

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA  
2:30 o'clock, Tuesday, February 19, 1974

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 12 students, Grade 11 standing, of the Westdale High School. These students are under the direction of Mr. G. Bradley. This school is located in the constituency of the Honourable Member for Charleswood.

We also have 75 students of the Winnipeg Bible College. These students are under the direction of Mr. Lewicki. This school is located in the constituency of the Honourable Member for Emerson.

And there are 75 students of Grade 9 standing of the Bruce Junior High School. These students are under the direction of Mr. Warkenton and Mr. Reimer. This school is located in the constituency of the Honourable Member for Sturgeon Creek. On behalf of all the honourable members I welcome you here today.

Presenting Petitions; Reading and Receiving Petitions; Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees; Ministerial Statements or Tabling of Reports; Notices of Motion; Introduction of Bills; Questions.

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MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SIDNEY SPIVAK, Q.C. (Leader of the Official Opposition) (River Heights): Mr. Speaker, my question in the absence of the Minister of Health and Social Development is to the Chairman of HESP or to the First Minister. I wonder, in view of the publicity now attached to an investigation being conducted in Concordia Hospital dealing with possible irregularities and hospital deaths caused by those irregularities, whether the government is in a position to indicate when this investigation commenced, whether they initiated the investigation or whether the Manitoba Health Services Commission initiated it.

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

HON. RENE E. TOUPIN (Minister of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs) (Springfield): Mr. Speaker, I'll take that question as notice.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, my question to the First Minister is: Has the Minister, the First Minister as Premier of this province, been informed of an allegation which suggests that there were in fact irregularities in a hospital in the Greater Winnipeg area, which potentially could have caused death?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

HON. EDWARD SCHREYER (Premier) (Rossmere): Mr. Speaker, allegations of that kind upon receipt would be referred to the Minister to whom the Health Services Commission reports.

MR. SPIVAK: I wonder if the First Minister can inform the House whether such allegations have been brought to his attention as Premier of this province.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, not to my recollection.

MR. SPIVAK: Well I wonder, then, if the Chairman of HESP will confirm whether this is an investigation commenced by the Manitoba Hospital Services Commission or whether it is an investigation that was initiated as a result of complaints by the department in government.

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

MR. SCHREYER: Yes, Mr. Speaker, that is almost precisely word for word the subject matter of the first question that was asked and which the Minister of Tourism and Recreation took as notice.

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

MR. SPIVAK: Yes, Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Chairman of HESP. I wonder if he can indicate to the House whether the government has asked the College of Physicians and Surgeons to become involved in this investigation.

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Speaker, I haven't as the Chairman of HESP. My colleague the Minister of Health and Social Development could have, and because of that I'll take the question as notice on his behalf.

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

MR. I. H. ASPER (Leader of the Liberal Party) (Wolseley): To the same Minister, Mr. Speaker. In his answer to the effect that HESP, the Committee of Cabinet, has had no discussion of this investigation?

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. I'm sure the honourable member realizes the way he's asking the question is out of order. Will he rephrase his question if he has one.

MR. ASPER: Has the Health Committee of Cabinet discussed the issue of the allegations of impropriety at Concordia Hospital?

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. The question has been taken as notice; now the honourable member is trying to get into details of that which will be given later on. I don't see the point of it. The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order which may well be relevant in the future as well, that a Committee of the Cabinet, as our discussions in Cabinet itself, are matters which are not normal for questioning in this House as to discussions that may or may not have taken place in Cabinet or in committee thereof. And HESP so-called is a Cabinet Committee and it has to do with the formulation of policy and does not relate to questions of a specific administrative nature or investigatory nature.

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

MR. ASPER: To the First Minister. Does the Government of Manitoba have a representative, or an appointee directly or through the Health Commission, on the Board of Directors of Concordia Hospital?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, that question will be taken as notice as well.

MR. ASPER: Will the First Minister also take as notice and report an answer to the House, if the government had such a member on the board . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please.

MR. ASPER: Well, Mr. Speaker . . .

MR. SPEAKER: The question is hypothetical. The honourable member can rephrase it.

MR. ASPER: The question isn't hypothetical, with respect, it is anticipatory of his answer. I'm giving him . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. The honourable gentleman has indicated that is hypothetical.

MR. ASPER: I'll rephrase the question.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you.

MR. ASPER: Does the government have or does any government representative have copies of the allegations of complaint as to misconduct, irregularity and impropriety alleged in the Concordia Hospital case?

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. I wonder if it serves any purpose of the procedures of this House to be asking questions in respect to allegations. The Honourable Leader of the Liberal Party.

MR. ASPER: Mr. Speaker, in view of the First Minister's agreeing to take as notice the first question, it follows that we ask the question, does he have the information on which the complaint is founded. I put another question to the First Minister that he would perhaps take as notice. Is it the case, as reported by Dr. Bradley, who has been called into this . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. Again I must remind the honourable member to have a look at Citation 171 which does indicate that it is not a proper procedure to ask questions whether something in the press is correct or not correct.

MR. ASPER: . . . public statement made by an official brought in by the Government of Manitoba. Mr. Speaker, the question is that in view of his statement that such irregularities can be covered up, and his words are "hidden . . ."

A MEMBER: By whom?

MR. ASPER: The statement is by Dr. - - hidden by the health authorities is the context in which he made his statement, Mr. Speaker. The question is, is that government policy or is it a policy that the government frowns upon?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, the subject matter is very serious indeed, Mr. Speaker,

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(MR. SCHREYER Cont'd) . . . . but the form in which the question was put almost begs an obvious answer. Of course it would be frowned upon and hidden, I might add, hidden by whom? That's not clear. So the entire alleged statement will now have to be taken -- the question will have to be taken as notice.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, my question then is to the Minister as Chairman of HESP and it's another question that I assume he'll take as notice with the other. The question's with respect to this matter. I wonder if he would be in a position to take as notice and determine whether in fact a member of the Health Services Commission did in fact threaten, as alleged in the newspaper, threaten the Concordia Hospital with a judicial inquiry.

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. Again we are dealing with allegations. I would hope that all honourable members would consider that they would get factual information to start with before they start asking questions in regards to the elucidation that they desire. The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, just on the point of order. Our purpose is to ask questions of the government; reference was made to the newspaper as the authority for the allegation. It may not be true, but the fact is that it is reported in the media and I'm asking the Minister to determine whether this is the case and I think this is a fair question to put to the government.

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. On that point of order let me cite Beauchesne's Citation 177. It says, "It is the member's duty to ascertain the truth of any statement before he brings it to the attention of parliament." The Honourable Minister of Tourism and Recreation. No argument on the point of order.

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Speaker, the Leader of the Official Opposition should not assume that I would or would not take the question as notice. He should wait until I get on my feet. I did say at his first question that I would take the question as notice and the House would be given a report hopefully very soon. So the last question that he posed would be encompassed in the reply to the House.

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

MR. ASPER: Mr. Speaker, to the Minister who is Chairman of HESP. Would he . . .

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, it is a most technical point and I don't want to persist in it, but to address questions to a Minister . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please.

MR. SCHREYER: . . . to address a question to a Minister in his capacity as Chairman of a Cabinet Committee is not in accordance with the usually understood procedures. To ask a question of an Acting Minister, however, is and so it's a technical point.

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

MR. ASPER: Mr. Speaker, to the First Minister. Has the firm, the Toronto firm of Hickling Johnson been retained by the Province of Manitoba or the Manitoba Health Services Commission to carry out an investigation in connection with the charges relating to Concordia Hospital?

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, that question relates to a specific firm and as such it will have to be taken as notice encompassed in what the Honourable the Minister of Tourism and Recreation as Acting Minister has already undertaken to do.

MR. ASPER: To the First Minister, Mr. Speaker. Are there no Manitoba-based firms that are capable of investigating defaults in hospital procedures?

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, there may well be. If in fact an outside consulting firm has been retained, as is sometimes done from time to time, it may be for a particular reason, but again that is merely one in a series of questions which have been taken as notice.

MR. ASPER: A supplementary to the First Minister. Will he also take as notice the question, when did the Government of Manitoba first receive the complaints that are subject to the investigation and, if there has been a passage of time, why those complaints have not been made public?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Yes, Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Co-operative Development. I wonder if the Minister can inform the House whether his department is in the

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(MR. SPIVAK Cont'd) . . . . process of negotiating the sale of the fish co-operatives with the Freshwater Fish Commission.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Agriculture.

MR. USKIW: Mr. Speaker, the Department of Cooperatives does try to cooperate with the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation and to that extent discussions may have been held. But specifically I don't know, Mr. Speaker. I can check if he wishes.

MR. SPIVAK: Well again, I wonder whether the Minister can inform the House whether in fact this is taking place, and if it is taking -- and he will obviously have to take this question as notice -- and if it is taking place if he could inform the House how the Department of Cooperative Development could be negotiating the sale of the fish cooperatives without the people involved being involved in the negotiations themselves.

MR. USKIW: Mr. Speaker, the honourable member should know that the Cooperative Department offers assistance to various cooperatives throughout Manitoba, and it is with the cooperation of the local board of directors that any decisions are made.

MR. SPIVAK: Well I wonder if he can inform the House whether authority has been given to the Department of Cooperative Development to allow the department to negotiate the sale of the fish cooperatives to the Freshwater Fish Marketing Commission.

MR. USKIW: Mr. Speaker, I just answered that question. The department's responsibility is to assist the local cooperatives.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia. The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: I wonder if the Minister can then confirm to this House that any authority whatsoever has been given by any board of directors allowing the Department of Cooperative Development to negotiate the sale of the fish cooperative assets to the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation, or is this to be done by ministerial directive?

MR. SPEAKER: Question.

MR. USKIW: Mr. Speaker, the Leader of the Opposition knows that the Department has no authority to enter into an agreement of sale of any kind with respect to private cooperatives in the province.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. STEVE PATRICK (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Honourable Minister of Corporate and Consumer Affairs. In view of the findings of the Food Prices Review Board that a 24 ounce loaf of bread not rise more than two cents per loaf, I wonder what action is the Minister taking to reflect production cost of bread in this province.

A MEMBER: Oh heaven forbid.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

HON. IAN TURNBULL (Minister of Consumer, Corporate and Internal Services) (Osborne): Mr. Speaker, I noted that the Food Prices Review Board did, without any great examination of the issue presently involved in the increase in bread prices, predicted that an increase should only be two cents per loaf for a 24 ounce loaf - I noted that - and I expect in the next few days to be in contact with the local representatives of the bakery and milling industries to ascertain what their response is to the Food Prices Review Board report, and when I have done that I will then consider what other action the government or my department may have to take.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

MR. L.R. (Bud) SHERMAN (Fort Garry): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Honourable the Minister of Labour. Can the Minister advise the House whether some members of cabinet planning groups are involved in organizing activity aimed at changing unions in the provincial civil service?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Labour.

HON. RUSSELL PAULLEY (Minister of Labour) (Transcona): Mr. Speaker, I have always said, right from day one, even before the Honourable Member for Wolseley came into this House, that I believe in the right to self-determination, that if members of the civil service are desirous of changing their bargaining unit, that this is their responsibility under The Civil Service Act of the Province of Manitoba as it is at the present time. And, as proposed by the former administration, the Conservative Party of Manitoba, that the Manitoba Government Employees' Association should in effect be the bargaining agent. I have adhered

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(MR. PAULLEY Cont'd) . . . . to that legislation and . . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please.

MR. PAULLEY: Oh yes, my honourable . . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order. Order please. Would the Honourable Member for Swan River please maintain order.

MR. PAULLEY: Well, Mr. Speaker, I can understand my honourable friend from - where the dickens does he come from? Oh lord, I can't even think of his constituency, but - I can't even think of he - - that when he says keep it proper he is so unknowledgeable of the Civil Service Act that anyway, Mr. Speaker . . . .

A MEMBER: Order. Order. Order.

MR. PAULLEY: Order, yes. I hope to hear from you on The Civil Service Act this afternoon, my member for Lakeside. As far as I am concerned, Mr. Speaker, the right of self-determination prevails in Manitoba; we'll keep it that way. It was denied to the Civil Service under the former Conservative administration.

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

MR. SHERMAN: With some trepidation, Mr. Speaker, a supplementary. Have any provincial civil servants expressed concern to the Minister, Sir, that various persons close to the Cabinet - and I underline the phrase "close to the Cabinet" - have been taking an active part on one particular side of the dispute?

MR. PAULLEY: Again, Mr. Speaker, I say that as far as I am concerned as the Minister responsible for the Civil Service, I give to all of the employees within the Civil Service the right of self-determination, which may be objectionable to my honourable friend from Fort Garry.

MR. SHERMAN: A further supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Can the Minister assure the House that no pressure is being applied by the government on one side or the other, nor will it be applied in the current organizing dispute.

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. I do believe the question is just a variation of the first one and the supplementary. Order please. There are no rules which indicate the Minister must answer the way the honourable member is asking the question.

The Honourable Member for St. Boniface. The Honourable Member for Fort Garry. Order please.

MR. SHERMAN: To the Minister of Labour. Would he be prepared to answer my last question?

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. Order please. I see the latitude that I allow is being taken advantage of. It shall not be granted again. The Honourable Member for St. Boniface.

MR. J. PAUL MARION (St. Boniface): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the First Minister. Can the First Minister confirm that an Order-in-Council has been passed authorizing the Minister of Health to --(Interjections)-- . . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please.

MR. MARION: I would like to ask a question, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to hear it.

MR. MARION: . . . to enter into a joint agreement with the Federal authorities on the guaranteed minimum annual plan costing the province some \$17 million in total?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, Orders-in-Council in Manitoba are all a matter of public record. They are filed in the Executive Council offices after they are passed.

MR. MARION: To the First Minister. Is the First Minister aware that Order-in-Council 145 dealing with this is missing?

