objections to facilitating the desires of the First Minister.

MR. ROBLIN: I thank the House, Mr. Speaker; therefore, after the Orders of the Day, we will proceed with third readings and I agree that nothing should be done to abrogate the right of private members unless by consent.

MR. D. M. STANES (St. James): Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day, I'd like to direct your attention to the Gallery to your left, Sir, where you will find some 50 young ladies and gentlemen from the Silver Heights Collegiate accompanied by their teacher, Mr. John Neufeld and others, and also members from the St. James Kiwanis Club.

MR. SPEAKER: Orders of the Day. Committee of the Whole House.

MRS. CAROLYNE MORRISON (Pembina): I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Cypress, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into Committee to consider of the following bills.

Mr. Speaker presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with the Honourable Member for St. Matthews in the Chair.

#### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

Bill No. 22 was read, section by section, and passed.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Bill No. 47 . . . . .

MR. T. P. HILLHOUSE, Q.C. (Selkirk): Mr. Chairman, before proceeding with Bill No. 47, I wonder if it would meet the pleasure of the House if they passed this bill page by page. I don't think there's anything controversial in it. It might speed up the work of the Committee.

MR. ROBLIN: Mr. Chairman, that would be, I think, desirable under the circumstances. Page by page.

MR. LYON: Some questions were raised as to whether or not this bill should come in before us on proclamation or on Royal Assent.

MR. HILLHOUSE: On Royal Assent.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Proceed?

MR. ROBLIN: Page by page.

Bill No. 47 was read, page by page, and passed.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Bill No. 49, Section . . . . .

MR. ROBLIN: We'll deal with this bill in the same way with the exception of the amendment on proclamation.

MR. PAULLEY: I think there was one other amendment. It's a very short bill.

Bills No. 49, 53; 54 and 56 were each read page by page and passed. Bill No. 57, pages 1 to 6, passed.

MR. JAMES COWAN, Q. C. (Winnipeg Centre): I have an amendment in respect to Page 7. I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Wellington, that the bill be amended by adding the following section, 15: "No person shall, in a hospital, nursing home or old people's home, canvass or ask a patient or inmate of such hospital or home to purchase a pre-arranged funeral plan," and that the bill be further amended by re-numbering Section 15 and 16 as Sections 16 and 17 respectively. Now, Mr. Chairman, I would just like to say this, that there have been persons canvassing people in hospitals in order to try and sell a pre-arranged funeral plan, and this has been very upsetting to the patients. In one hospital an orderly was trying to sell these plans, and also it is possible that a person in charge of a home of some kind might make an arrangement with some special person to try and sell pre-arranged funeral plans in this particular home, and I think that this is something we don't want to encourage and we want to discourage, because we should have some regard for the feelings of the patients and the inmates in these homes.

MR. MORRIS A. GRAY (Inkster): Mr. Chairman, I fully support the last speaker. Some of those inmates that go to a home or a private home, nursing home, or the Old Folks' home, they go with the feeling that they are thrown in there to live out their last few years, expecting death, and stay in there as long as providence keeps them alive, and I think it creates a very, very bad effect, and I know it from experience of many. We had, for instance, the King Edward Hospital in Winnipeg -- that's a T. B. hospital, and anyone that goes into King Edward, instead of sending them to a sanatorium, they were of the opinion they were sent to King Edward because nobody goes out of there alive or cured. I know it from practical experience being a member of the Municipal Hospital Commission, and the same thing I know from my experience in the Old Folks' homes at the present time. They come there just to live out a few years so if anyone would come in and negotiate about a funeral or mention something about him that he cannot come out of that particular place, I think it would hasten the end of their life, and I fully support the contention of the last honourable member.

MR. HILLHOUSE: Mr. Chairman, would you mind reading that amendment again?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The proposed amendment? Moved by the Honourable Member for Winnipeg Centre, seconded by the Honourable Member for Wellington, that the bill be amended by adding the following section; Section 15: "No person shall, in a hospital, nursing home or old people's home, canvass or ask a patient or inmate of such hospital or home to purchase a pre-arranged funeral plan."

