

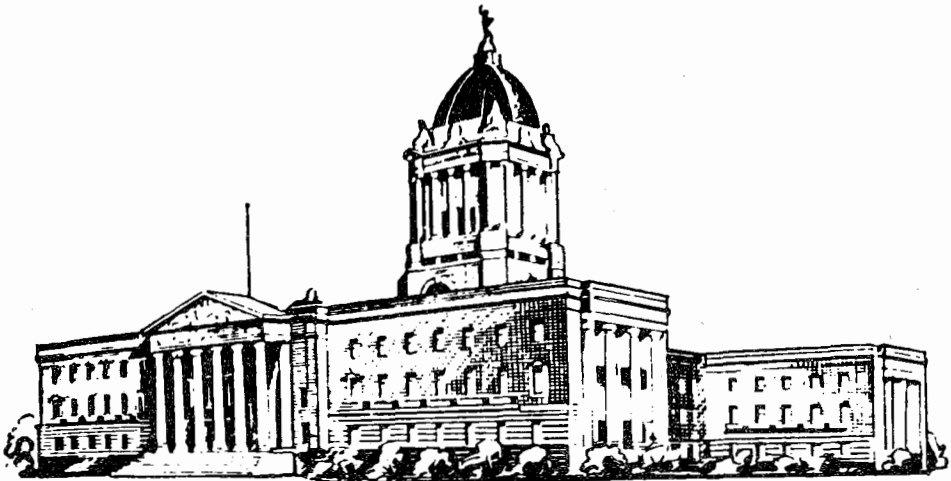


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Opening Prayer by Mr. Speaker.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

MR. SPEAKER: Before we proceed I should like to direct the attention of the honourable members to the gallery where we have 30 students of Grade 6 standing of the Buchanan School. These students are under the direction of Mesdames Hamm and Bonneau. This school is located in the constituency of the Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

We also have 30 students of Grade 5 standing of the Norberry School. These students are under the direction of Mrs. McMurchy. This school is located in the constituency of the Honourable Member for Riel. On behalf of all the honourable members I would like to welcome you here today.

I should also like to direct the attention of the honourable members to my gallery where we have visitors from Switzerland. We have the Consul of Switzerland -- Order, please -- Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Voirol and we also have a member of the Switzerland Legislature, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Guisan of Switzerland. On behalf of the honourable members I welcome you here today.

Presenting Petitions; Reading and Receiving Petitions; Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees; Ministerial Statements and Tabling of Reports. The Honourable the Attorney-General.

TABLING OF REPORTS

HON. A. H. MACKLING, Q.C. (Attorney-General)(St. James): Mr. Speaker, some time ago I was questioned about the report from my department in connection with the probable extension or effect on the immunity of members in the event of any extension of media broadcasting from the Assembly and I mentioned that I had received a report. I now wish to table copies for the House - for the benefit of the parties in the House.

MR. SPEAKER: Any other Ministerial Statements or reports? Notices of Motion; Introduction of Bills. The Honourable the Attorney-General.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

MR. MACKLING introduced Bill No. 13, an Act to amend The Expropriation Act and to validate Certain Confirming Orders made under The Expropriation Act; and Bill No. 15, an Act to amend The Summary Convictions Act, for first reading.

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

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs.

HON. HOWARD R. PAWLEY (Minister of Municipal Affairs)(Selkirk) introduced Bill No. 11, an Act to amend The Local Authorities Elections Act, for first reading.

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

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Winnipeg Centre.

MR. J. R. (BUD) BOYCE (Winnipeg Centre) introduced Bill No. 9, an Act to amend The Land Surveyors Act, for first reading.

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

MR. SPEAKER: Oral Questions The Honourable Member for Riel.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

MR. DONALD W. CRAIK (Riel): Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct a question to the Minister of Industry and Commerce. Can he advise the House whether there are any negotiations being carried on with Columbia Forest Products at Sprague, Manitoba that can be reported to the House?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce.

HON. LEONARD S. EVANS (Minister of Industry and Commerce)(Brandon East): Mr. Speaker, I have been advised by officials of the MDC that they have been in conversations and discussions with officials of the Columbia Forest Products for some time but I have nothing to report to the House on this matter.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Brandon West.

MR. EDWARD MCGILL (Brandon West): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Honourable

(MR. MCGILL cont'd) the Minister of Finance. Can he tell the House if the Government of Manitoba has made an offer to the City of Winnipeg to subsidize the purchase of buses from Western Flyer Industries?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Finance.

HON. SAUL CHERNIACK, Q.C. (Minister of Finance)(St. Johns): Mr. Speaker, last year the Government of Manitoba made certain grants or contributions in relation to the transportation needs of the City of Winnipeg and they've been informed this year that they can expect at least similar arrangements for this coming year.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Brandon West.

MR. MCGILL: A subsequent question, Mr. Speaker. Does this procedure set aside the normal method of tendering by the City of Winnipeg for the bus purchases?

MR. CHERNIACK: Mr. Speaker, I'm not in a position to be able to report on procedures of the City of Winnipeg?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for La Verendrye.

MR. LEONARD A. BARKMAN (La Verendrye): Mr. Speaker, on the same question to the same Minister -- Will Brandon, Flin Flon and other municipalities have the same kind of opportunity of buying on this basis?

MR. CHERNIACK: Mr. Speaker, I would assume that this is a matter of policy that can be discussed in due course.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Minnedosa.

MR. DAVID R. BLAKE (Minnedosa): Mr. Speaker, my question would be to the Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce. Could he tell us if he has received a report on the operations and financial position of Western Flyer Industries?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce.

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, as honourable members of this House should know, the Manitoba Development Corporation has approximately a three-quarters percent equity interest in this company and therefore it's virtually a subsidiary of the Manitoba Development Corporation and we are therefore aware of its financial situation.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Minnedosa.

MR. BLAKE: A supplementary question. I was wondering if a recent report that is reported to be in his hands, if it might be available to the members of the House?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce.

MR. EVANS: I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker, I didn't hear the question.

MR. BLAKE: A recent report that is reported to be in your hands -- I wondered if it might be made available to members of the House.

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, I obtain many reports on the Manitoba Development Corporation and we receive much information on this particular company. I don't know which report you're talking about, and if he would like to be more specific, I'll try to answer the question.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. HARRY J. ENNS (Lakeside): Mr. Speaker, I direct a question to the Honourable the First Minister. Would the First Minister consider making available to all members of the Legislature an opportunity to tour the facilities of Western Flyer Coach and at that time have the opportunity of being fully briefed with respect to the current financial affairs of that company?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

HON. EDWARD SCHREYER (Premier)(Rossmere): Mr. Speaker, the honourable member's solicitude for this corporation which is employing quite a number of people in the Morris area is appreciated. His suggestion implied in his question will be considered.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SIDNEY SPIVAK, Q.C. (Leader of the Opposition)(River Heights): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the First Minister. I wonder if he would prevail upon his House Leader to call a Standing Committee on Economic Development so the Chairman of the Manitoba Development Corporation can be brought before the Committee and the logical questions that have to be asked on this and other matters may be asked.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, I find it with very few exceptions, I don't have to prevail on the House Leader. I'm sure that the House Leader will endeavour to have that committee meet just as soon as it's feasible.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

MR. L. R. (BUD) SHERMAN (Fort Garry): Mr. Speaker, I believe the record will show that the Minister of Industry and Commerce . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Will the honourable member place a question.

MR. SHERMAN: My question is to the Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce, Mr. Speaker. I believe the record will show that in his last answer he referred . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Order, please. I asked the honourable member to place a question. I want no prefacing of a speech before it. The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

MR. SHERMAN: I'm attempting to put my question, Sir. Will the Minister for Industry and Commerce clarify the statement having to do with the MDC equity in Western Flyer Industries which he made a moment or two ago. I believe he said three-quarters percent holding.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce.

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, yes. I meant three-quarters of the total of equity. Seventy-five percent, yeah. I'm sorry. It was a slip of the tongue. I might add, Mr. Speaker, that last year I gave a very lengthy statement with respect to the financial arrangements that had been made by the MDC relating to Western Flyer Coach and that is on record in Hansard. I must say some members didn't want me to read it all into the record but I nevertheless did read it all and it's there in great detail for every member to read.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Churchill.

MR. GORDON W. BEARD (Churchill): My question is to the Minister of Industry and Commerce. In a release today in the Free Press, I noticed that the Minister of Industry and Commerce has stated that there would be no wheat shipment through Churchill to Russia this year. I wonder in view of this statement whether he would now be willing to go to Ottawa and make personal representation to the Russian Embassy?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member of Industry and Commerce.

MR. EVANS: Well, Mr. Speaker, our information is - and of course this is the information given to the province by the appropriate federal authorities that a considerable amount of grain is expected to be shipped through Churchill this year and that so much so that there may not be enough room to handle the current Russian - the proposed Russian shipment. However I'm not convinced of the entire optimism and validity of this statement and therefore we're checking it more fully but again I would repeat that this is a federal jurisdiction but we will make every effort to secure the correct information.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Churchill.

MR. BEARD: A subsequent question then. In dealing with the cargo to the northern LIFT he has indicated that he is satisfied with the amount . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Would the honourable member place a question.

MR. BEARD: Is the Minister satisfied now with the amount that is being sent north as he stated in the release.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce.

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, in general, I am not satisfied with the extent to which the Port of Churchill is being utilized.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Churchill.

MR. BEARD: On a last subsequent question. Would the Minister be more satisfied with the 50 million movement rather than 27 million this year?

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. I don't see that the question is relevant to the House with what the Minister's satisfied with or not. The Honourable Member for Brandon West.

MR. MCGILL: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. With respect to previous questions on the purchase of buses by the City of Winnipeg from Western Flyer is there provision in the present expenditure estimates to cover \$500,000 from the government for this purpose?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Finance.

MR. CHERNIACK: Mr. Speaker, we will be dealing with Estimates as we go along and information will be available in the Estimates. I would hope that the honourable member accepts the fact that this government will deal responsibly with the monies charged in this respect. The Estimates provide the kinds of monies and expenditures for which we are responsible in the commitment we make. Having said all that I would say that I would say that I

(MR. CHERNIACK cont'd) would expect seriously that they are in the Estimates otherwise you wouldn't have made that kind of commitment.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Fort Rouge.

MRS. INEZ TRUEMAN (Fort Rouge): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Honourable Minister of Health and Social Development. Will the additional staff which the Minister has reported the planning to hire to help check welfare abuse be assigned to Mr. Barbour and his investigations or will they become permanent additional staff in the department?

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

HON. RENE E. TOUPIN (Minister of Health and Social Development)(Springfield): Mr. Speaker, there's as you so well know if you look back a few years when the Estimates of the Department of Health and Social Development were presented to this House there was increases of staff pertaining to the needs that are supplied to the Department of Health and Social Development. There will be presented to this House very shortly an increase in staff and hopefully that existing staff and some of the additional staff required would be not only used for existing services but to check on abuse so far as the inquiry - the study to be made by Professor Barbour -- he will have at his disposal whatever expertise or staff needed to do an adequate job in the inquiry that is taking place.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. ENNS: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, to the Honourable the Minister of Health and Social Development. Can the Minister tell me simply how many additional new staff he is hiring for this purpose?

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Speaker, the Estimates of the Department of Health and Social Development will be presented to this House shortly and you will be informed at that time.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. ENNS: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Can he indicate whether any of this additional staff will be coming from the Planning and Priorities staff?

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Speaker, when we look at services that are needed in departments of government it doesn't really matter where the staff man years comes from you have to meet the needs and that's the size of it.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. J. WALLY McKENZIE (Roblin): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Tourism and Recreation. Who is the advertising agency that's placing ads in American magazines promoting tourism and recreation in Manitoba?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Tourism and Recreation.