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker, if such an Order-in-Council has been formalized and passed, then it should be on file. The only possible reason there could be for it not to be on file is that it is being held pending the agreement of the Government of Canada for a joint announcement, which is a matter of courtesy that we would want to accommodate.

MR. MARION: Mr. Speaker, are there any other Orders-in-Council that the First Minister is aware, that are missing in the Office of the Clerk?

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, the only conceivable basis for any Order-in-Council not to be filed is where there is an arrangement being made for a joint announcement with another level of government, which is a matter of courtesy. We then hold them until the synchronizing

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(MR. SCHREYER Cont'd) . . . . of the date, the time, the hour.

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

MR. HARRY E. GRAHAM (Birtle-Russell): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Through you I would like to direct a question to the Attorney-General, and this deals with a matter that was brought to the public attention at the Manitoba Bar Association in Minaki last weekend by the Northern Defence Council, and I would like to ask the Minister if he is contemplating an investigation or has in fact instituted an investigation into charges made by the Northern Defence Council that residents of northern Manitoba are being brought to Winnipeg to face liquor charges, and if the RCMP have in fact been escorting them for those cases.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Attorney-General.

HON. HOWARD PAWLEY (Attorney-General) (Selkirk): Mr. Chairman, I certainly intend to check the charges that have been made that that in effect is taking place, and I would want to ascertain whether that's the case, and if it is the case to possibly attempt to avoid it.

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

MR. GRAHAM: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, to the same Minister. Would he also indicate to the House whether or not one of the criteria for a Judge in northern Manitoba should be his ability to be a good pub crawler?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Fort Rouge.

MR. LLOYD AXWORTHY (Fort Rouge): Mr. Speaker, I'd like to address a question to the First Minister. In the absence of the Minister responsible for housing, would the First Minister tell us whether it is presently a mandatory requirement that all senior citizens' high rise buildings built by Manitoba Housing include automatic sprinkler systems?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, that would be a function of the Building Code and the Inspection Service of the Department of Labour as well. The question will have to be taken as notice.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Fort Rouge.

MR. AXWORTHY: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Will both the First Minister and the Minister of Labor, and the Minister responsible for Housing when he returns, take for notice then the latest report of the Manitoba Safety Council? It says the only proper safety device in high rise buildings is the sprinkler system?

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Order, please. I would like to inform the honourable member that this is a question period, not one for supplying information to the House. That can be done at another time. The Honourable Member for Rhineland. Order, please. The Honourable Member for Fort Rouge.

MR. AXWORTHY: Yes, I'd like to rephrase it then. I apologize for the first phrasing, Mr. Speaker. Will the Government consider then introducing into all senior citizens' high rise buildings automatic sprinkler systems built by Manitoba Housing and Renewal Corporation?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Affirmative, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. ARNOLD BROWN (Rhineland): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the absence of the Minister of Health and Social Development I would like to direct my question to the First Minister. Will the Minister confirm that the Guaranteed Annual Income Agreement with the Federal Government will be signed on Friday?

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, I believe that's the arrangement; however, there may have been a last minute change in the schedule. I am not aware of any change.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. BROWN: I would like to direct my question to the same First Minister. Will an area in southern Manitoba be affected by the Guaranteed Annual Income Plan?

MR. SPEAKER: That's anticipatory. The Honourable Member for Arthur.

MR. J. DOUGLAS WATT (Arthur): Mr. Speaker, I'd like to address a question to the Minister in charge of water conservation control, the Honourable Minister of Mines and Natural Resources, I believe. I think the question was posed some time ago in regards to Garrison Dam and I'm wondering if he can give us any information at this moment on what Manitoba is doing, insofar as the federal authority is concerned, regarding work on Garrison

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(MR. WATT Cont'd) . . . . Dam, where on the February 6th report that the Garrison Dam will continue and indication is that it will pollute water not only in the Souris River but the Red River and completely through Manitoba.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Mines and Resources.

HON. SIDNEY GREEN, Q.C. (Minister of Mines, Resources and Environmental Management) (Inkster): Mr. Speaker, the answer is no different to what it was when I answered that question, the same question in the House, when it was first asked approximately two weeks ago.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Yes, my question, Mr. Speaker, is to the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources and Environmental Management. It involves the committee's Economic Development Fund. I wonder if he can inform the House whether the Chairman and the Members of the Board receive a per diem or allowance for meetings of the Fund?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, those Members of the Board who are not fully employed civil servants do, as I recollect, receive a per diem.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: By way of supplementary. Does that mean that those who are in contract to the Department of Northern Affairs, but who are not civil servants, do in fact receive additional remuneration as members of the Fund?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I'm aware of the position with regard to full-time civil servants. I can't be precise about the category that the honourable member has raised. I'll take it as notice.

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

MR. ASPER: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister responsible for the Manitoba Development Corporation. Can he explain the reason for the change in the receivers for St. Jean's Sportswear, which is now in receivership with a loan outstanding to the MDC for some \$130,000?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, St. Jean's Sportswear which has been in receivership for over a year as indicated in the report of the Manitoba Development Corporation and for which there is an allowance for unpaid accounts, as the receiver I cannot indicate the reason for the change of receivers.

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

MR. ASPER: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Would it be correct that any document in court or elsewhere that says it went into receivership on November 15, 1973 is incorrect?

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I cannot verify the correctness or incorrectness of any document. All I can tell the honourable member is that the St. Jean's Sportswear, to my recollection and as evidenced by the report of the Manitoba Development Corporation, has been in receivership for over a year.

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

MR. ASPER: Can the Minister responsible for the MDC indicate to the House whether or not the RCMP have been asked to investigate the circumstances leading to the bankruptcy or the receivership, and as to whether or not criminal charges are being studied?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, that is a matter which is internal to the operations of the fund and, Mr. Speaker, if answered in a yes fashion or a no fashion would be a problem for both the Fund and the people involved. I can indicate to the honourable member that if there are matters giving rise to the possibility that criminal conduct has taken place, that the Fund pursues that.

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

MR. ASPER: My question is to the same Minister or the Attorney-General. I see the Attorney-General is not here. The same Minister. Can he advise whether the RCMP have been asked to investigate the double-shooting in Winnipeg on February 14th in which the President of St. Jean's Sportswear was one of those who was shot?

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. I believe the answer to that question has been given.

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(MR. SPEAKER Cont'd) . . . . It's just been a rewording with a few other details. The Honourable Minister.

MR. GREEN: It would be a shock to me if there was a shooting, a shooting in Winnipeg of two people sitting in a restaurant, and this was not the subject of some type of police investigation. I am not acquainted with it but it would be a shock to me if that were the case. I can tell the honourable member that some criminal investigations take place without the people who are investigated knowing about them. As a matter of fact, that takes place quite often and my honourable friend well knows that. But as to whether the police are investigating this shooting, which was displayed on the front page of every newspaper, I would be astounded to find that there was no police investigation.

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

MR. ASPER: Can the Minister indicate whether the investigation of that shooting has yielded any information that establishes a connection between that shooting and the receiver-ship action?

MR. GREEN: No, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

MR. SHERMAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Honourable the Minister of Labour. Can the Minister advise the House whether to his knowledge new automation procedures in the Winnipeg Post Office will be harmful to local postal workers?

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The honourable member is asking an opinion of another member. The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

MR. SHERMAN: Well I'll try to . . . --(Interjection)-- You're making it tough for me, Sir. Let me put it this way, Mr. Speaker. Can the Minister of Labour advise the House whether he has had an opportunity to check with local postal workers and their leaders as to the possible damaging effect on their jobs and on their physical well-being of new automation equipment?

MR. PAULLEY: I don't know if I can answer it.

MR. SHERMAN: Is the Minister going to be able to try to answer that question, Mr. Speaker?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Labour.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, of course this is an area of jurisdiction of the federal authority, but I do want to say to my honourable friend the Member for Fort Garry that it has been drawn to my attention and that it's in the process of the application of technological change, there will be a displacement of workers in the postal arena, which is federal, or provincially, that I am prepared to enter into discussions with the responsible organizations to see that there will be no adverse effect on the employees concerned.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Fort Rouge.

MR. AXWORTHY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the First Minister as the Minister responsible for Urban Affairs. In view of the recent decision by the Environment Committee of the City of Winnipeg to pursue a policy of purchasing land for open spaces and parks in the downtown area, is the Provincial Government prepared to consider offering financial assistance for those purchases to the City of Winnipeg?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, the entire budgetary proposals of the City of Winnipeg are something upon which we have arrangements to meet upon and the matter will be pursued at that time of discussion.

MR. AXWORTHY: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Will, then, the Minister undertake to offer to the City of Winnipeg those available lots of provincial owned land in the downtown area for the use of open spaces and parks?

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, that is hypothetical. There has been no request for such for that purpose.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Co-operative Development. I wonder if he can inform the House whether any irregularities have been brought to his attention regarding the handling of money by members of the department on behalf of the various co-operatives in which his department is involved in their management.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.



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MR. USKIW: No, I'm not aware of any, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPIVAK: . . . question to the Minister. I wonder if he can indicate whether the Department of National Revenue have made demands on co-operatives managed by the Department of Co-operative Development for arrears owing to them.

MR. USKIW: The matter has not been drawn to my attention, Mr. Speaker, so I'm not able to comment at the moment.

MR. SPIVAK: I wonder if the Minister will take those questions as notice.

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

MR. ASPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Minister of Agriculture. Has the Minister of Agriculture, or did he give instructions for the destruction of literature pertaining to futures markets, literature that has been distributed for use in connection with his department's adult education program:

MR. USKIW: No, I don't ever recall doing so, Mr. Speaker.

MR. ASPER: To the same Minister. Will the Minister indicate whether the pamphlet or the brochure that was called, "Futures Markets for Flax and Rapeseed", written by a Mr. Mitchell and printed by the Queen's Printer, was ever distributed to agricultural reps across the province and subsequently withdrawn from distribution by his department?

MR. USKIW: I don't know, Mr. Speaker.

MR. ASPER: Mr. Speaker, would the Minister undertake to find out and inform the House and take as notice the question, the question being: What was the reason for the withdrawal? and indicate . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. The honourable member is anticipating and getting into a hypothetical area. The Honourable Member for Fort Rouge.

MR. AXWORTHY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the First Minister. Could the Minister tell us whether the government has yet made a decision to share the cost on the proposed new Osborne Street bridge re the submission of the City of Winnipeg of last summer?

MR. SCHREYER: We have, Mr. Speaker.

MR. AXWORTHY: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Does the Minister mind then telling the House what that decision is?

MR. SCHREYER: Affirmative.

MR. AXWORTHY: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Does that decision, Mr. Speaker, provide guarantee that the bridge will only be a five span bridge and not be expanded to include six spans and therefore the widening of the Osborne Street area?

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, that question presupposes that the province's policy is to supersede City of Winnipeg engineering advice and decision-making by the City with preferences by the province. Insofar as this particular public work is concerned, we have confirmed our willingness to proceed with cost-sharing on the previous standing formula, 50-50, and have so notified the city.

MR. AXWORTHY: Can I gather from that answer then - this is to the First Minister - that the province never sets any conditions on the use of provincial money given to municipalities?

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, there were some conditions attached but not of an engineering-design nature in particular.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member has had two supplementaries on that already. The Honourable Member for La Verendrye.

MR. BOB BANMAN (La Verendrye): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask a question of the Honourable Minister of Finance. Is it a fact that all persons occupying personal care home beds are going to receive the \$200 property tax rebate?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Finance.

HON. SAUL CHERNIACK, Q.C. (Minister of Finance) (St. Johns): Mr. Speaker, the question as I understood it was whether all persons occupying personal care home beds will receive the \$200.00. Mr. Speaker, the response has to be that under the Income Tax Rebate Plan, people who pay taxes, real property taxes, either through ownership of the property that they occupy or as rent, are deemed to be paying tax and therefore they would be entitled to make a claim based on that. If, however, there are no taxes paid, then there's no rebate available to them since they are not paying taxes.

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MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Attorney-General.

HON. HOWARD PAWLEY (Attorney-General) (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, I would like to . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. The honourable member have a supplementary? The Honourable Member for La Verendrye.

MR. BANMAN: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question. Would this then also apply to the extended care home beds?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Finance.

MR. CHERNIACK: Mr. Speaker, I believe that the answer I gave is the correct answer and applies in all cases in cases of people who pay real property taxes either by way of rent or directly. Now I would invite the honourable member to give me specifics of the problem that he has so that I can deal with the answer in specifics, and his colleagues will tell him -- I believe they will -- that one of the best ways of doing that is getting in touch with me or my department and he'll get a pretty fast and, I hope, full answer.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Attorney-General.

MR. PAWLEY: Mr. Speaker, yesterday the Member for Birtle-Russell had asked me a question whether or not the Chairman of the Law Reform Commission had been speaking personally or on behalf of the Law Reform Commission with respect to certain remarks made over the weekend in Minaki, Ontario. The Chairman of the Law Reform Commission has forwarded to me a copy of his address which I am going to table here in the House, but what in fact the tabling of the Address indicates, that the Chairman of the Law Reform Commission has not in any way, shape or form suggested that there was any threatened takeover of the legal profession in Manitoba, and unfortunately someone appears to have taken his remarks completely and totally out of context. What the Chairman of the Law Reform Commission did was challenge the legal profession in Manitoba to become involved in law reform so that they would not be left behind other areas of reform within society.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Well, I think we on this side would welcome the answer given by the Honourable Attorney-General, but I wonder if he answered the question that the Honourable Member from Birtle-Russell asked specifically, which is whether he appeared there as Chairman of the Law Reform Commission and was paid for as Chairman or whether he appeared as a private citizen. That was the question put to him.

MR. PAWLEY: Well, Mr. Speaker, I would have to obtain that information and give it during my Estimates review. I suspect he did appear as Chairman of the Law Reform Commission.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Thompson.