Mr. Chairman put the question and after a voice vote declared the motion carried.

HON. GEO. JOHNSON (Minister of Health and Public Welfare) (G1ml): Mr. Chairman, in connection with this bill, the Legislative Counsel has been in contact with the Superintendent of Insurance since the bill has appeared on the Order Paper, and we feel it might be advisable to put in a separate Section 15 and re-number the present sections 15 and 16. The new section might be as follows: "That a pre-arranged funeral plan is not a contract of life insurance within the meaning of The Insurance Act." I think they feel definitely that it is possible that this amendment might be considered by the committee and in view of the legal advice I have received it would seem that a pre-arranged funeral plan contract is a benefit and therefore might be considered as life insurance by some, but it is true that the funeral director is not in the ordinary sense an insurer, but the definition of insurer states in effect that it includes any corporation that undertakes a contract of insurance. The result is that technically speaking at least a pre-arranged funeral plan might be life insurance, and this was the proposal made to myself and I therefore would move that the present Section 15 state; "A pre-arranged funeral plan is not a contract of life insurance within the meaning of The Insurance Act." and re-number the present sections 15 and 16.

MR. CHAIRMAN: No. 16, yes. Well, this is the motion, the last part here? A pre-arranged funeral plan, as moved by the Honourable the Minister of Health and Welfare: "A

(Mr. Chairman, cont'd.) . . . . pre-arranged funeral plan is not a contract of life insurance within the meaning of The Insurance Act." That would become 16 and then the other would be 17. Have you any question?

Mr. Chairman put the question and after a voice vote declared the motion carried.

Bill No. 57 was passed as amended.

MR. LYON: I believe that there was passed without our perhaps appreciating it, Bill No. 56, and the Honourable Member from Springfield had a short amendment that he wished to propose to that bill. I was wondering if, by leave of the committee, he could go back to Bill No. 56 and propose that brief amendment. It relates to approval of debenture issues by the Municipal Board; it was an oversight by the solicitor who drafted the bill; he asks if it could be included in third reading. The Honourable Member from Springfield has the amendment.

MR. F. T. KLYM (Springfield): Mr. Chairman, I move that the following amendment be added to Bill No. 56, that is, "Any debentures issued under the authority of the said By-law shall be approved by a Municipal Board," that is to be Section 2, and further, to renumber the present Section 2 to read Section 3.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Moved by the Honourable Member for Springfield, "Any debentures issued under the authority of the said By-law shall be approved by the Municipal Board."

Mr. Chairman made the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried.

Bill No. 56 was reported passed as amended.

Bills No. 60, 63, 66, 69, 71, 73, 74, 75, 79, 84, 87 and 90 were each read page by page and passed.

MR. GRAY: May I ask a question to Honourable the Attorney-General, as a lawyer; what is the reason that the Law Society, it comes in every year with additional requests. Is it all for their protection, or is there any bills for the protection of the public?

MR. LYON: Mr. Chairman, first of all, the Law Society doesn't come in every year. I think there's only been one amendment for Law Society Acts in the last three years that I know of. Secondly, the honourable member will be happy to know this, that when they do come it's usually not for the sake of the profession so much as it is for the sake of the public, as is the case in this bill. You heard this morning, perhaps, some of what you might call rights that a member of a profession would be presumed to have are taken away under this bill by the governing body of the Law Society. Why? In order to protect the public. And I would say this, that if the Law Society were to keep bringing in amendments that were for the benefit of the public to the same extent as this bill, I would hope they'd bring in two or three a year. So I don't think we should worry about the frequency of the amendments.

Bill No. 91 was read page by page and passed.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Bill No. 94, page 1 passed. . . . .

MR. W. B. SCARTH, Q. C. (River Heights): There was an amendment made. I presume that has been written into the bill, has it not? Section 2, and then . . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes.

MR. SCARTH: There are three sections now.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes. There are three; 3, 1 and 2.

Bills No. 94, 96 and 100 were each read page by page and passed.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Committee rise and report. Call in the Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Committee of the Whole has considered the following bills and directed me to report as follows: Nos. 22, 47, 49, 53, 54, 60, 63, 66, 69, 71, 74, 75, 79, 84, 87, 90, 91, 94, 96, 100 without amendments; and 56 and 57 with amendments; and directed me to report the same and ask leave to sit again.

