

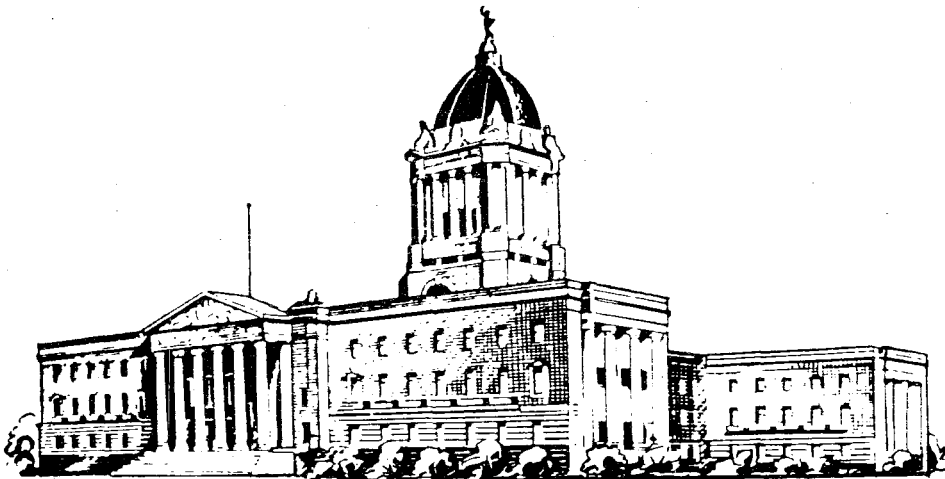


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Opening Prayer by Mr. Speaker.

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 71 students of Grade 9 to 12 standing of the Minnesota High School. These students are under the direction of Mr. John A. Varner, Conductor, Mr. Robert Bakke, Assistant, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Long and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Jacobson. They are our guests.

We also have 75 students Grade 9 standing of Yellow Quill School. These students are under the direction of Mr. Sushelnitsky and Mrs. Hogue. This school is located in the constituency of the Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie.

As well, there are 18 students of Red River Community College on a journalistic course. These are also our guests.

On behalf of all the Honourable Members I make them welcome.

Presenting Petitions; Reading and Receiving Petitions; Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees; Ministerial Statements; Tabling of Reports. The Honourable Minister of Labour.

TABLING OF REPORTS

HON. RUSSELL PAULLEY (Minister of Labour and Railway Commissioner) (Transcona): Mr. Speaker, I would like to table the report of the Workmen's Compensation Board for the calendar year 1971. Copies will be made available to all members.

MR. SPEAKER: Any further reports? Notices of Motion; Introduction of Bills; Oral Questions.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. HARRY J. ENNS (Lakeside): Mr. Speaker, I direct a question to the Honourable the First Minister. Can the Minister tell us whether or not Manitoba Hydro is presently entering into cost-plus contracts with respect to the speed-up of the Jenpeg development?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

HON. EDWARD SCHREYER (Premier) (Rossmere): I'll take that question as notice, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Pembina.

MR. GEORGE HENDERSON (Pembina): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Youth and Education. I wonder would he make available copies of his speech that he made at St. Paul's College to the other members of the Legislature.

MR. SPEAKER: Orders of the Day. The Honourable Minister.

HON. BEN HANUSCHAK (Minister of Education) (Burrows): I believe the honourable member read the newspaper account of it as well as others did.

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

MR. WARNER H. JORGENSON (Morris): I'd like to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Lower Education. We are now to believe that he now has faith in newspaper accounts?

MR. SPEAKER: The question is argumentative. The honourable member should know better. The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. JACOB M. FROESE (Rhineland): Mr. Speaker, I'd like to address a question to the Honourable House Leader. Has the deletion from the prayer "by whom kings rule and make equitable laws" been sanctioned by this House?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Labour.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, all I can say to my honourable friend is that there was authorization in the Rules Committee for a sub-committee to consider the change of the prayer and I believe that is in the process of being done.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day I'd like to take this opportunity to advise honourable members who are members of the Committee of Seven that a meeting of that committee will be convened tomorrow morning at 9:45 in my office and they may wish to convey that to those of their colleagues who are on that committee.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Brandon West.

MR. EDWARD MCGILL (Brandon West): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Honourable the Minister of Industry and Commerce and relates to the Saunders Aircraft operations at Gimli and the equity purchased by the Manitoba Development Corporation. Can the Minister tell me what proportion of the total share capital of Saunders Aircraft is now owned by the Development Corporation?

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

HON. LEONARD S. EVANS (Minister of Industry & Commerce) (Brandon East): Would the honourable member please submit a request for an Order for Return.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

MR. L. R. (BUD) SHERMAN (Fort Garry): Mr. Speaker, my question is similarly to the Minister of Industry and Commerce. I would ask him if he will be making a comprehensive statement to the House on yesterday's trade talks in Ottawa, and if so, when?

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

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, I issued a news statement this morning to the press outlining some of the comments that I made; and also I should advise honourable members that the Federal Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, the Honourable Jean Pepin had convened a press conference yesterday in Ottawa immediately after the meetings, at which time all ministers of the provinces concerned were invited to participate and we all did so at that time, making appropriate comments.

MR. SHERMAN: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Does the Minister not intend to make a comprehensive statement to the House?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Churchill.

MR. GORDON W. BEARD (Churchill): My question is to the Minister of Municipal Affairs. I wonder whether he would be prepared to submit an audited statement on Autopac's first six months of operation?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs.

HON. HOWARD R. PAWLEY (Minister of Municipal Affairs) (Selkirk): There'll be appropriate returns filed with respect to this, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Charleswood.

MR. ARTHUR MOUG (Charleswood): Mr. Speaker . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary. The Honourable Member for Churchill.

MR. BEARD: Would that mean then that there would be a statement of profit and loss submitted to the Legislature this session?

MR. PAWLEY: Mr. Speaker, there will be a statement filed in the Legislature. I don't have the actual requirements in front of me as to the filing of Returns, but there will be a return that will be filed which will indicate the status insofar as Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation is concerned. As to the year end I am not sure because it is a yearly statement and of course the Corporation has not been in operation for the full year.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Charleswood.

MR. MOUG: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct a question to the Minister responsible for Urban Affairs. It has to do with the farmland within the new City of Winnipeg. I was wondering if there is any provisions being made for tax concession to offset anticipated increases.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Finance.

HON. SAUL CHERNIACK, Q.C. (Minister of Finance) (St. Johns): Mr. Speaker, I am aware of this problem only in relation to a newspaper report. We have not yet had any contact with the city itself in relation to the problem, or indeed to my knowledge from anyone else. Nevertheless, the newspaper report was sufficient to interest the department to look into the situation and it is currently being considered.

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. I wonder if the Minister could indicate to the House whether or not the number of tourists in 1970 entering Manitoba increased or decreased over the previous year. '71, pardon me.

MR. SPEAKER: I believe that information will be available in the annual tabling of reports. The Honourable Member for Winnipeg Centre.

MR. J. R. (Bud) BOYCE (Winnipeg Centre): I have a question for the First Minister, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if the First Minister could clarify for members of the House the designations of his Ministers of Education.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, I assume that the question is prompted by the manner in which the Honourable Member for Morris addressed a question to the Minister of Education. I just assume that all members are aware of the various departments and the Department of Education in particular since it is one of the older departments in this province.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Crescentwood.

MR. CY GONICK (Crescentwood): My question is to the Minister of Industry and Commerce. Would the Minister inform the House whether or not he is aware of the purchase of Silverwood's Dairies by Westfair which is a subsidiary of Weston's recently?

MR. SPEAKER: The Minister of Industry and Commerce.

MR. EVANS: Mr. Chairman, I'm not aware of that.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. STEVE PATRICK (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day I wish to direct a question to the Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce. Oh, there's a supplementary?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Crescentwood.

MR. GONICK: I have a supplementary question. Would the Minister inform himself whether or not this has occurred and report to the House as to whether or not the government intends to intervene?

MR. SPEAKER: I do not think it is incumbent upon any member to demand that a Minister do anything. The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Speaker . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Does the honourable member wish a further supplementary question? The Honourable Member for Crescentwood.

MR. GONICK: . . . informed, Mr. Speaker, that I was requesting the Minister to inform himself of this and to advise the House.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce. Can the Minister confirm to the House if it's true that the M. D. C. loan to Western Flyer Coach has been reduced from 10 3/4% to 8 3/4 retroactive?

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

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, I'll take the question as notice.

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

MR. JOSEPH P. BOROWSKI (Thompson): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Industry and Commerce. Would he inform the House whether it's government policy to waste taxpayers' money promoting . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. A question of policy cannot be directed at a Minister in that way. The Honourable Member for Thompson.

MR. BOROWSKI: Mr. Speaker, I have a question I would like to ask and I would like you to extend me the courtesy of at least hearing my question before you rule me out of order.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. I should like to indicate to all members that the snide remarks that are coming are available to my ears; I do not appreciate them. I am trying to abide by your rules to the best of my ability and a question of policy cannot be directed at a Minister in that fashion. A member can ask a question but I think he should think how he's going to phrase his question. The Honourable Member for Thompson.

MR. BOROWSKI: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce whether he is going to continue in his department to waste public funds to promote the convention center by advertising on the radio and elsewhere?

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

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce. Has the Honourable Minister ascertained how large the M. D. C. loss to Lighting Materials Limited will be?

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

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, I don't have that specific information, but I am advised that the loan which was made under the previous administration is fairly well secured by land and equipment so if there is any loss it should be relatively minimal.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I might be allowed to raise a point of order. I think that it would accommodate all honourable members if they would agree that questions not of general policy but questions that deal with a specific, a particular loan transaction, that if they would wish the question provided on a given day that they should provide notice in advance. That is the usual practice in the House of Commons. And if on the other hand they wish to pose the questions without notice then it's to be understood that the Minister in question would want to take it as notice.

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

MR. GONICK: I would ask the Minister of Labour if he intends to issue a report on the situation of the layoffs at International Nickel in Thompson.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Labour.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Labour has no control over the layoffs at Thompson or any other place in Manitoba.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Education.

MR. HANUSCHAK: Mr. Speaker, I wish to reply to the question put to me by the Honourable Member for Lakeside yesterday of which I took notice. Upon checking my files indicating the approval to notices of intent -- dozens of them during last year -- I find that the Public Schools Finance Board has not yet reported to me on notice of intent re Lunder Lakeshore School Division, but I can assure the honourable member that it is being processed with due haste as rapidly as dozens of other notices of intent have last year.

MR. SPEAKER: Orders of the Day. The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Yesterday the Honourable Member for Fort Garry asked whether or not the Attorney-General was stating government policy when he made a statement to the press subsequent to the meeting which he had with the Federal Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. I think it would be correct to say, Sir, that the Attorney-General was indicating to the federal authorities the nature of Manitoba's attitude towards the federal intention to proceed with the Competitions Bill and the Attorney-General expressed on behalf of this government as well the intention of this government that we would not try to use constitutional means to block the federal legislation but that we would be offering specific proposals or criticisms relevant to certain sections of that Act.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, I direct a question to the Honourable the First Minister. In yesterday's news from Ottawa with respect to the tentative agreement arrived at with the Province of Quebec and Ottawa with respect to social allowances payments there is the implication that important constitutional matters are at the same time being tentatively agreed to. Can the Minister indicate or tell the House whether or not there will be any opportunity to discuss acceptance, for instance, of the Victoria position on the constitution in this Chamber before any such matter is finalized?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, I would like to think that that will be possible in the normal course, but the honourable member will appreciate that I received the communication from the Federal Government only at 10:00 o'clock this morning. It's a lengthy five-page letter and I haven't had time to peruse it.

MR. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question and also by way of notice to the First Minister that the question with respect to the position of the Manitoba Government, we would appreciate if the Minister took this as notice and that question will be asked later on.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Emerson.

MR. GIRARD: Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Honourable Minister of Education, Public Education. With regard to the grant that is to be paid based on the \$50 per home owner that was printed in yesterday's papers, would you be able to advise the House as to what you expect this will cost the province approximately and what percentage of that will be paid to municipalities outside of Winnipeg.

MR. SPEAKER: Orders of the Day. The Honourable Minister of Education.

MR. HANUSCHAK: Insofar as the percentage division, Mr. Speaker, I cannot give the

(MR. HANUSCHAK cont'd) honourable member that information at the present time; the total cost, between \$12 and \$14 million.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Emerson.