MR. KEN DILLEN (Thompson): My question, Mr. Speaker, is to the Attorney-General. I was wondering if he could indicate to the House whether or not the Commission that we're discussing, having met in Minaki, couldn't find suitable places in Manitoba to meet.

A MEMBER: Hear, hear.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Attorney-General.

MR. PAWLEY: Mr. Speaker, I would like to just mention that it was not the Commission that chose the site in Minaki, it was the Manitoba Bar Association, and I think that they are free, surely, Mr. Speaker, to choose any site they wish for their conferences.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Fort Rouge.

MR. AXWORTHY: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the First Minister. Could he tell this House what conditions have been attached to the grant for the Osborne Street Bridge to the City of Winnipeg?

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, I could but I think it would be easier to convey in a written format.

MR. SPEAKER: Orders for return. The Honourable Member for Fort Rouge.

MR. AXWORTHY: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. To the knowledge of the Minister has that particular project lived up to the legal requirements for an environmental impact study in the City of Winnipeg Act?

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, in conveying to the city our preparedness to proceed with cost sharing, that was one of the matters which we did draw to the city's attention and asked the city to ensure that it was satisfied that the necessary full ambit of

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(MR. SCHREYER Cont'd) . . . . considerations had been looked at.

MR. AXWORTHY: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Does that mean that the Provincial Government will not give money to the City of Winnipeg until an environmental impact study is completed and produced?

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, if there is a suggestion implicit in the question that we should withhold moneys in order to use it to ensure that certain courses of action are followed, we have a basis of cooperation in working with the City of Winnipeg and not that particular kind of course of action.

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

MR. ASPER: To the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Speaker. Did his government, did his department, rather, publish a pamphlet known as "Futures Market for Flax and Rapeseed?"

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Agriculture.

MR. USKIW: We could have, Mr. Speaker. I presume that if he has a copy that we must have published it, I don't know.

MR. ASPER: Mr. Speaker, to the Minister of Agriculture, will he obtain, inasmuch as it is unobtainable, will he obtain for members of this House a copy of the document and make it available to members of this House inasmuch as it was paid for at public expense?

MR. USKIW: Mr. Speaker, I have no knowledge on the subject matter and I did take the question as notice originally, so that matter should rest there.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Labour.

STATEMENT

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, if I may have the indulgence of the House to make a non-political announcement to the House. (Agreed) My honourable friend the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources and Environmental Activities indicates what has Transcona done now? And it is on this concept, Mr. Speaker, that I want to indicate that in Transcona an offspring of a former Dominion and I believe International curler, Don Duguid, that his son is the champion of the high school boys in a bonspiel. Like father, like son. Yesterday I sat back and listened to my honourable friend from Souris-Lansdowne, my friend from Portage la Prairie, indicating the prowess of their curlers in their respective communities. I do want, Mr. Speaker, to draw to the attention of this House that not for the first time but for the second time, that residents of Transcona have really gone to the foremost in the curling fraternity. And I suggest, Mr. Speaker, to you and to honourable colleagues in the Legislature, that we should recognize the prowess of the son of a former Brier Champion, Dale Duguid, Alan West, Richard Ingimundson and Wayne Davidson, that in the community of Transcona we have the finest fraternity of curlers ever evolved within the Province of Manitoba.

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MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Attorney-General. Will the Attorney-General be again issuing permits for the activities of beer garden operations or will he be bringing in legislation at this Session concerning the beer garden operators?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Attorney-General.

MR. PAWLEY: Mr. Speaker, there will be legislation pertaining to beer garden activities. I don't foresee any major changes, though, from previous issuance of permits, but there will be some legislation in all likelihood following the studies of Dr. Rae.

MR. PATRICK: A supplementary. This will be then by license instead of a permit then, eh?

MR. PAWLEY: I would have to refrain from expanding any further until I have received further comment from Dr. Rae as to the best method of dealing with it and also the comments by Mr. Simms, who at the present time is recovering from sickness in the hospital.

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

GOVERNMENT BILLS

MR. GREEN: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if you'd now proceed with the adjourned debates on second reading in the order which they stand on the Order Paper.

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MR. SPEAKER: Bill No. 4. The Honourable Member for Sturgeon Creek. Stand?  
(Agreed)

Bill No. 5. The Honourable Member for Rhineland. (Stands)

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Bill No. 7. The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. HARRY J. ENNS (Lakeside): Mr. Speaker, I rise to add some comments to Bill No. 7, a bill that undoubtedly we'll hear from many more members before it receives passage through this House. I remind the members of the House, those of whom were in the Chamber last Session, near the end of the last Session, when I also had some comments on this same particular bill. I won't attempt to simply repeat the same comments that I made last year on this very same bill although they were worthy at that time and I might well be advised to do so. I suggested, Mr. Speaker, that it was a piece of the legislation that we should take a long hard look at before we proceed too hastily with it. I would also like to really, Mr. Speaker, encourage the Honourable Minister who has just left the Chamber, to take to heart the comments made by the Honourable Member for Swan River, and Mr. Speaker, in my judgment the pleading, the call that was made by the Honourable Member for Swan River last night on behalf of maintaining a degree of non-political involvement by the Civil Service, maintaining a tradition of that non-involvement by the Civil Service, was one that was both eloquent and worthy of the Minister's full attention.

Mr. Speaker, I am a political realist. I realize that this government in its wilful manner will proceed to do precisely what it wants to do with this bill. I also understand, of course, the priority that they've put on this bill. Last year this bill came before us and they realized very quickly it just took a few speeches - I'd like to think one of them was mine - that made them realize that no, in an election year this is not the kind of a piece of legislation to have the ink just drying off the piece of legislation, that this was the kind of material that perhaps the people of Manitoba would have a great deal to concern themselves about, a great deal to worry about. So they withdrew the bill.

Now, Mr. Speaker, really, you know, it looked upon the surface -- you could ask yourself why the priority of having this bill among the first before us at this particular stage of this new Legislative Assembly. After all, barring court action, I suppose we have some reason to believe that we are maybe three or four years hence from the next election and if it's the government's intention simply to facilitate civil servants' participation in elections, why the rush now? Well, Mr. Speaker . . .

A MEMBER: A snap election.

MR. ENNS: That may well be, the snap election, degree of non-confidence on the part of the government as to the outcome of the court proceedings. I don't want to talk about the court proceedings, Mr. Speaker. But also of course is the fact that they realize that this bill cuts deeply into what many people think is pretty fundamental to the kind of service they're entitled to from their Civil Service, and they're concerned about the kind of service that they can expect in the future from a politicized Civil Service.

Mr. Speaker, really, the question has to be asked: is it necessary, the bill? The Member from Swan River indicated to us last night some notable examples of civil servants who found no difficulty in entering into the public service as elected officials. He cited our former Prime Minister, the Honourable Lester B. Pearson; he cited the Honourable Mitchell Sharp who now sits in this nation's highest council as an elected representative in the federal cabinet. Mr. Speaker, we can go closer to home. I can cite my honourable friend the Member from Riel's opponent in the last election, a Mr. Parasiuk I believe it was, who left, you know, a \$20,000 or \$23,000 Cabinet post to run against him, to run against him as a candidate for the NDP and, as irony will have it, while he lost, he resumed his \$25,000 a year job with the Planning and Priorities Committee and my friend and colleague here, the winner, he is getting his \$7,200 as the Member representing the people of that constituency. So, you know, there's winners and losers.

But that's not the point. All I'm pointing out, and the Honourable Attorney-General is going to help me some more in references to a particular Dan MacKenzie or others. It's just reinforcing my argument. I can cite my own brother who was in the Civil Service, went into active politics in Ottawa, came back into the Civil Service, served for your government

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(MR. ENNS cont'd). . . as well as our government. So what I'm trying to say, gentlemen, is the argument, the pleading, the rhetoric that we hear from the Minister of Labour that this Bill is essential to allow people within the public service to get into politics, well that's just a bunch of poppycock.

Now there has to be more devious reasons, Mr. Speaker, and I intend to point them out to you, Sir, and I don't know whether it's really of too much value to point it out to any of the members opposite. I would hope that we had a half-awake press occasionally that would at least accept their responsibility, not to publicize my comments as such on this matter, but to inform the 12,000 civil servants in this province and indeed the people of Manitoba as to just what is going on -- as to just what is going on.

Now, Mr. Speaker, to get a fuller picture of what is going on, Mr. Speaker, one has to really go back to a document that came into my possession and I think it's a very public document. It's a report by the Provincial Secretary, that is to the Provincial NDP Annual Convention that was held last November 30th and December 2nd. This is the report written by -- it's a summary of the last election, summary of the last election as seen by the wise heads in the hierarchy of the NDP, and they are reporting to their convention as to what they did right and what they did wrong and a general summary of that convention. Now, Mr. Speaker, I want to make sure that my comments are entirely germane to the principles of the bill and I hasten to assure you it's not my intention to go through a lot of the interesting reading that is in this report. No, Mr. Speaker, I want to deal with one particular aspect of this report written by the Secretary of the New Democratic Party and tabled and brought forward to the New Democratic Party in convention last November and December.

It goes on to say, "In 1969 our election victory may have been due in part to the Conservatives' lacklustre record and performance, but this time we won on our own merits. A large part of the credit in the face of a very formidable opposition" -- well, that's kind of a nice thing for them to say to us -- "in the face of a formidable opposition must go to the large number of competent and experienced election organizers that were recruited from outside and from within Manitoba. The Saskatchewan NDP provided 14 full-time organizers to our campaign. The B. C. NDP party provided 11 full-time organizers. Ontario provided 12, and two other organizers were recruited from Alberta." These, of course, all highly paid professional organizers.

Now, the subject that we want to talk about: "CUPE and United Steel contributed an additional 25 organizers among other support staff for the election, and of course also cash." With their automatic check-off that these organizations, who within their complete rights, within their complete rights came to that decision that they support a political party, a political party only, namely the Socialist friends opposite, the New Democratic Party, both nationally and provincially. Now, Mr. Speaker -- I will permit the question at the end of my remarks, Mr. Speaker. I really don't want to be interrupted at this particular time.

Now, Mr. Speaker, the question has to be asked -- You know, very few months have passed and all of a sudden there is a great deal of agitation within the Civil Service here in Manitoba. We're going to have new bargaining agents for the Manitoba civil servants. Now, Mr. Speaker, I know that the honourable gentlemen opposite like to think of us fellows as being country boys, you know, coming from small towns, country towns like Roblin or Steinbach, or even Charleswood and Fort Garry you know, but you know we can add. We can add. How much did the MGEA contribute to the election expenses and how many organizers did the MGEA supply for this government? None, I believe, as it should be. Their own report indicates to us how many CUPE supplied to this government, and which particular -- they want to stand up here and tell us that they have no vested interest as to who represents who. Did CUPE -- I'm not speaking for the Liberal Party but I would rather suspect that CUPE did not offer any of their highly paid organizers to run their election campaign. Nor did they, I'm sure, provide the Liberal Party with, say, a proportionment of their five or ten cent monthly deduction for support of political parties. I can assure you that they did not for us. So, Mr. Speaker, what we are moving towards, Mr. Speaker, and surely the argument is reasonably logical, reasonably logical, that this government and the New Democratic Party -- you know, it's beholden to a particular labour organization, namely CUPE in this instance -- well, Mr. Speaker that's maybe not quite fair. Steel after all has also all of a sudden become tremendously interested in representing our Civil Service. The United Steelworkers of America.

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A MEMBER: How do you like that?

MR. ENNS: You know, you might ask yourself, "Now what does that fall from all of a sudden?" Well Mr. Speaker, then I'll have to give you just a little explanation . . . on some of the new members that aren't fully aware of some of the politics, the internal politics of the New Democratic Party. You see, Mr. Speaker, there is an internal struggle going on for pre-eminence within the New Democratic Party in their councils and in their convention. Steel currently enjoys it to some extent, CUPE would like to replace them or any labour organization that comes to those conventions. Its strength and influence is measured to a large extent naturally by the number of people that they speak for, and the kind of funds they've put into the party.

So, Mr. Speaker, I submit that this government may not, may not have any fixed position as to whether CUPE or steel represents the Manitoba Civil Service in the future bargaining rights. But I can tell you one thing, that it's either one of them and not the ones you have now. Mr. Speaker -- so let's, you know, let's look at the kind of, really with the stroke of a pen, the kind of massive, you know, politicization of the Civil Service that we're talking about. It's not just as the Minister of Labour would like us to believe, that he wants the rights of the civil servants to run in elections etc., etc. No, he wants their nickels and dimes every month too to help keep that party running.

A MEMBER: That's right, Harry. You made your point.

MR. ENNS: And that is an element that this government is introducing into the Civil Service. Mr. Speaker, are we to have any faith or any belief that that kind of a situation, that very plausible situation that I have outlined, that can happen -- after all, this morning on the steps front and back CUPE organizers were out organizing. Yesterday the Member from Portage la Prairie, you know, indicated that CUPE organizers had the run of the government offices, had the use of government postage, had the use of government stationery, in their organizational drive. Had the use. Now, Mr. Speaker, I'm satisfied that perhaps little Gerry Fast will have his knuckles suitably rapped and he'll be told to do it more discreetly in the future, do it more discreetly in future. We'll get you plain envelopes. And we'll find you a postage meter that hasn't got a government number on it. But fact of the matter is, that is going on. It's going on right now. Is it not, sir? --(Interjection)-- Is it not? -- (Interjection)-- Is it not? --(Interjections)-- That's right. Is it not? Is there anybody on the other side disputing, anybody on the other side disputing the . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please.

MR. ENNS: . . . Disputing the postmarked envelope that was presented into this Chamber yesterday? The contents of that envelope? The contents of that envelope and the fact that this person who was sending out that material is working somewhere within this building. Now, Mr. Speaker . . . --(Interjection)--

MR. SPEAKER: Order please.