MR. MARTIN: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Winnipeg Centre, that the report of the committee be received.

Mr. Speaker presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried.

Bills No. 22, 47, 49, 53, 54, 56, 57, 60, 63, 66, 69, 71, 73, 74, 75, 79, 84, 87, 90, 91, 94, 96 and 100 were each read a third time and passed.

HON. GEORGE HUTTON (Minister of Agriculture and Conservation) (Rockwood-Iberville) presented Bill No. 108, An Act to amend The Dairy Act, for second reading.

Mr. Speaker presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried.

HON. GURNEY EVANS (Minister of Industry and Commerce) (Fort Rouge) presented Bill No. 113, An Act to amend the Town Planning Act, for second reading.

Mr. Speaker presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried.

MR. SPEAKER: Adjourned debate on the motion of the Honourable the First Minister and the amendment of the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition and the amendment to the amendment proposed by the Honourable Member for St. John's. The Honourable the Leader of the CCF Party.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, in rising to take part in what is traditionally called the Budget Speech, I feel obligated as the Leader of our group to say a few words following the introduction of the amendment as proposed by my honourable colleague, the Member for St. John's. I think, Sir, that in general in his remarks, he covered many of the criticisms which we of the CCF Party have in respect of the manner in which the Conservative Government of Manitoba is conducting the affairs of our fair province.

I think first of all, Sir, I should say to the House that we deliberately appended the motion of the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition because, first of all, rather than strike out any of the words in the amendment that we should add a further criticism. It has been our policy in the past in respect of the Budget Speech to do this, and while I appreciate the fact that at least on a couple of occasions this year on motions of non-confidence, that we have not followed the Official Opposition in criticism of the increase in the net provincial debt. We did not remove from the Liberal motion of non-confidence reference to that at this particular occasion and in respect of this particular debate. So while, Sir, I say that we may be criticized by the spokesmen of the government, we make no apologies in our amendment to the amendment for not eliminating the point of which I speak at the present time.

One of the reasons, Sir, when we were debating the Address in Reply to His Honour's Address that we completely eliminated from our amendment to the amendment all of the phraseology of the Official Opposition, was because of the fact that we wanted to give to the Official Opposition an opportunity to vote for or against what they had so recently at that time agreed to at their Ottawa Rally; namely, a comprehensive health insurance plan for the Dominion of Canada. Of course, Sir, as the record has so well established, the Liberal Party of the Province of Manitoba have nailed their policy to the masthead of carrying on as they had in the past, of being in opposition to a comprehensive health scheme for the Dominion of Canada and, therefore, voted against our resolution. Of course, Mr. Speaker, many of us are not surprised at that. When we came down to the question of the criticism of my honourable friends opposite in respect of their budget, as I say, we have appended our amendment to the amendment of the Official Opposition and have broadened the scope of the criticism which we feel should come from this side of the House to the Government of Manitoba. I hope, Sir, in my remarks this evening, that I may change somewhat from the reputation, that in some quarters I have earned or presume to have earned, of being rather lengthy. I thought, Sir, that my remarks will not substantiate what others have suggested that I am, in that my remarks will be relatively brief, and the word "relatively", of course, is used with a lot of licence.

My honourable colleague, in his amendment to the amendment, suggests that the Government of Manitoba has not provided for the planned and orderly economic growth of Manitoba to ensure that the people of the province will receive the benefits thereof. I think he's substantiated the case of our party, despite the verblage of my honourable friends opposite, despite the attempt of the Honourable the Minister of Industry and Commerce in particular, through the media of press and pamphlets, to tell the story in Manitoba and outside that we are planning for the economic growth of our province. I think my colleague from St. John's clearly demonstrated that such is not the case. Even when my honourable friend the Leader of the House, the Premier of our province, was speaking on a resolution that I had the honour to introduce in connection with the question of unemployment, at no point in his reply was he able to point out that any basic solution had been offered or was envisioned by the Government of Manitoba for a real future economic expansion of the province in any planned and orderly manner.