HON. LAURENT L. DESJARDINS (Minister of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs)(St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, I think that we should deal with that during the Estimates.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Arthur.

MR. J. DOUGLAS WATT (Arthur): Mr. Speaker, I direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture without preamble, Sir. Could the Minister tell us when we will receive the bill amending the National Products Marketing Act and if it will give us some indication whether there is going to be production control . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The question is anticipatory of procedures of the House. The Honourable Member for Arthur.

MR. WATT: When may we expect the bill to amend the National Products Marketing Act?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Agriculture.

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

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Arthur.

MR. WATT: Could I ask him why it was released to the news media before it was to the House that there would be an amendment?

MR. USKIW: Well, Mr. Speaker, I don't think I was speaking out of turn because it was mentioned in the Throne Speech.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Arthur.

MR. WATT: . . . to the Acting Minister of Water Control. Could he tell the House in his report from Water Control yesterday why it did not include the flooding problem on the Souris River.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable the House Leader.

HON. RUSSELL PAULLEY (Minister of Labour)(Transcona): Mr. Speaker, may I

(MR. PAULLEY cont'd) inform my honourable friend there is no such minister as a Minister of Water Control.

MR. WATT: Can I put another slant on my question? --(Interjection)-- Yes. So I direct the question to the part-time Minister then. Why did he not include the report from the Souris flooding problem in his report on water control yesterday.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce.

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, as the Acting Minister of Mines, Resources and Environmental Management, I can only state that the reason I didn't mention it yesterday in our flood control report was because there's no change from the situation which we reported earlier. As honourable members may know I on Monday spent an hour and a half in the air and another hour on land looking at the flood situation in the Souris River area very closely and I'm satisfied that it's only a fraction of the problem that was presented in 1969 and frankly, relatively speaking, it's not nearly as serious as it has been on previous occasions and there has been no change recently and therefore there's nothing new to report.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Arthur.

MR. WATT: I think I have another supplementary question then to the Honourable Minister. Is he satisfied that from the air that he can tell whether the problem is . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. I think I indicated earlier today satisfaction or dissatisfaction doesn't matter to the procedures of the House. The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. McKENZIE: Mr. Speaker, I have a question to the First Minister. Will he be appointing a full time Minister of Mines and Natural Resources before July 1st?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, I don't know that I understand the significance of the date July 1st, but I would simply point out to my honourable friend just in case he has some concern about the fact that the Minister is carrying two portfolios that it was an arrangement of quite a few years' standing with the previous government, the Minister of Mines and Resources also acting in a capacity of another portfolio.

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

MR. EARL McKELLAR (Souris-Killarney): Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct a question to the Attorney-General. Have you instructed the RCMP and the other police forces in Manitoba to prosecute for failure to display the 1972 validation sticker?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Attorney-General.

MR. MACKLING: Mr. Speaker, no instruction was necessary beyond the communication that went from my office by letter confirming that there was a defacto extension to March 15th and no further formal extension of any kind has been needed in my opinion to the various police forces.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Thompson.

MR. JOSEPH P. BOROWSKI (Thompson): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the Minister of Health could indicate how many of the abortions for 1971 were done due to - for mental reasons and how many to save the woman's life.

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. Technical question -- I think it would be better for Orders of the Day. The Honourable Member for Thompson. Order for Return I should say.

MR. BOROWSKI: Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that the Minister is prepared to answer, that he can answer. It has been a three-pronged question asked in this House . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. The honourable member is debating my ruling. Would the honourable member please a question. The Honourable Member for Thompson.

MR. BOROWSKI: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to ask the Minister of Health if he would indicate the total cost of abortions, hospital and Medicare for 1971.

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

MR. TOUPIN: Well, Mr. Speaker, there are two ways that I could deal with that question, one would be to take it as notice and the second is to discuss it while we discuss the funds that are needed for the Manitoba Health Services Commission and I would suggest that this could be dealt with while discussing the Estimates of the Department of Health and Social Development.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Thompson.

MR. BOROWSKI: My question is to the First Minister. Would he - is the government

(MR. BOROWSKI cont'd) going to impose it's anti-life morality on the Misericordia Hospital and other hospitals in Manitoba.

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. Again I must remind the honourable member he's placing an argumentative connotation on a question. --(Interjection)-- Order please. Every member has a right in this Assembly to place all the questions and to debate in any way, shape or form that conforms to our procedures. If they are contrary to the procedures I must indicate so to any member. That includes the Member for Thompson. The Member for Thompson.

MR. BOROWSKI: Mr. Speaker, I was elected to this Legislature, I have rights to questions and I . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order! Order!

MR. BOROWSKI: . . . challenge your bloody ruling.

MR. SPEAKER: I must indicate to the honourable member I have a lot of patience.

MR. BOROWSKI: You have no patience . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Does the member wish to place a question?

MR. BOROWSKI: I certainly do.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Thompson.

MR. BOROWSKI: I'd like to ask the Premier if he is going to impose the government's morality on the hospitals of Manitoba by telling them to set up abortion committees against their will, and force them . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. The question is ambiguous. Government has no morality. The Honourable Member for Lakeside. Order please. The Honourable First Minister if he wishes. The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, it's not clear to me, Sir, whether the question was allowed. If it is allowed of course I would answer it; if it is not in order then it is our of order for me to try to answer it, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER: I indicated that government has no morality in the sense of the word "morality", that therefore the question is ambiguous. The Honourable Member for Thompson wish to rephrase his question?

MR. BOROWSKI: Mr. Speaker, I challenge your ruling by placing my question out of order.

MR. SPEAKER: The Chair's ruling has been challenged. Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?

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

MR. SPEAKER: Oral Questions. The Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie.

MR. GORDON E. JOHNSTON (Portage la Prairie): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Honourable the Attorney-General. It has to do with the appearance this morning by former members of the Boxing Commission before an enquiry board. Can the Minister give the assurance that the former members of the Boxing and Wrestling Commission will have available to them legal counsel paid for at government expense.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Attorney-General.

MR. MACKLING: No.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: A supplementary question to the Attorney-General, Mr. Speaker, Would the Attorney-General agree that public spirited citizens who serve should not be put to expense for matters that were not within their domain?

MR. MACKLING: Mr. Speaker, I now rise on a point of order. The question is sub judica.

MR. SPEAKER: The point is well taken. The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, would be to the First Minister. It is government policy not to provide legal counsel to any members of the boards and commissions who may have been members of boards and commission in connection with any kind of enquiry in which their function during the period of time that they held office would be questioned. Is the government policy not to provide legal counsel?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, I would think that certain aspects of the honourable member's question would come under the same ruling, that is to say, the matter is sub judica.

(MR. SCHREYER cont'd) On the other hand if the Honourable Leader of the Opposition is asking this in a much broader frame I would indicate to him that the position is that unless a person is charged there is no obligation nor any valid reason for providing for legal counsel at public expense. If any persons are being charged with some act of maladministration alleged or some misdemeanor, etc. then such persons being charged are provided with legal counsel. But this is not the case thus far that I am aware of.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Churchill.

MR. BEARD: I'd like to direct a question to the Minister of Health and Social Development. I wonder if he has received a request from the Alcoholics Foundation of Manitoba for a - establish a treatment centre, rehabilitation centre in Northern Manitoba.

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

MR. TOUPIN: Yes I have, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce. Order please. The Honourable Member for Churchill on a supplementary.

MR. BEARD: Will he be advising us before Estimates whether he's going to consider it.

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

MR. TOUPIN: Well certainly, Mr. Speaker, we could deal with this request and many others that have been put forward to this government pertaining to this type of service during the Estimates.

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

MR. McKELLAR: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct a question to the Acting Minister of Mines and Natural Resources. Has the Minister taken any action on the problems discussed with him by the Pelican Lake-Rock Lake Advisory Planning Commission last weekend.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce.

MR. EVANS: Yes, Mr. Speaker. As the honourable member may know I spent an hour and a half with these people in Brandon a few days ago and we discussed the problem most thoroughly. A study has been undertaken and we discussed the problem most thoroughly. A study has been undertaken and we expect the results of that study to be forthcoming any day and I would hope that the recommendations of the study which has been underway now for some many months by a number of experts will enable us to take appropriate action to assist Pelican Lake to become a more viable type of water resource in Manitoba.

Mr. Speaker, while I'm on my feet, the Honourable Member from Riel asked me I believe yesterday, a question respecting the study to assist the possible damage as he put in on Lake Winnipeg Control and Churchill River Diversion, and the question was, had I received the first report. The answer is yes, we have received the first progress report; and you asked a supplementary question regarding making the report available to members of the House, I can simply say that at this time the government is assessing the report and attempting to digest the contents thereof.

You asked another question with respect to who the Manitoba representatives are on this study and I can answer you that Mr. N. Mudry, Director of Planning of the Water Resources Branch of the Department of Mines, Resources and Environmental Management is one member, and in addition there is Mr. C.J. Goodwin, Director of System Planning of Manitoba Hydro and thirdly, Dr. K.H. Doan, Director of the Research Branch of the Environmental Management Division of the Department of Mines, Resources and Environmental Management.

An additional question was asked with respect to the transcripts of the Manitoba Water Commission meetings, will these be made available and when, and I am informed that the tapes have all been transcribed and are now being put into proper form for publication and I would expect that they would be in order probably before the end of the month.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rock Lake.

MR. HENRY J. EINARSON (Rock Lake): Mr. Speaker, I direct a question to the Acting Minister of Mines and Resources. The question refers to the meeting he just indicated having with the Rock Lake-Pelican Lake group. Could he indicate whether one of the recommendations was to divert the Pembina River back into Pelican Lake as was considered and going to be carried out?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce.

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, the report has not been officially submitted to the government or at least to me as the Minister at this point in time.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Youth and Education -- Universities.

HON. SAUL A. MILLER (Minister of Colleges and Universities)(Seven Oaks): Mr. Speaker, the Member for Rhineland asked me last week about the number of foreign students who are presently enrolled in the University of Manitoba. The figure is 1307, these are non Canadian students.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Tourism and Recreation.

MR. DESJARDINS: Mr. Speaker, on March 28th the Honourable Member from Rock Lake asked me a question re the roadside park between Treherne and Rathwell. I have the answer now, Mr. Speaker. The new wayside on P.T.H. No. 2 between Treherne and Rathwell is budgeted at \$30,000.00. Plans call for a semi-modern washroom, drilled well, picnic area, 15 car parking lot and an access road and driveway. Only the clearing work for the road and picnic area has been undertaken to date. Together with the surveys, design and engineering an expenditure of \$1500 has been made so far.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Churchill.

MR. BEARD: Another question to the Minister of Health and Social Development. Has assistance been given to Gillam to locate a dentist in that area?

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

MR. TOUPIN: I'll take the question as notice.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for La Verendrye.

MR. BARKMAN: To the Minister of Youth and Universities and referring to the statement of 1307 non Canadian students, was he referring to the University of Manitoba only or all the universities in Manitoba?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Youth and Universities.

MR. MILLER: Mr. Speaker, the question asked of me by the Honourable Member for Rhineland was the University of Manitoba and that's the figure I gave him.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Crescentwood.

MR. CY GONICK (Crescentwood): A question to the Minister of Health and Social Development relating to a matter I was asking about last week. Does the government intend to grant the dentists what I understand is a 60 percent increase not a 70 percent increase in fees to welfare recipients?