MR. GIRARD: A supplementary question. I wonder if the Honourable Minister would consider taking this as notice with regard to percentage.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Finance. Four Atlantic provinces have now agreed to increase the exemption of succession duties between spouses up to \$500,000. Will the Minister or the Government reconsider their position.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. I think the honourable member's question is in anticipation of what will take place in this House. The Honourable Member for Churchill.

MR. BEARD: I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. I understand that he has had recent meetings with the Western Provincial Agricultural Ministers and with the Federal Minister of Agriculture. I wonder if they have discussed the shipment of grain through the Port of Churchill.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Agriculture.

HON. SAMUEL USKIW (Minister of Agriculture) (Lac du Bonnet): Mr. Speaker, we discussed the whole question of grain transportation and handling throughout Canada, which includes the Port of Churchill.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Churchill.

MR. BEARD: A subsequent question Mr. Speaker. Could the Minister inform the House whether they are going to double the shipment of grain through the Port of Churchill this year?

MR. USKIW: I don't know what is in the mind of the powers that be, at Ottawa. Let me say that there is a study under way and we are anxiously awaiting the report from the group that is doing the study.

MR. BEARD: I think I have one last supplementary question. When will that study be ready, Mr. Speaker?

MR. USKIW: I really don't know; I presume it is going to be within a matter of months. I think the Government of Canada is trying to push it as fast as they can, in that there are very apparent difficulties in grain handling in Canada at the present time.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Emerson.

MR. GIRARD: Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct another question to the Honourable Minister of Education. Is there provision now in the present Foundation Program for a grant made for the purpose of buying library books?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Education.

MR. HANUSCHAK: . . . grant, Mr. Speaker.

MR. GIRARD: I'm sorry I didn't get the answer, Mr. Speaker.

MR. HANUSCHAK: It's part of a normal grant, Mr. Speaker.

MR. GIRARD: I wonder if the Honourable Minister would advise us as to the amount of that grant.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. I think the Honourable Member is getting into detailed information, which would be much more readily available on an Order for Return.

ORDERS OF THE DAY - THRONE SPEECH DEBATE

MR. SPEAKER: On the proposed motion of the Honourable Member for St. Vital, and the amendment thereto by the Honourable Leader of the Opposition. The Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie.

MR. GORDON E. JOHNSTON (Portage la Prairie): Mr. Speaker, this is my first occasion to address the House this session and perhaps it would be appropriate if I offered my congratulations to the new member for Minnedosa. I'm sure that he will pursue his duties and be quite as effective as the former member for that seat, Mr. Weir.

While I'm passing out some congratulations, I might also congratulate the three new Ministers who have entered the Cabinet of the Premier and wish them well. While the Minister for Tourism and I have had differences politically, and he has made that quite apparent, I am sure that he has the ability to run his department and run it well.

Now I am not going to address myself to every minister and talk about his abilities or his lack of abilities. I thought I would leave that job to the Official Leader of the Opposition who does it so well; and also to the Member for Thompson who is very apt at apprise. I couldn't

(MR. G. JOHNSTON cont'd) help but chuckle a little bit on my way in from Portage this morning - I was listening to the By-Line and my friendly Member for Thompson was giving his views in his usual forthright style, and I thought he said that there was a number of ministers in the Cabinet who were both sloppy and getting away with murder. When the Member was questioned further, if he would mind naming the members, he said that he would be doing that in the House either by question or when their estimates come up. So it will be interesting to see how many sloppy and murderous ministers we have in the House this session.

Mr. Speaker, while we are speaking of welcoming a new member, it is with a sense of sadness that we note that the seat formerly occupied by the Honourable Member for Wolseley is vacant. I wish at this time to record our tribute from our party to the late Leonard Claydon who is no longer with us. Mr. Claydon was an outstanding public servant who served this Assembly and his community well; a man of great courage, honour and clarity of thought. His counsel will be missed not only in this Chamber but throughout the province of Manitoba. I wish to record our sorrow at his passing at such an early stage of his life. And while we mark his absence, we must also express our surprise and disappointment that the First Minister has seen fit to deny the people of Wolseley constituency a new representative to speak for them in this important session of the legislature.

Mr. Claydon passed away on December 8th, more than three months ago, and more than sufficient time has elapsed during which a by-election could have been held in order to fill the vacancy. It is not a case of a sudden death of a member who took the government by surprise for it was well known for a considerable length of time that the Honourable Member suffered from a terminal illness. For the people of Wolseley, some 20,000 Manitobans, of which some 12,000 are electors, there is the prospect of facing a second year during which they will have no voice in this Assembly. We are now entering - well the second year in which the people of Wolseley will have had their lives affected, their taxes raised, their position will have changed by actions of this Assembly and they have had no voice. The slogan "No taxation without representation" is particularly applicable to them. So, Mr. Speaker, we urge the First Minister to abandon his present position and to stop saying, as he was reported to have said recently, that he does not intend to be a sucker by calling an early Wolseley by-election - to stop giving by his actions credibility to the rumour that he is using political power to show favoritism to the NDP candidate in the Wolseley by-election at the expense of the people of Wolseley.

Mr. Speaker, I will not bother to comment upon the arrogance and smug statements made by the Honourable Member for St. Vital when he moved the adoption of the Speech from the Throne, in which he suggested that "my party was unstable and that its leader had one set of policies and the party another." Let me assure him that Mr. Asper has the support, loyalty and dedication of the entire Liberal Party and also its caucus. I might also say that the policies that he has espoused have had party consideration and we are fully in agreement with him.

Mr. Speaker, this House has listened with more than the usual degree of interest to the Speech from the Throne which was delivered last Thursday. Indeed all Manitoba watched with interest, for this was no ordinary speech. It was a speech from a government which has now come to this House four times since its election. I regret to advise you that we would be hard pressed to find in recent history a more docile and ineffective speech from the Throne. This government has now had nearly three years in which to clear up the backlog of minor pieces and housekeeping bits of legislation which had been ignored by the previous administration. After last year's session the government had described its program as housekeeping. Surely the day of housekeeping has long passed. Surely Manitobans can now expect the government to present an aggressive, imaginative and coherent strategy for the development and improvement of this province.

As the Speech from the Throne commenced our hopes rose, for the opening words recognize, and I quote: "We meet at a time when our democratic institutions are called upon and expected to solve problems of social and economic inequities to a far greater extent than was ever the case in years gone by." Well with that pious beginning, we dared to believe that this government had finally finished with the housekeeping and was beginning to unveil the plan that would lead Manitoba into the 21st century. In that hope and in that anticipation, all of us - all of Manitoba was bitterly disappointed. The Speech from the Throne tells us, in the government's defensive and condescending way, that where things are good in this province it was because the government had acted wisely, and where things are bad, why of course, you must blame the Feds,

(MR. G. JOHNSTON cont'd) blame Ottawa. But what the Speech reveals is that this government is out of ideas. After the government dislocated its shoulder patting itself on the back in its Speech from the Throne, it tells us that it really doesn't know what to do next. So it's going back to school. It's going to take a sabbatical, just like the professors do, they go away every few years, study and decide what they should do for an encore, then they come back.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to point out what I consider to be some misstatements in the Throne Speech. If there is anything which would characterize this speech, it is its constant repetition of government's propaganda, which one must presume the government believes that if you repeat long enough and loud enough and often enough, it will eventually become believable to the people of the province. For example, the Speech from the Throne reports to us that the government passed 300 bills in the past two years. They don't say that over sixty of those bills were left from the previous government -- it was just a matter of putting them through the House at the first session -- but they take credit for 300 bills. How busy they were! How busy they were!

And we are told that everything is going swimmingly - just fine - but with three exceptions, with three exceptions. I am sure if you were to ask people across the province what they think the three exceptions are, you would receive different answers to the question in nearly every case.

Another example of what I call to be a misstatement is the government assertion that the financial situation in this province is good, that the provincial per capita debt is reduced. This is sheer nonsense, Mr. Speaker. The total debt in this province has escalated sharply since this government's entrance into office. The book cooking has also escalated. In order to cover up the financial juggling that this government requires, they have adopted the single expedient of firing all the independent auditors, so that there is no more independent audit of the affairs of the departments and the corporations. So we have to rely on a government, financial reporter I suppose you would call him, but even the Auditor General who depends on his living and on a good relationship with the government mildly points out in his report tabled last Friday that the day of reckoning is coming. The Manitoba Development Corporation and many other financial corporations of the government are losing massive amounts of money which are not being taken into account in the records being presented to the public in the financial budgets of this government. No rebuttal to the statement of solvency of governmental operations are needed. We are told that we must be careful in Manitoba not to grow too fast economically, that this government is so concerned with the problems of over-development that it will institute policies of selective growth. Mr. Speaker, this is ludicrous - it defies response - it's an outright admission of failure in the fact that this government has no economic growth strategy whatsoever. What the government is really saying is that stagnation and decline in Manitoba is not because of government's lack of development policy but rather it is a deliberate attempt to ward off that ugly industrial development devil that threatens to flood us in economic growth, higher incomes and more job opportunities.

Well, Mr. Speaker, let the First Minister tell that to the unemployed, and to the parents of children who have to leave their home town to look for a job. Let them tell that to the small businessman who is being choked with bureaucracy and high taxes; and to the hundreds of middle and upper income executives who have strangely transplanted themselves to other parts of Canada, and who will miss the joys of selective economic growth which when freely translated means that instead of growing at a rate comparable to one-third the national average, which is a confession of failure in itself, we will grow at less than that rate in the brave new world of the NDP, "Father Knows Best" psychology.

The Speech from the Throne proudly reports that the construction of new housing continues at an increased rate. What it doesn't say is that the massive increase of government as opposed to private building, is the only thing that has kept us going. The private housing sector has all but been pushed out of Manitoba. The NDP government says it's going to build 21,000 new houses and promptly sets out to do so, but at the same time, it practically puts the private sector out of business, so where's the gain?

It runs a City Government slate of candidates, Mr. Speaker, who by resolution, publicly committed themselves to set up, if they were elected and formed a majority, to set up a Crown housebuilding corporation. It says in effect that the private sector can build luxury accommodation but the mass market will be looked after by government sponsored enterprises. We have the situation where mortgage companies are withdrawing their loans from Manitoba, where

(MR. G. JOHNSTON cont'd) privately owned apartment buildings are vacant to the extent of some of them 25%, and where leading developers are moving out of the province. Why else did one of our biggest developers, R. C. Baxter Limited pull up stakes and along with his architects move to Vancouver? Regardless of economic consequences, the social consequences of a government housing policy are even more unfortunate. We have the dubious distinction of having no programs which encourage individual home ownership, but rather programs which spend tens of millions to ensure that approximately ten percent of the people will become tenants of the government and will be subject to political pressures and treated as wards And, Mr. Speaker, that isn't a good situation. Every other province in Canada has aggressive programs which encourage individuals as opposed to state home ownership but not Manitoba. The father knows best; trust us; we'll look after you; you'll work for us, you'll live in state-owned homes and everything will be A-Okay. Let me tell you, Mr. Speaker, that if the government was not building houses to cover up the absence of the private sector activity in this area, well then the statistics would really be frustrating and more frightening than they are.

We are told in the speech that unemployment in Manitoba is lower than the national average but the government fails to point out that this is only because we export our unemployed. They leave. The net outflow this year will be close to 20,000. It's no wonder unemployment statistics look relatively good, especially to the government. . . . But even more deceptive is the technique by which the government arrived at its rosy picture. We do not take into account our native population which is by and large quite unemployed. The speech pays tribute to the government local employment Winter Works Program but does not mention that these stopgap job-creating techniques do nothing to create permanent jobs which we need.

Then there is the statement that we have one of the lowest proportionate civil services in Canada. Well, Mr. Speaker, this is bookkeeping double talk if I ever heard of it. By every objective standard we are one of the most over governed provinces in Canada. Let the government give to us an honest accounting. Let it tell us and let it take into account the number of government Crown corporation civil servants, the number of people on special, non-civil service work, contract work and the like, and you will see readily and unmistakably and objectively that ours is a most highly civil service dominated work force in Canada - not the third lowest as the government would have us believe.