(Mr. Paulley, cont'd.)

But the point that I want to speak of tonight particularly, Mr. Speaker, deals with the last part of the amendment to the amendment as proposed by my colleague the member for St. John's, when he said that the Government of the Province of Manitoba has failed to negotiate a satisfactory tax arrangement with the Government of Canada which will ensure increased revenues for the Province of Manitoba. I appreciate very much, Mr. Speaker, that the Honourable the First Minister has indicated to this House that sometime this summer there will be a special session of the Assembly to deal with the very vital and important matter of the Dominion-Provincial relationship in fiscal and monetary matters -- fiscal arrangements -- but, Mr. Speaker, I think this is of such prime importance to this Assembly, that rather than wait until the middle of the summer we should be giving consideration to these matters now; because it can well be that what we will be called upon to consider in the proposed special session in the summer is merely an agreement of something that has been already resolved, in effect, between the Dominion and the Province of Manitoba. I think, Sir, that we, in this Assembly, have every licence to offer criticisms to our present administration that we do not think that they have been vigorous enough, insofar as the information that we have been able to garner, in seeing that the province's finances have been adequately brought to the fore in respect of the Dominion-Provincial agreements.

And, Sir, for the matter of history, for the matter of the record, I want to go over the last few years of the utterances and the statements which the records show that the Conservative Party of Manitoba has made, or their representatives have made, in respect of the very vital situation in regard to our province in the matter of Dominion-Provincial relations and fiscal policy. I want first of all, Sir, to go back to the year 1958 when my honourable friends opposite were seated on this side of the House in opposition. In 1958, Sir, as you may recall, we had a Liberal Administration here in the Province of Manitoba and we had a Conservative Administration in Ottawa. The Liberal Administration here in the Province of Manitoba were critical of the Conservative Administration at Ottawa and proposed in this House, in March of 1958, a lengthy resolution which asked, in effect, that the then ten percent of federal individual income tax, nine percent taxable corporate income, and 50 percent of the federal succession duties should be increased to 13, 9 and 50. -- (Interjection) -- To make it on a permanent basis. I am glad of the interjection of my honourable friend. The purpose of the resolution at that time, Mr. Speaker, as my honourable friend the First Minister points out, was to write in to the Dominion-Provincial agreement that the 13 percent, which was then tentative, should be permanent. My honourable friends opposite now, who were sitting on this side of the House then, through the Honourable the then member of -- and is now the Honourable the Minister of Industry and Commerce and my old benchmate back here, suggested this resolution by way of an amendment: "whereas the importance to Manitoba of the Federal-Provincial tax rental and equalization arrangements is everywhere recognized; and whereas the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba has on more than one occasion in the past considered, debated and approved legislation with respect to these Federal-Provincial arrangements; and whereas it has been indicated that the governments of the provinces will in future receive increases in revenues from the said tax rental agreements; therefore be it resolved that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urges the Government of Canada to continue its examination of the basis of the tax-rental agreement with the object of ensuring that the citizens of all provinces shall benefit equally from tax revenues in Canada, taking into account larger tax rentals, the equalization principle, stabilization payments and special assistance needs." -- (Interjection) -- Right. My honourable friend promises that. I am glad that he does, Mr. Speaker.

Then in the budget speech of my honourable friend the First Minister in 1959, on page 26, said this: "Nor have we slackened in our endeavours to achieve greater benefits from the arrangements for tax-sharing in the major revenue fields. Another Dominion-Provincial meeting is being scheduled for October as the result of recent discussions in Ottawa, and we have every hope that Canada's economy will continue to show a growing strength and that, as a result, we may expect further improvement in our fiscal arrangement for the end of the year." Epistle, 1959.