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

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Speaker, the question posed by the Member for Crescentwood is a matter for policy decision by this government and not by one Minister itself.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, I direct a question to the Honourable the Minister of Municipal Affairs. I raised the subject matter with him yesterday but I wonder if he could in the interests of the farmers of Manitoba confirm our conversation of yesterday that those farmers who have not yet received their refunds on the Autopac license plates, that they are in fact coming - if it's a question of procedural delay and not any discounting or - I'm getting requests from farmers about the delay in the refunds . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. The honourable member is debating the question. The Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs.

MR. PAWLEY: Mr. Speaker, -- actually an area under the jurisdiction of the Minister of Transportation, but I am advised that work is proceeding in respect to the processing of the refunds and the rebates in regard to the farmers' discount from the Motor Vehicles Branch and work is proceeding in this respect. It's regrettable that there has been some delay but it is anticipated that it will be cleared up shortly.

MR. SPEAKER: Orders of the Day. The Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce.

MR. EVANS: I'm sorry, due to some noise near me at the time that the Honourable Member for Rock Lake was asking a question. I didn't hear his question clearly and it was my understanding that he was referring to Pelican Lake and I understand he asked a question of Rock Lake. So therefore you must understand my answer was with regard to Pelican Lake and not Rock Lake.

While I'm on my feet, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to take the opportunity to answer a question posed by the Honourable Member from Assiniboia regarding the pollution in the Elmwood area. I can tell him that and members of the House that the Clean Environment Commission has issued certain licenses setting out conditions for pollution control in the area and that the Environmental Protection Branch of my department is working actively with all of those

(MR. EVANS cont'd) involved in the area to insure that the conditions of the license are being carried out and this will include an odor monitoring program which will be stepped up during the summer months.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Riel.

MR. CRAIK: Mr. Speaker, I would like to address a question to the First Minister. I wonder if it wouldn't be possible for the First Minister to get Sam Grower to supply the Minister of Industry and Commerce with a hearing aid.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, I don't know if I'd want to do that but I would be prepared to arrange for Dalton Camp to take my honourable friend on a trip.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

MR. PAULLEY: If it is opportune to proceed with the real business of Manitoba, Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether you would call --(Interjection)-- whether you would call Orders for Returns.

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. The Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: My point of privilege is the insulting manner in which the House Leader made reference to members during the question period, as if this wasn't the business of the people of Manitoba, and I demand a retraction.

A MEMBER: Apologize, apologize!

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Labour.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, . . . to my honourable friend I am sorry for the error of my ways -- I liked his smile. I wonder, Mr. Speaker, whether you would call Orders for Return standing in the name of my honourable dear friend, the member for Portage la Prairie.

A MEMBER: Oh, no! --(Interjection)--

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please! The proposed motion of the Honourable Member for -- Order for Return of the Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie. The Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Member for La Verendrye:

THAT an Order of the House do issue for a Return with respect to matters discovered during the course of audit which warranted the attention of the Ministers and were reported to them and other matters which were reported to other officials as referred to on page 8 in the report of the Provincial Auditor 1971, showing the following:

- (1) The nature of each matter reported.
- (2) To which Minister or official was the report directed.
- (3) The action taken by the Minister or official in each case.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Finance.

MR. CHERNIACK: Mr. Speaker, may I respond to this request for an Order to explain the manner in which the government could accept this Order and may I say that I'm doing so as the Minister reporting on behalf of the Provincial Auditor and after consultation with him. He has certain concerns as to the extent of the question that are raised and whether or not the information required would involve the divulging of names of both civil servants and other citizens and I think he would be prepared to give a report on the understanding that he would be dealing with the nature of the matters reported and the actions taken as a result thereof, but it would have to be in that general sense. Other than that I would have to indicate that we cannot accept the Order but again indicate that at Public Accounts the Provincial Auditor is there personally and is available to answer questions that the committee is prepared to put to him. I don't know whether the honourable member is prepared to accept this kind of acceptance of the Order.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Mr. Speaker, because I wish to speak on the matter I would suggest that this be moved to Private Members' Hour.

MR. SPEAKER: (Agreed) The Honourable Minister of Finance.

MR. CHERNIACK: . . . Order, I just want to clarify my impression that it means therefore that the honourable member does not accept this form of acceptance by government and therefore wishes to debate it because my understanding of the rules is that if an acceptance

(MR. CHERNIACK cont'd). . . . is given or a conditional acceptance, the conditions of which are agreeable, then there is no debate so I assume from that the honourable member is not prepared to accept the conditional acceptance.

MR. SPEAKER: Is that correct?

MR. G. JOHNSTON: You're right, Mr. Speaker, I do not accept the conditional acceptance.

MR. SPEAKER: Very well. The matter shall be transferred to Private Members' Hour. The proposed Order for Return -- the Honourable Member for Morris.

MR. WARNER H. JORGENSEN (Morris): Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Rock Lake:

THAT an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) The number of new business enterprises locating in Manitoba for each of the years, 1969; 1970; 1971.
- (2) The name of each of these firms and the type of business engaged in by the above.
- (3) The number of employees working for each of the above firms.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce.

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, the government will accept this Order for Return, subject to our ability to provide the information requested. For example, if I may, you refer to new business enterprises. You know, there is readily available information on manufacturing but information on retail establishment, service industries, service enterprises, these are not as readily available. And I also know while Statistics Canada have some estimates, over-all estimates of numbers, they do not readily make available to authorities for publication the names of these business enterprises so that presents a problem. In addition, in Item 3 you request the number of employees working for each of the above firms -- this is a figure that varies from year to year and from season to season, so therefore again we have a statistical problem but, Mr. Speaker, I repeat we will endeavour to provide the information to the best of our ability and with keeping in mind that there are limitations to the data that are available to us.

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

MR. SPEAKER: Order for Return -- the Honourable Member for Morris.

MR. JORGENSEN: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Fort Garry:

THAT an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing:

- (1) The number of businesses ceasing operations in Manitoba in 1969; 1970; 1971.
- (2) The number of firms transferring their operations from Manitoba to other provinces in 1969; 1970; 1971.
- (3) The number of employees working for each of the above in each case.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce.

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, the government will accept this Order for Return, again subject to our ability to provide this information, subject to the ability of our staff to obtain accurate, reliable estimates.

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

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable House Leader wish to proceed with the Order Paper? The Honourable House Leader.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Chairman, I move, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Education, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the Committee -- oh, excuse me, Sir, excuse me, Sir, --(Interjection)-- I wonder if you would mind first of all calling Bill No. 5.

MR. SPEAKER: The proposed motion of the Honourable Minister of Finance. The Honourable Member for Sturgeon Creek.

MR. FRANK JOHNSTON (Sturgeon Creek): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I ought to thank the House Leader too for remembering the Bill. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, we've heard about Bill No. 5 since last December. We're told it was coming and we have all been patiently waiting for it and now it's here. So -- and I really can't understand why a government would be so foolish as to bring in a bill, the Succession Duty Act, No. 5 into this Legislature at this time.

(MR. F. JOHNSTON cont'd)

The Carter Commission report quite awhile back said that if you pay your taxes you make it, but you probably should not have to pay it at death and that seems rather reasonable. And when the government went out of the estate tax business, the Federal Government, they took the attitude that if you were going to pay tax on capital gains that there was no need for estate tax and you should not have to pay at death, so really the Government of Manitoba has not given the same consideration to the people of Manitoba; in other words, it's preferable not to die in Manitoba - you can be born here but I suggest to anybody not to die here.

Mr. Speaker, I heard the members say over there "explain" when I was saying it was very foolish to bring in this bill. When the taxes of Manitoba are as high as they are; when your corporation taxes are as high as they are; when your economy is in the shape it's in, and people and businesses are leaving the province -- and I say right here, Mr. Speaker, I don't intend to give a bunch of names and what have you; I'll give names to people any time they want to meet me, I'll even show them mail from my constituents who name people who have left this province -- you bring in another bill which is basically an increased tax on the people of Manitoba.

Yes, I would say it's another tax that is unnecessary because previously we had always on this side of the House and the Member from, previous member from Ste. Rose had made out resolutions saying that this tax, or the rebate from Federal Government on estates should be given back as other provinces have and this government has never accepted that resolution and fought it. So really when the Federal Government decided to opt out of this business and go into Capital Gains Tax there was the time to give the people of Manitoba a little bit of a break but this government won't do it.

It's also exceptionally foolish and you'd wonder why a government in Manitoba would come through with a bill where nearly all the provinces to the East -- in fact, I'm not sure about Newfoundland have a better situation than Manitoba and Alberta has a much better situation in the fact that they don't have it at all.

Yes, I have seen the blue sheet and I see the Minister shaking his head etc. about the other Atlantic provinces but it's very plain that you have -- in Ontario it's \$500,000 and they are planning to opt out of this particular tax the minute the Capital Gains tax starts to take its place and they estimate that it will very soon.

The Atlantic provinces have gone to \$500,000 and in fact the whole structure of the bill would seem that it was written after discussion and agreement with other provinces and the disastrous part of this bill in Manitoba at the present time is the agreement or any discussion that may have gone on has broken down. In other words, there are cracks in the walls and Manitoba is in the poorest possible position.

All the other provinces to the East or the Atlantic provinces will be better and Manitoba is probably, it's going to be as Saskatchewan and I think we all would expect that.

The Government -- you'd wonder why when a breakdown of the bill such as this shows the government that it is going to put Manitoba in the worst possible spot and it also is a fact that people can move from one province to the other very easily and the inequities in the bill that will make it possible for people to avoid this tax -- why they would go into it again, I repeat is foolish. I would rather have seen the Federal Government say that there can be no Provincial Succession Duty taxes unless you make them uniform. Really what is the sense of having Manitoba in this position presently with all the other taxes, you're just piling it on.

The amount of money that this particular bill will bring in the Minister estimates at around \$5 million. Quite frankly I disagree with him because of the loopholes that are involved in being able to avoid this tax I would say, and the administration to collect the tax -- I would say that he won't get much better than \$3,500,000 and really is it all worth it to put Manitoba in the position we are going to be put in.

Alberta is going to have a boom bigger than the oil boom. They are going to have people go to that province like you've never seen before, basically because it's free. You know, they are free to live as you please over there --(Interjection)-- yeah, that's right.

A MEMBER: Why don't you go, Wally?

MR. F. JOHNSTON: We'll have Manitoba as one big graveyard, as laughing boy over there says, but anyway --(Interjection)-- I might. Alberta is sitting looking at an influx of people from this area like you've never seen. Again, the blue sheet that is put before us by the Minister he says he likes to use -- at least he did when he was presenting it -- he says

(MR. F. JOHNSTON cont'd) \$250,000, he says \$350,000, he says it as if everybody has this money sitting in their pocket in cash and he knows very well that's not the fact. He knows very well that the people that are going to be involved in this Estate tax or Succession Duty tax are probably -- to pay the amounts that are shown on the blue sheet that one would have to pay -- sell their equities in companies or interests that they may have because it won't be sitting in cash and regardless of what the government at the present time says, time to pay etc., I assure you that people are going to be put in a very bad position and don't get the idea it will only be the rich.

Let me tell you about a man that I knew fairly well, a welder for the Manitoba Telephone Company who invested his money in an apartment block in Selkirk. I haven't seen him in years but I remember the equipment that went into it. He had a mortgage that had to be paid. This was his equity for his life. His tenants are paying the mortgage and now I would say the building will be probably valued somewhere in the neighbourhood of \$250,000 or better and when the time comes if he has to pass on five or six years from now or if anything happens to that man he's going to be in the position of having to pay the -- his wife will have a capital gain and we'll have a tax that will have to be put on his estate because he owns that block and there's no question in my mind that in order to pay off the government and pay off the mortgage he probably would have to sell that block.