The Speech from the Throne then implies that activities designed to protect the average consumer from brutality and imbalance in the world of big business is greatly enhanced by this government. We must respond though, Mr. Speaker; we must ask if that is so, where are the programs which amend the fine print warranty clauses in consumer sales contracts so that we can protect the buyers of consumer goods. Where are the laws that require manufacturers and wholesalers to stand behind the retailers of their product by being required to post bonds and stock parts for their products within this province? Where is the fair business practices tribunal that will adjudicate business conduct? Where are the laws that will permit the average consumer to obtain redress and damages from retailers when they are subjected to unfair and misleading trade practice? Where are the laws that will require non-Manitoba manufacturers to get rid of the fine print product guarantees and require them to stock replacements and repair parts within the province and require them to practice truthful packaging of products and disclose the real size, quality and quantity of their products?

Mr. Speaker, I could go on on other matters of consumer legislation but I really don't see any need for the government to take undue credit in that field. The government tells us in its speech that the Nelson River Project, the Lake Winnipeg regulation and the South Indian Lake flooding will proceed but it does not seem to take into account that none of these programs have ever been approved by this Legislature as is required by law. It does not mention that it has denied the interested public a set of fair and objective hearings on this subject.

We are even told in the Speech that rural party lines of the Manitoba Telephone System is being upgraded. Well, Mr. Speaker, I'd like the Premier or someone to speak to a constituent that I know of that has had to pay \$600 for a private line and if that's upgrading the rural system, that seems to me it isn't. So it also appears that the government has changed the concept of a Throne Speech to where they like to talk about the things that were in the past and not the ideas that they were going to proceed on in the future. But if they want to look at the past then let us take a little bit of a look at the past; and I suggest that the look at the past that I'm going to give them will give them much comfort.

(MR. G. JOHNSTON cont'd)

The government has been at great pains in its speech to tell us how good the economy of Manitoba really is. If that is so, then it must explain to us why the Winkler Food Cannery closed. Why the Distillery in Minnedosa has been closed for several months. Why R. C. Baxter Limited has moved its head offices to Vancouver, along with A & W Foods. Why a division of J. B. Carter Ltd. moved to Montreal. Why North West Fabricators Limited moved to Alberta. Why Imperial Oil announced closing its refinery. Why A & P Stores have laid off employees and have closed three stores and announced they're going to close three more. Why Canadian Indemnity has moved its head offices to operate from Toronto. Why ten insurance companies have closed their Winnipeg operations. What about Wawanesa Mutual having transferred staff out of the province and laid off others. Why approximately 20,000 people have left the province in the last year.

The government also must explain why suddenly under its jurisdiction we have the almost weekly parade of bankruptcies ranging from King Choy, Dents, Unicraft Enterprises, Lighting Materials Limited. And the list could go on and on and on. And while all this is happening, Mr. Speaker, the government busies itself with grand deals, expensive schemes which really have no relevance or of no interest to the people of Manitoba. Two and a half million dollars has been spent to buy Steele Briggs Seeds in Toronto; \$1.5 million to buy another MDF finance company, Brett Young Seeds. The government has now announced it will establish a seeds operation in Mexico. And, Mr. Speaker, I am sure that not one new job came out of this sort of a deal. And I'm sure the Minister will agree. -- (Interjection) -- Oh yes, I'm sorry, replace the man on their Board of Directors. The questionable transaction with Tantalum Mining Corporation. -- (Interjection) -- I am sure the Premier will be able to reply.

So finally we have so many deals going we have to buy a million dollar computer that no one else wanted, it was a lemon; just so we could keep track of the money that was flowing out, I guess. And while all this time senior citizens and others on fixed incomes are choking on their tax bills, the government generously offers to help finance Air Canada. You know, that's got to be the greatest! The truth is that the economic climate in Manitoba has been seriously damaged by this government. It has created an atmosphere of fear and intimidation. It has threatened and it is fast taking over the housing industry, it's in the hotel business at Leaf Rapids.

The past year has seen the continuous erosion of liberty, retroactive legislation being the order of the day. Invasion of individual privacy through last year's famous super legislation; the power of the state is greatly increased and the rights to search homes and seize assets of citizens. The rights of freedom of assembly was restricted to legislative action last year. And the continuing trend of state control over our lives through massive new bureaucracy continues as the government appoints more boards, more tribunals, more commissions and more government agencies to regulate our lives.

In last year, this government meekly sat back at the Federal-Provincial Constitutional Conference. In fact the members in this House still don't know what the government's position is, let alone the press or the public; all that appears is that they said, "me too," to whatever was said and has never put its position before the Legislature to be debated.

And just a few weeks ago, another proud announcement. The government proudly announced that it has now reached the stage where one out of every four civil servants has a government car. But it hasn't done anything about the pollution of the atmosphere being caused by various industries in the Elmwood-East Kildonan area. It's preoccupied with protecting public morals through the censorship of films, but it has not taken the time to straighten out the Autopac mess where thousands of Manitobans are waiting settlement.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The Honourable First Minister on a point of order.

MR. SCHREYER: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would like to be advised by you, Sir, whether it's more appropriate to deal with a deliberate repeated lie at the time that it's uttered or at the termination of the honourable member's address.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: The government has paraded its confusion. . .

MR. SCHREYER: I'd like to be advised, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: I believe when there is an inconsistency in address, the point of order should be raised at that particular moment.

MR. SCHREYER: What I am contending is a deliberate utterance of misinformation on

(MR. SCHREYER cont'd) the part of the honourable member, because when he alleged that the number of cars that were purchased by the Crown and they bear a ratio of one for every four civil servants, that that was reported wrongly in the first place, it was corrected subsequently on at least two occasions and the honourable member who presumes to be a House Leader of his party, knows it full well, but he's repeating it.

MR. SPEAKER: The point of order is well taken. The Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Mr. Speaker, I see I've got to the Premier on that. I went by the announcement and if there was a correction then I retract; if it was one in five or whatever it was, I'll retract the one in four. Perhaps next year, the Honourable Acting Minister of Public Works will have it up to one in four, we'll have to wait and see. The government has paraded this confusion through the issue of aid to separate schools, where although there is no mention of it in the Speech from the Throne, it has permitted this issue to become a political football which threatens to divide rather than unite Manitobans. In this regard . . .

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

MR. JORGENSON: I think that you should take under advisement the language that is being used by the House Leader opposite - the words, "that is a lie". He is imputing that the Member for Portage is doing something that is not permitted by the rules of this House and he should withdraw that.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member . . .

MR. PAULLEY: On the point of privilege raised by my honourable friend, the Member for Morris, my interjection was because of the statement of the Honourable Member for Portage that it was government policy and government announcement; and Mr. Speaker, I want it clearly understood that at no time has there been any government pronouncement in respect of aid to private schools. I want that clearly understood, Mr. Speaker. And when I said that that is a lie I was referring to the statement of my honourable friend that he was announcing what presumably in his opinion was government policy and it is not.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. I realize that some people have been vaccinated by a gramophone needle but there is no need to display it. I do believe we want to maintain the decorum in this Assembly, let us all participate towards that effort. The Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Mr. Speaker, it usually takes at least a month before the House Leader blows his stack. It just took about two days this time. But also I find that his hearing is affected as well, because I said no such thing about government policy. I said that the government permitted this to happen.

MR. PAULLEY: The government did not.

MR. SPEAKER: May I suggest to all members that if they are going to proceed in debate that they elucidate remarks in the normal fashion of the debate and not try to provoke anyone, whether it's on their own side or on any other side. Normal conduct of debate is to do it in the third person if possible. The Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: So with all the confusion going on, Mr. Speaker, the government has told us by way of the Throne Speech that, well, as much as to say that they're going back to school, they're using this year as a catch-up period or what have you. So to cover up some of the inaction they have pulled the oldest defence there is, and that is the appointment of study groups. We have study groups on drugs, commissions of enquiry for taxicabs, studies on community clinics. I guess that one had to be studied. It was so confused even the Cabinet didn't know what was going on, I believe. And for some unexplained reason we're going to have another study on the economy; only four years after the last big study. We must ask when these inquisitions will end and when Manitobans will be given action on the pressing problems facing them.

Now perhaps, Mr. Speaker, I've been unduly hard on the government up until now, but I will say that some of the bits and pieces of legislation they've mentioned will be receiving support from us -- and I could enumerate them. The suggestion that there be a reduction of property tax; the work that will be done to improve the status of women in the labour force, in the work force, we will support that. We'll support the plan to bring in a modern labour code and any improvement in Workmen's Compensation benefits that can be made. We recognize many of our own policies in the Speech including the plan for major expansion of markets for farm products and grants for farm diversification, and the extension of sewer and

(MR. G. JOHNSTON cont'd) water facilities for both towns, villages and farms.

We welcome the statement on improving student aid but hope the government will make certain that the economy produces jobs for those students so that we do not have to export them and our tax dollars to other provinces where they will have to go for jobs. And while we support any new anti-pollution laws that will be passed, we are left to wonder why the existing pollution laws go unenforced by the government. We will support, as we did in last year's Speech from the Throne, any plan to establish veterinarian clinics on a regionally decentralized basis throughout the farm area.

But, Mr. Speaker, if I could I would like to speak for a moment on what is missing from the Throne Speech. We waited the speech in the hope that after the three years of housekeeping a clear policy statement of where this government wished to take the province would be made. We are left to wonder where are the day care centres that used to pass through this House several years ago by both the Liberals and the NDP resolutions. They agreed to implement it there and they made many speeches about the concept but this is the fourth session and not one sound about day care centres has been heard from the government. If this government has no idea of what's needed then perhaps I could supply them with a few ideas.

We urgently require a program of rehabilitation and expanded assistance to the 1,200 fishermen who remain penalized by the pollution of Lake Winnipeg. The bill of rights promised in the first Speech from the Throne of this administration has never been more required than now. This government has ignored many of the recommendations of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women. There is much to be done in provincial legislation in this regard. We would have welcomed strategy for major advances in the tourist industry which if properly developed could provide the province with up to 30,000 jobs over a five-year term. If that requires us to put a dome over the Winnipeg Stadium or go after a pro hockey franchise or build ski mountains or sponsor international air shows or other tourist attractions, all of these can be worked on. Instead of paying lip service to the principle of multi-culturalism, why aren't there actual programs to encourage the ethnic and national minorities to share their cultures and retain their traditions. Instead of tokenism and disregard of our senior citizens' problems we would have welcomed change in Medicare which would have made senior citizens' nursing home care, wheelchairs, eyeglasses and drugs covered under the plan. Instead of commitments to spend more public money on buying into questionable business ventures we would take this money and reduce the senior citizens' provincial income tax and completely eliminate the education tax for owners and tenants of low income.

A special assistant to the Premier could be appointed with responsibility to deal with native people's development. A meaningful program for the development and advancement of our native people should have been brought forward at this time. I believe the Task Force who has been studying this for two years now made recommendations last session. Whether it's your idea or the Liberal idea or Conservative idea it doesn't matter, but there is a responsibility of government to bring some sort of a rural redevelopment and resettlement program into being. I believe some of the other provinces have already got programs in this regard.

While almost every other province in Canada has begun a provincial tax reform plan this government hasn't even established a select legislative committee to bring forward any such plan. The final rounds of renegotiation of a Constitution are upon us yet this government does not even suggest that it will table for debate a position paper on its posture that it will be taking at the final negotiating conferences. We fear that through government inaction in this regard Manitobans will be consigned to another hundred years of living with a Constitution in Canada which guarantees that we will largely be left out of the political and economic decision-making in the country.

The Speech from the Throne is content to say that there is rapid industrial development in the north. Where are the programs for harnessing this development? What about the idea of a university of the north? What about a special minimum wage for the north taking into account the costs of living and the cost of transportation?

Where is the statement and set of guidelines to deal with the question of foreign investment in this province? Must we always follow? I see Alberta has brought forward such a position. Surely with the degree of foreign ownership we have there should be a special activity in this area. Instead of establishing a study on the welfare system can we simply not start by ending the abuse by supplying work for welfare people who can work, who are able bodied.

Does the government not have any plans to consult with the dental profession in order to come to grips with the high cost of dental care? Can this government not think of a plan to

(MR. G. JOHNSTON cont'd) assist in making home ownership more readily to its people? I believe several of the other provinces have taken this approach and it's paying off and encouraging the young people to try and acquire a home of their own.

Are we not entitled to expect at this time that the government will commence a major economic development thrust which would include the abolition of long distance telephone calls within the province; a provincial freight rate equalization plan; the opening of a Manitoba trade office in other cities in Canada and the launching of an international sales force which could search for industrial opportunities for our province?

So, Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Member for La Verendrye, that the motion be further amended by adding thereto the following words:

The government has failed to decentralize government services and instead has further centralized power, has increased bureaucracy, reduced individual freedoms of choice and increased the level of state control over its citizens, and by some of its policies has caused unrest in the business, financial and industrial sectors which have led to a nearly total lack of growth in Manitoba economy.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, I would want to be counted among the first to express my congratulations, and not only congratulations, Sir, but my cooperation with you, Sir, because I did note on our first day of the session on Friday last, I believe your admonition to all of us to abide by the rules that we ourselves have set. I know, Sir, that you know that I know that I certainly intend to abide by that admonition that you set out for us so wisely early on in the session.

I would also then want to do the traditional thing of course and congratulate the mover and seconder of the Speech. I deal firstly with the mover. I find it somewhat difficult to congratulate him because of his contribution with respect to the Speech, but I am prepared now to acknowledge and I -- in fact I think there could almost be a kind of a unison chorus, we could stand up three times and bow three times and concede the fact that yes, this government did lower medicare premiums. Now let's have that done with and let's not hear about that again. That was a fine and noble gesture appreciated by most Manitobans I'm sure. It's been indicated in that manner to us by every speaker and this session of course so early on is proving to be no exception.

I find, of course, other reasons for congratulating the Honourable Member for St. Vital. Because you see, Mr. Speaker, on the very day of the opening of the House the Honourable Member for St. Vital lined up solidly in throwing his full support behind the Honourable Member for Pembina -- I believe, Sir, he did this through the public news media whereupon thousands of Manitobans have heard him on the Peter Warren show on CJOB station, and I would think that there shows a great deal of promise, a great deal of light on the part of the Member for St. Vital when he recognizes the latent talents that our Member for Pembina has and the ones that he will be expressing in a much forceful vigorous manner in this Assembly during this coming session.

I, of course, also have to extend to the Honourable Member for St. Vital my appreciation of something a bit more of a personal nature. I am aware of his cultural activities in this city, I believe he has had a degree of responsibility in bringing to this city the fine full-dress performances of grand opera, and I don't mean the western variety here in this city, to which extent I congratulate him, and has made his contribution to this community certainly felt already.

Mr. Speaker, I note that the honourable seconder, the Member for Ste. Rose is also in his chair and I do also have congratulations and a comment for him. I find it moving when, Sir, he kind of lifted up his eyes above you and beyond you whence sit the immortal members of the Fourth Estate in the press gallery -- now mind you there seems to be some sensitivity as to the number of chairs in the press gallery these days, but be it as it may -- and in a heart-rendering, soul-searching manner he asked the gut question: have you been honest? Mr. Speaker, at that moment a multitude of things flashed across my vision, my eyes. I could recall those days and those nights, particularly later on in the session when we get somewhat haggard and we get distraught and frustrated and we sometimes leave that position that somehow should be reserved for politicians in this arena to act in a dignified and a noble way, I have to admit that there are times that we in fact become childish, brought on by the

(MR. ENNS cont'd) late hours that former House Leaders would drive us to in this Chamber. So I would like to raise my eyes to that gallery at the same time, and in the same soul-searching, heart-wringing manner beseech the press - forget it. So don't always worry about being all that honest about reporting everything that you see in this Chamber and hear in this Chamber. We are mere mortals; we make mistakes from time to time and it can happen to us as well as it can to the representative people all across the Province of Manitoba whom, of course, we are only representative of. Nonetheless, Mr. Speaker, my congratulations to the Member for Ste. Rose. He is obviously going to be heard from to a greater degree in this session than we have in the past. That is only as it should be. He has passed his initial year and is now a veteran of the House.

I would also, of course, have to make note of the changes on the treasury bench. I will pass any caustic comment with that respect, but I am reminded, Sir, as I'm sure some of us are being reminded, of the Premier's ebullient statement prior to the time he took office, just during that period when he realized that he had elected 28 members and was in the process of formulating a Cabinet and the question was asked to him or of him: was he satisfied that there was sufficient Cabinet material in the ranks of the newly elected members of the New Democratic Party, and he assured all and sundry that his problem was that they were all qualified for the Cabinet. And I want to tell you something, Mr. Speaker. At the rate they're going through they all will be in the Cabinet pretty soon. Because we have seen a tremendous coming and going in such a short period of time in this Cabinet of this government.

Mr. Speaker, I was tempted to break tradition at the opening ceremonies of this Chamber, there were so many traditions being broken already I honestly expected to see some champagne bubbles coming from behind His Honour's Chair as he was reading the Speech from the Throne to the accompaniment of the music and perhaps a one and a two or something to go along with it. It wasn't -- all we heard was the A-Okay which came pretty close.

I did want to interrupt those proceedings when the First Minister introduced the resolution appointing the Member for Logan, I believe it is, as our new Deputy Speaker in this Chamber, and in doing so, of course, welcoming the Honourable Member for Logan to that important position, but the thought crossed my mind that the services of the past Deputy Speaker should have been recorded on that particular occasion. Certainly the appreciation of the members opposite for the manner and way in which he carried out those services, the impartiality with which he carried out those services was noted, always appreciated by those of us on our side. I know it's an onerous task and I do so now want to extend the appreciation of the members opposite to the former Deputy Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the Honourable new Member for Minnedosa will have to get used to having accolades thrown upon him on these occasions, he's perhaps leaving now. I am satisfied that the calibre, the man that we have in filling that seat, the constituency of Minnedosa -- He has an onerous duty to perform in attempting to represent Minnedosa as capably and as well as it has been for the past nine or ten years in the person of our former Leader and our former Premier, the Honourable Walter Weir. It will be a responsibility that I'm sure the new Member for Minnedosa will live up to.

Now, Mr. Speaker, let me deal with another matter that has concerned me. It would just not be proper for me to not acknowledge the situation that has allowed to have happened between two senior members of the government that we face opposite, and I refer of course to the resignation, the regrettable resignation on the part of our former House Leader, the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources and that of the First Minister. And you know, Mr. Speaker, I want to be very careful in the next few moments as to what I say in this regard because I recognize that I have had some difficulty in the House for imputing motives. So I want to make it very clear to you, Sir, that there is no intention to impute any motives to any person in any of the remarks that I have to say on this question. I want to explain just what my own thoughts, what my own feelings were when I picked up the paper that day or heard the news account, saw the T.V. screen, about this situation. And it will surprise you, because my mind flashed immediately back to a very serious and grave situation that we had in Canada, namely the FLQ crisis in Quebec some Octobers ago, and I ask you to consider the situation. We had a situation at that time that gripped the nation, certainly concerned every Manitoban, and certainly was a situation, and we can never divorce ourselves from it, that politicians, all politicians attempt to be on the right side of, but I have found this government has the peculiar aptitude of making sure that it is always on the right side of all

(MR. ENNS cont'd) questions at all times. As was the case with the FLQ crisis, the former Minister of Highways fires off a telegram to Trudeau "Shoot the Bastards" and thereby naturally identifying himself with that extreme group of people, or persons in the province, that in the heat of things felt that way. The Premier, the First Minister, quite correctly, astutely, chose the course of moderation, of caution; cautiously and moderately supported the position which most people in the province did of our national government of the day in handling that particular crisis.

On the other hand of the spectrum we have the Member from Crescentwood leading every single communist . . . and hamburger, to quote the Mayor from Vancouver, off to a Civil Rights demonstration on Memorial Park to complain about the trampling of civil rights by the Trudeau Administration in a somewhat heavy handed manner in the way in which that crisis was handled. But the net result of it, Mr. Speaker, was that the next morning as the party faithful and the people of Manitoba gathered in the coffee shops and discussed about the crisis, you know that person who felt that they should be strung up, he could honestly sit down and say yes, and my party, the New Democratic Party believes it too, and they have a position on it. The majority of the people who believed as the First Minister indicated, that this was a time for caution, for moderation, for level headedness, could say, my Premier, my New Democratic Party, they of course are taking the right position in this matter. As for the other lunatic friend on the far left, that felt that a great transgression was being forced upon the people of Quebec in this particular instance and others by the temporary abridgement of some civil liberties, they certainly could point to the New Democratic Party that stood to the last as the champions of full and complete civil liberties even under these kind of circumstances. In other words, when you backed away from a situation you had the waterfront coverage.

Now, Mr. Speaker, as a result of the initiative of the First Minister -- but I'm not suggesting and I wish, you know, I'll separate the two matters that I'm discussing -- raised the question that in this province certainly in its past history and certainly has every indication, unfortunately possibly, of being a hotly debated, hopefully not divisive, but certainly has all the makings, certainly of a situation -- and I'm speaking about the question of aid to private and parochial schools, a question of whereupon many take the position or most people have rather firm fixed positions about.

Shortly after the Brandon convention at which the Premier came out, at least through the reports of the news media as the winner, you had that feeling -- and I was confronted personally in my constituency and in other areas of the community -- but certainly for those who were in favour of aid to private and parochial schools, they had their champion, they had the New Democratic Party to be thankful for, for finally recognizing a long-standing injustice that the New Democratic Party was going to correct. Then proceeded a kind of a period of calm, a period of concern, expressed by perhaps, I have reason to believe, Sir, I think even you, Sir, have reason to believe, a majority of people, of Manitobans who perhaps are not in favour of any extension of aid to private and parochial schools, and it became a question of political concern to the New Democratic Party that this significant, perhaps this majority of people, the majority within their own party, find themselves leaderless or unable to be able to identify to leadership within the New Democratic Party that held that position; because as the former House Leader indicated in his resignation speech, the simple fact of being in the cabinet, of being responsible members of cabinet and recognizing the ethics of cabinet, there was of course the action of equivalent to that of a muzzle to some extent on the very persons who might well have wanted to have exerted leadership in this direction. Well the solution was simple. We find the House Leader making a formal resignation. It restored the faith of the party faithful. They can go back to their coffee shops and to their breakfast tables in the morning and say "Yes, my party, the New Democratic Party is unequivocally opposed to aid to private and parochial schools;" and on the other side of the coffee shop, the same people can say "and my party is fully behind supporting and pressing onward with aid to private and parochial schools." And again, Mr. Speaker, my hat kind of has to go off, they've played that astute political trick again. I don't know what the outcome of it will be. I don't know how serious the rift is between those two honourable gentlemen opposite. I rather suspect that it is not all that serious, but they have surely, they have surely managed a coup of a nature which I am quite prepared to acknowledge, and a callousness, a callousness with respect to how they approach other serious and important matters that involve the province of Manitoba. Well Mr. Speaker, that was my little contribution with respect to the Honourable House Leader's matters

(MR. ENNS cont'd) of principle and so forth.

Now, while we are talking about the Honourable House Leader, and let me get into the gist of what I have to say in the next few moments. Let us begin to set our records straight, that I and others, perhaps all of us, have added or helped to distort in this chamber. You see in our recognition of the specific talents of the Member for Inkster, talents that all of us are quite ready to acknowledge, there has been this mistaken position taken that when we speak of his talents, that we speak of his talents as administrator and as a leader within the important area of government concern that he is responsible with and was responsible with in the last few years, namely the field of Natural Resources.

I am prepared to acknowledge the leadership and the talents that the Honourable Member for Inkster has on occasion indicated here in this Chamber. I think there will be times quite frankly, Mr. Speaker, that we will regret not having his talents in the performance of the House Leadership role in this Chamber, but, Mr. Speaker, let me make it very plain - you can't be fighting with your Premier, you can't be fighting with your cabinet, you can't be fighting with your caucus, you can't be an apologist for Mr. Cass-Beggs, you can't come and be worrying about commandeering the Water Commission, and at the same time be running one of the most important areas, one of the most important departments in this government, namely that of our natural resources and the development of our natural resources. Where is the leadership of this department at this particular time? Where is the leadership concerned being expressed by the First Minister at this particular time, who has not even seen fit to appoint a Minister, a full time Minister to these responsibilities? Who is being concerned at this particular time about the development of the Pemballer water situation, the dam perhaps that should be erected in our south corner of the province? Our options are being foreclosed by American action. I'm not prepared to say exactly what the position should be or what the actual solution should be, but I know one thing, it isn't simply doing nothing. Who is being concerned or who is showing some concern about the water poor area of the southwest parts of this province - the Antler, the Souris? Who is being concerned about the conservation of the land use problems with respect to . . . our escarpment or in the south central parts of our province; organizations that were fostered, that were brought along to a certain point, the Turtle Mountain Conservation group, land use group? Mr. Speaker, it's a tragedy. And when my leader speaks of the inability of this government to continue the function of government, that is what we are talking about, because of the hassle that is going on within themselves on a relatively few matters, the problems that they face with Lake Winnipeg regulations, virtually everything else in the important field of resource management has come to a standstill, has come to a standstill -- a little worse. It's about as frozen as that dredge that's still frozen in the middle of Lake Winnipeg, Mr. Speaker. And this Minister, this Minister, has at the same time commanded and asked for and received more money, more staff, and no new programs.