In 1960 - 1960, Mr. Speaker, in the report of my honourable friend the Provincial



(Mr. Paulley, cont'd.)....Treasurer to this Legislature, tells us on page 20, "there has been some progress in the question of improving fiscal relations between the province and the Dominion." On page 21, Mr. Speaker, quoting again from the report of the Provincial Treasurer to this Assembly, the Honourable the Provincial Treasurer tells us here in this Assembly, "Firstly we stress the urgent need of the provinces, and through them the municipalities, for a greater share of the taxation revenue available to the governments in Canada. As to the first, we have continued to press for a larger share of individual and corporation income taxes. As honourable members know," -- so my honourable friend's report to this Assembly goes on-- "As honourable members know, we are limited at the present time to 13 percent of the 1956 level of the Dominion tax on individual incomes, and 9 percent and 50 percent. This, as a minimum, we regard being more in line with our provincial responsibilities." Previous to this in the same paragraph, my honourable friend suggested that a formula of 15 percent of the individual tax, 15 percent of the corporation tax, and 50 percent of the estate tax, succession duties, should be the right of the province. "Our claim," he goes on to say, "from this source received short shrift at the hands of the Minister of Finance, but," he said, "we will continue to fight for this." Then in the report of 1960 the Provincial Treasurer tells us in this Assembly, on page 22, "This stand suggests that a province's entitlement to a share of taxation revenue is based on whether or not Canada feels she can afford it, but the provinces are not mere residual partners in the Canadian Confederation. We cannot accept the implication that we must wait for some unstated level of Dominion revenue before we receive recognition of our just rights." The Treasurer of the Province of Manitoba in the year 1960, again on page 23, my honourable friend says, "In these negotiations we will, as in the past, hold to those basic principles which the fundamental interests of Manitoba demand." And again, Mr. Speaker, in respect of 1960, my honourable friend says on page 24, "This government will press Manitoba's case for a just and proper allocation of revenues and responsibilities." Edition No. 1960.

1961 - what have we got? In the Manitoba Budget and Economic Review for the year 1961, what does my honourable friend have to say after having said what he has said, or his party has said in the years '58, '59 and '60. What do we find in 1961? Page 26, "The tax collection arrangements also makes it possible for the provinces to vary tax rates at will from the standard tax rates agreed upon. This freedom of action, used with realism and discretion, may prove necessary in the future." On page -- (Interjection) -- Oh, I read it so well, and I'm going to tell you quite frankly, Mr. Speaker, my honourable friend wrote it so well that I am able to read it so well, because it is a complete refutation of what he had said in the past is the just claim of the Province of Manitoba. He also says -- when we look at the figures that my honourable friend presents to us in the chart following page 26 -- that here, or for the year 1962-1963, under the new proposals of the tax-rental agreement that we have been assured of at least no less than we have received in the year 1961 or 61-62. This, Sir, was the champion insofar as Dominion-Provincial fiscal relations that was going to go down to Ottawa to beard the lion on behalf of the citizens of Manitoba, to get a more equitable share of the Dominion's revenues for the Province of Manitoba so that we would be able to do at last those things which for so long we had been unable to do here in the Province of Manitoba. Yet when we hear his budget speech in the year 1961, we have him say, well at least we're not going to be any worse off for the year 1962-63 under the new proposed arrangements of his colleagues and friends down at Ottawa than we were in 1961-62. I say, Sir, that is simply not enough for the people and the citizens of the Province of Manitoba, that when their Provincial Treasurer and their Premier tells us here in this House in his economic review for the immediate future, that we have to wait at least two or three years before we are going to receive any benefits. And what has been suggested through the media of the press? I hope my friend tells me as to whether the press has quoted him correctly or not, but it indicates to me, at least through the media of the press, that my honourable friend is prepared to accept the offers of the Federal authorities without too much opposition.