MR. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, I want to say it's perfectly understandable - You know, I don't fault the honourable gentlemen opposite because, after all, they received 25 organizers from CUPE last election time and it's in their interest, Mr. Speaker, it's in their interest, Mr. Speaker, not only that the financial contribution of this union be greater to help the war chest of the New Democratic Party in the next election, but, Sir, that they could have not only 25 but maybe 100 or 150 organizers, not necessarily from such distant places as B. C. and Ontario and Saskatchewan, no it would be easier to recruit them right from within.

Now, Mr. Speaker, let's visualize, let's visualize the situation, the ridiculousness and the seriousness of the situation that we face with CUPE as a labour organization within its full rights making its own decision to support a political party, namely the New Democratic Party, supporting it in physical help with organizers and with money, CUPE being successful in their drive to represent, take control over the Manitoba Civil Service as their bargaining agents. The next election rolls along and they negotiate with their employers, who are at the same time their benefactors, the leave of absence, say, of 100 or 150 senior people -- and you know, the leave of absence with pay or without pay to do what Sir? To do what they did in the last election. To see that the party of their choice: the party they believed in, got re-elected.

Mr. Speaker, if honourable members opposite can only guffaw at that kind of information or bring past, you know, some problems that I had with some inaccurate statements in the past as a response to this very factual presentation, then, Sir, then I am much more concerned

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(MR. ENNS cont'd). . . about their concern about the value that Manitobans have up to now received by having enshrined a non-politically involved Civil Service. Mr. Speaker, it reinforces the belief that I have indicated on numerous occasions that, as is so often the case with my friends opposite, it's the attitude that, you know, you're either with us or you're against us. They don't trust the integrity of civil servants that they can carry out their responsibilities in their jobs and not necessarily be married to them politically. So, Mr. Speaker, let's not be surprised at the events that will take place in the ensuing years and the situations that we will face, that we will face in the next election.

The MGEA organization supports this government in no way financially or organizational help at election time. CUPE does, both financially and with organizational help. And you want us to believe that you fellows couldn't give a damn as to who was the bargaining agents for the Manitoba civil servants or not. That's really stretching credulity, that's really stretching it too far. You know, I mean, Mr. Speaker, the fix is on, you know, and the horse that's running -- you know the letter starts with "c" and ends with "e" and there's a strange English vowel in between called "oop". But I'll tell you any betting man would put his dollar on that horse. Any betting would put his dollar on that horse.

Now, Mr. Speaker, just in case that there is some suggestion that maybe the Minister of Labour may want to suggest, well the current CUPE drive isn't meeting with all that success. He has negotiated favourably with the present directors of the MGEA. Well, Mr. Speaker, this is just a little dry run that they're going through here. They set the stage, the formula, for the acceptance by the Civil Service at a time of their choosing, and they can choose for another bargaining agent. All the Minister of Labour has to do, all this government has to do, is the next contract negotiations, make it pretty tough. Make it pretty tough. The next contract negotiations . . .

MR. GREEN: I wonder if the honourable member would permit me a question.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Mines .

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the honourable member would suggest that the successful certification as confirmed by the courts yesterday of the MMA over the MGEA was inspired by the New Democratic Party's efforts.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. ENNS: I fail, I fail to grasp the significance of the question in the context that I'm referring to, the problem of certification of a union in this presentation. I don't give you know, I have no concern, I have no concern who represents the Manitoba civil servants as such. --(Interjection)-- No. There, Mr. Speaker, there they are not honest and they're lying through their teeth. It means direct financial gain, it means direct help at election time. But, it does. But it does. --(Interjection)-- I will read again what your secretary, Provincial Secretary of the New Democratic Party, said to you at convention time last November. "The Saskatchewan NDP provided 14 full-time organizers to our campaign. The B. C. NDP provided 11 full-time organizers, Ontario provided 12, 2 organizers were recruited in Alberta, CUPE, United Steel Workers, contributed at least -- they don't even know it -- at least 25 organizers and other support staff for the election campaign."

A MEMBER: Wow!

MR. ENNS: So, Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources whom I sometimes respect for at least having a, you know, a logical and reasonable mind, he can tell me that it makes no difference to that party as to who represents, who represents who in these negotiations. Well, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker, I can't accept that; I can't accept that; and I don't think the people of Manitoba will accept that. It saddens me to also have to, it saddens me to also have to indicate to the honourable members opposite that, far from claiming any clairvoyant skills, that I can predict with accuracy the next two major amendments to this bill. With utmost accuracy, the next two major amendments to the bill. Not brought in by you fellows but by some future government, and they will be removals of some of the time-honoured security of tenure clauses that the Civil Service now enjoys. . . . Because if that degree of politicization of the Civil Service is going to take place, surely you can't expect any incoming future government not to take a long and hard look at how they will be working with a hostile Civil Service.

Now, Mr. Speaker, that is the kind of situation that the government wishes to invite. That's the kind of Americanization of our system that this government wants: all based on a

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(MR. ENNS cont'd). . . premise, all based on a premise that you gotta be with us or against us, and it's not just good enough to be with us, we want your cash, we want your bodily help at election time.

A MEMBER: It's not the money.

MR. ENNS: Well, Mr. Speaker, it is not, it is not money. Mr. Speaker, this whole speech would have no -- this speech would be entirely meaningless if organized labor, as I believe it's a matter of common knowledge most business firms, certainly I don't think the Minister of Finance or anybody else there, particularly the First Minister, will deny that the New Democratic Party receives a fair share of contributions for election expenses from business firms, as do we and as does the Liberal Party. But, Mr. Speaker, that cannot be said about the approach thus far that organized labor has taken with respect to how they dole out contributions for political parties. They have chosen to be monolithic in their approach and support only the New Democratic Party.

Now, Mr. Speaker, that, Mr. Speaker, confronts us with a problem, confronts us with the kind of intrigue that is currently going on within the Civil Service. It's been at that level masked as simply a fight for who could do a better job as a bargaining agent for them. It's being masked in this House by the Minister of Labour on the basis of simply enabling individuals to run for public office, and, Mr. Speaker, the Member for Swan River, other members, have proved beyond any point that there is no difficulty for members to run. Why do we need special legislation? Why make the civil servants second class citizens? We don't legislate that farmers can run. We don't legislate that lawyers can run, even though they have to sacrifice in some instances some of their positions and their livelihood to run. We don't legislate to enable teachers to run, even though it may interfere in their teaching careers, but we find it necessary to legislate for civil servants to run.

Mr. Speaker, it's not -- (Interjection) -- it's not, Mr. Speaker -- as the Member for Morris indicated, we do know why. It's contained within their own report that they read to themselves at their conventions. It's the hope that they can succeed in politicizing the Manitoba Civil Service to a degree never even dreamt of by any one of us opposite here. Mr. Speaker, . . .

A MEMBER: Remember Sam's speech at Fort Garry.

MR. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, I don't believe I would not want to believe that this government so lightly will tamper with this important question as to the posture and position of the Civil Service here in Manitoba. But, Mr. Speaker, if they fail to grasp the implications of what I said, if they cannot see an intolerable position arising out of the fact that in all likelihood unions dedicated to the support and help of one political party only in Canada, well, Mr. Speaker, they did not help us, they did not help the Liberal Party.

A MEMBER: They didn't help Jake Froese.

MR. ENNS: But they helped you.

A MEMBER: No, they didn't.

MR. ENNS: Well then this is an outright lie. Then they did not send organizers to help you win the election last election?

A MEMBER: They might not have helped us, who knows?

MR. ENNS: Well okay, Mr. Speaker, I'll desist from further remarks but I want to tell the honourable members opposite, I'll tell the honourable members opposite that with this kind of attitude, with this conviction on the part of the members opposite, they haven't heard anything in terms of what the people of Manitoba will be told about this bill, will be honestly told about this bill, and how that in my judgment the people of Manitoba will react the next time they have the opportunity.

Mr. Speaker, I don't, I don't necessarily see it as a liability to have a politicized civil service. In fact, Mr. Speaker, I can see as an opposition politician, there could be in many instances tremendous advantages in it. Sometimes if we want to drag the Civil Service right into the political arena in this way, as this bill purports us to do, then fine, we have a gloves-off campaign that attacks civil servants and mixes them all up, but all too often it's not only the actual government that people would like to see removed from office. But Mr. Speaker, that is the kind of era that this government is ushering into the Manitoba public service by the introduction of this bill. They are not listening. They ignore and they boot the very legitimate and eloquent plea by the Member from Swan River to reconsider their move in this direction.



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(MR. ENNS cont'd). . . All we can do, recognizing the majority rests on the other side, all we can do, Sir, is at least put on the public record those concerned, the direction that we see this government taking the Civil Service with, and some, obviously not all - we're not clairvoyant - but some of the obvious consequences deriving from that action

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Public Works.

HON. RUSSELL J. DOERN (Minister of Public Works) (Elmwood); Mr. Speaker, I just had a couple of questions for the honourable member. Would the member admit that the Conservative Party received between a quarter and a half million dollars from businessmen and business corporations in the last provincial election?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, I am not party to or part of the party association that I could stand and honestly answer you the specific amounts of questions that we're dealing to moneys received or not received. I have made no attempt, I will make no attempt to suggest to you that we did not receive significant funds, obviously because we ran a pretty good campaign, as you received funds from business, from private individuals, from labor unions. All I'm suggesting, that this is not a question of who's funding who, it's a question of the propriety the propriety of having you as the employer in a position to employ an employee that is prepared and has publicly stated by his action and demonstrates every month by his automatic check-off, the support of one and one only political institution and party in this country. Now if you don't see anything that's basically and fundamentally wrong as far as, you know, a democratic approach to such a question then I can't help you.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Order, please. Let me indicate questions should be for clarification on the subject that was spoken on, not to elucidate and get some more debate. The Honourable Minister of Public Works.

MR. DOERN: Mr. Speaker, the member alluded to the fact that there was some distribution of CUPE pamphlets in this vicinity, and I just wanted to ask him whether he objected to the longstanding tradition of allowing organizations of any kind to distribute pamphlets on our grounds -- not within the building, but on our steps or on our grounds?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, any careful perusal of the remarks I just made will indicate to you that I have no objection to any organization seeking bargaining rights, and assuming that they're carrying out their thing legally and not breaking any laws, then I have no objection to them passing out the pamphlets. It was just -- I felt it was my responsibility in view of the close association, again, with only one political group, one political party, that they who now want to take over the control and the direction of the Manitoba Civil Service have with this party, with this government, then any denials from the other side about when we talk about politicization of the civil servants will have a pretty hollow ring, when the man that's sweeping the broom, cleaning out your office or your Deputy Minister is called . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. Order, please. Order, please. Order, please! Are you ready for the question? The Honourable Minister will be closing debate. The Honourable Member for Birtle-Russell.

MR. GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, I beg to move, seconded by the . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please.

MR. GRAHAM: I beg to move, seconded by the Member for Rock Lake . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Order, please. There's a member wishing to speak. The Honourable Minister of Mines and Resources.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, yes. If the honourable member is trying to close debate, then I would like to say a few words at this moment.

Mr. Speaker, I think that this is rather a useful tactic, Mr. Speaker. . . .

MR. BILTON: On a point of order. . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Would the honourable member for Swan River state his point of order?

MR. JAMES H. BILTON (Swan River): The Honourable Member for Birtle-Russell, I believe, was attempting to adjourn the debate, not close the debate --(Interjection)--

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, the honourable member has the right to pursue the motion and if he pursues it we will vote against the adjournment and I will then ask for the right to speak. Mr. Speaker, it is a very interesting tactic.

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MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Birtle-Russell state his point of order.

MR. GRAHAM: On the point of privilege, Mr. Speaker, I want to inform the House that I have no intention of trying to prevent anyone from speaking.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, the fact is that the Honourable Member for Swan River is the man that I believe in this particular instance, and I've ceased to believe who I want to believe, and I know that the tactic that has been used at this time --(Interjection)--. . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Would the honourable member state his point of order, for Swan River?

MR. BILTON: I have no intention of sitting here and being castigated by the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources as to what my intent may be or what I may have to do with anything that goes on in this House, and he has no right, Mr. Speaker, to speak in the terms that he did a few moments ago, and he'd better withdraw.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The Honourable Minister for Mines and Resources.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, as a matter of fact I have an intention of elaborating. What I said -- the Honourable Minister of Finance has indicated I said that the honourable member was trying to close debate. When I said that, Mr. Speaker, what I intended to say - and I will withdraw that remark - what I intended to say was that the tactic is that several people will speak on the bill, that the Honourable Member for Lakeside will make a damning speech, that the Minister of Labour will want to reply, but that an honourable member of that side will move that the debate be adjourned so that the Member for Lakeside's remarks are left unanswered, and that's why. And I wish to elaborate on it. That is why the Member for Swan River says, "No, we were going to adjourn the debate," and that therefore the debate should be adjourned and nobody else should be permitted to speak.

MR. BILTON: No!

MR. GREEN: Well the Honourable Member for Swan River says no. Mr. Speaker, I am.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please.