Why I am particularly exorcised about this, Mr. Speaker, is because I don't want to really go back into history. I leave that to the honourable members opposite who will have apparently very little else to refer to in their reply to the Throne Speech. After all this is a stand pat session, the house cleaning session, so they will have to keep reminding us about the Medicare premiums or something like that. But let me just for the sake of the new members, fill in a little bit of historical detail on that particular department. The priorities facing us in the 60's were to safeguard basically the community of Winnipeg, which is half the province, from disastrous and dangerous floods and then to carry out the flood protection measures throughout the province, and they were tackled, the Portage Diversion, the Shellmouth - they, at the same time the major waterways, Grassmere, Norquay, you name them, Shannon, these were all being done at the same time. In '66 and '67 it was recognized that having performed that priority item, and at this time many of our own members, the Member for Reston, had to accept the priorities of those programs, while much needed conservation programs were held in abeyance.

One of the reasons, one of the reasons for placing the Water Control Department back into the Department of Mines and Natural Resources was to get the orientation of conservation back into that area, that important field of activity on the part of government. It was the full intention -- and let me put it very clearly, it will be our full intention to carry out those projects to which this government or the past government was committed to and will be committed to when we take over office next year. We will build this dam that has to be built

(MR. ENNS cont'd) in the southwest corner. We will solve the problems of water shortage in the areas of my friend the Member for Rhineland; and what more meaningful way can we do something other than lip service to the question of regional disparities within our province. There is no question that we know the potential of that portion that we call the Pembina triangle, the banana belt of Manitoba, the rich farm lands that we have there, but they're water short. And ladies and gentlemen, whatever has been taking place, negotiations that has been taking place with respect to our American counterparts, I want to assure you that they are not satisfactory and the Americans are going to take unilateral action in very short order on those streams and our options will be foreclosed to the detriment of future generations in that very important area of the province, for the same can be said for the Souris-Antler River systems in the southwest portion of our province. The same can be said for other areas of the province that have not received the kind of leadership, the kind of energy that a minister that was looking after that department could reasonably be expected to bring to bear. -- (Interjection) -- Well now there's a question. This is a good question. You see, the Honourable First Minister being concerned because of the criticism that I just expressed, because of the paralysis that has set in, because their inability and frustration to even manage the one - and it is a large problem - of Lake Winnipeg regulation, because of the infighting that is going on with respect to that, he admits to the stopping of virtually all other programs.

Mr. Chairman, let me then recite the facts. At the time, and certainly that little ditch that a fellow by the name of Duff dug around the City of Winnipeg, in terms of its relevancy to our size of the budget, in terms of this money, was a large one. At the same time, the Portage Diversion was being built; at the same time the Shellmouth Dam was being built. \$100 million of investment ongoing in that one area at one time. At the same time, Mr. Speaker, at the same time, Mr. Speaker, in the other area that my Minister should be worrying about, we were developing parks, Sprucewoods, Birds Hill. We left you the one park to start working on, Hecla Island, and you haven't been able to get on track on that one yet. At a time when we approached the 70's, when we approached the 70's where the importance of recreation, the importance of our, you know our value judgments are changing drastically and quickly in favour of those kind of priorities on our resources.

What, Mr. Speaker, can we expect in terms of leadership from this government, from this department which is leaderless, with respect to picking up the Federal Government's offer to proceed with the second national park in the province of Manitoba. Mr. Speaker, I know the fast retort from the Premier will be that offer, or those negotiations stood before the past administration, and certainly he is right. He is falling into the same trap that all governments fall into. They don't move with the times. Seven years ago, seven years ago, at the time that the government was already developing Sprucewoods, Birds Hill and developing millions and millions of dollars tied up with the development of flood protection, with the development of drainage systems in our province, there was a question of priorities. I ask you what items have you on your priority list right now? Hecla can't be it. You can't get across the expropriation procedures. Lake Winnipeg, I suppose, certainly has to be considered the priority problem, the priority water development. -- (Interjection) -- Certainly.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, when the Honourable Member for Lakeside makes reference to Hecla Island and the difficulty of expropriation procedures, would he be able to advise us how many years elapsed between the expropriation of the property for the Birds Hill Park and the final settlement?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, all I can advise you that in the short process of three or four years the park came into existence, the park came into existence. I am well aware, as there should be, that people have legal rights, they can pursue settlements that they feel are unfair to them. They have the recourse to courts and the assistance of astute M.P.'s at that time to help them in that direction, to fight the matter as they only should be fought. But what I am trying to put into perspective, Mr. Speaker, is the fact that you had in the 60's a government that was moving in all fronts, a government that was prepared to spend the necessary money on all fronts. This was being done at the time that, you know, and I made mention at the time that our whole educational system had to be brought into the 20th century, the time that the hospitals had to be built so that future social programs such as hospitalization could even be

(MR. ENNS cont'd) conceived of, the time that highways had to be built. And, Mr. Speaker, if this government was in the process of just finishing, establishing its 22nd community health clinic, brought about its major reforms in the welfare system, had put us on a guaranteed income, and then had trouble with developing, you know, finding priorities within its government programs of whether or not they can proceed at a pace that the public wants with respect to a park, or with respect to a Hydro development, then perhaps that could be understood. But this government has in fact left itself wide open to the charge of a paralysis, of inactivity, of frustrating -- you know, the only reaction that we can have from this side of the House is the reaction that my leader has repeatedly made that this government has obviously come to the point of being tired, of not having the ability within themselves to cease their bickering, to cease their squabbling within themselves, to carry out the kind of planning, the kind of programming that a progressive government, that the people of Manitoba deserve, and that certainly you indicated at the time of your election, the time of your formation, that you would be attempting to provide.

Mr. Speaker, the other day, yesterday, my leader raised the matter of the exciting and at the same time challenging problems, certainly in the fields of ecology that the finds, the recent explorations in the far north, the central north and the east north mean or could mean to the Province of Manitoba. Now, Mr. Speaker, we're well aware that there is not a situation that we face tomorrow in terms of things actually happening. But I'll tell you, Mr. Speaker, if the attitude of the Premier is going to be that "it's not upon us, why worry about it now - that's something we've got to worry about five or ten years from now," we will be by-passed; we will be by-passed.

Mr. Speaker, I refer specifically to the exciting challenge that your Planning and Priorities Committee should be dealing with, that we should be into negotiations with, with respect to the Federal Government, because all of the finds, all of the work being done in that particular area are financed or carried out by Pan Arctic, which is 45% publicly-owned. And so it is a question, it is the question of Premier to Prime Minister negotiations, of setting out early - early - our feelings about the subject matter, about reminding the Prime Minister and the Federal Government of this country that here is an excellent opportunity for redressing regional disparities in this particular province with respect to this possible input that the Federal Government could have.

Mr. Chairman, I can recall -- I can't recall but I was reminded of it, I was told, that for instance in the development of the DEW Line some quite a few years ago that the Manitoba scene was by and large completely forgotten. The supplies were coming essentially from Edmonton or from Quebec and they all . . . into the North. And I have to pay tribute to one former Cabinet Minister of the previous administration in the person of Mr. Turner, who possibly more than anybody else took hold of that particular position, fought that particular position, and within a relatively short time made Winnipeg and Manitoba the central supply staging area for what was then left to the construction of the DEW Line. Such economic entities as Trans Air are the resulting consequence of that kind of action, that kind of leadership shown by that government at that particular time.

Mr. Speaker, what my leader was attempting to point out yesterday, that we have a tremendous potential, a tremendous possibility in pursuing, not pie in the sky, recognizing the reality of it, recognizing the years of agonizing research and study that will have to be undertaken with respect to ecological problems that that kind of a venture brings with it, but nonetheless, nonetheless, Mr. Speaker, accepting the challenge of the kind of excitement that that project could offer for all us here in Manitoba.

Mr. Speaker, in speaking to the Throne Speech and in supporting the motion put forward by my leader, I can't help but reiterate, I can't help but reiterate, as we will in the succeeding speeches and throughout this session, the complete failure, a failure that has caught, I think, most of us by surprise for its coming so early. You know, I can expect, I suppose, to some extent if we want to examine ourselves in a frank and an honest manner, that those fast developing years that the Progressive Conservative Party provided in leading the government of Manitoba and the people of Manitoba from '58 to '67, '68, called for a year of consolidation, called for a period of reassessment. And I suppose to some extent my former leader, the former Premier of this province, the former Member for Minnedosa, paid the price for recognizing that. But I don't want to editorialize on it, I'm just suggesting that the difference of a government who is running full steam in providing the kind of benefits this province requires

(MR. ENNS cont'd) and needs, then finds itself in its eighth or ninth year suggesting or maybe accepting the fact that there should be a process or a period of consolidation, a period of reassessment. This government, Mr. Speaker, after having run and stumbled and ambled full steam for some 18 months or two years, now comes out officially in its Throne Speech that the period of time is upon us where we must rest. Our civil servants are tired and they must rest. We've passed so much legislation that we really haven't got anything more and we all must rest. Mr. Speaker, I honestly believe . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The honourable member has four minutes.

MR. ENNS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I honestly believe that they know not how true they are. We all need rest. We need rest from this government. We need rest from the constant bickering and fighting that is going on within the Chambers and within the caucuses of that government. Indeed, Mr. Speaker, as evidenced just this afternoon, we're going to need an awful lot of rest and patience from the bickering and fighting that's going to be taking place on that side of the House during the tenure of this session. So, Mr. Speaker, let it be clearly understood that we, I, and all of us on this side, most highly endorse and support the motion of non-confidence put forward by our leader and we expect that it will have its effect in due course.

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MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable the Attorney-General.

HON. A. H. MACKLING, Q.C. (Attorney-General and Minister of Consumer, Corporate and Internal Services) (St. James): Mr. Speaker, in rising to participate in the debate on the amendment to the motion of non-confidence, I do so with pleasure, first of all recognizing that we are again in your most capable hands. I noted that your skill increases with the time that you have spent in your chair and I'm sure that you will be able to confidently look forward to the continued deliberations of this House and we likewise in your ability to guide us.

Similarly, Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay my acknowledgments to the mover, the Member from St. Vital of the reply and the seconder, the Member from Ste. Rose. The two saints didn't disappoint us when the by-elections were called and they're continuing to show their prowess in the House. I predicted prior to their election victories that the saints would come marching in with us, and I was so right.

I would also like to acknowledge the presence in the House of the Member from Minnedosa, who has already demonstrated his eagerness for the House by having submitted a very large number of Orders for Return. I look forward to his participation in the debates in this House.

Also, Mr. Speaker, it is with regret that we acknowledge the fact that the seat that the Member for Rock Lake now has is vacant, has been vacated by the Honourable Member from Wolseley, who was a man of immense courage, who struggled into this House to make his presentation despite the pain and the severe disability that he suffered, and that we all recognize his courage and his dedication to office.

Mr. Speaker, I regret the fact that the major player of yesterday's performance is not here in the House. I like to think that the Honourable Leader of the Opposition - that is the official Opposition - believes himself to be something of a thespian. He believes that this is a stage and he would like to perform, and by and large his performance was fairly reasonable. He has developed a rather facile manner of expression now. He is much more at ease; he's quite more the leader; but his humour just didn't come off. As an actor he lacks the grace and the finesse of the Member for Lakeside, whom I will refer to later, who is a much better actor in this House. But the Honourable Member from River Heights, the Leader of the Opposition, was trying to find a way to characterize the government and in doing so he was looking for a description and he fumbled around with Shakespeare and then he talked about a Hollywood production, a Broadway production, the Misfits, but I like to think that he was thinking of the role, the role he would be playing in the House, that great dramatic role when he as Leader of the Opposition rose. And I think of Shakespeare, the one that he referred to, and I rather think that the Honourable Leader of the Opposition wanted to play the role of and deceive everyone as to what the true state of the facts were in Manitoba. But the honourable member wasn't able to play that role very effectively, and besides, his list of characters was inept and his story and his plot was inept, and he failed miserably. He proceeded, as has been his custom, to damn with faint praise some of my colleagues and to impugn the integrity in a nice, genteel way of others of my colleagues. But that really didn't come off at all. He likes to indulge his fancy in that sort of game.