There are all kinds of people in this state and for -- you know, sits up with concern and the Minister is obviously saying -- you know, he doesn't know what he's talking about, he didn't attend the meetings that were there -- but I assure you people in this province are going to be put in a very bad position. Many more, many more than the government really thinks. Plus the fact that it seems to me that all through the Minister's presentation he spoke of others -- speak of spouse and he'd speak of others. Others to most of the people I know when it comes to closeness are usually sons, daughters, grandparents, people that are close to you that you would ordinarily feel that you could leave your earnings to if you felt like it without being taxed. "Others" seems to be a very strange word but it's not strange to this government. They are cold, calculating, money-grabbing control boys who have to do it because they spend it like water.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to refer to a little passage of a book called and I recommend it to everybody, it's called, "Douglas in Saskatchewan". It was written by Robert T. . . and on Page 13 it says here: "Since 1944, 600 new imposts have been levied, 600 charges of one kind or another have been increased, about 400 were unchanged and 30 have been reduced" -- in addition, 30 have been reduced -- "and not listed in this report are the 160 increases in court fees and 36 new increases." You know, that's just like sitting in Manitoba at the present time. I'm sure the Minister of Finance has been taking courses from Mr. Fines because there has been everything in the province go up in price, every service that the Provincial Government gives, and here we have new ways of finding taxes and you're really stretching it when you put a tax on or present a bill like this that I say we will not collect more than \$350 million. --(Interjection)-- Yeah. Well it will go down, it will continue to go down. I say that in my estimation, personally I don't think you'll get more than 3 million or 350 million. --(Interjection)-- Fine. Have it what you like. It will go up, it will go up because this government won't be content. This is the wedge in the door to keep lowering that \$200,000 down to probably 50,000 some day. That's the ambition and the way this government works.

Mr. Speaker, the cost of most of the people in this province of the legal fees and I would suggest the cost of accounting fees to people who have to put up with this tax is going to be -- you could almost call it a tax. You could almost say without any question that the lawyers and the accountants are going to have to be available to many people in this province and of course by doing that they will make a fairly good income. Then of course we've got the highest personal income tax and on the ability to pay, they'll grab it from those guys, and it's a way of cost-of-living increase in a roundabout way. There is no way that this bill that is before us at the present time is just another one of the ways that this government wants to control the people of this province.

You know -- and I don't really understand the area that the Minister spoke of. He mentioned wife after death, if she's a partner she should have been a partner beforehand. I read that over very closely. It would seem to me that the Minister is saying if the wife would participate after death she should have been a legal partner before death. You know one could

(MR. F. JOHNSTON cont'd) conceive from the way he speaks about partnerships, family and as others, and spouse and what have you, I can pretty well imagine the weddings in Manitoba, Mr. Speaker -- you'll have a Minister to marry them and a lawyer to incorporate them before they leave the church, and that is basically what probably will happen. And when the baby is born the lawyer will have to be there to add him to the business and there's probably going to be another tax on that as well. There's no --(Interjection)-- That's right. That's right, George. There is going to be this type of a tax.

People just will not stay here. Any young man or any man who starts to accumulate money and wants to invest it in this province in a business or if he wants to make investments of his own of some kind, I would have to admit, Mr. Speaker, to the government that I'm not too sure that he would end up with \$200,000 or \$150,000. It's fairly hard to accumulate -- but let me tell you they won't try in this province. They'll say there's no sense trying in this province because if I manage to do it I'm going to be penalized and if you think that's going to make initiative for young people in this province you're wrong. Everybody has a dream and this government doesn't want the Manitobans to have dreams. They just absolutely refuse to give them a break in any way, shape or form. The ability-to-pay principle that is put in by this government is really just another way of working it around to get the middle man because you've got to collect those taxes. Your Succession Duty Bill that you have before you at the present time is still another way of disillusioning people and finding another way of getting tax dollars from people.

Mr. Speaker, the principle of the bill is what I would call straight socialism. The Member for Inkster when I used to say that before he would perk up his head as he did right now and he said when I said "socialism", he'd say - I don't care what you call it, call it whatever you like but if this is what you say we're doing that's fine by me. He had me a little worried at one time - maybe three years ago -- and maybe this was right, but I tell you the people of Manitoba are finding out that's exactly what it is and they're not taking it quite as lightly as the Minister thinks any more because the Estimates which are economy of the county which this bill will bring money in for. Nobody can agree with the Estimates unless you agree with socialism. The expense of bureaucracy, the expense of everything in government - the takeover - the taxes that are being put on to support that are being done -- so it is socialism and that's what this government is placing upon the people of Manitoba. There's one other thing that they're very disappointed about at the present time when they see this kind of legislation coming through that will penalize Manitobans. This legislation will penalize Manitobans because so few other provinces will be in the same position. They're wondering where's that young fellow who was going to protect us from the radicals in the party. While he was there there was going to be no problems with those wide-eyed radical backbenchers as my colleague from Fort Garry calls them, but they're finding out that this guy doesn't really protect them. In fact he's one of them and probably one of the worst and it's now showing. This kind of legislation to hold the people of Manitoba into the power and the hands of the government is nothing but socialism which has been an absolute failure in any country it's ever been tried. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. McKELLAR: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Swan River that debate be adjourned.

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

MR. SPEAKER: The proposed motion of the Minister of Finance. The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

MR. L. R. (BUD) SHERMAN (Fort Garry): Mr. Speaker, Bill 6, the proposed Gift Tax Act for Manitoba is closely related to the Succession Duties Act just discussed by my colleague, the Member for Sturgeon Creek. Indeed, many of the shortcomings that exist in the one exist in the other. Many of the shortcomings and anomalies that are common to one are common to both and criticisms that can be made of one of those two pieces of legislation, Mr. Speaker, are criticisms that can legitimately be made of the other. The criticisms are parallel because the pieces of legislation are parallel in their effect on the Manitoba economy and Manitoba society. They dovetail as part of an economic and fiscal package being proposed by this government and as a consequence are targets for the same kind of critique already made with respect to Bill No. 5

Mr. Speaker, the essence and the main thrust of the government's position on Bill 6 is

(MR. SHERMAN cont'd) . . . similar to that in the Succession Duty legislation in that it aims for or professes to aim for equity; equity in taxation, equity in the collecting and the accumulation of revenues from the wealth produced by the people of the Province of Manitoba. So the basic question in supporting or endorsing legislation of this kind is a question of whether or not one can agree that the legislation is equitable in direction and in concept and will have equitable application across the spectrum of Manitoba society in the context of the whole of Canada.

On that point I was interested in a comment in today's Winnipeg Tribune by tax columnist Jack London who makes the argument and a valid argument that regardless of one's view as to whether gift tax is equitable or inequitable, the question that a society and a government and an opposition has to answer for itself really whether the tax can be accepted because it's drafted in such a manner and will be implied in such a manner that it treats all members of the community fairly and equally and in a manner and in a method that takes into account all the differences in the Canadian Federal fiscal taxation.

Mr. London says and I quote briefly from his column, Mr. Speaker: "Whichever one's view of the equity of such taxation, it surely must be accepted that the tax should only be imposed in a manner which treats all members of the common community equally and in a manner which takes into account the exigencies of our federal system of government. Only the Federal Government could have viably imposed death and gift taxes which could meet both those tests but it abdicated that responsibility on December 31, 1971 when it repealed the Federal Estate Tax Act and the gift tax provisions of the Income Tax Act."

Mr. London's point of course is the product of his experience and our experience in a federal system wherein taxation legislation varies from province to province and wherein inconsistencies between provincial forms of taxation and federal forms of taxation are likely to be the rule rather than the exception. And he's correct when he says that the criterion of constituting a piece of legislation that treats all members of the commonwealth of Canada fairly and equally rests in the manner in which it takes into account the differences, the anomalies between provinces and between provinces as compared to the Federal Government. He's correct when he says that really in our system only the Federal Government can meet that test or has the capacity, has the capability and the power and the authority to satisfy that requirement to meet those criteria. Once the Federal Government is out of the field as it now is, the question not only of gift taxes as gift taxes becomes a provincial responsibility but the whole question of equity in such taxation, as such becomes a provincial responsibility and the provinces by virtue of the fact that they are provinces in a complicated federal system have neither the authority nor the jurisdiction to ensure that the kind of fiscal legislation they impose will be equitable, that it will not contain inconsistencies as between themselves and other provinces. There are many, many examples of problem areas and of inconsistencies that arise as a consequence of the position that the provinces -- that a province like Manitoba now finds itself in, Mr. Speaker, and my leader in addressing himself to the Succession Duty Act outlined many of those inconsistencies and many of those problem areas and as I said a few moments ago they're equally applicable to this piece of legislation -- the Gift Tax Act -- which dovetails with and fits precisely together with the succession duty legislation in a fiscal package.

One of the basic purposes of Bill 6 of course is to close some of the loopholes that exist in the estate tax system or the death tax system and one of our basic objections to it, one of our primary objections to it, Mr. Speaker, is that it fails to do this. It fails to close all or even for that matter an appreciable number of the loopholes in that estate tax system. It fails to do so because regardless of what it strives for, no matter how one analyzes the two pieces of legislation and the manner in which they are to fit the fiscal program proposed by this government, obvious loopholes remain. Obvious loopholes such as residence requirements. Obvious loopholes such as the precise definition of the term "gift". There are inconsistencies in addition between this piece of legislation and the one we discussed immediately prior to it, Bill 5, in the approach that the two proposed pieces of legislation take to those categories, Categories of residence, categories of property, categories of gifts. There is the inconsistency, for example, related to residence that was cited by my leader on Tuesday of this week it was, I believe, and I don't wish to recover old ground, but I refer members of the Legislature to the criticism of the proposal introduced in debate by my leader in support of that position.

Mr. Speaker, over and above this problem of inconsistencies, our commitment against

(MR. SHERMAN cont'd) . . . the kind of regulation and legislation proposed in Bill 6 derives from our conviction that the succession duty legislation, the estate tax legislation is undesirable and therefore anything that is developed or devised to support and buttress and reinforce that legislation is undesirable. And as I've suggested, Sir, it's our contention that the Gift Tax really is part of the same package and is designed to buttress and enforce that other legislation. As I've suggested, it was designed to ply some of the loopholes in that other legislation. And if the one is undesirable for us, if we construe it as undesirable to Manitobans, then it logically follows that the second is undesirable and we can no more find it possible to support or endorse the principle of Bill 6 than we can find it possible to support or endorse the principle of Bill 5.

Mr. Speaker, primarily the fundamental weakness in Bill 6 in the Gift Tax legislation, I suggest, rests in the fact that it ignores the integrity of the family unit. It constitutes a regressive step in terms of the kind of approach to the family as an economic unit in the field of taxation in the whole fiscal area that has been taken by the Federal Government and that has been taken by certain specific provincial governments in Canada such as the Government of the Province of Ontario. This failure to consider the husband and wife as an economic unit, this failure to protect and preserve and underscore the integrity of the family unit is in our opinion, Sir, the major weakness of this particular legislation. I would remind members that it was in 1968 - just three and a half years ago - that the Federal Government took that step, that progressive step as it's been referred to by members on this side, of recognizing the husband and wife as a unit, of recognizing that unit as an entity whose partners had the right to transfer property between them without penalty during the lifetime of those partners or at their death.