MR. GREEN: . . . I am therefore, in view of the fact that the Honourable Member for Swan River is saying this, then I will say that I perceive this to be the tactic of the members of the Opposition with respect to not making it possible for the Minister of Labour to respond immediately to the charges that . . . Well, Mr. Speaker, I'm just . . . the Honourable Leader of the Opposition, I guess, Mr. Speaker, another way of closing debate is having me explain this four or five times over. Of Course. I agree that the honourable member couldn't speak unless he closed debate. I know that. And I know that the members for the Conservative Party have launched their attack against the bill that's being presented by the Minister of Labour, and as far as I'm concerned their attack is complete but they do not wish it to be answered today by the Minister of Labour. Therefore, a motion comes up to adjourn debate and the reason that I am speaking, and the only reason that I am speaking, is because the Minister of Labour at this point cannot deal with the remarks made by the Member for Lakeside because of the skillful way in which -- and I congratulate them, and I mean I congratulate them for their skill in making it impossible for the . . . Yes, Mr. Speaker, I think that that is a skillful manoeuvre and I suggest, I suggest that there is no other purpose for it. --(Interjection)--

A MEMBER: You protest too much.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Order, please. ORDER PLEASE. I wonder if we can get back to the debate on the subject of Bill No. 7. The Honourable Minister of Mines and Resources. Oh, I'm sorry.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I rose specifically because the Minister of Labour would like to have been able to deal with the remarks made by the Member for Lakeside. The only reason I am on my feet --(Interjection)-- Mr. Speaker, the Honourable Member from St. Boniface, you know, he's just come around and he's telling me that the Minister of Labour can close debate. I thank the honourable member for his instruction in this regard, I know that he can do it. But now I want to instruct. The fact is that the Member for Lakeside's speech was made today and whatever impact it has is made today and if the Minister of Labour cannot respond today it is not as valuable as if he could respond today. Now I know that the Member for St. Boniface --(Interjection)-- Mr. Speaker, I am not. Unless there is a . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Would the Honourable Member for St. Boniface state his point of order?

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MR. MARION: Mr. Speaker, if this were the case the Minister of Labour -- my point of order is, if we follow the rules by the Honourable Minister, the Minister of Labour could make comment every time someone spoke on the bill and that's absurd.

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. That is not a point of order. The Honourable Minister -- Order please. I wonder if I could have the cooperation of all the Members. The interjections and the echoes that are sounding as well as the undertones and overtones that are warring, could we have some quiet so I can hear what the honourable member wishes to state. The Honourable Minister of Mines and Resources.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I have never made the absurd interpretation that the Member of St. Boniface, who apparently is incapable of comprehension, has stated. I merely said, that in order for the Minister of Labour to have been able to speak it would have been necessary for the debate to continue today. Since it cannot I am going to try to deal with the remarks that were made by the Member for Lakeside, and I am explaining, because the honourable member apparently doesn't understand why the Minister of Labour has not been able to do so. He will eventually when he closes debate, deal with all of the remarks but I think that what the Member for Lakeside has said deserves some comment today. Because the Member for Lakeside has suggested that this bill that has been presented by the Minister of Labour has been presented with the sinister purpose - he didn't use those words but I am interpreting the way he spoke - the sinister purpose of politicizing the civil service so that all of the employees in that organization join a union which is friendly to the New Democratic Party, and then those people would help the New Democratic Party in an election campaign. Mr. Speaker, that is the way the Member for Lakeside interpreted the Minister's bill and I'm glad that I have not misrepresented his remarks in that connection. In one sentence I tried to put basically his position.

Now there are two things, Mr. Speaker, that are wrong with that interpretation, and the first is that that's not what the bill says. The bill says, Mr. Speaker, that there will be civil servants who will be entitled to participate to the full in the democratic process; that these people previously did not have that right available to them, that as a result of this bill -- and let us all admit that there are some problems and the Minister of Labour has indicated that last year and again this year, some of the things that have to be considered with regard to level and other things -- but by and large what he is saying is that he is introducing a piece of legislation which will permit people at any level of the civil service to go out and say, vote for the Member for St. John, vote for the Member for Swan River, vote for the Member for Woodlands or Lakeside or any other constituency and participate to the full in the democratic process, something Mr. Speaker. . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please.

MR. GREEN: . . . something which civil servants to this point have been denied the right to do. And, Mr. Speaker, I do not think that that is specifically a New Democratic Party position. I don't think that it has been used by New Democratic Party governments in the way suggested by the Member for Lakeside. As a matter of fact potentially it has a bigger danger of being used the other way Mr. Speaker. Because it is far more dangerous to a government that the civil service have a role to play in the political process and the reason they haven't had that role up until now, that these same civil servants with the protection of the Civil Service Commission would be in the position of campaigning against their own government, campaigning against their own Minister. And that is something, Mr. Speaker, which if the honourable members wish to find, if they wish to find an aggrieved civil servant, one who thought that he could not get promotion fast enough, one who thinks that things are not happening as he should rather than as his supervisor should, I say that there is a greater possibility that civil servants of that kind will be found to campaign for the Opposition than that you will find people ready and willing and secure and wanting to campaign for the government.

A MEMBER: Would you want it?

MR. GREEN: So, Mr. Speaker -- would I want it? I'm not suggesting that I want it, I'm talking about the Member for Lakesides remarks, which I admit were subtle, which I admit have some substance and which are possibly more subtle and have more substance than the Member for Swan River can understand that's why he now raises the question, would I want it. --(Interjection)-- Well, Mr. Speaker, I admit that I do not have all --

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(MR. GREEN cont'd). . . Mr. Speaker, I admit that I do not have all the brains in the world, but, Mr. Speaker, I am suggesting that by his remarks the Member for Swan River has indicated that he did not understand his colleague. --(Interjection)-- Mr. Speaker, the honourable member denies it.

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. I wonder if I could ask the cooperation of the Honourable Member for Swan River to cease and desist. The Honourable Minister of Mines and Resources. Order please. The honourable gentleman knows the rules as well as I do. The Honourable Minister of Mines and Resources.

MR. GREEN: . . . to the honourable member how he can avoid the kind of insult that he is making to himself. He can just sit down and keep quiet because he is the one that is raising these questions. I've indicated one reason why the honourable member's remarks are incorrect. But, Mr. Speaker, there's a far more important reason, and the honourable member says he finds it incomprehensible that members on this side would take the position that they do not care which union represents the employees, whether it be the MGEA or CUPE, and he says, CUPE is giving you a thousand dollars, CUPE is giving you all kinds of helpers and you are trying to tell me that you don't care which group represents the employees? Well, Mr. Speaker, I've been in the business of industrial relations for years and years and have always said, Mr. Speaker --(Interjection)-- I've never been neutral, that's right; I've been neutral as to the law as to how it should apply but never been neutral as between the employees and the employer in positions that I've taken, because the laws were made by people like you to satisfy the employer - I've tried to undo them --(Interjection)-- that's right, the honourable . . . But the fact is that I have always said that it is wrong, it is to the disadvantage of the employer to try to pick the kind of union that his employees take. That it is wrong for him, not only is it wrong for him, not only is it wrong in principle but is a disadvantage for him to try to tell employees what union they should belong to. Because the honourable member does not really understand employ.

If what he says is correct and he picked up something that the Member for Portage la Prairie has indicated that some civil servant is alleged to have used stamps by the government to try to get employees to favor the CUPE union and that this indicates that the government is trying to do it, if there was anything that the government could do to hurt the chances of the CUPE union it would be to try to influence the employees to join CUPE. Well, Mr. Speaker, I suggest to you that whoever knew that the employer was favoring a particular union would say if that union is favored by the employer then we had better go for the other one; that anybody who understands industrial relations would say, Mr. Speaker, that if the employer favors a particular union that -- (Interjection)-- You know we have it both ways. We have one member saying it's behind the scenes and then he produces a letter which he says sent out on government stationery to the people who are --(Interjection)-- Yeah,

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie state his point of order.

MR. GORDON E. JOHNSTON (Portage la Prairie): My point of order is that the Honourable Minister is misquoting me. I did not say, and I admit from my seat, I did not say that the government was working behind the scenes with this union, I said that could happen. Obviously they're not going to work out in the open.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I cannot - I'm in a difficult position - I cannot fight on the left flank and on the right flank at the same time. From the left flank which is the Member from Lakeside who I've been trying to talk to, he said that we were openly encouraging the people to join CUPE because we wanted them to then become part of the civil service, check-off their union dues, give us the money and help us in election campaigns. Now that is not a secret thing.

Now the Member for Portage la Prairie says that we are doing it behind the scenes - I'm sorry, he said that it could be done behind the scenes, okay. I am suggesting to you, Mr. Speaker, that overt, covertly or in any other fashion, any employer who tried to influence his members to join one union as against another would be helping the union that he is speaking against. Because Mr. Speaker --(Interjection)-- If he did it openly or covertly. You know the employees are not stupid. The employees know what is going on, and if the employees thought that the government was trying to influence them to join CUPE they would join the other association because the interests of the employees in any industrial relation situation is always at adverse, and I'm saying this in as soft a manner as I can, but that the interests of

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(MR. GREEN cont'd). . . the employees to get more, the interests of the employer is to try to hire his help at the least rate consistent with what are reasonable standards, and if someone thought that the CUPE union was going to be a union that was cozy with the employers they would go for the other union. And that's why when I say to the honourable member that it doesn't make any difference to me to which union these people belong, I am saying it completely in self interest to my position as an employer. --(Interjection)-- Well, Mr. Speaker, I am saying it, and I repeat, in self interest to my position as an employer. As far as I'm concerned the men, the employees, the men and women, should join the union of their choice. And if that union of their choice happens to be CUPE they should join CUPE, if it happens to be the Manitoba Government Employees' Association, they should join the Manitoba Government Employees' Association.

Now the Honourable Member for Lakeside could have one point if one was that clever and devious. He could say that: That if you let them think you want them to join CUPE then maybe they will think that you are asking them to join the MGEA and therefore they will join CUPE. Mr. Speaker, have you seen Little Big Man, have you seen Little Big Man. In Little Big Man, General Custer took along this fellow, at the battle of -- he took along this fellow to tell him what to do because he believed that the fellow was a traitor, and he said to himself that everything that he tells me to do I will do the opposite. When he came to fight the battle of Big Horn, the fellow told him what to do and he said, "Now you know that you are now telling me the right thing therefore you have learned that I have been up to you and that everything you tell me to do I will do the opposite; this time I am going to fool you, I am going to do what you told me to do." Or told in another way, Mr. Speaker, there are two salesmen who - two salesmen, Mr. Speaker, who are continually in competition with one another and never tell each other the truth, and one meets the other in a railroad station in Chicago. He said casually, "Where are you going?" The other fellow says, "I'm going to" -- he meets in Minneapolis, he says, "Where are you going"? he says, "I'm going to Chicago". The other one walks away and he thinks to himself, now where is he going, he tells me he's going to Chicago he must be going someplace else. And he thinks of every possibility and comes to the conclusion that the man is going to Chicago. So he walks up to him, he says "Now look, when you tell me you're going to Chicago, it's because you are going someplace else. I happen to know that you are going to Chicago so why are you lying to me".

Now, Mr. Speaker, what the Honourable Member for Lakeside is really saying is that somebody has got a devious, sinister plan, they know that an employer is going to choose a union other than what the government wants, and if the government says CUPE they should choose MGEA, but really in this case the fact that we are by that means directing them to the union not of our choice, we hope that they will come to the union of our choice. That's the only basis upon which his remarks can make any sense.

Now, Mr. Speaker, is that credible? I ask the Honourable Member for Lakeside, is that credible; And when he says, I believe the Minister for Mines but not in this case when I say that it is in the interests of the employer not to interfere, not to in any way affect the choice of bargaining agent that the union picks up. And I say, Mr. Speaker, I say that to the Honourable Member for Lakeside with all of the sincerity that I can muster, he can believe me or disbelieve me, I can tell him at this moment that I have absolutely no concern, will not in any way be involved, will not in any way try to influence the way in which an employee chooses a bargaining agent; And I'm not doing that to help the employee, I'm doing that to help the employer, the government, which is the people that I represent as a Minister of the Crown.

Because, Mr. Speaker, what the Honourable Member for Lakeside is saying is that somehow when all of these people join CUPE, if they did, and made that the bargaining agent that somehow their interests would be the same as the government. It's not correct. --(Interjection)-- Well, Mr. Speaker, if there was a way, if there was a way of making sure that the Canadian Union of Public Employees would not be at one with the government and help them to get elected, if there was a way, it would be so that they do not represent the employees, because once they start representing the employees we have put them at hostile interest to the government in terms of --(Interjection)-- Mr. Speaker, he says never separated. I suggest to you, Mr. Speaker, that there is no employer -- Mr. Speaker, you know the fact is that the fact the CUPE or MGEA would have a check-off doesn't mean that that check-off would go to the New Democratic Party. --(Interjection)-- Mr. Speaker, he says, Where is it going?

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(MR. GREEN cont'd). . . I will concede that we have received financial support from the Canadian Union of Public Employees. I am suggesting to you, suggesting to the honourable member that if there was a danger in terms of turning that union off or on the government position, that danger would lie in trying to make all of those members, members of the government service, members of the Canadian Union of Public Employees.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I am not asking that it be one way or the other way. I am prepared, as I know that the Minister of Labour is prepared, to deal with whatever contingency arises. If it happens that CUPE represents the employees and therefore takes a position hostile to the government, I say that that is their right, that is something that I expect, and not something that I would in any way try to avoid by steering the employees to another union. If it happens that the Canadian Union of Public Employees does not get the support and interest of all the members of the government service and as such continues its traditional form of support to the New Democratic Party that's okay too. But not - the government is not in a position and it is contrary to the interests of the government but again I ask the Honourable Member for Lakeside to believe this, that it is contrary to the interests of the government to in any way involve itself in an inter-employee struggle as to which union would represent them. So that when the Minister of Labour says and when I say that which union they pick does not interest me, that I will not be involved in it, I tell my honourable friend that I am giving him what I believe to be a sincere answer; and I believe that I have done that not merely by pleading with him to believe me but by indicating to him what is involved in the things that he has raised. And the things that are involved, Mr. Speaker, are first of all, that the employer trying to influence his employees in one direction or another will if anything accomplish the reverse of what the direction of that influence is, unless he became so devious that he himself did not know what he wanted, which is related by the story that I told; and secondly, that there is no guarantee - as a matter of fact I would say the chances of being at one with the government, I know better, they, if anything are worse although that does not interest me I repeat - if the Canadian Union of Public Employees represented our employees that does not mean that they would support the government politically. If anything - and again that doesn't influence me -- it would mean that we have given them built in reasons from time to time to fight the government not the reverse.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside wish a question?