But I would like to turn, Mr. Speaker, to some of the more cogent criticisms, if I could characterize them as such, that the Leader of the Opposition tried to make, and he kept referring to our government as being "in a state of chaos". It seems to me the Honourable Leader of the Opposition watches too much of that funny program where he again believes he was Mr. Smart or someone like that, and he was involved in a chaos situation. He is the one who is involved in chaotic situations because he really doesn't understand whether he should get together with Izzy in the Gallery or outside of the Gallery, whether they should have that saw-off, whether to deny the suggestion that Izzy should have been the leader, and not he, or not. So he is the one who is indulging in chaotic concerns about where the political party that he represents should be going.

Mr. Speaker, he tried to suggest that there is some great confusion in respect to the position on Lake Winnipeg, on regulation on Lake Winnipeg. And let me say, Mr. Speaker, categorically, that Lake Winnipeg regulation was always considered, even by the humble Member from Lakeside, as some day being necessary, but the fact, Mr. Speaker, is that they didn't have the integrity, they didn't have the intestinal fortitude to face the situation that they couldn't understand and reason with. They didn't have the audacity, the daring, to investigate further the possibilities for more effective control of Lake Winnipeg and the advancing earlier in time of something that they knew that was required in Manitoba. It was

(MR. MACKLING cont'd). . . . easier to put off a difficult political situation and flood an extensive area of Northern Manitoba. After all, what was a paltry 600 Indian people? I mean, after all, they really didn't matter. And the ecology of the North really didn't matter. The precious white sands of Lake Winnipeg might be jeopardized and they were afraid to face the political flak that they would suffer if they dared to regulate Lake Winnipeg. They didn't have the courage; they didn't have the intestinal fortitude; and the Honourable Member from Lakeside is typical of that.

Mr. Speaker, they talked about the death of idealism within this Cabinet, within this government, within this party. This party believed in people and it's demonstrated in the catalogue, the catalogue of reforms that the Honourable Member from St. Vital listed in this House, demonstrated the faith of this government in the people of Manitoba in works, not in hollow words. The Honourable members -- particularly the Honourable Member the Leader of the Opposition -- and we'll hear much more of him on this -- likes to talk about the civil service. You know, the logic of what he says is to de-escalate all the civil service, eliminate the programs, fire some of the civil servants. Well that's the logic of what he says, Mr. Speaker. And you know, he's got a new line this session. He's talking about collapse and chaos and so on. Last session he had a great speech about eliminating waste in government, abolishing an extensive number of boards and commissions, useless boards and commissions, he said, and he would save multi millions of dollars in doing so. Well, when he was asked, well, which board, which commission, there was a strange silence. No specifics were ever offered -- just alarming generalities. And now we see there's an Order for Return. They want to know what boards and commissions are around and who are on them. But I would ask -- it's too bad the Leader of the Opposition isn't here; I know he has important business elsewhere. I would have asked him, I would have asked him, Mr. Speaker, what specific boards or commissions he would have abolished. The boards and commissions that were in existence . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. ENNS: Well, Mr. Speaker, in the absence of my Leader, I do feel it's a matter of privilege, the reference made to him that he had important business elsewhere. He is flat in bed on doctor's orders. At the moment that he can be back, he will be back.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable the Attorney-General.

MR. MACKLING: Well, Mr. Speaker, in view of the disclosure that the Honourable Member from Lakeside has said, I have nothing but sympathy for the Honourable Leader of the Opposition and his party. I didn't mean to be critical of the Leader of the Opposition in any personal way, and I had assumed that the Honourable Member from Lakeside might have indicated as such to me earlier because I did intend to address some of my remarks toward the Official Leader of the Opposition, and I don't think, Mr. Speaker, that I intend to disparage him in any way. Obviously, there is a good reason for his not being in the House.

But I would suggest, Mr. Speaker, I would suggest, Mr. Speaker, that rather than indicate specific wastage in government, the Leader of the Official Opposition has damned and disgraced many hundreds, many thousands of civil servants, who work in a dedicated fashion for the people of Manitoba, and it does them no service to condemn the civil service in the way they do. I think it's shameful, because not once was he able to stand in this House and indicate where wastage was occurring, where there was a board or commission that was redundant and should be removed, and he should know what boards and commissions, if any, are redundant because those honourable members were members -- or at least some of them were -- of the government that was in office for eleven years and was responsible for the appointment of most of those boards and commissions.

I would ask the honourable members, the Honourable Leader of the Opposition, and in his absence the acting leader, I suppose, of the Opposition, the Member from Lakeside, your deputy, he's always acting -- (Interjection) -- yes, that's true, he's a great actor; I would ask him what board or commission that this government has appointed is redundant and would they like to be destroyed. Now let me list them for him. Would you like the Law Reform Commission declared redundant? Would you like the Legal Aid Services Society directors declared redundant? Would you like the Human Rights Commission Board declared redundant? Because these are all the positive works of a government that is concerned to have a positive role in society, not a do-nothing, lack lustre, tired, inefficient former government of this province. Mr. Speaker, the honourable members of the opposition have the gall to suggest that there is

(MR. MACKLING cont'd) . . . something tired about this government, tired -- (Interjection) -- Oh, I'm looking tired? Well you just relax because you're in for a long session, a long session, from the Honourable Member from St. James. The honourable members opposite openly say the thoughts that they think and actually they reveal themselves.

The Honourable Leader of the Opposition went on at great length and then after pausing he said, "Well, but we have some alternative policies", and then he went on and didn't mention anything about alternative policies for some great length of time. But then finally he got around to some specifics, and, Mr. Speaker, at page 29 of Hansard he talked about agriculture. He said, "The economic condition of our farming industry represents a terrible needless waste of opportunity. It is the result in part of the determined efforts of the present government to bulkanize the Canadian agricultural market to the disadvantage of our producers of livestock and poultry and eggs and milk and other products."

Now, Mr. Speaker, that comes from the Leader of the Opposition, whose members sneered openly in this House about a year ago when this government went to the Supreme Court directly to ask the Supreme Court to do what the Federal Government was refusing to do, break down trade barriers within this country, break down trade barriers that have the effect of not making this one Canada but ten Canadas, and the Official Opposition sneered. Finally we were able to succeed in our motions before the Supreme Court and as a result we opened the market for Manitoba once again into Quebec and Eastern Canada and yet the Leader of the Opposition has the audacity to suggest that this government is concerned to bulkanize agricultural marketing within Canada. Quite the reverse and demonstrated so not by word but by deeds.

And then the Honourable Leader of the Opposition went on about redundant -- he said at page 29 of Hansard again, "And finally on the subject, Mr. Speaker, let me state clearly that we do not believe that there are any redundant farms in Manitoba." And, you know, there's this suggestion, this suggestion that somehow the Minister of Agriculture, or someone on this side of the House, has been saying that there are redundant farms in Manitoba. That's the kind of innuendo that the Leader of the Opposition and his colleagues practice on that side of the House. That's the kind of disservice they do to the farmers of this province. And what did they do when they were in office? What did the Honourable former Minister of Agriculture do while they were in this office? Did they promote agriculture? No. They killed off loans to farmers. They allowed no quotas to go by default. There was no imagination, no initiative, no drive, no enthusiasm, and they talk about this government being tired? They were not only tired they were asleep, and the snores were embarrassing to them.

Then the Honourable Leader of the Opposition said we should be doing more and more about tourism. Well, my goodness, if the honourable member would have been reading even the Free Press, certainly the Winnipeg Tribune, he would have learned about the expedited public works in respect to parks in Manitoba, the real imaginative effort that is being carried on in this province to develop more campsites, more parks -- (Interjection) -- where? the honourable member says. Hecla was a dream with you but it's reality today. Yeah. And the honourable member laughs, Mr. Speaker, because Hecla wasn't really ~~off~~ the ground when he was there. As a matter of fact it was very difficult for him to get anything moving in that government. His record bespeaks frustration on his part so I don't know how he can sit in his chair and crow like the defeated rooster he is.

Mr. Speaker, the Honourable Leader of the Opposition went on then. He, like John Diefenbaker, was looking for a great vision, the Honourable John Diefenbaker, and now he's looked north and he's found something. He says we've got a big pipe that could possibly be run through the whole length of Manitoba, right through our flora and fauna to the north and right through Manitoba, to supply the market of the midwestern United States obviously. And this, the construction and maintenance would create a possible \$7 billion of job opportunities for Manitoba. I don't decry visionaries, Mr. Speaker, and none of us should, but we ought to think about the practicality of the problem and the nearness of the potential development and, you know, it's fine to talk about great things, but advance some positive, constructive suggestions. You know, when he advanced the idea and with all the enthusiasm, he paid but passing lip service to the problems of the ecology. He said, you know, "Of course, there might be ecological problems that would be dealt with, and I suggest to you that not only is the development - the economic development that might boggle the mind, the problem with our ecology is such that it too would boggle the mind, and that is one of the problems that ecologists and naturalists have been wrestling with in respect to the development of a major pipeline through the

(MR. MACKLING cont'd) MacKenzie delta. It's not a simple get-rich program for the people of Manitoba to have a huge pipeline run down the length of Manitoba to deliver much needed natural gas to our neighbours to the south. And that's the kind of a process that fascinates the Honourable Leader of the Opposition. And I think, Mr. Speaker, that much more has to be done in connection with the protection of our ecology and our environment, and we don't have economic development at any cost. Economic development at any cost was the principle of the former government when dealing with hydro-electric power in northern Manitoba. Damn the ecology. Flood South Indian Lake. Move the 600 Indian people. Progress. Growth at any cost. That was the kind of inspiration that the Drummer Boy from River Heights continues to foster in this province, and I suggest it's just not going to be quite as acceptable to the people of Manitoba.

Then the Leader of the Opposition at page 33 of Hansard, he made some again rather damning faint praise of the work of the government in the north. He said, "The Task Force rejected the proposed draft report outlining a five-year plan for northern development." He neglects, Mr. Speaker, to mention that this government has fostered a dynamic upsurge of transportation in the north by building more roads than they ever considered possible in northern Manitoba, by opening up all of the remote communities by air strips - and the honourable member shakes his head. These are the fundamental criteria of opening up the north. These are the fundamentals. These were the basic points driven home in the Mauro Report, and the honourable members had neglected the basic development of infrastructure in the north. Now the Honourable Leader of the Opposition is prepared to blindly pass over the effected good works of this government. If they can't say something nice, don't say anything at all. That's -- you know, that's the technique, or damn it with faint praise. That's the new style of the Leader of the Opposition.

At page 33 of Hansard again, the Honourable Leader of the Opposition said in consideration of our economy, "High levels of unemployment which have prevailed have forced the use of such funds as were available to provide welfare payments to those who could not find employment and in turn to provide emergency public works programs." Well, Mr. Speaker, the effective public works of this government has been the envy of all other provinces in Canada. We planned to meet the anticipated down turn in our economy, a down turn that was fostered -- that was fostered, was fostered by an approach to economic determinism that the Honourable Member from Portage should well recall; the attitude of the Prime Minister of this country that we will go to 6 percent unemployment if necessary to kill off inflation, and we won't be cowards about it. And that's the kind of approach to the economic problems of this country that has seen unemployment skyrocket from one end of this country to the other and that's the kind of cruel approach to economic planning that the Honourable Member from Portage would have if he subscribed to the views of his Leader in Ottawa.

