

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

9:30 o'clock, Friday, April 22, 1966

Opening Prayer by Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Presenting Petitions

Reading and Receiving Petitions

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

HON. STEWART E. McLEAN, Q. C. (Attorney-General) (Dauphin): Madam Speaker, I beg to present the fifth report of the Standing Committee on Law Amendments.

MR. CLERK: Your Standing Committee on Law Amendments begs leave to present the following as their fifth report.

Your Committee has considered Bills: No. 92, An Act to amend The Civil Service Superannuation Act; No. 102, An Act to amend The Education Department Act; and has agreed to report the same without amendment.

Your Committee has also considered Bills: No. 37, An Act respecting the Reception, Care, Treatment, Custody and Rehabilitation of Juvenile and Adult Offenders; No. 71, An Act respecting the Establishment of Universities; No. 83, An Act to amend The Liquor Control Act; No. 85, An Act to amend The Securities Act; No. 89, An Act to amend The Credit Unions Act; No. 116, An Act to amend The Winnipeg Charter, 1956; and to validate By-laws Nos. 19061, 19190 and 19204 of The City of Winnipeg; No. 118, An Act respecting The City of Portage la Prairie; No. 121, An Act to amend The Social Allowances Act; and has agreed to report the same with certain amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MR. McLEAN: Madam Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Education, that the report of the committee be received.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Notices of Motion

Introduction of Bills

MR. LAURENT DESJARDINS (St. Boniface): Madam Speaker, before the Orders of the Day, and with permission of the House, I would like to pay a special tribute to Magistrate Henri Lacerte of St. Boniface who is starting his 43rd year in the Juvenile and Family Court - he started last Monday. Magistrate Lacerte is the senior magistrate in all Canada and I think he is a well-known man and very interested in sports. He has a very good record here in Manitoba and I think it is only fitting to give these few words of congratulation to the Magistrate.

HON. DUFF ROBLIN (Premier) (Wolseley): Madam Speaker, if I just may advert to the sentiment expressed by the Honourable Member for St. Boniface with respect to Magistrate Henri Lacerte, I think the celebration - that's probably the correct word - that took place in St. Boniface recently in which Members of the Bar and others sought to express their esteem for Magistrate Lacerte and their congratulations on his distinguished record, is one that would certainly be strongly supported by all the members of the House and I'm glad to join my honourable friend in his expression of goodwill.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. J. M. FROESE (Rhineland): Madam Speaker, some time ago a question was asked by the Honourable Member from Portage in connection with tax rebate on propane. To date I haven't heard a reply. Is there a reply coming forward on this matter?

MR. ROBLIN: Is my honourable friend referring to the tax on propane used in farm tractors? Well he has passed a law this Session dealing with the matter and making it clear that it's not taxed. He was present - he's a member of the Chamber which passed the law at this Session.

MR. GORDON E. JOHNSTON (Portage la Prairie): Madam Speaker, perhaps for clarification I should re-state the question. The propane gas fuel dealer at Portage la Prairie, for one, thinks he is still required to collect the tax. He has received no notification that he should still not be collecting it and his customers who have paid the tax to him would like to know how to get it back.

MR. ROBLIN: Madam Speaker, if the man in question would be kind enough to refer to the tax office, I'm sure they can give him the information he seeks.

MR. JOHNSTON: But would not this problem apply to all dealers and not just one?

MR. GILDAS MOLGAT (Leader of the Opposition) (Ste. Rose): Madam Speaker, subsequent question to this one, I had asked the Minister about this I think during the discussion of his estimates and he replied subsequently that on such and such a date the law -- could he refer me to which bill incorporated this exactly.

MR. ROBLIN: Yes, it's the tax bill that we passed earlier in this Session. It was brought in by special leave about the tenth day of the Session I think.

MR. RUSSELL PAULLEY (Leader of the New Democratic Party) (Radisson): Madam Speaker, yesterday I directed a question to the Honourable the Minister of Education in respect of a brief and a letter which the First Minister had received, and a carbon copy to both the Honourable Minister of Education and myself, respecting the building of a so-called French Option School in the Windsor Park-Niakwa Park area. The Honourable the Minister said he would take it under advisement. I wonder if he has considered the matter. If you recall, Madam Speaker, there were objections in a third letter addressed to the Premier, the Minister and myself, raising objections because no reply had been received from the First Minister to correspondence from the organization.

MR. ROBLIN: I think I should say, Madam Speaker, that the matter is under departmental consideration at the present time.

MR. PAULLEY: May I ask a subsequent question then? As this has been some considerable period of time, will my honourable friend indicate, or can he, when the people may expect a reply from my honourable friends.

MR. ROBLIN: I'm sorry I can't make a statement on that this morning.

MADAM SPEAKER: Orders of the Day.

MR. ROBLIN: Madam Speaker, I think it is understood that we shall return to the Law Amendments Committee to continue the work of that committee. I believe it will take the rest of the morning at any rate, if not longer, so in that case I will move the adjournment of the House until 2:30 this afternoon, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce.

MADAM SPEAKER presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried and the House adjourned until 2:30 p.m. Friday afternoon.