MR. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, I just ask the Minister this one question, since so much of his argument was based on an early assumption in his remarks; that is that the government is not just another employer, that there is a difference between an industrial employer, an employer as such and the government, it is not just another employer. . .

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Mines.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, as far as the relations between employees and the government are concerned it is my suggestion to you that the very same interest vis-a-vis bargaining vis-a-vis security, vis-a-vis terms and conditions of employment, vis-a-vis --(Interjection)-- Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker, . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. Order please. Does the honourable gentleman, . . .

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I suggest to you . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please.

MR. GREEN: I suggest to you that the Canadian Union of Public Employees in representing its employees in bargaining with the government would not in any way be influenced by the fact that a particular doctrine happens to be part of the government of the day.

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

MR. ASPER: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to ask the Minister a question. I take it that he would - and I believe he has in the past expressed - and I may be wrong that he has not expressed, but I believe he would consider it an impropriety -- if a person who is under contract or doing contractual supply business to the government were contributing financially to the party in power with whom he must bargain at arm's length, would he not consider it an impropriety or a conflict of interest for a party in power to be receiving financial support from a union with whom it has to bargain for the people of Manitoba?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I never indicated the first proposition that the honourable member suggested. I could go into a long speech on political financing. I consider that problem

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(MR. GREEN cont'd). . . to be one which will exist with regard to suppliers as he has put it, with regard to individual employees, with regard to people who are not associated with the government and maybe would like to be. And in the last analysis I think that that question can only be answered by integrity and the people who think that they can pass laws to deal with it, although they are very well intentioned and many of them belong to my political party, do not think out in the last analysis what this means, that there will be no way of effectively dealing with the fact that there is political contributions to a political party, and in the last analysis the men that are elected have to govern in the interests of the people and the question of where the money comes from has to be completely irrelevant.

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

MR. ASPER: Just a further question. The only question really remains for the Minister to answer is, would he or would he not consider it a conflict of interest for a government party to be receiving financial contributions from the union with whom it bargains on behalf of the people?

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. I do think that question was not relevant to the speech the Honourable Minister made. The Honourable Minister.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to say that any government in enacting laws must ignore the place from which its political contributions come from, that the Honourable the Leader of the Liberal Party has been quoted as saying that I do not wish to know where the contributions come from therefore I can act without reference to where they have come from. Therefore the honourable member has answered his own question.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

MR. SHERMAN: Mr. Speaker, I wish to move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Morris, that debate be adjourned.

MR. SPEAKER: I was under the impression that the Honourable Member for Birtle-Russell was taking that adjournment. He's absent, I see.

MR. WARNER H. JORGENSON (Morris): Mr. Speaker, let's us reconstruct the events that took place, on the point of order.

MR. SPEAKER: Very well.

MR. JORGENSON: The Member for Birtle-Russell was on his feet but I don't think that he was recognized because the Minister of Mines and Resources got up before he had been recognized, so my honourable friend the Member for Fort Garry is now adjourning the debate, if that's acceptable.

MR. SPEAKER: Very well.

MOTION presented and carried.

MR. SPEAKER: Bill No. 12. The Honourable Member for Birtle-Russell is absent. Bill No. 11, The Honourable Member for Minnedosa - Also. That completes the Order Paper except for No. 9 and the Minister doesn't wish to proceed. The Honourable Minister of Finance.

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

MOTION presented and carried and the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with the Honourable Member for Logan in the Chair.

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## SUPPLY - NORTHERN AFFAIRS

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 97 (a) (1)--passed? The Honourable Minister of Northern Affairs.

HON. RON McBRYDE (Minister of Northern Affairs) (The Pas): Mr. Chairman, at the request of the members opposite I have earlier this afternoon sent them copies of the - at least one copy to each party - of the contracts let in regards to winter roads, and I mentioned also yesterday, Mr. Chairman, that there was a study done by Gardewine and Sons Limited, a private Company, with some financial assistance from Industry and Commerce to prepare a report on winter roads and that they had agreed that I give a copy to the members opposite, and I only have a couple of extra copies so I'll give one to each of the political parties opposite. I also agreed to supply them with a map of the winter road system and that is now being handed over to them, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 97 (a) (1)--passed: 97 (a) (2). . .

MR. ASPER: Mr. Chairman, excuse me. I was trying to ask the Minister a question on the first resolution 97 (1) (a). Just having received the contracts this afternoon I haven't had an opportunity to study them, Mr. Chairman, but I would like to ask the Minister a question. I take it, Mr. Chairman, that the contract between the government and C.I. Madill Construction Limited covers the winter road to God's Narrows. Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the Minister could . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order please. I think if the honourable member will look under Resolution 99 (b) (4) Winter Roads, and at that time I think would be an appropriate time for the honourable member to ask his question.

MR. ASPER: Well, Mr. Chairman . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: A point of order has been raised - I mean I raised a point of order. Already the other evening I reminded the member, the Honourable Leader of the Liberal Party, Rule 64 (2) "Speeches in Committee of the Whole must be strictly relevant to the item or clause under discussion." We are not on winter roads.

MR. ASPER: Mr. Chairman, on the point of order. The tradition has been that the broadest possible latitude for debate comes under the Minister's salary, the first item, because it may very well be that in raising the issue under say winter roads or a specific item on the Estimates that the opposition may find itself in a position where the matter spreads to something beyond the very narrow item and therefore debate is precluded. I would further on the point of order make the comment that the Minister rose in his remarks before you called the question and made a comment in observation on the very subject I wish to raise, so that it's particularly relevant at this time that he's raised it.

I'll be very brief, Mr. Chairman, it's a very minor point - small point but perhaps not minor. My question to the Minister is, was God's Narrows on Friday last down to a minimal supply, a dangerously minimal supply of fuel because the road that is the subject of the contract I've just raised wasn't completed, and was in fact an emergency airlift required to supply fuel to God's Narrows because the road wasn't completed, and if that's the case as I understand it to be, can the Minister indicate whether the contractor will be charged with the cost of that airlift or will the people of Manitoba have to absorb it under general cost?

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Northern Affairs.

MR. McBRYDE: Mr. Chairman, that identical question, I think they must be reading from the same paper, was asked by the Member for Portage la Prairie yesterday after reviewing the same article. The road to the community of God's Narrows last year was completed in a fashion that in fact I don't believe any major freight was hauled over it. I believe the opening date was in the vicinity of March 10th to 15th. The date that we anticipate the opening of that road this year, and all haulers who have supplies to haul into that community have been notified of that date, which my recollection says is the 22nd or 25th. If in fact they were short of supplies - and I assume, Mr. Chairman, that they would handle that the same way they did all summer or before the winter roads were in - and that is to air freight the required goods into that community. I explained in response to the same question that the building of the roads, the responsibility for that has been undertaken by the Department of Northern Affairs but the hauling of goods is still the responsibility of the person doing the hauling in their agreement with the person who wants the goods hauled.

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



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MR. ASPER: Mr. Chairman, to the same Minister. Is he satisfied that this contract has been performed with despatch as the contract provides or is the contractor to blame for the fact that with only two months left to use the roads, or six weeks left to use the roads, the roads aren't finished; is this something in which he intends to make a claim against the contractor?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Northern Affairs.

MR. McBRYDE: Mr. Chairman, the contractor, C. I. Madill Construction Limited, has a contract for the road from Ilford to Split Lake, from Ilford to York Landing, from Ilford to Oxford House and God's Narrows. The roads into Split Lake and York Landing were completed in a satisfactory time. The progress on the road to Oxford House was behind the schedule set by the contractor. The Department of Northern Affairs has taken away from the contractor the portion of the road from Oxford House to God's Narrows and the department is now presently constructing the section of the road to which the member refers. This has been explained on numerous occasions in this House.

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

MR. ASPER: Well, Mr. Chairman, of the \$176,000 that the people of Manitoba are expected to pay this contractor, does the Minister intend to pay the \$176,000 or will the contract be proportionately reduced; and (b) will the contractor be charged with the costs of the delay?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Northern Affairs.

MR. McBRYDE: Mr. Chairman, the contractor will be paid for the work that he's done; the work that he didn't do he won't be paid for. There is no way that we can at this time charge the contractor, one, for the cost that somebody may claim in terms of flying goods in, or for the delay that was caused. The department satisfied ourselves that the contractor had the equipment and the men available to do the job; they were unable to deliver that specific aspect and there is no way that we can recover except to only pay them for the work that they've done and to in fact do the work ourselves that they were unable to perform.

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

MR. ASPER: Could the Minister indicate how much of the \$176,000 has been already paid to the contractor?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Minister of Northern Affairs.

MR. McBRYDE: No, Mr. Chairman, I can't give that. If he wants to find out how much is going to be paid I guess the best way would be to divide the miles of road by the amount of the total contract then deduct from that the miles of the Oxford House to God's Narrows which is the part he won't end up getting paid for. Payment to contractors is made on a work done basis with a holdback in case of claims.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, before we move off the Minister's salary and the items referred to in 97, and I assume we go then to the next vote, I wonder if he can answer just a few questions. First, I wonder if he can indicate how many executive assistants, political executive assistants he has within his employ, and their salaries. And I wonder if he can indicate as well, the number that are on contract position that would be contained within the general administration as indicated in the Estimates as opposed to the specific areas of responsibility. My purpose is to find out those who are involved in what would be the planning process under the Minister.

Mr. Chairman, while the Minister is looking for it, I should indicate one of the concerns and reasons for doing this. The Minister gave us a statement which indicated 44 or 45 contracts that will be in operation this year. They amount - based on last year's in the salary range and there are differences both in the amounts and people, not in numbers, not in total numbers - they amount to some \$307,000 in salaries. They are not listed in Public Accounts at all. They are contracts. They are not listed as employees; they're not even shown on the Public Accounts itself. This salary expense along with the administrative expense would represent in my judgment approximately five percent of the Estimates of the Department. I think this is a fair amount of money, an amount of money that we should consider, and therefore I want to know the details that I've asked for. --(Interjection)--No, he's given the information, he has given the information, I have the information. I'd now like to know who are involved and who are his political assistants and their salary range as well.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Northern Affairs.

MR. McBRYDE: Mr. Chairman, the executive assistant to myself is D. Hrabowich whose yearly salary is \$11,784.00. She works out of the office in the Provincial Building at

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(MR. McBRYDE cont'd) . . . . The Pas. That is my political assistant.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: I wonder if the Minister is in a position to indicate, of the people who were in contract how many are included within the planning division or in the planning section of the general administration? And while he's doing that, I wonder if he can indicate whether Northern Affairs has paid any expenses for the services of Farley Mowat?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Northern Affairs.

MR. McBRYDE: I'm not clear, I think that the information requested lists the section of the department that the contract positions are in; or did you want to know the total number in the planning section?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Well, maybe I'll put the question in a more direct manner than this. Could he indicate how many of the people who are on contract actively worked with him in this last election?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Northern Affairs.

MR. McBRYDE: None that I'm aware of, Mr. Chairman.

MR. SPIVAK: Is the Minister suggesting that the people in this contract were not active in the election supporting and working with him - people who are mentioned in this contract as having contracts with the department?

MR. McBRYDE: . . . contracts, Mr. Chairman, no. The person that's not listed on there is the executive assistant who is the political assistant.

A MEMBER: That's right. That's right. Established by the former administration.

MR. SPIVAK: . . . put the question to the Minister. He's given a list of 44 people involved in contractual relationship with the government. They are not employees of the civil service; they have contractual arrangements for certain amounts of money. Without getting involved in any particular names, I'm asking him again how many of the people who have the contracts with the government for the past year who have now contracts for this year, were involved with him in campaigning for the New Democratic Party during this last election campaign?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Northern Affairs.

MR. McBRYDE: Mr. Chairman, although I suppose in a contract position these sort of the strict regulations of the Civil Service Act do not apply, I think that in general the contract employees have behaved in the same manner as the regular civil service employees, so I'm not aware of any that worked for the New Democratic Party or for the Conservative Party or for the Liberal Party or for the Social Credit Party, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, for many reasons I don't want to particularly get involved in names; for many reasons. --(Interjection)--No, no, for many reasons, and I again put the question--(Interjection)--I'm quite prepared to. I put the question to the Minister - he may want to review the references that were forwarded to us and he may want to reconsider the statement that he just made, and I would ask that he consider that before he allow the House to assume from his answer that some of the people involved were not involved in this last election working on behalf of the New Democratic Party.

MR. McBRYDE: Mr. Chairman, the Leader of the Opposition Party has been involved in for the last while a real attempt at muckraking. If he has some charges to make let him come out and make the bloody charges instead of making these silly accusations.

MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: I wonder if the Minister could indicate why Don McIvor receives a salary of \$13,300 a year?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Northern Affairs.

MR. McBRYDE: Mr. Chairman, Mr. McIvor works for the Northern Manpower Corps, and I'm just waiting to get his job description if it's available to give the detail on the exact title of the person mentioned. Mr. McIvor is also mayor of the community of Wabowden, and I think this is in accordance with the ability of persons working in the civil service under the present Act whether they are contract or not to be able to be involved in local politics of their own community. I have made no effort to restrict members of the Department of Northern Affairs to be involved in local politics, Mr. Chairman, except I think there is general advice to those

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(MR. McBRYDE cont'd) . . . . persons who have the particular job of extension workers in the department because their functioning as a part of the council might interfere with their job as an extension worker who's an advisor to the council. Mr. Chairman, persons in Manpower Corps and other sections of the department, you know, have not been given any advice in terms of not getting involved in the politics of the community in which they live.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Yes, I wonder if the Minister can indicate what expenses, in addition to the contract salary, Mr. McIvor is allowed to charge? Does he have a government car? Can he charge his car expenses? Does he have travelling expenses?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Northern Affairs.