The Honourable Member from River Heights went on and he talked about taxation. He said, "Consequently little or nothing of a constructive long-term nature is being done to aid the disadvantaged. Taxes have been increased to a punitive level and have succeeded in diminishing the real income of many, probably most of the families in Manitoba." You know, Mr. Speaker, there was the Leader of the Opposition had had the temerity to suggest that taxes had been increased to a punitive level. A punitive level to whom? To the rich -- to the rich constituents that he represents presumably, and that is . . . to his party. This was the party, this was the party, this was the government that removed the punitive taxation, a poll tax on individuals, on old age pensioners, and put it onto the backs of those who had the ability to pay, and that is punitive taxation. He has the temerity to talk about punitive taxation. The logic of the consequences of the honourable members who represent the rich and want to return to the pre-1969 tax shift, is tax the old age pensioner; tax the lady on widow's allowance; tax the poor; because that's the way they would have it. They'd roll back the income tax increase that we passed. They'd roll back the corporation income tax increase we passed and they'd put it back on the backs of the little people, Mr. Speaker. (Interjections)

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. Order please. I would ask all members, especially some, to contain themselves. They will all get an opportunity to speak in the proper time. The Honourable the Attorney-General.

MR. MACKLING: Mr. Speaker, the fact that the honourable members opposite seem to be somewhat nettled is indicative of the fact that if they do have a conscience then perhaps it is stirred a little bit by the recognition of the fact that what they argue for is against the logic of

(MR. MACKLING cont'd) what was demonstrated politically to them in 1969, when the people of this province recognized in the former administration a callous, cruel, miserable approach to the needs of the common people in this province. They were prepared to tax individuals on the basis, not of ability to pay, but they wanted to show the people of Manitoba it was going to cost them dearly to have much more effective medical care. They wanted to make everyone realize that it was at great cost they were going to get an improved Medicare system, and that's the kind of thinking that dominated that political party and was recognized by the people of Manitoba.

But sadly, Mr. Speaker, that's still the basic thinking of the Official Opposition in this House. They keep suggesting, they keep suggesting the taxes are too high, taxes are too high on the rich, and the honourable -- well he's not honourable yet; he'd like to be honourable. I believe he's quite an honourable person. But the Leader of the political party that -- well, it's not in this House, I have to keep correcting myself. The leader of what is known as the Liberal Party in Manitoba, who has had fantastic experience in representing rich clientele in determining taxation schemes and estate planning to escape the rigours of fair, equitable taxation on ability to pay. He is most up-tight about this terrible taxation that we have in this province where rich people have to pay more than they used to and the poor people less. And that's what they're concerned about, Mr. Speaker, and every opportunity they get they try to deceive the people of this province that somehow fair play has gone astray in Manitoba, when it's the complete reverse that has finally been brought about by a government that had the guts to face the issues and face the threats of the corporate giants that they would move their head offices if we dared to increase corporation tax.

And then the Leader of the Opposition went on about what he would do for the economy. There wouldn't be any gifts, no giveaways and so on. He has the temerity, Mr. Speaker, to make that kind of a speech now when before us we have one of the most costly investigations to determine what went wrong with a program produced by the previous government that is now being demonstrated to be one of the most fantastic giveaways in the history of any government on the North American continent. And the Honourable Leader of the Opposition has now the fortitude to stand as he stood yesterday and suggest that there would be no more giveaways. My God, I hope not!

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker, out of a concern for the fact that the Honourable Leader of the Opposition is not in his place today, I would like to refer but briefly to the remarks of the Honourable Leader of the Liberal Party, the effective Leader of the Liberal Party in the House, and look at some of the things that he said. He suggested that, you know, what's in store for him is a very docile session. I hope, Mr. Speaker, that my dulcet tones will not put him to sleep during this session. But I'd like to suggest to him, you know, that the previous sessions he was the first to criticize that we're trying to ram too much through the Legislature. Too many great things were being pushed down the mouths of the legislators. We were going too far too fast. We had no mandate for automobile insurance, no mandate to bring in Unicity legislation, and that characterized his speeches: we're going too far and too fast. We were but a minority and we shouldn't be doing all the great things that we were doing.

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

MR. G. JOHNSTON: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. The member made a misstatement. I supported the Unicity legislation.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable the Attorney-General.

MR. MACKLING: I did not suggest, Mr. Speaker, in my remarks, and he can read them, and I trust that my hearing is as sharp as his and I was a little bit closer to who was speaking, I did not suggest that he did not support Unicity legislation. I said that his criticism was that we were trying to do too much, and I suggest to him now that, you know, he will damn us if we do and he'll damn us if we don't, and that characterizes the technique of the Honourable Member from Portage. He's going to have at us one way or another. Now he said that, oh we shouldn't, we shouldn't pride ourselves in 300 bills. Let's have a look at it, Mr. Speaker. There were over 60 of them that the former government, in their haste to become a more powerful government and have a greater mandate, dumped in the basket and they were all set to be just shuffled through the House again. Were they? Well I don't know, you know. The National Products Marketing Act, there was a great deal of discussion, there was a great deal of soul searching, there was a great deal of back sliding on the part of the former government; they didn't want to go along with that legislation when it came down to it. And, you know, they had a great deal

(MR. MACKLING cont'd) of equivocation about the Consumer Protection Act, and that wasn't easy legislation. We spent days, days in Law Amendments Committee, meeting with delegations and working through the intricacies of that legislation, and let me tell you, there were major departures, Mr. Speaker. There were major departures, decisions of principle made by this government in respect to all of those pieces of legislation, to make them more effective legislation, so don't suggest that we had a holiday our first session, because it was far from that. And I am sure that in the sincerity of the honourable member - and I think that he is a sincere member - he will recall the real effort that was necessary to produce that legislation and to make it effective.

The Honourable Member from Portage says that we should be concerned about what he terms apparently some backing away from now independent audit of accounts within Manitoba. Well, you know, that's strange to hear coming from an advocate of the Liberal Party position because presently in Ottawa a Liberal government is trying to emasculate the role of the Auditor General, refusing him staff, cutting down, refusing salary increases to staff. There is no suggestion in Manitoba that I've heard that the auditor here is in any way frustrated in his work. Rather we have made him a servant of this Legislature, to give the Honourable Member from Lakeside the kind of protection that the Auditor General has been trying to do in Ottawa but is being frustrated by a government that doesn't believe in fairness towards the representation that the Auditor General should make to the Legislature, so I think that he should aim his communications to his friends in Ottawa on that score. Well apparently -- the Honourable Member says -- and I put him on record, he says he doesn't have any friends in Ottawa and I can understand how that disquiet has permeated all of Western Canada, including Manitoba, toward the Liberal Party.

Well, you know, the honourable member talked about housing and he was concerned about the scope obviously of public housing in Manitoba. I guess he's a little unnerved that perhaps it's going too far and too fast; you know, that's the kind of message he seemed to be giving without being too specific, because that's his style and I don't blame him for that. But I would suggest to him that even in Conservative Ontario, good old jolly, ultra-blue Conservative Ontario, -- they were taking advantage, they were taking advantage of federal funds for public housing, for low cost housing, on a vast scale, and comparatively speaking the role of the previous government was to run away and hide, because they didn't want to embarrass any private enterprise in Manitoba. They were so dogmatic, so pure, that they would avoid any conflict at any cost, and the cost was formidable to the people of Manitoba. Thousands and thousands of low cost housing units. A tremendous backlog in this province went neglected, because of not procrastination and delay, but because of political cowardice and economic ineptitude by the previous government, and that's the story that has to be learned in Manitoba. --(Interjection) --

The Honourable Member from Portage la Prairie says something about unemployment. My goodness, I'm glad that he has said he disassociates himself, if that's what he indicated, from the actions of the Federal Government in Ottawa on the score of economic development, because the shame that is the part of the Federal Government has certainly been registered in all its hideousness on the people of Canada from one end of the country to another. Those who are without jobs, who are now forced to look to social assistance, who have been forced to await the delivery of unemployment insurance cheques by some, and we are condemned. -- (Interjection) -- Exactly. The Honourable Member from Morris has already noted the parallel. These machines have their problems, and we have learned those to our regret. The machines aren't human. They don't respond at all politically. Well, the Honourable Member from Fort Garry suggests a lack of oil. Well, I suppose that he believes in keeping most people well oiled, and maybe that's their style but I don't think that's necessarily the answer, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister has five minutes.

MR. MACKLING: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And then the Honourable Member from Portage la Prairie touched on the civil service again and I just wanted to say this, Mr. Speaker, that I have no reservation about the need for more people actively involved in administering government programs, government programs to do vital things for people in Manitoba. I have not the slightest reservation about the increase in the civil service that is directly attributable to the kinds of positive programs that this government has developed. I am not at all uneasy about staffing a Human Rights Commission, a Law Reform Commission and so on. Now maybe

(MR. MACKLING cont'd) the honourable members are, and if they are they'd better say that to their electorate.

And then the Honourable Member from Portage started to concern himself with consumer matters, and my goodness, I was shocked. My pencil positively shook in my hand because this, Mr. Speaker, was one of the most vigorous attacks on private enterprise that I have heard in this House. To hear him talk, almost every merchant and every businessman in Manitoba had to be regulated -- and I'm going to have to re-read Hansard very carefully -- but it reflected a thinking which was much more pessimistic than most people in Manitoba about the quality and the integrity of the business community in this province; and I suggest to him that if that speech had been made by me, he would have been the first on his feet to attack me as a Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs that wanted to regiment and frustrate every good work of private enterprise in this province, and it's quite shocking, Mr. Speaker, that those remarks came from him.

Well, and then he even -- I'll have to skip a few things because I'd like to take on every one of his items but, you know, he talked about telephones, and I'd just like to make this little quip that I think his party line in rural Manitoba has indicated that they are in trouble, and they have to say something like, something about telephones.

And then he went on, he went on with the economy of Manitoba - the distillery in Minnedosa has been closed, temporarily shut down. Well, if he had read even the Free Press he'd know that there was a surcharge put on by the American government, and the bulk of the liquor sales from the distillery in Minnedosa, the Melchers Distillery product, is in the United States, and that caused a downturn in their market and thus there has been a temporary pause there.

He even listed A & W Foods and I happen to know, I happen to know some of the people in the A & W - former people, former officers of the A & W organization - and they went out of their way to assure me personally that it had nothing to do with the actions or conduct of this government.

He mentioned Imperial Oil. Well, Imperial Oil was castigated by a number of people across the length of Western Canada to making the decision to develop an integrated refinery which would be less destructive of the environment in its development of gasoline and gasoline products; and they rationalized their decision, not on any concern about the government of Manitoba, but the fact that everywhere ecologists were saying they had to get better gasolines, gasolines which had less of a polluting effect in the combustion engine and so on, and that was their rationale. It had nothing to do with the policies or programs of this government. But that's the kind of innuendo and suggestion, Mr. Speaker, that the Honourable Member from Portage wants to plant in the minds of the people of Manitoba, and I say that's doing a great disservice to your constituents and the people of Manitoba; and that's the kind of catalogue, Mr. Speaker, that is a parade of misstatement that has been made by the Honourable Member from Portage la Prairie.

Then he talked about -- and I have to re-read this in Hansard because it was rather shocking -- he talked about some erosion of liberty that was taking place in this province, some invasion, some searches of homes and so on, and it's completely incomprehensible to me that he is suggesting that we have done anything to change the laws of free speech and assembly and right of privacy. As a matter of fact, as the honourable member knows, we are the first to develop within Canada laws respecting the protection of privacy.

Mr. Speaker, the Honourable Member from Lakeside has left his chair, but I would have liked to have said about him that he is one of the most consummate actors in this House. He has the knack of saying, in a somewhat amusing manner, things that are base and mean about people. You know, he makes the conduct of members in this House and their attitudes towards questions, a subject of cynical and cheap comment, and I refer particularly to the position of the Premier of this province and my former colleague, and still a colleague in the caucus, the Honourable Member from Inkster. You know, he uses a facile way of criticising which is beneath the dignity of a member of this House. Mr. Speaker, I would like to -- (Interjection) -- if I might have a moment to conclude . . .

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member's time is done--(Interjection)-- is it agreed, (Agreed)

MR. MACKLING: Mr. Speaker, I think it's unbecoming of the Honourable Member from Lakeside, and I would like him to rethink his style in characterizing the conduct of others in this House, to take positions on questions on the basis of principle, not smart political or cheap political tactics, but because of deep feelings they have on subjects; and I suggest to him that he has done no service to anyone to suggest that it's anything other than a question of principle on which the Honourable Member from Inkster resigned from the Cabinet of this government.