As a matter of fact, Sir, if the press report is correct as carried by the Tribune of the 24th of February of this year, it is reported as saying, and I quote from the press report: "Mr. Roblin seeking the bright side saw some improvements from the old formula but said that the intricacies required detailed study." And here is presumably a quote from my honourable friend, and I quote from the report: "I think the Federal Government has certainly taken

(Mr. Paulley, cont'd.) . . . notice of the points made by Manitoba at the last conference," observed Mr. Roblin." The formula provides a floor just as good as the present system and offers the prospect of us getting more." Mr. Speaker, were not these the words of the Honourable First Minister of this Province and the Provincial Treasurer a few years back when he said, in effect, that we will get more? That he would carry the just fight of the Province of Manitoba for a more equitable share of the revenues of the Dominion to the Federal House? I quote, Mr. Speaker, from an editorial of the Tribune again, of February 2nd, 1961, which says: "A good many Canadians, particularly those outside of central Canada, have misgivings about a return to the system where each province would levy its own taxes in these three important fields. They have serious doubts about abandoning a system that has been created by 20 years of negotiation and one that in actual practice has worked satisfactorily. They fear the creation of a vulcanized tax jungle in Canada in which there could be ten different tax rates." Then some further quotes in this editorial, but I think the last one is very very significant in this particular editorial, where it states that the test of the new proposal should be: "Will this plan enable all of the provinces to have access to sufficient revenues to carry out their responsibilities under Confederation and will it assure a basic minimum of public services to citizens in all parts of Canada?" I say, Mr. Speaker, that in my humble opinion that it will not. The First Minister in the presentation of his budget before this Assembly, despite the fact that it did carry, and we appreciate the necessity of carrying increases in gasoline tax and motor fuel tax, the inference with this Assembly is that the Province of Manitoba is faced with a very severe possibility of increased taxation in other fields as well, as a result of the failure of the Government of Manitoba to persuade or insist on a revision of the present tax-rental agreement based on a more equitable share of the revenues of the Dominion of Canada to the Province of Manitoba.

I said Sir, that I was not going to be long. I just want to close with this. We are often accused on this side, or this particular corner of the House, of making reference to the Province of Saskatchewan in respect of their legislation. I think, Sir, that they are taking the proper attitude in respect of this very very vital question of fiscal arrangements at the Dominion and Provincial level when they say on Page No. 10 of the Budget Speech of the Honourable W.S. Lloyd, when he says: "We have just returned from the Dominion-Provincial Fiscal Conference. I regret to say, Mr. Speaker, that the changes in the tax-sharing arrangements proposed by the Dominion will not benefit Saskatchewan or its local governments in any way. They simply freeze us to the level of payments we would have received under the present arrangements." And I, Sir, standing here in my place, say that it could well be that the Treasurer of the Province of Manitoba could well stand in his place here in this Assembly and say: "I regret Sir, that we of the Province of Manitoba have not, as yet, been able to convince the Diefenbaker-Fleming government at Ottawa that their proposals are not adequate to take care of the needs of the Province of Manitoba, but I assure to this House that I will continue my endeavours to have them changed to what we formerly thought was a more fair and reasonable adjustment, and before the next session, which I have suggested that we call in July, I will lend my endeavouring efforts to see that that is accomplished."

MR. SPEAKER: Are you ready for the question?

MR. GRAY: Mr. Speaker, if no one else wishes to speak, I would like to adjourn the debate, seconded by the Honourable Member for Seven Oaks.

Mr. Speaker presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried.

MR. SPEAKER: Adjourned debate on Second Reading of the motion proposed by the Honourable Member for Brokenhead. The Honourable the Minister of Utilities. Bill No. 92.

HON. J. B. CARROLL (Minister of Public Utilities) (The Pas): Mr. Speaker, I would beg leave of the House to let this matter stand.

MR. R. O. LISSAMAN (Brandon) presented Bill No. 104, an Act to amend The Brandon Charter (2), for second reading.

Mr. Speaker presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried.

MR. M. E. McKELLAR (Souris-Lansdowne) presented Bill No. 105, an Act to amend an Act respecting the Town of Souris for second reading.

Mr. Speaker presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried.

MR. ROBLIN: Mr. Speaker, if there is no objection from any quarter of the House, I will move the adjournment so that we may proceed to the Agricultural Committee. There being no objection, I move, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce, that the House do now adjourn.

MR. SPEAKER: I take it we adjourn until 2:30 tomorrow afternoon?

MR. ROBLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker; 2:30 tomorrow afternoon I think will be the right time, because Law Amendments will meet at 10:00.

Mr. Speaker presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried and the House adjourned until 2:30 Friday afternoon.