MR. McBRYDE: I don't know if he has a government car or not. He has the same travel expenses as other persons working for the department would have.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: I wonder if he can indicate whether he does have a government car--well I'm again asking that. I would like as well if he could indicate what his travelling expenses were for the past year. And frankly, what I'd like him to indicate, and he hasn't at this point, is what are his terms of reference for a contract that before was \$11,208 a year and now is a contract of \$13,300 a year. What does he do? What does he do?

A MEMBER: Talks to Sitting Bull?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Northern Affairs.

MR. McBRYDE: Mr. Chairman, I just want to get the details of his job description. You know, as Minister I become aware - for example, I know that he was the person that travelled with Manitoba Hydro when they negotiated community contracts for clearing of rights-of-way, so I know that was one of the specific functions that he carried on. I believe at that time, Mr. Chairman, he was paid by Northern Affairs to assist the community to take advantage of employment that was available through the Manitoba Hydro.

Mr. McIvor is classified at the level of an ASO II. His annual salary is \$13,300.00. He does receive a car and travel expenses. He's the Manpower liaison person between the communities. He does community contact work, that is to work with communities who are having problems with getting Manpower training, and I now recall that I was at a meeting at Cross Lake in which he was active in helping that community to bring their concerns in terms of employment at the JenPeg project. He also does project development, that is to develop new projects in relation to the communities in order to develop employment and/or training for persons in various communities in northern Manitoba.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: It's interesting that the Minister has indicated that he has a civil servant category, that he's at a Civil Servant level. But this is not a Civil Service appointment. This is not a position authorized by the Management Committee as a Civil Service appointment. So in effect what we have, Mr. Speaker, is an interesting exercise. We have a contract arrived at between the department with an individual for a position that has not been approved as a permanent position by Management Committee and yet he's being paid on a salary range that's consistent with the Civil Service range. I find that interesting, Mr. Speaker, and I wonder, you know, I wonder whether Management Committee has rejected the position because in effect it accepts the fact that the position itself is more political than a Civil Service position?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Northern Affairs.

MR. McBRYDE: Mr. Chairman, if the member opposite would look at the list that was given him - and I'm not sure that he really wants to because he has certain objectives to pursue that have nothing to do with finding out information in terms of the Department of Northern Affairs. There are 45 contract positions, Mr. Chairman, and they're all listed here and if other members want copies I have a couple more left here, or if the media wants copies I have a couple left here.

Now, Mr. Chairman, the honourable member if he is at all observant would have noted that the majority of the contracts are with Northern Manpower Corps which is a very rapidly expanding need and service in northern Manitoba. And, Mr. Chairman, those contracts are under review by the Management Committee of Cabinet to determine which of those will in fact or can be in fact called permanent or long term permanent positions and when they review that and see that this is in fact a long-term position that will be converted from a contract to regular staff man-year.

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(MR. McBRYDE cont'd)

Mr. Chairman, the Department of Northern Affairs because of its nature of work in northern Manitoba you know probably uses more contracts than others, and one of the reasons is that often a job comes up, for example, a small construction project in a community where a foreman is required, for example, an immediate need for a manpower placement person because of a new project. Mr. Chairman, it is far quicker to take the person on by contract and then seek to go through the whole process of getting a staff man-year. When I took my Estimates to Cabinet colleagues did realize the large number of persons that were on contract, 45 positions on contract basis, and there is a review process of those contracts under way now to see which of those in fact should be staff man-years, which should be regular Civil Service positions. I'm sure, Mr. Chairman, when that process is completed a good number of those 45 persons will in fact be regular positions. And for the member opposite, for the Leader of the Opposition to imply that there must be something wrong because this is a contract position shows, Mr. Chairman, the point that he is trying to get at, not in fact the administration of the Department of Northern Affairs.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, it's interesting that the Minister makes that comment. He indicated that he was successful this year in convincing Management Committee to allow him eight permanent positions of the contracts that he had before, which indicates that he has in fact been working with Management Committee and this is an on-going process and this is not something that was given to him as a matter of right by Management Committee but in fact he had to work very hard for it. But nevertheless he still has contracts, another 44 contracts in this manner.

I want to ask him another question: Mr. McIvor is on the Communities Economic Development Fund and they are responsible for dealing with funds that are available for economic development in northern Manitoba. I ask the Minister at this point, did Mr. McIvor on any occasion discuss with him the allocation of any funds that should go to any private individual or corporation in the north, either by way of an original loan or by way of additional expansions of loans?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Northern Affairs.

MR. McBRYDE: Mr. Chairman, I pointed out in my comments the other day that the Communities Economic Development Fund or staff of that are in contact with staff of the Department of Northern Affairs. I have no particular recollection of Mr. McIvor ever mentioning matters to do with the Communities Economic Development Fund to myself and I don't know what role he might have as a staff person in that regard.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable the Liberal Leader.

MR. ASPER: Mr. Chairman, I, like my honourable friend from River Heights I find it somewhat concerning to find that something like 12 or 13 percent of the total staff of the department is politically appointed as opposed to coming through Civil Service. I'd like to see if I could get the answer to a couple of questions, the first being: is it a fact that while Mr. McIvor was being paid \$13,000-odd for working for the department on a contract, that he was also spending his time running his own business affairs?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Northern Affairs.

MR. McBRYDE: Mr. Chairman, I'm not aware that Mr. McIvor is in a business of his own. Mr. McIvor is the Mayor of Wabowden and he does I think, as other local councillors do, have a full time job. Some of them as civil servants, some not, as well as being a councillor or a local elected representative.

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

MR. ASPER: Is it the Minister's understanding that the contract for Mr. McIvor is a full-time job?

MR. McBRYDE: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

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

MR. SPIVAK: Yes, I wonder then if the Minister can indicate whether the contract for Mr. Ben Thompson is a full-time job?

MR. McBRYDE: Mr. Chairman, the position filled by Mr. Thompson is--no that's not Kip Thompson, that's another Thompson. There are lots of Thompsons and McIvors in northern Manitoba. Yah, Thompson's job is a full-time job.

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MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: I wonder if he can indicate if this is the same Ben Thompson who runs Smith Cartage?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Northern Affairs.

MR. McBRYDE: Mr. Chairman, I don't have the exact date that Mr. Thompson was hired by the Department of Northern Affairs to act as a northern co-ordinator in response to advertising that was placed throughout Manitoba to fill that position, but he has a supervisor whom I'm sure would be satisfied that he's getting the full number of hours of work from Mr. Thompson otherwise he wouldn't keep him on staff.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Yes, I wonder if you can indicate if this is the same Ben Thompson who is a director of the Communities Economic Development Fund?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Northern Affairs.

MR. McBRYDE: Mr. Chairman, I'm not sure that Mr. Thompson is still on the Communities Economic Development Fund or not. I would have to find out.

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

MR. ASPER: I wonder if the Minister could explain - going back to the contracts he tabled this afternoon - the difference in the kind of contracts. In the contract in which I expressed some interest, the Madill contract for construction to God's Narrows, you have a very small document that contains only one or two conditions. Mainly the conditions dealing with payment. Whereas the other contracts - and I'm looking at one particular form of contract, Cross Lake Indian Band or the Me Ke Se Company contract, spells out in detail the requirement for finishing the work expeditiously, location, width of road, freezing techniques, standard of construction, progress of work, Minister's right to interfere on 14 days notice, maintenance requirements, so on, whereas there was no such conditions - I'm only paraphrasing it too - there are no such conditions in the agreement with Madill Construction? Was there some reason that a different form of contract was used that contained none of the normal standards of protection for the government?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Northern Affairs.

MR. McBRYDE: Mr. Chairman, there are some additions that go along with the contract-- and I'm sorry we were only able to get the one copy, we weren't able to get the rest run off-- that essentially put the same conditions in all the contracts.

MR. ASPER: Then the additions that . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order please.

MR. ASPER: Excuse me.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I think I said to the members the other day that they would not be recognized until the Chair. Now you're having a two-way conversation and you will not do that in this House, in Committee or in the House. Your remarks will be addressed through the Chair. The Honourable Leader of the Liberal Party.

MR. ASPER: Mr. Chairman, then can we take it that the material that the Minister didn't table would bring this contract into substantial conformity with the other contracts?

MR. McBRYDE: Yes.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 97 (a) (1). The Honourable Leader of the Official Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Again I put the question to the Minister. Is he not prepared to confirm that some people on this list that was submitted to us on contract have in fact worked to his knowledge for the New Democratic Party and did work in the last election?

MR. McBRYDE: Mr. Chairman, I am not aware of any.

If the Honourable Leader of the Opposition, you know, wishes to pursue in making accusations then let him come out and make them. If he has something to say, let him say it.

A MEMBER: Have a little guts.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, I want to indicate to you and to this House that I do not particularly find it tasteful, I find it distasteful, to get involved with respect to naming people and proceeding even further than we have today. --(Interjection)--Well, Mr. Chairman, you know, I'm going to have my say and the honourable member will have the opportunity for replying.

I believe that there are certain cases that can be presented and I have a suspicion that there's going to be--(Interjection)--Well there's going to be no alternative but to document

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(MR. SPIVAK cont'd) . . . . . them.--(Interjection)--Yeah, Mr. Chairman, and I will--(Interjection)--Mr. Chairman, I will, you know, take the occasion in which to do it and document it without question, but I think that the opportunity had to be given to the Minister to acknowledge whether in fact some of the people on contract have in fact been working for the party. If the acknowledgment had been made that they had I don't think that in itself is as damaging as the Minister may first believe it to be. The fact is the indication is that they're not.

Well, Mr. Chairman, I think when one looks at the contracts and some of the names involved with respect to a number of things that I think will be brought out in this House in the next period of time, one will get the impression that I think exists among many people in the north, that many of the people who have in fact been placed on the government payroll have in fact been more concerned about sustaining the government's position because of the particular benefit to themselves and have in fact acted accordingly. Now much of what they do is in the interest of the communities and much of what they do is generally in the interest of the north, because the fact is that the north in many respects is a disadvantaged area, particularly the remote communities, and they require the attention, and they require the assistance, and they require the help and guidance of people who can in fact offer them an input which will be helpful, an input which will lead them in the right direction.

Now I think there are essential differences in attitude and approach to the whole question of community development which we'll appropriately discuss when we get to that portion on the Estimates and the Member for Fort Rouge has already indicated that, and I'm prepared to discuss that and discuss it fairly extensively with the Minister. But I think the question that has to be raised as to whether in the course of handling of their responsibilities they in fact have not gone beyond that with respect to the Party itself; and I think this is the question that many people in the north are asking. It's not something that I'm saying here without general support by people who have had contact with many of the people named in this, named in this, and some of the people who I have specifically named, and I think I can cite examples on this, and I'm going to be prepared to, Mr. Chairman, so that this is not made as a hollow threat on my part. But in the hope that, you know, one way or the other we would sort of solve this--and I think this goes to the heart of the question of politicizing in the Civil Service and even to the question of the Civil Service's involvement with respect to elections - and I'll have something more to say on that when I speak on that debate. And the Minister of Labour may or may not like what I have to say. But the fact is, Mr. Speaker, this is the first occasion in which we have been given by the Minister information of the contracts; and the question has been put to him, I've asked him to reconsider his answer, he's not prepared to reconsider the answer, I've dealt with two names, I can deal with more. My object is not to deal with the names of the individuals; I say I find that distasteful but I think that the problem we have is the failure on the part of the government, and the failure on the part of the Minister, to admit what in reality is a fact, that many of the people albeit who are carrying out functions which are in their job specification relevant and important in terms of the community's development with respect to the remote communities, at the same time are committed and are working actively for the Party and did in fact work on - times when they were paid for by the government with respect to the election in northern Manitoba.

Mr. Chairman, I think that the problem we have is the failure on the part of the government to admit this is a fact rather than to sort of suggest that it isn't so; and the necessity, Mr. Chairman, of then going further than we have even today of attempting to establish our position on this. And it can be established and it can be documented, and, Mr. Chairman, it will be, oh yes, it will be. And it will be.--(Interjection)--

Mr. Chairman, the echo from the Minister of Labour is an echo of 25 years ago. Mr. Chairman, the Minister of Labour is out of politics in this province and I think he's out of politics with the New Democratic Party - he doesn't understand what's happening. I again say, Mr. Chairman, that the alternative to the admission of this by the Minister will be the course of action that will have to be undertaken and I think that it has its dangers and it's something that the Minister has to consider and I think consider before we go to the next stage, which, Mr. Chairman, we're quite prepared to go.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Northern Affairs.

MR. McBRYDE: Mr. Chairman, I suppose I should stand up and ask the honourable member if he's stopped beating his wife because that's, you know, how do you deal with these

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(MR. McBRYDE cont'd) . . . . kind of accusations that the members make without substantiating these accusations or innuendos or whatever you want to call them.

Mr. Chairman, he seems to be supporting his case by - he brought forward two names; the name of Mr. Don McIvor; Mr. McIvor is the Mayor of Wabowden and he's politically active in the community politics of Wabowden and I don't see that there's any problem in Mr. McIvor being so involved. Mr. Ben Thompson, Mr. Chairman, has only been hired by the Department of Northern Affairs, you know, I think within the last few months if my recollection is correct, and therefore, Mr. Chairman, what Mr. Ben Thompson might have done during the election campaign I'm not aware of. I don't know what role if any he played in the election campaign and I don't think that was a question he was asked when he was one of the numerous candidates to apply for that position.

Mr. Chairman, if the member wants me to reconsider my theme, I will reconsider one part and clarify it for him: That I am not aware of persons who while they were on contract with the Department of Northern Affairs were involved in political activities. Mr. Chairman, while they were not on contract with the Department of Northern Affairs then I may or may not know what role, if any, that they played. So, Mr. Chairman, because the Leader of the Opposition travels in northern Manitoba and finds a few dissident Conservatives or a few Conservatives who still can't understand why they lost an election and are looking around for an excuse, he thinks that maybe their excuse is a valid one and he comes here and makes allegations, I think he should follow that rule of the House to know whereof he speaks before he starts making these kind of accusations in this House.