He suggests also Mr. Speaker, that his government of which he was a member--and he had some experience--he characterized some of the changes or he referred to some of the changes in the front bench of this government--but I think he was quite expert in the changes in office after having been a Cabinet Minister from one portfolio to the next in his former government, and I think he had some expertise there. But he talked about the great works that his former government had done and one of them, one of them was the proud diversion, the Portage la Prairie diversion and it must be awfully discomfoting for him to read that his Honourable Leader agreed with the characterization of that work by our Premier, that it was a complete waste of money. It was a very large mistake, and that instead of the Portage diversion there should have been the development of the Holland Dam. I think it must be a matter of some great discomfort to the Honourable Member from Lakeside to learn that the \$21 million that was spent on that project--a project that was--part of the rationale was to provide a giant flushing action down the Assiniboine River--has really no great utility today. That was the Honourable Member from Lakeside's contribution to improvement in the ecology. He was going to have a big flush tank to clean up the Assiniboine River-- that's his approach to ecological purity.

But one of the most revealing things was the Honourable Member from Lakeside's eulogizing again about the big pipe, and he's already got the big dream from the Honourable Leader of the Opposition. And he said--you know, we have to look forward to this development, this channelling of these resources through Manitoba. And then he happened to mention that the source of the energy was Panarctic, and isn't that revealing? Panarctic. And the Honourable Member from Lakeside and his colleagues would be the first to get up in this House and condemn any government, certainly the New Democratic government of Manitoba, for any approach to sharing equities with private enterprise in the development of resources or secondary manufacturing--that's terrible, that's terrible socialism--but by golly, if they succeed in finding gas or oil we'd be happy to act as a funnel to supply it somewhere to the United States, and that's the approach of the Honourable Member from Lakeside. And I suggest, you know, that he concluded his speech on a very restful plane. He talked about this government being at rest and not really having many cares and concerns--and I suggest to you, Mr. Speaker, that the Honourable Member from Lakeside, as the Honourable Leader of the Opposition rested his case before he had made it, and he would have lost . . .

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

MR. HARRY E. GRAHAM (Birtle-Russell): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. It is customary when one rises in the Throne Speech to take a few minutes to note the changes that have taken place in the Legislature and in the various parties that comprise the Legislature; and at this time, Mr. Speaker, I want to re-assure you as other colleagues of mine have, of my cooperation in trying to assist you in conducting the affairs of this House in a manner that is honourable and a model for others to follow. However, we realize Sir, that in the temper of debate, that sometimes these problems of improper conduct are such that the conduct of this House is not a model, and in these trying times we offer you our sympathies.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to have started my speech with a few references to my constituency but the comments of the Attorney-General are such that I think they cannot be entirely ignored. He referred, Sir, to the Shakespearean approach that my leader had mentioned in his speech and he himself referred to Shakespeare so I don't think it would be improper for me also to refer to some of the writings of that great man when he said in short, "full of sound and fury, signifying nothing." Mr. Speaker, in all sincerity, I don't think that everything the Attorney-General said signified nothing but it did not signify very much.

But one of the most significant things in his statements, and a profound statement, was the fact that this government had a planned down turn in our economy. Mr. Speaker, any down turn in an economy is a very disturbing factor for the people of the country but when we find

(MR. GRAHAM, cont'd.) that it's planned by the government who is in control of the destiny of that province, I think this is utterly fantastic, Mr. Speaker. And if they have a planned down turn, can they assure us when they plan to turn it back up because the people in this province would like to know when the economy of this country is going to be turned up.

I don't want to deal too long with the remarks of the Attorney-General so I will ignore most of it but I would like to point out one point in which he took a great deal of pride, Sir, and that was the field of public housing. And I think by using this I can refer to my constituency because in the constituency of Birtle-Russell we did have some public housing take place. The Minister of Municipal Affairs was the one who authorized it and we had 15 housing units built in the Village of St. Lazare and, Mr. Speaker, these houses cost approximately \$192,000 to provide housing for 15 families. And the building of these houses was done by a construction company which was supported by the Manitoba Development Corporation with loans from the Provincial Government. And when the houses were completed and the company left, they left debts in the area and while we built houses to provide for 15 families, there were 10 families in the area who are suffering from deprivation as a result of the bankruptcy of the company that built the houses in my constituency. So, Mr. Speaker, I feel that the action in the field of public housing in my constituency is not perfect by any stretch of imagination. We have not had the greatest admiration for this action. The people that will suffer were those that were active, were trying to make their own living and the houses that are built, the majority of them are being occupied by those that are living at the expense of the public purse.

Mr. Speaker, in the constituency of Birtle-Russell, we also have real concern for the statement that the Attorney-General just said when he had--that statement of the planned down turn in the economy because we in Birtle-Russell have not really seen a great upsurge in our economies. We've had numerous meetings of various government committees, they've heard the problems that have been aired and we are anxiously awaiting the results from this government.

There is one thing though that we can give the government credit for, Sir, and the former Minister of Transportation did a service to the constituency of Birtle-Russell when he proclaimed the Yellowhead Highway as an official highway in the Province of Manitoba. This Yellowhead Highway, Sir, starts in the constituency of the Member for Portage and it runs through the constituency of Gladstone through the constituency of Minnedosa and through the constituency of Birtle-Russell and thence through the Province of Saskatchewan into Alberta, B. C. and ends at the Pacific coast. And, Sir, this highway is a great boon to the people in the prairies because it offers the second route to the west coast. Members of the Trucking Association have informed me, Sir, that the cost of transportation to the west coast can be lowered by the use of the Yellowhead Highway because of the decrease in gradient through the Rocky Mountains and the effect of saving both in time and fuel consumption.

Sir, the cost of transportation in the delivery of goods to the consumers both in this province and in other provinces is a matter of real concern to everyone today. In fact the whole question of transportation is such that I believe that it deserves priority consideration and the former government in this province felt that it deserved priority consideration. But what do we find happening with the present administration? We have a fractionalized Minister of Transportation. We have transportation in this province being channelled by several ministers. We have a Minister of Transportation who is not responsible for rail transportation; we have a Minister of Transportation who is not responsible for air transportation; we have a Minister of Transportation who is not responsible for ocean transportation through the Port of Churchill and we have a Minister of Transportation who is not responsible for water transportation through our Manitoba navy. And just what is he responsible for, Sir? We find that our Minister of Transportation has the sole jurisdiction over highway transportation. And if we are going to be an effective and viable economic community in this province, Sir, I suggest that the various aspects of transportation be co-ordinated. I feel that co-ordination in transportation in this province is essential for growth and for the effective movement of produce and our goods from the producer to the consumer at the least possible price.

We find Sir, that goods moving into this province run into difficulty. Truckers moving into this province run into different standards of restrictions in load limits with the result that they have to transfer their loads, reload before they can move through this province and the resultant increased cost must be passed on to the consumer. And we find, Sir, that consumer costs today are probably paramount in the eyes of everyone including members of the

(MR. GRAHAM, cont'd.) . . . government. We find, Sir, that reciprocity is practically non-existent in transportation. We found last year that on the tenth of December in a News Service document from the Manitoba Government Information Services a profound statement that, "Manitoba and Saskatchewan farmers transporting livestock"--and I'm reading, Sir, --"from their own farms in their own trucks into other provinces will no longer be required to pay a single trip permit fee and trip insurance premium, Highway Minister Peter Burtiak has announced. The Minister said farmers will also be able to transport stock back to their own farms under terms of the reciprocal agreement." Mr. Speaker, no doubt the farmers welcome that. But Sir, it only dealt with livestock. How about the rest of the goods that move into this province and out of it? Here we find that the Minister has been able to make agreements with other jurisdictions which only affects the movement of livestock and all the rest of the goods no doubt suffer from lack of reciprocity in transportation. I don't believe this is good enough, Sir. I think that the consumers in this province as well as the producers of this province are entitled to having the cheapest most effective transportation means possible so that goods can move from the producer to the consumer without prohibitive transportation costs.

We find, Sir, that there was a committee set up to study this. We had the study set up by the Provincial Advisory Transportation Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Jack Kemp but, Sir, we haven't seen any results of their deliberations. How much work have they done? And I would like the Minister probably during his Estimates to give us some of the information on this Advisory Committee. We've had studies done Sir, in the past; we've had the Mauro Report and others dealing with transportation.

In the field of air transportation I congratulate the Minister responsible for air transportation and the First Minister for their limited assistance in the building of small air fields in Northern Manitoba. But air fields, Sir, alone are not enough and we realize that. The program in Northern Manitoba on construction as proposed is welcome. But again, Sir, I would like to come back to the point on inter-provincial transportation. It cannot be ignored.

Mr. Speaker, in my constituency we also have a problem with unemployment. Unemployment is rising and we find that the latest statistics show approximately 24,000 unemployed in the province in the month of February. I would sincerely hope, Sir, that even though we have provincial employment programs and other student assistance programs in the summer that the unemployment situation in this province can be effectively and drastically lowered. However, more disturbing, Sir, in this province is the employment program where we find that the number of totally employed in this program is not keeping pace with the natural growth. People are leaving this province and the employment is steadily dropping--in the past year at least. We found, finally after quite some time, we finally have an admission from government that there is outmigration in this province and I refer, Sir, to the speech or the release, public service release of February 25th where the Minister of Industry and Commerce when pleaded the case for the Air-Canada assistance in his speech in Ottawa as reported by the Government Information Service where it says, "He noted that half of Manitoba's natural increase in population is lost as a result of outmigration." And he also said that if this trend were to be halted, 2,000 additional jobs would have to be created annually in Manitoba.

A MEMBER: Who said that?

MR. GRAHAM: The Minister of Industry and Commerce. Mr. Speaker, here we find for the first time that this government finally admits to the outmigration of people from this province and they are still doing nothing about it. It's rather amusing, Sir, to see one of our Cabinet Ministers talking about outmigration from parties when we see a rather significant outmigration from the Cabinet of the present administration.

Mr. Speaker, my leader expressed concern about the civil service in this province. And I would say to you, Sir, that the concern that was expressed by my leader was just a token of the real concern that should be expressed for the civil service in this province. Indecision on the part of government, lack of planning, changing priorities, have left the civil service in this province in a quandry in many cases and they cannot effectively do their jobs. In the field of health and social services, Sir, we have had changes, repeated changes, changes in direction that have not - and I say, Sir, advisedly - that have not been effectively communicated to the civil servants who are responsible for the administration, and the result, Sir, quite often is confusion and indecision which is not the purpose of the civil servants but mainly through the lack of maintenance of effective lines of communication from the ministerial levels down. And I feel, Sir, that unless these lines are re-opened, goals established and priorities

(MR. GRAHAM, cont'd) maintained, we will continue to have inefficiency and waste occurring in that particular department.

Mr. Speaker, other members of my party have spoken on certain aspects of the Throne Speech; other members will no doubt speak later during the week; but I feel, Sir, that the motion that my leader put forward is justified and is necessary at this time. We in Manitoba are in a period of economic stagnation, indecision and unrest and this government has done little or nothing to improve the situation. The confidence of the people, the confidence that this government had from the people of this province is waning. People are asking questions and they're not receiving answers. The very nature of the Throne Speech, Sir, does little to ease the unrest or to allay the fears and suspicions of many in this province. At a time when our economy is seriously suffering we find no positive thrust from this government. We find nothing to instill confidence and we in this province, I believe, Sir, need and deserve a positive approach to government especially at this time.

Mr. Speaker, there are other things that I would like to deal with. There are things that I feel probably more properly should be dealt with during estimates. But I would like to say one or two things, Sir, at this time with regard to the agricultural situation in our province. The Legislative committee on Agriculture held several meetings throughout the province. There was one held in my constituency and no doubt there were others held throughout the province. And I would suggest to you, Sir, that the basic tone of all the presentations was a feeling of dissatisfaction and discontent with the present economic situation that exists in agriculture today. Mr. Speaker, in their efforts to try and find ways and means of solving the agricultural question no doubt many farmers have grabbed at many straws in desperation. We found we had a very active support for the Farmers Union movement a year, a year and a half ago. Farmers looked to the Farmers Union with great anticipation expecting that this organization would act on their behalf and be a strong, effective voice in all government deliberations and in their presentations. But since that time, Sir, there are many who have still stayed within the farm organizations but at the same time there are others who have dropped out expressing their dissatisfaction with the manner in which the affairs of the farmer are not being remedied or improved.

MR. SPEAKER: The hour is 5:30. The honourable gentleman will have an opportunity to continue this evening. I am now leaving the Chair to return at 8:00 o'clock.