In contrast - and once again I tread on ground that has been covered by previous speakers who addressed themselves largely to Bill 5, Mr. Speaker - in contrast the Government of Manitoba, the present government is taking a step backward in proposing that that concept of the family as an economic unit, the husband and wife as an economic unit be no longer applicable. The resulting inequity is compounded further by the fact that if you transfer by gift here to your spouse during your life you pay tax, but if you make a bequest at death you have a \$200,000 exemption. So not only does the legislation ignore and undercut that family unit integrity which was enshrined in Federal Government legislation, it goes on to contain the inequity I just cited that surely encourages a kind of approach to taxation that should not be the intention of this or any other government to encourage. Encourages the kind of manipulation, the kind of arrangement of property and of fiscal matters in such a way as to get round and circumvent the intent of the government. I think that members on the government side as well as members on our side would agree that legislation that encourages that kind of circumspect activity is not the most desirable legislation either in the form of its drafting or in the form of its application.

There are basically three obstacles to equity in this proposed legislation that I would put on the record at this time. I think the obstacles to equity are greater in number than three but those that exceed the three on which I fasten my prime attention have been covered by previous speakers and it's really a fundamental - three obstacles that I'm most concerned with. Those three, Mr. Speaker, are the inconsistencies or the ambiguities that I've talked about relating to the nature of property and to the nature of gifts and to the definition of the term gifts. The problem of double taxation and the denial of the integrity of the family unit, the failure I just referred to to consider the husband and wife as an economic unit.

The problem of double taxation is as vexatious as either of the other two problems are - - (Interjection) - - as vexacious as the Member for Lakeside's wife - - which puts it in a category of taxation, Mr. Speaker, which boggles the mind. I think the Member for Lakeside would find no argument with my statement. The problem of double taxation is as onerous as any of the other problems, Mr. Speaker, and the question must be addressed, must be answered as to how many times in the life of a taxpayer, the life of a productive citizen of our society and our community, how many times in his or her life should he or she be called upon to relinquish further and further amounts to the government to pursue and support programs which may not be consistent with the approach to society and the approach to economy that the community at large desires. How many times in one's lifetime must he be taxed? He's taxed through the medium of his income and his earnings throughout his earning years, he's taxed now under the new federal legislation which we face on capital gains. He's taxed at the time

(MR. SHERMAN cont'd) . . . of his death. Why should another layer of taxation be imposed on that citizen in the area of gifts or transfer of property, particularly within the family unit itself, Mr. Speaker.

My leader speaking the other day said that the propositions being advanced in this fiscal package by this particular government are really devices for exporting capital and job opportunities out of Manitoba. I would go so far as to say that where Bill 6 is concerned in particular it's a device for exporting people out of Manitoba, Mr. Speaker, and for turning this province into a tax jungle that one will devoutly wish to avoid. --(Interjection)-- Well under the circumstances and in the context of the kinds of problem areas and inconsistencies that I've referred to, the whole concept of equity really becomes farcical Mr. Speaker, the concept of equity really becomes unreasonable and illogical in the argument. One cannot find a logic to the government's insistence on equity and its professed intent to produce fiscal and taxation equity in the face of these kinds of inconsistencies and these kinds of burdens on the community. So I say it's a travesty to talk about equity and to talk about double and triple and quadruple forms of taxation at the same time and to do so in a setting which finds loopholes in one or other of the pieces of legislation that provides the kinds of inconsistencies and problem areas that I've already dealt with.

There are a number of supplementary questions that immediately arise, Mr. Speaker, on Bill 6, in the addition to the three main obstacles to equity and the three main problems that I've cited. For example, is the definition of gift not only appropriate but is it enforceable. Does the government have estimates of revenue and collection administration costs? To what extent is the imposition of this kind of legislation and the enforcement of it going to be neutralized or negated by the attendant costs of follow through? I dealt with the question of equity, but I would repeat that since the gift tax is basically an extension of the estate tax, many of the same arguments used on one can be used on the other.

Our basic objection, Sir, is that income is taxed when it is earned, savings or investments made from whatever income remains after that can again be taxed as a capital gain and we see no justification for adding another layer particularly of inter-family taxation in the form of the gift tax. We say that the proposed legislation, Mr. Speaker, provides one more discouragement, one more disincentive to living and working in Manitoba.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for La Verendrye that debate be adjourned.

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

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable the House Leader, The Honourable Minister of Finance.

MR. CHERNIACK: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Labour that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into a committee to consider the supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Tourism and Recreation.

MATTERS OF GRIEVANCE

MR. DESJARDINS: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of grievance. So far because the judicial enquiry was ordered I have refrained from answering certain attacks and correcting erroneous statements. Mr. Speaker . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The Honourable Member of Morris has point of order?

MR. JORGENSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I hesitate to interrupt the Minister but although - because there is no rule that governs the discussion of grievances in our Chamber, we rely on Beauchesne, the authority that is normally used by the House of Commons and Section 234 of Beauchesne, although it does not specifically exclude members of a Cabinet from speaking on points of grievance, I think that if one will go to subsection 2 on Page 199 and read the wording there, it seems to me it is implicit in that wording that grievances should be the domain and the prerogative of private members. The wording at the present time, Sir, says, "It often happens on the motion that the Speaker leave the Chair for Committee of Supply that members air grievances without moving amendments. A member may speak on railway rates, another on naturalization and so on." And here is the key sentence, I believe, Sir. "Five or six different matters may then be brought to the government's attention."

(MR. JORGENSEN cont'd)

The Minister of Tourism and Recreation is a member of that government and he has other avenues with which he can bring to the government's attention grievances against the government. It is to be presumed from the ruling in Beauchesne that grievances that are raised in this Chamber are raised against the actions of government or lack of action against the government. The Minister is presuming now to be a private member. A short time ago the Premier indicated that he was going to introduce a private member's resolution. I've never seen a government so anxious to become private members. We can arrange that. But I contend, Sir, I contend, Sir, I contend, Sir that a Minister speaking on a grievance just as the Minister of Tourism is intending to do right now is clearly out of order according to the ruling in Beauchesne.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Labour.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the point raised by my honourable friend the Member for Morris but I think, Sir, in all fairness even quoting from Beauchesne Rule 234 or Section 234 contained on Page 199, that my honourable friend is in error particularly when he raises the point contained in subsection two. Because if my honourable friend is correct on the point of order that he raises he would preclude a member of the Cabinet from being a member of this Assembly. It indicates in the subsection referred to by my honourable friend, "that five or six different matters may then be brought to the government's attention." My honourable friend suggests by his remarks - if I'm not taking him out of context and I don't think that I am - first of all that a member of the Cabinet is not a member by virtue of his office and secondly, that he should not draw to the government's attention a matter of deep concern to himself.

How else, Mr. Speaker, can even a member of the government be he Cabinet Minister or otherwise, if he has a grievance than to raise that matter under the rules of the House which are historic not only here but in other jurisdiction as well in going into Committee of Supply or Committee of Ways and Means.

So in all due respect to my honourable friend and I give him credit for his knowledge of the rules, I think that in this instance he is in error because a member of the front bench or a member on the government side is a member of this Assembly. If my honourable friend the Member for Morris desires to raise the question as to whether the subject matter of the grievance raised by my colleague is proper or not, then I would accept that but I reject, Mr. Speaker, and I respectfully suggest to you that the point raised by my honourable friend on a point of order is not valid, if one interprets as I do, the rule referred to or the citation referred to on page 199.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside on the same point.

MR. ENNS: On the same point of order, Mr. Speaker, and I do not wish to make a trying day more trying for you, Sir, I would like to perhaps not make further comments on my point of order about the remarks just made. I believe the remarks made by the Member for Morris are valid but you, Sir, must judge that and you may wish to take that under advisement. You may wish to also consider, Sir, that this very afternoon the Attorney-General of this province refused to answer a question having to do with this matter on the basis of it being sub judice.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The Honourable Member is wandering from the point of order. The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. ENNS: . . . in fact, I'm taking up the suggestion raised by the Honourable the House Leader, that on the grounds - my point of order, with respect to the Honourable Minister's grievances on the subject matter he is about to discuss and I suggest to you that the matter -- that there is indeed a question of the propriety of discussing it as there is a question of -- at what stage the subject matter is before the courts, and I suggest to you, Sir, that the Attorney-General has rejected an answer -- (Interjection) -- please let me finish.

A MEMBER: Mr. Speaker, it's not so!

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. There is no point of order on a point of order. The Honourable Member for Lakeside is speaking on the point of order. I cannot entertain another point of order. The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. ENNS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll be very brief and I'm sitting down in a moment. I'm just asking you to consider the delicate area that it was obviously the Honourable Minister of Tourism and Recreation is going to refer to. It refers to a situation that is either before the

(MR. ENNS cont'd) . . . courts or out of the courts or in suspension of the courts. We have rules governing the sub judice situations and I suggest that the Attorney-General applied them in refusing to answer to a question on that related matter earlier on this afternoon, in the question period.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Labour.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, it is not my intention at all to raise a point of order on a point of order but merely to point out that we are dealing with the point of order raised by my honourable friend, the Member for Morris as to whether or not a Cabinet Minister can speak on going into Committee of Supply. That is the question before the House.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. ENNS: Surely though a member is privileged to raise a point of order of whatever at any time and I raised an additional, an entirely different point of order with respect to the Minister's privilege of speaking on this particular grievance. At the beginning --(Interjection)-- at the beginning I prefaced them by saying that I did not associate myself or did not put my point of order on the same basis as that of the Member for Morris or the House Leader but on the question of whether or not the subject was sub judice in this Chamber at this time.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie.

MR. GORDON JOHNSTON: Mr. Speaker, in order to assist you before you make your ruling on whether or not the Minister of Tourism can speak on a grievance this afternoon, I would just point out that in our routine proceedings daily, there is a place on the program where Ministerial Statements can be made and this is not a privilege that any other member has in this House. Now I would suggest that daily any Minister can make a statement on anything that he considers of importance to the House and the public. Now whether or not he may say something that you may consider to be before the courts, that is your judgment at that time, but I think that there is clearly, daily, a place where a minister can make a statement if he so desires.

MR. SPEAKER: In respect to the point of order raised by the Honourable Member from Morris and the contribution by all the members, I thank them for their contribution. I should like to indicate I cannot anticipate what the Honourable Minister for Tourism and Recreation shall be saying so therefore I cannot determine whether it's going to be sub judice or not. I can only say that I must treat all members as members of this Legislative Assembly, and our past procedure has been that Ministers have spoken, not necessarily that they initiated the grievance but they did speak on grievances; there was no point of order raised at that time or objection so consequently due to practices that have occurred the honourable member is entitled to speak. I am sure he will conduct his speech having due consideration to all the procedures that are involved in regard to sub judice or anything else that pertains to the procedures of this House. The Honourable Minister of Tourism and Recreation.

MR. DESJARDINS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker . . .

MR. JORGENSEN: With greatest regret, Sir, I must challenge your ruling.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member has challenged the ruling of the Chair. Shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained? All those in favour please say aye, Against say nay. In my opinion the ayes have it. I declare the motion carried.

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

MR. SPEAKER: Call in the members.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The question before the House is shall the Chair be sustained in its ruling?

A standing vote was taken, the result being as follows:

YEAS: Messrs. Adam, Barrow, Beard, Boyce, Burtniak, Cherniack, Desjardins, Doern, Evans, Gonick, Gottfried, Green, Hanuschak, Jenkins, Johannson, Mackling, Miller, Paulley (Transcona), Pawley (Selkirk), Petursson, Schreyer, Shafransky, Toupin, Uskiw, Uruski, Walding.

NAYS: Bilton, Blake, Craik, Einarson, Enns, Ferguson, Girard, Henderson, Johnston (P. la P.) Johnston (Stur. Cr.) Jorgenson, McGill, McGregor, McKellar, McKenzie, Moug, Patrick, Sherman, Spivak, Watt and Mrs. Trueman.