A MEMBER: Instead of muckraking.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 97 (a) (1)--passed; (2)--passed; (3)--passed; 97 (b) (1)--The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. J. WALLY McKENZIE (Roblin): I'm not certain if this is the item under which I can speak, Mr. Chairman, but I would like to ask the Minister what he has in mind for the Village of Camperville. It's a very small portion of my constituency that's under the jurisdiction of Northern Affairs but I would like him to advise me and the people of Camperville what they can expect in the next twelve months.

MR. McBRYDE: Mr. Chairman, I thank the honourable member for his reasonable question. I think the member is familiar because he's one of those that travels into the communities and finds out what is going on and receives inquiries etc., from the communities involved, is probably aware that the co-ordinator or assistant co-ordinator goes into the communities and discusses with them their budget proposals, what things they see as important in their budget for the upcoming year. When the Estimates of the department are passed I'm hopeful that we'll be able to leave them some option in terms of some adjustments or changing of their mind in terms of what they saw as their original proposal, that maybe I could just quote some of the things they had listed in the original discussion. But I would suggest to the member that he not go and announce in the community cause the community council might in fact say, well that's not as important now, this has come up and we think we should use the money for a different project.

But the things that they were discussing in Camperville, Mr. Chairman, was the upgrading of the school bus routes; to improve the roads to the beach area and to the water supply system; to grade and gravel one-quarter of a mile of road along lot 4--Mr. Chairman, maybe the member understands it better than I do but anyway there's going to be some gravelling done. To improve existing roads and drainage; to grade and gravel one-half mile of new road. In the area of water supply, to put in a water line to the rink and sewage hookup to the disposal field. In the area of parks and recreation, there's just a general amount, it's not specified for what purpose. In the area of police protection, there's a general amount. I'm just trying to recall if Camperville is one of the communities that has a local constable through Northern Affairs - in connection with the RCMP but assisted by the Department of Northern Affairs. Those are the things that they've indicated as a priority for their upcoming year.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Fort Rouge.

MR. AXWORTHY: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to pursue if I might a series of questions with the Minister relating to the external contract work that comes under the Planning and Policy Development Division. I think as the Minister might recall in questions that were raised at a previous session I was looking to ascertain the actual measurement of value and performance

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(MR. AXWORTHY cont'd) . . . . in each of these respects, and I'd like to first comment that in the matter of the combined contract for the two University of Toronto professors who according to the purpose of their operation is to advise and make recommendations on local government and to prepare legislation, doing a quick computation of the figures, and I would estimate that between the two of them there's about some 200-odd man-days of consulting time involved in that contract, and I'm wondering if the Minister could describe in somewhat more explicit detail the actual nature of the investigation of these two people, the time spent up north and the actual work that is being requested of them in terms of the preparation of legislation and when we might expect that. That's the first question I'd like to direct to the Minister.

Second question. In relation to the social and economic benefit study on the Churchill Housing Project, could the Minister describe what in fact he is meaning by "social and economic benefit study". What in fact is that supposed to produce and is that a public document and does one have access to it to see what it is?

Thirdly, I'd like to again specify on this contract that's given to the Manitoba Human Relations Centre, a combined contract if I read it correctly of \$75,000, which works out again on the average of consulting fees to about 500 man-days of time - I'm using the base of \$150 a day which includes both fee and whatever expenses are involved. Again, could the Minister indicate in some general way the amount of time spent, the number of communities visited so that he could indicate again whether those 500 man - days are in fact spent in the field or what other kinds of overheads may be involved.

And thirdly, in the matter of the architectural fee to provide architectural services - that's \$150,000 fee - can the Minister indicate what the actual dollar value of those buildings will be in the South Indian Lake town centre and how that would relate to the normal architectural fee charged, and whether in fact it fulfills the normal 1-1/2 percent system that's worked. And finally, in relation to the last external contract - \$6,700 to a M. Sampson to co-ordinate planning work and produce preliminary building design. Again, would the Minister mind elaborating as to exactly what that co-ordination involves and how that fee was arrived at; what is the basis for determining that fee for that co-ordination?

MR. McBRYDE: Mr. Chairman, I can answer some of the questions that the member has posed, I would have to get more information to answer others. The first question he asked was in relation to the contract with Meyer Brownstone and the contract with Dennis Hefferon. Those persons were used by the Department of Northern Affairs to outline for us the kind of problems or the kind of options that would be open to communities in drafting new legislation as to how they run their local or their municipal government in remote communities. So the initial phase is for them to give us, you know - here is the variety of local government structures, here's how they can be set up, here are the problems involved with this kind, here are the advantages of this kind. Out of that we've put forward to the communities sort of what we saw as their option range in terms of the ways that municipal governments could work. The two gentlemen in question, I can't give the exact travel hours and the times and dates, have done some travelling in northern Manitoba. At this time, however, basically their role now at this stage in drafting new legislation is for us to say to them, here's what the community said they would like to see how do we put that into legislation and law and what are the problems in putting what the community requested into law?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Fort Rouge.

MR. AXWORTHY: In relation to this particular contract which does amount to \$20,000, I'm just curious as to why the department wouldn't have used the research and investigation that has already been conducted by the Centre for Community Studies at the University of Manitoba which had done a series of studies on local government in the north, and why one would use consultants from Toronto to deal with a northern Manitoba problem?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Northern Affairs.

MR. McBRYDE: My recollection, Mr. Chairman, was in fact that the two gentlemen referred to were on contract with the planning and priorities section of the Government of Manitoba and in fact we used them initially when they were on contract to somebody else so we got some free service as it were, service through another department. Since they were involved in the work in the initial planning then we used them to carry through the process they got started on.

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MR. McBRYDE: Mr. Chairman, there's a number of other questions that were asked before this one. I believe the member referred to the Social Economic Benefit Study of the Churchill Housing Project. I would like to go into some detail on this project but I was going to do so, Mr. Chairman, when we got into the area of the Northern Manpower Corps and what in fact is the role and what is Northern Manpower Corps doing. So maybe at that time I'll be able to answer that question and if the member still has a couple more in relation specifically to the contract it would be in order for him to ask them when we're talking about the Northern Manpower Corps.

The Manitoba Human Relations Centre which is connected with the YMCA, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, has been used fairly extensively by the Department of Northern Affairs; firstly, by the extension services branch to conduct workshops of various types in communities in northern Manitoba. These workshops would be things that were requested by the community, and sometimes, Mr. Chairman, these were very basic kind of requests, that is - we sitting here at this meeting are afraid to talk out at a meeting, afraid to put forward our point of view in a public meeting, could you somehow help us to learn this? That would be the very basic kind of asset that we used this consulting group to perform. We not only used this group, Mr. Chairman, we had used a couple of other groups and found that particular individuals in the Manitoba Human Relations Centre were able to do this job very effectively in remote communities.

Then, Mr. Chairman, the - I'll just finish off and then a question on that. The more complex kind of things that I understand that the IC program used this group for at The Pas was when there was a real problem in attitudes and feelings between the members of The Pas Reserve and the RCMP that was developing in . . . and causing a problem in the relationship between those two groups. And we used this Manitoba Human Relations Centre to hold discussions and meetings, workshops between the RCMP and the Reserve in The Pas and I think to really change and improve the kind of relationship that existed between those two sections of the community in that area. So we have used them at a community request for a number of basic things. We have used them for really a conflict resolution, when there's conflict within a community that the community wants to deal with it, to assist them to deal with that and assist the community to function in a better manner. And then more recently and the biggest part of the contract was the consultation process in terms of what the communities would like to see in the change in the Northern Affairs Act in terms of their local government is concerned.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Fort Rouge.

MR. AXWORTHY: What I would be interested in receiving from the Minister is some estimate or judgment as to how you go about determining the actual dollar value of these services. Is it on a day by day basis, is it based upon some estimate of a consulting day, do you have them on a retainer for constant services, is it a kind of a cost plus contract, what is your basis for determining the \$75,000 we arrive at?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Northern Affairs.

MR. McBRYDE: I think that in the initial stages, you know, where there was one workshop to be done in one remote community they were contacted and sort of said that they would do it for X number of dollars. If the person in the department responsible found that to be a reasonable price for that kind of service, they were hired. In the case of the consultation process we asked them to submit to us really a plan for the process with estimates and negotiated with them what we thought was a reasonable payment for the service they provided.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Fort Rouge.

MR. AXWORTHY: One further question. In these large dollar value contracts there seems to be an interesting principle here which we have established say in a public works system where you put things up for open tender, up for public examination . . . do you follow that kind of system in relation to these kinds of external contracts say in relation to the local government study or the human relation study and so on? Is that information available say to other organizations doing that kind of human relations work and they make similar bids or estimates, or do you do it simply on the basis of direct negotiation with them?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Northern Affairs.

MR. McBRYDE: Mr. Chairman, I would assume that the member asked the question because of his experience in this particular type of area. As a matter of fact, Mr. Chairman, I had a contract with his institute for a short period of one time which was negotiated and not tendered. You know, it's not quite the same as building a building where you can put out the

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(MR. McBRYDE cont'd) . . . . exact specifications and have someone deliver them. So the matter has really been a matter of negotiation or what is a fair and reasonable level, and I don't think the contract prices that we had, for example, from Brandon University were that different from the ones we had from the Human Relations Centre.

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

MR. GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Could the Minister indicate to us what percentage of the contracts were negotiated and what percentage were wide open bid type? Was it 90 percent negotiated, 10 percent bid or could he give us some indication in that type of . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Northern Affairs.

MR. McBRYDE: Mr. Chairman, I guess I will have to interpret the honourable member's question in light of the discussion we've just been having because there's a number of different types of contracts; I mean contracts for physical buildings went through the normal tendering kind of process, contracts that are listed here in the sheet that I believe the member would have or his leader would have, this kind of contract, I believe, all of these were on a negotiation basis.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 97 (b) (1)--passed; (2)--passed. Resolution (c) (1) . . . the Honourable Member for Birtle-Russell.

MR. GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, when you're dealing with the Administration I would like to ask the Minister if the general administration that is listed here, how many of the personnel are actually in the city and how many of them are living in northern Manitoba?

MR. CHAIRMAN: I believe that question has been answered once already. I believe the Minister made that in his opening remarks.

MR. GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, in due reference, I would like to point out that we are dealing with the general administration here, the rest is specific, and I would like to know what portions of the general administration is actually in the city here and how much is in northern Manitoba.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for St. James.

MR. GEORGE MINAKER (St. James): Mr. Chairman, through you to the Minister. I wonder if the Minister could describe the job specifications for a policy analyst, I believe that would come under general administration and it's in one of the positions listed, in fact I think there's two or three that are described as policy analyst, I wonder if he would give us a description of what that particular job or position does?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Northern Affairs.

MR. McBRYDE: . . . answer the last question, that would not be in the general administration section but in the policy and planning section. In answer to the question of the Member from Birtle-Russell, in the administration section, when I did, Mr. Chairman, introduce the Estimates I indicated that the general administration, which is attached directly to the Deputy Minister's office, was mostly within the City of Winnipeg, and I'm just double-checking here to see which section the Thompson office--just over half in the city and the rest in Thompson or maybe up to two-thirds in the city. I could actually count the numbers but I think that's the information exactly . . .

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

MR. GRAHAM: If he would give us the exact numbers and the location of each then we would know beyond all doubt.

MR. McBRYDE: Okay, Mr. Chairman. In the City of Winnipeg on a permanent basis there are one, two, three, four, five positions now in the City of Winnipeg and one new one that will be within the City of Winnipeg. There are one, two, three, four, five, six, in the City of Thompson, and one that's to be filled in the City of Thompson. So I was a little bit wrong in my figures, there are more in Thompson than there are in the City.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for St. James.

MR. MINAKER: Mr. Chairman, not being that familiar with the Estimates and the procedures of handling them, I wonder if the Minister would be good enough to answer that question with regards to the specifications on a policy analyst because with the general layout we have of the two pages covering the department it's hard to know where that specific position would fall, whether it would be in general administration or in policy, and I wonder could he give a detailed description of what that position involves?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Northern Affairs.

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MR. McBRYDE: Mr. Chairman, being quite familiar with the Estimates and the process and stuff, I can't answer all the questions right away even though I've had that experience. I'll answer that question when we get to that part of it. And I'll do that for two reasons: one that's the more appropriate place; secondly, I don't have the information at my fingertips.

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

MR. GRAHAM: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to ask the Minister another question then. We have five in Winnipeg and one new one coming, we have six in Thompson and one new one coming there, that's a total of 13 positions for \$253,000, that works out at \$20,000, the average price of the jobs that we're talking about here in Administration.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Northern Affairs.

MR. McBRYDE: Yeh. Mr. Chairman, when I totalled up the number that I had in my book here I was incorrect. There will be 31 total positions and I'll just have to double check. To answer your first question then properly to see which ones are in Winnipeg and which ones are in Thompson, there was 30, because I only gave you about 10 or 12 eh?

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

MR. GRAHAM: It's jumped from 13 to 31 now is it?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Northern Affairs.

MR. McBRYDE: Mr. Speaker, it was always 31, I'm the one that jumped.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 97 (c) (1). The Honourable Member for Birtle-Russell.

MR. GRAHAM: Mr. Speaker, then if it's 31 it's not \$20,000 a year, it's not even 10,000 a year. Could he give us an indication of the salary ranges of the jobs that are called for in this?

MR. McBRYDE: Mr. Chairman, those salary ranges . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order please. Order please. The hour being 5:30, I'm leaving the Chair and return again at 8:00 p. m. this evening.