MR. CLERK: Yeas 26; Nays 21.

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

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Tourism and Recreation.

MR. DESJARDINS: Mr. Speaker, at this time I would seek your guidance. I don't rise

(MR. DESJARDINS cont'd) to take part in this debate but I would beg leave of the House to make a short statement on personal privilege, Mr. Speaker. I will not speak on this debate at this time. I would like to . . . I ask leave of the House.

MR. SPEAKER: Does the honourable member have leave of the House to make a statement at this time? The Honourable Member for Morris.

MR. JORGENSON: Mr. Speaker, according to our rules there is one way --(Interjection)-- well then I rise on a point of order.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The Honourable Member for Morris wishes to state a point of order. Would he state it?

MR. JORGENSON: Well, Mr. Speaker, according to our rules there is one way in which permission or leave can be granted to the honourable member to make a statement at this time, and that is for permission of the House to revert to that particular stage in our proceedings where Ministerial Statements are permitted.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. I should like to indicate to the honourable member that my interpretation of his point that he's raising is that by unanimous consent we can have any order of business this House desires -- by unanimous consent only. The question before the House is do we have unanimous consent? The Honourable Member for Morris.

MR. JORGENSON: Well, Mr. Speaker, I'm prepared to give unanimous consent providing the proper procedures are followed, and in my view the proper procedure is to ask leave to revert to the item which says "Ministerial Statements and Tabling of Reports" in which the Minister then can make a statement if he chooses.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable House Leader on the same point.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, we have just ruled and I shouldn't revert to a decision made. It has been decided that the Honourable Member for St. Boniface is a member of this House and the request is can he make a statement, not as a Minister but as a member of this House. It requires unanimous consent and that is the only requirement. It is not necessary to revert to any rules of the House.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Morris on a point of order.

MR. JORGENSON: Unless the proper procedure is followed we do not intend to give unanimous consent.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie on the same point of order.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: On the point of order, Mr. Speaker. It was rather embarrassing but your ruling was challenged and the reason your ruling was challenged was because a Minister wished to speak on a grievance. Now that matter has been cleared up and he's entitled to speak on the grievance. But if he's going to speak on something else . . .

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member is debating he is not stating the point of order. The Honourable Minister of Tourism and Recreation.

MR. DESJARDINS: Mr. Speaker, if I may on the same point of order. I wish to clarify something and I don't think we'd have this trouble. My statement is not the speech that I was going to make I just want to make a short statement saying why I will not speak at this time, this is all. And this is -- (Interjection) -- this is not a ministerial statement.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Does the honourable member have consent to make a statement?

MR. JORGENSON: No, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Very well, we shall proceed.

MR. PAULLEY: The motion then, Mr. Speaker, is Committee going into Supply.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried and the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with the Honourable Member for Logan in the Chair.

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please. Resolution 80 (a) -- passed. The Honourable Minister of Labour.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, I will be brief but I think that it would be only proper for me to make one or two remarks dealing with the matters raised by the members of this Assembly on the Minister's Salary or Resolution No. 80.

I listened with a great deal of interest to the honourable the Member for Morris who acted apparently as the spokesman for the official Opposition and while I appreciate his comments, it seemed to me that the whole thrust of his remarks were directed to the fact that we had last year a greater number of strikes or at least total number of strikes involving total man hours than we had for some considerable period of time.

I would like to say to my honourable friend that I do agree with him that we did have a considerable number of lost man hours in employment last year but I do want to say to him that this was as a result of disturbances within the construction industry in the Province of Manitoba. And I want to say to my honourable friend that despite that, Manitoba was better off than six other provinces in the Dominion of Canada and that the man hours lost per thousand paid workers in Canada indicates according to the information that has been relayed to me that Manitoba ranked fourth in regards to the number of lost man hours as a result of industrial disputes. -- (Interjection) -- Yes, I will if my honourable friend will be a little patient and I'm sure he's a very patient individual.

In the Province of Saskatchewan, man days lost per thousand paid workers in the calendar year '70 - '71, were 4. In the Province of Alberta 194, in the Province of Quebec, 326; in the Province of Manitoba, 387; in the Province of British Columbia, 575; in the Atlantic region and I regret and apologize, Mr. Speaker, that I haven't got these broken down into the Maritime provinces precisely but in the Atlantic region, 591 man hours lost per thousand paid workers and that great bastion of conservatism, namely the Province of Ontario, 767. And the average in all Canada was 560. So if my honourable friends compare or want to compare they will see that the average in the Province of Manitoba of 387 was considerably lower than the average all across Canada of 560. Again I point out to the committee, Mr. Chairman, that the average of Manitoba or the number in Manitoba was largely attributable to an industrial dispute in the construction industry.

And I would say, Sir, that it may be of interest to members of the committee if we look at the number of strikes without the number of man hours lost, it is interesting to note that in 1971 we had in the Province of Manitoba 8 strikes; in 1970, 9 strikes; in 1969, 7 strikes. In other words, Mr. Chairman, we had one more strike in '71 than we had in '69. To go back to the regime of the Conservative Party in Manitoba the year 1968 when they held sway, 13 strikes; in the year 1967 when the previous administration ruled the coffers in Manitoba, 12 and in 1966, 13 strikes. I haven't the precise number of man hours, Mr. Chairman, I'm dealing with the number of strikes at this particular time. I would be more than pleased to obtain this information for my honourable friend the Member for Emerson. Again I want to say, we are not satisfied, we were not satisfied last year, with the total man hours without paid workers in the Province of Manitoba but we ranked fourth of ten provinces in the whole of the Dominion of Canada. Not satisfactory, but at the same time not as bad as the picture that my honourable friend from Emerson painted for the benefit of the Committee.

I think mainly that was the major thrust of the -- as I understand it of the official labour spokesman for the Conservative Party, was the only point that I really put down as the result of his consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Labour.

My honourable friend the Member for Assiniboia made quite a contribution in the debate. He bewailed the fact that we did not have in the Province of Manitoba allowances under the Workmen's Compensation Board which would inure to the widow of the person who may have been killed as a result of an industrial accident that that widow would not receive the same amount in pension, as if in effect the breadwinner normally the husband although I am worried, Mr. Chairman, whether or not I'm violating the Human Rights Act in referring one to the other. I mean no intent because the reverse situation could be so, I'm sure my friend from Assiniboia will agree. But I'm also sure that my -- the Member for Assiniboia is aware that no such provision is made anywhere in Canada and while he may chastise this administration and in particular the Minister of Labour for not having legislated for this provision as of yet, I accept his criticism but of course there are other considerations as well. I don't excuse the

(MR. PAULLEY cont'd) situation pertaining to Workmen's Compensation pensions but I think, Mr. Chairman, we can say a similar situation could prevail if the husband or the wife as the case may be had died a natural death the income would have been reduced and it could have been by virtue of an automobile accident or something else. I'm not suggesting this as an excuse but really trying to point out to my honourable friend that the situation could be that notwithstanding the death of the wage earner or the principal provider it could happen outside of industry as well as in industry and I'm sure my honourable friend will recognize this.

We were chastised by my friend the Member for Assiniboia in that compensation benefits should be higher than they are under present legislation. I'm sure my honourable friend is aware of the fact that the Industrial Relations Committee met in November at which hearings were made to the committee by representative groups and individuals dealing with the very important matter of pensions under compensation and I regret that my honourable friend was not there. I give him credit, I give him credit, he did notify me as one of those involved in the Industrial Relations Committee -- I give him credit for notifying me accordingly. I think he would give me credit that I did give him whatever information that I had at the present time -- and also I think my honourable friend will give me credit because I undertook as a result of those hearings to indicate that legislation will be forthcoming at this session and I've repeated this in order to give full consideration or if not full consideration changes in benefits under Workmen's Compensation.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. STEVE PATRICK (Assiniboia): Mr. Chairman, I do not wish to interrupt the honourable Minister but I completely forgotten - neglected to mention that I wanted to thank the Minister for supplying me all the information when I was not able to attend an Industrial Relations Committee and I want to thank him for it.

MR. PAULLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I thank my honourable friend. My honourable friend dealing with compensation and I can appreciate his interest in compensation and I'm sure most if not all of the members of this committee are interested in Workmen's Compensation. He referred in his remarks to the ceiling of earnings under Workmen's Compensation and I think my honourable friend will agree with me that amendments were made or an amendment was made last year which at that particular time placed Manitoba as the highest ceiling in the whole of the Dominion of Canada. It has been raised in other provinces -- I believe though that the full total ceiling is only exceeded now in Ontario and British Columbia, two of the more wealthy provinces; there it is \$9000, here in the Province of Manitoba, \$8000 as a ceiling. So while we were first last summer I recognized that a couple of other provinces have increased their ceiling beyond ours at the present time.

One of the points raised by the Member for Assiniboia was the question of industrial safety and I appreciate very much as one who has been interested in industrial safety so far as Workmen's Compensation or any other endeavour be it at the home, be it in industry or wherever it is. I share with him a great concern in the field of industrial safety. Specifically the Member for Assiniboia referred to an incident which happened at Griffin Wheel in the City of Transcona wherein a person died as a result of an industrial accident. I'm sorry, Mr. Chairman, some of the members are not interested in industrial safety. -- (Interjection) -- Maybe the -- below the belt, but how accurate it is. And my honourable friend mentioned as I say, Mr. Speaker, or Mr. Chairman, the accident which occurred at Griffin Wheel. I want to assure him that within a few hours of notification of the industrial accident at Griffin Wheel, representatives of the Workmen's Compensation Board, Safety Division, were on site.

As I understand it, what happened, Mr. Speaker, was that someone failed to pull a switch on a high voltage line. And we are going to have industrial accidents as a result of human error, and I'm sure my friend would not attribute this to really the operation of the Compensation Board. I want to pay a tribute really Mr. Chairman, to the staff, management and staff if you will, of the Workmen's Compensation Board in the area of industrial safety. They're constantly on the job. I appreciate the fact that they could do with three or four times the staff possibly and that they are deeply concerned in industrial safety and I give them credit for it.

But I do want to point out, however, as a result of this interest in workmen's safety and safe operations, that last year, the year 1971, there was the lowest number of reported accidents in industry in Manitoba than there has been since 1965. The trend is downward. And I want to say, I want to say, Mr. Chairman, that this, I think, is a result of the

(MR. PAULLEY cont'd) involvement with the Safety Division of the Workmen's Compensation, coupled with an educational program that is ongoing to try and receive the full co-operation of management and employee in the field of industrial endeavours. My honourable friend just interjected -- what about fatalities? According to the information that I have before me, Mr. Chairman, fatal accidents in 1971 in total - 44; in 1970 - 48; in 1969 - 70; in 1968 - 51. Again, Mr. Chairman, in the area of fatal accidents 1971 the lowest number at least in four years. It's not good, of course it's not good, but I think that it does again indicate that the personnel within the Workmen's Compensation Board and management and labour are being more cognizant of the net results of accidents than ever before. And I think, I think management should realize, and employees of course as well, that the cost of compensation is governed by the accidents that occur and I want to appeal as the Minister of Labour and the Minister responsible for Workmen's Compensation and answerable in this Assembly, I want to make an appeal to worker and management alike, to do whatever they can to reduce the incident of accident. Because we're not only dealing with dollars and cents, we're dealing with human suffering as well.

I want to say too, Mr. Chairman, that when the new proposals or proposals of amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Act are before this House for consideration, I trust and hope that I will have the general support of all members of this House. I realize quite fully that it will not meet with the agreement of everyone; that there will be areas in which we can be criticized for not doing enough, in other areas it may be criticism because we're going too far, and I want to repeat that the cost of workmen's compensation is based on accidents and the more management and labour unite to reduce the incident of accidents then there will be the corresponding reduction in the cost of compensation and of course the reduction of the human suffering that goes on as the result of accidents.

My friend, the Member for Assiniboia mentioned the sheltered workshops that we have. I agree with him that there are not sufficient, but I'm sure my honourable friend would agree with me that if we had more friends such as Mr. Sair who is the manager of Skills Unlimited that a much greater contribution would be made in respect of assisting the handicapped in the Province of Manitoba; and I want to pay a tribute to Mr. Sair for his contribution. I have had some criticism, Mr. Chairman, because of the level of the wages paid are considerable less than the minimum wage but I'm sure any honourable member who really knows the story will agree with me that it isn't a profit making industry, a normal industry, and it is doing an invaluable job to the health in the mental rehabilitation of individuals. I recommend to all honourable members of the committee that they go down to Scott Avenue, as I have done, and see really what is being done for people who normally would be considered incapable of making any contribution on their own behalf. I would like, Mr. Chairman, I'd be prepared to arrange a tour of Skills Unlimited if I had an indication from the various members of the Assembly so to do and I'm sure that their eyes, as indeed mine were, would be opened wider than they ever were before.

The Member for Assiniboia refers to the question of equal pay for equal work and enforcement. As, Mr. Chairman, you will be aware we made some amendment last year, an amendment so that anyone can now act on behalf of a person who seems to be aggrieved under our legislation. That has worked out reasonably well. I confess, however, that in a couple of instances that legal opinion was expressed to me that our Act needed some tidying up, and I give warning, Mr. Chairman, to the committee that they will be proposing tidying up amendments to the Equal Pay Act to make it more enforceable than it was before.

The question of summer employment for students. I say to my honourable friend that there is close co-operation between the Department of Labour, the Department of Education and Colleges in this field and I think it would be a fair statement for me to say that on a per capita basis more jobs were provided for students in Manitoba than any other jurisdiction in the Dominion of Canada and we're hopeful of expanding this.

The question of the effects of automation and changes in industry. I want to say to my honourable friend, Mr. Chairman, that the Department of Labour of Manitoba is working very very closely with the federal authority in job replacement and I give as an illustration that when the Federated Grain decided to sell their facilities to the United Grain Growers of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, they requested, and we readily agreed, that a representative of Manitoba be placed on a committee to attempt to obtain alternative employment for those affected.

MR. CHAIRMAN: . . . rules which is 30 minutes for all speeches including Minister's, I remind the Honourable Minister that he has five minutes.

MR. PAULLEY: Fine. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do not want to impose on the House and certainly I abide by the new Rules.

My friend mentioned the question of the 40-hour week, the question of minimum wages, termination notices and the likes of this. I want to say to him that I may not have all of the answers or all of the solutions that he is desirous of, but I do think, Sir, that when the proposed changes in labour legislation are before this Assembly, and they're being worked on at the present time, I hope that if we don't get a hundred percent for our efforts at least we will receive some plaudits for an enhancement in the realm of labour legislation in Manitoba.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 80 (a) -- passed, (b) -- passed; (c) -- passed. Resolution 82. Oh, the Honourable Member for Pembina.

MR. GABRIEL GIRARD (Emerson): I'm sorry, I'm going to wait till the next item.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 80 in the amount of \$326,600 — passed. Resolution 81 (a) . . . The Honourable Member for Pembina.

MR. GIRARD: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to on this item ask a few questions of the Minister. First of all, I'd like to acknowledge that I'm from not Morris and not Pembina but rather Emerson.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I beg your pardon.

MR. GIRARD: -- (Interjection) — Thank you very much, Mr. Minister. They showed their agreement last time around.

I'd like to ask a question with regard to safety in this particular item because I believe that safety comes under the item of Mechanical and Engineering, and I'd like to specifically ask the Minister if he is satisfied with the safety measures or the measures involved in the administration of working conditions satisfying the safety conditions at the Columbia Forest Products in Sprague because it has been suggested to me that maybe we should be supervising that area a little more closely.

Might I also suggest that on this particular item we notice an increase of some 20 percent. We think that the increase might be a little less than 20 percent. We suggest that possible we could have cut that down to about \$248,000 of salaries instead of \$383 and we'd like to see about \$65,000 in the "Others" because the other area is not itemized of course and we wonder if \$85,000 is indeed justifiable as an expenditure for "Others".

Might I also ask the Minister if he has conducted his investigation into the safety features questioned during our committee debate with regards to the CNR Shops in Transcona? I'm looking after that constituency as well and they tell me that in that area the ventilation in the Shops leave something to be desired.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Labour.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, so far as the Mechanical and Engineering Division, the Estimates make provisions for an increase of three in this area. I want to point out to my honourable friend that basically as far as safety is concerned that under the previous administration principally safety was taken out of the Department of Labour other than for boiler inspection and the likes of that, and vested in the Workmen's Compensation, and that of course is dealt with under the Minister's salary. I would suggest to my honourable friend that there is no area for reduction in the mechanical and engineering as suggested by my friend because there is an involvement in safety that is insofar as inspections of boilers, inspections of gas equipment and so on and so on. And also, may I say to my honourable friend, it is the intention of the Department to extend its inspection area into the field of midway shows and the likes of that in the field of the amusements such as the great Stampede at Morris. We didn't have staff; we didn't even have the authority and I'm hopeful that legislation will be endorsed by the House so that we by right can do it. We have been doing it, there's an inspection of shows and other equipment, more or less on an ad hoc basis and it's the intention to have more personnel in that particular field.

Regarding the question of the CNR, actually, Mr. Chairman, the point raised in the Committee of Industrial Relations didn't really deal with the CNR but with the CPR Weston Shops. I have been told since then inspectors have been up there and that the situation has improved to some degree but this is still basically in the hands of the federal authority but we are working very, very closely with them. So I say that at the present time as far as the staff in mechanical and engineering, we have 25; providing the Estimates are approved by the

(MR. PAULLEY cont'd) committee, Mr. Chairman, there will be an increase of five.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 81 (a). The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Chairman, I just have one question to the Minister. Under Mechanical and Engineering perhaps he will allow me to ask this question. I know that safety comes under the Workmen's Compensation Board and investigation, but does anybody in his department of the Workmen's Compensation, who does the assessing, the long-term effects of such things as high-frequency motors and loud noises and so on which usually is not perhaps safety working conditions and so on, but the long-term effects of lights, the long-term effects of high-frequency motors and noises and the likes after say 10 or 15 -- is there anyone in the department or in say Workmen's Compensation, within the Workmen's Compensation that is doing this type of work?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Labour.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Chairman, it's a very interesting point my honourable friend raises. Basically it's within the realm of the Workmen's Compensation Board - I'm thinking of hearing aids right now - but there's also an involvement with the Department of Health. That is insofar as the testing -- (Interjection) -- Pardon? -- (Interjection) -- Yes, it is being done, it is my understanding.

I think, Mr. Chairman, it would only be proper for me at this particular time to say that there is a segmentation of safety responsibilities in a number of areas as of present and we are considering having a survey made. For instance, some aspects of safety in the mining industry is vested with the Department of Mines and Natural Resources. The question of safety in the hearing applications and the -- I forget exactly the technical term that they use for hearing assessments, audio, what is it? -- audiometer, some darn thing like that -- that's within the Department of Health and assessments are made there.

So all I can say to my honourable friend that we do involve ourselves. If there is any complaint laid to us or the matter is drawn to our attention I want to assure him that we take whatever steps in whatever department it is required to see if we can resolve the situation.

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MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Chairman, I would not expect the Minister probably to give me a complete answer today but perhaps if he will undertake to give me an answer. I would like to know to what extent the assessment is made, be it by the Health Department or by the Workmen's Compensation or Department of Labour itself, to what extent these assessments are carried out over a long period of time on certain employees, say over a period of five or ten years, such things as you know, high frequency speeds and lights and noises.

MR. PAULLEY: I'll be glad to accommodate my friend in that, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. ENNS: Mr. Chairman, just briefly, I am somewhat surprised at the Minister's statements and explanations re the general safety supervision and the responsibility of safety supervision that he admits to not being totally within his jurisdiction that is, and he referred to the specific one, areas of safety supervision that exist in the mines field, in the Department of Mines and Natural Resources.

Now, Mr. Chairman, really, the Honourable Minister surely must remember only too well the kind of constant pressure that he exerted when he was on this side of the House to have that anomaly cleared up. Resolutions, if I am not mistaken, were passed by the New Democratic Party when seated opposite about taking out of the hands of the Mines and Resources responsibility jurisdiction and bringing those safety measures that presently lie in that department under the jurisdiction of the Department of Labour. We have now had a Department of Labour under the capable administration of the present Minister for some three years and for him now to suggest, Sir, that they are still merely serving the matter or considering it or doing something in a vague manner about trying to make sure that ample supervision of safety problems in these other areas outside of his immediate jurisdiction is being undertaken, is really not satisfactory, Mr. Chairman.

I know for sure that the Honourable Minister is subject to the same pressures that I was subject to by organized labour in this particular area; that there have been repeated resolutions from organized labour, particularly from the north, requesting that these certain aspects of safety and safety legislation should be transferred out of the Department of Mines and Natural Resources and brought under the full jurisdiction of the Minister of Labour, where I have to agree with the Minister's sentiments, I think that he expressed in the pressures that he exerted when he was in opposition, that they should come under the responsibility and the full jurisdiction of the Department of Labour.

Mr. Chairman, I must express some disappointment in the Minister's rather lame duck approach to recognizing this constant request or long-standing request on the part of organized labour. I would seem to me that one really cannot take his protestations in other fields all that seriously if on this particular item, which you know, I think that there was a genuine appreciation, certainly in times of previous administration, that in this particular area the opponents and the opposition probably had a very sound case.

I want to indicate to him right now, although it may sound hollow, that at the time that I was in that position of being responsible for those aspects of safety under the Department of Mines and Natural Resources, I did in fact undertake to hopefully bring about that transaction or that transfer of responsibilities. It would be, you know, just about a travesty to suggest that had June 25th not occurred in the manner and way which it did, that that possibly would have happened, and in this instance, certainly labour would have been better served.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Labour.

MR. PAULLEY: No. Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the remarks of my honourable friend, the Member for Lakeside and I guess we have to recognize the fact that at one time he was a minister of the Crown in a Conservative administration.

The Honourable Member for Assiniboia asked me to make an assessment or conduct some investigation into the question of hearing. I think maybe it would be more appropriate, or equally appropriate if I should subject the Honourable Member for Lakeside to a memory test in order that he would recall what happened in this Assembly, because at one stage in the game, the responsibility for safety was primarily within the Department of Labour, and about five years ago under a Conservative regime, the responsibility basically for safety was transferred from the Department of Labour to the Workmen's Compensation Board.

Now it could well be, Mr. Chairman, that my honourable friend, the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources was out of the province. He certainly couldn't have been at the Cabinet meetings when this matter was considered. Or, may I say to my honourable friend, his memory

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(MR. PAULLEY cont'd) is failing him, because this is a fact. I do not recall, and maybe my memory is failing me, too, I do not recall at any time that there was a resolution from that side of the House when we were there, asking that all of the safety features of the Department of Mines and Natural Resources would be vested with the Department of Labour -- (Interjection)-- No, that's right. The prime concern, the prime concern, and maybe my honourable friend is not aware of this, and I can understand that, Mr. Chairman, maybe my honourable friend is not aware of the ancient adage as far as labour is concerned and as far as general conduct is concerned, that nobody really gives a continental who does the job, as long as the job is done. The reason I mentioned a few moments ago about the area of safety being in Mines was because of the fact that it might be desirable, but no resolution that I can recall to that degree came opposite. But my honourable friend the Member for Lakeside wants to say that because we have been in office now for three years, starting with that great day June 25, 1969, that the Department of Labour is not charged with the responsibility of safety, it was the government of which he was a part, that took out of the jurisdiction of the Department of Labour the prime responsibility for safety. And yet --(Interjection)-- well my honourable friend, Mr. Chairman, says that we since have substantiated and then he has the presumptuous gall to stand up and now berate us. I guess it's a question of whose ox is being gored, and I do heartily recommend to my honourable friend the Member for Lakeside that he sees one of his relatives, who I understand is a medical doctor, to put him through a memory test so that he will know what the heck he is talking about when he stands up to consider the Estimates of the Department of Labour.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution No. 81 (a) passed (b) passed Resolution No. 81 in the amount of \$468,300 passed. Resolution 82 (a) -- The Honourable Member for Emerson.

MR. GABRIEL GIRARD (Emerson): Under the Employment Section of the Estimates, I take it that one of the main, maybe not the main but certainly one of the very important items of this section is the minimum wage administration. It would seem to me, Mr. Chairman, that if there were to be announcements made with regard to any changes in minimum wage, that the people of Manitoba ought to be informed as soon as possible and I can think of no better time than now. I wonder if the Honourable Minister could accommodate the people of Manitoba.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution . . . The Honourable Minister of Labour.

MR. PAULLEY: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I can answer my honourable friend in regard to minimum wages. The Minimum Wage Board is now sitting. It has heard representations and received briefs from interested parties. I am informed that they will hopefully be making a recommendation to me as the Minister responsible, within a couple of weeks or so, and it would in my opinion be inappropriate for me to make any public announcement at least until receipt of the report from the Commission.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 82 (a) -- passed, (b) passed. Resolution 82 in the amount of \$335,700 passed. Resolution 83 (a) -- The Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie.

MR. GORDON JOHNSTON: I wonder if the Minister would describe any changes, if any, with respect to the ratio of apprentices working with journeymen. Sometime ago I received representation from mechanical contractors of the sub trades of the construction industry expressing concern that the Department of Labour was going to effect a change whereby there would be less apprentices going with a journeyman on the various jobs. The concern expressed to me was that this would increase the price of work and increase the total price of construction. So my question to the Minister is, are there any changes in the ratio of apprentices working with journeymen?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Emerson.

MR. GIRARD: I would like to raise a few questions in this particular regard as well. First of all, I would like to - I wonder if the Minister could explain why it is that while the salaries portion of this section has not been increased unrealistically, the total increase in the other expenditures has almost doubled. That seems a little strange and there must be a reason for that.

Also with regard to the Apprenticeship Training, I am aware of the Order-in-Council that must have been passed some time in January or in late December, because it was made effective on, I understand, January 3rd. The Order-in-Council was to basically change the practice that had been established in the past whereby we had more than one apprentice indentured per journeyman and the effective change of the Order-in-Council as I understand it was to have one apprentice authorized to one journeyman; and furthermore, if there were more than one journeyman in any firm, then it was to be a ratio of one apprentice per two journeymen. Now, I agree with the

(MR. GIRARD cont'd) Member from Portage la Prairie that this could have the result of increasing the cost to the consumer of the services now rendered by that particular trade, be it the electrical construction trade or the one he mentioned.

I would also like to know, Mr. Chairman, how much study was involved by the Department of Labour before arriving at this kind of conclusion. It seems to me, Mr. Chairman, that we are sometimes, at least we get the feeling that sometimes we are finding ourselves making decisions on the basis of whims, rather than facts and I suggest that this is one area where that has been so. I rather suspect that the Minister of Labour has not carried on sufficient study to know what the predictions might be, of the kind of employment that will be offered to these people who are seeking to be indentured into the apprenticeship service. I suggest that what this might well do - it will force some of our young people who want to be indentured to seek that kind of opportunity elsewhere in other provinces where the restrictions are not as rigid. I would suggest, also, that it will limit of course the number of journeymen over a period of time that will be certified in Manitoba. And should there be a need for that kind of journeyman at some time in the future, what will happen will be that we will have to import those journeymen from other areas other than Manitoba, because this has happened in the past, Mr. Chairman, we can't ignore this; it has happened in the past. I'm suggesting that that is the wrong direction for the Minister to have taken. I think that his advice has either not been all inclusive or his advice might have been from one source rather than two.

May I also ask a few questions of the Minister with regard to the practice of a Minister who seems to have thought it wise to instruct his department not to accept applicants to be indentured because we think that sometime in the future, sometime next month maybe, or maybe in two months, we will change the law by Order-in-Council whereby we will not be allowing students into this program, and consequently what has happened is some applicants who have applied prior to January 3rd were rejected, were rejected because of a possibility of a change to come - and that change did come as I suggested on January 3rd.

May I also ask, Mr. Chairman, how these decisions are taken. I understand that the Trade Advisory Council met sometime in, I believe it was May 12, the meeting apparently was called on May 7th but it was then postponed or somehow the meeting was called on May 12th and I was very interested in reading the Minutes of those meetings.

I find that what really happens is we have three members representing management of electrical contractors, then we have three members representing the unions and then we have two members representing the government, and we have one member representing the Department of Education and namely, Red River Community College. I find it strange that at that kind of meeting the resolutions come from the Department and the resolutions say in effect you know, fellows, the Minister wants, the Minister wants to change that particular section of the Act and so we're putting it to a vote, we already know ahead of time of course what the stands are. The stands are three for and three against, labour against management, and therefore it gives cognizance to the Minister to impose the kind of restrictive legislation that he wants to bring about. It is a rather odd procedure, I don't know if I could suggest a much better one, Mr. Minister, but nevertheless I would like to see a little bit more research done in this particular area.

I often wonder, Mr. Chairman, when we consider the apprenticeship program where the recommendations for certain people come from when we find some accepted, some rejected, whether based on qualifications or otherwise. One young gentleman spoke to me about this and he indicated to me that he was turned down, I believe it was sometime in December of last year, turned down because the law might be changed in the future. So finally this young gentleman wrote to you, Mr. Minister, and again it was answered by some member of your department who said, we cannot accept your application because now your ratio doesn't satisfy, your ratio in your firm does not satisfy us that you should be indentured. And coupled with that, Mr. Speaker, it wasn't suggested that we'll file your application until such a ratio can be acceptable for your nomination, rather we are cancelling your application. And I wonder if that procedure is a very desirable one. I suggest to you that a young man who manifests the desire to become an electrical construction trades journeyman should not be turned down so flatly, I think that we should be interested in seeing those young people enter the trade of their choice. If they're showing some ambition on their own part, Mr. Chairman, it's the last thing we should do . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order! Could we have a bit of order. The Chair is having difficulty hearing the honourable member speak. If you wish to have meetings I would suggest you carry

(MR. CHAIRMAN cont'd) them on in the halls. The Honourable Member for Emerson.

MR. GIRARD: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I would be very happy to discuss the matter of that private individual with the Minister privately if he should so wish, but I feel very strongly that that kind of practice ought to be discouraged if it in fact exists.

Furthermore, Mr. Chairman, I find that within the same firm, a firm that has X number of journeymen who are told "we cannot indenture another person", suddenly is told by the department, "yes we have another fellow who will be training or who will be an apprentice at your firm beginning next week sometime". Now we have one fellow who has applied, he's been rejected, but suddenly we have somebody else appearing on the scene. I'm just wondering, Mr. Chairman, whether the recommendations have a great bearing on who is accepted. I would like to know, for instance, does it matter whether he's a member of a union or not. And does it matter which union? And does it matter the strength of that union, Mr. Chairman? I'm just wondering how come some can be accepted while others cannot.

I don't wish to belabour the point unduly, Mr. Chairman, but I find that some 31 people in that particular trade have been indentured since January 3rd regulation has been effective. If that is the case are we sure that the ratio has been maintained? Are we sure that those who have applied before have been told that you might get your indenture if you go to such and such a firm, or have we told them, "no we're cancelling your application". And if we have told them "we are cancelling your application", Mr. Chairman, I suggest to you that you are not treating them as fairly as you should.

I wonder when we talk about the ratio regulation that has just been passed by Order-in-Council if we are fair enough to respect the same kind of thing in all trades. I'm not suggesting that this is the right kind of legislation to apply to all; however, I'd like to know if we are playing the game fairly or if we have our sources of information that we consider high-pressured information and that we are directed by them rather than by logic and common sense.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Labour.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Chairman, my first comment to my honourable friend - he used the word "wonder" considerably and I wish to heaven he'd stop wondering and start doing a little investigating.

A MEMBER: . . . or he's got a memory blank too maybe.

MR. PAULLEY: No, I don't think that is quite true insofar as the Member for Emerson is concerned as compared to the Member for Lakeside but he certainly indicates an utter lack of any investigation or any knowledgeability of how the apprenticeship system operates in the Province of Manitoba.

One of the questions raised by my honourable friend is he wonders if the Minister of Labour had any investigation made into this before a decision was made. I want to answer my honourable friend with the facts --(Interjection)-- I didn't eh? Mr. Chairman, . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Chairman, the Minister of Labour in his wisdom or lack of wisdom --(Interjection)-- that's right, in the eyes of my friends opposite who are so unknowledgeable of the facts of life or have no knowledgeability of the operations industry, I want to say, --(Interjection)-- Yes, I bet you wish it was 5:30 so as I couldn't reply in part to my honourable friend.

I have here in my hand the report of one John Atwell, --(Interjection)-- Mr. Chairman, my honourable friend says he read it and he has the consummate gall to stand up here and he wonders whether or not the Minister caused any investigation, and this document is dated November 17th, 1970, and then he stands up here and wonders whether I had anybody investigate into it. Now for goodness sake, why don't you be honest --(Interjection)-- one side? You haven't read the document because there was consultation with management and labour. Maybe the document, maybe my friend has not the basic intelligence to be able to read a report like this, and if that is the case, well then I have to accept it. And I accept it. And Lord help the children that he is teaching in the educational system of Manitoba. No darn wonder we have queries and problems with our children. If a guy who stands up in this House who first of all says he wonders if we made any investigation and then admits that we had, and then says, he doesn't know what the heck it's all about. --(Interjection)-- I'm worse than what? I'm worse than what? Surely for goodness, here is a man charged with the responsibility of educating children who can't even read a simple document, that's trying to educate him and the electrical industry as to the requirements thereof. And has the consummate gall to stand up here and say

(MR. PAULLEY cont'd) that the Minister never investigated.

Mr. Chairman, I do recognize that it is 5:30. The Minister of Finance indicated that 8:00 o'clock this evening it is the desire, and I believe by consent, that the Budget for the next fiscal year of the Province will be laid before this Assembly. I only wish to heaven that instead of 5:30 it was 4:30 because I should - I should say, Mr. Chairman, I should take the head off the shoulders of my friend even more cleanly than a guillotine would, because I've never seen or heard such guff, such lack of knowledgeability, almost of anything, that has come from the Member for Emerson. Mr. Chairman, I suggest that the Committee rise and report.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Committee rise and report. First we give the strangers within our midst time to withdraw. Committee rise and report. Call in the Speaker.

IN SESSION

MR. WILLIAM JENKINS (Logan): Mr. Speaker, the Committee of Supply has adopted certain resolutions and directed me to report the same and ask leave to sit again.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Logan.

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

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried and the House adjourned until 8:00 o'clock Thursday evening.