

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA
2:30 o'clock, Thursday, May 24, 1973

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 22 students Grade 9 standing of the Sansome Junior High School. These students are under the direction of Miss Pasuta. This school is located in the constituency of the Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

We also have 50 students of Grade 4 standing of the Rockwood School. These students are under the direction of Mrs. Schroeder. This school is located in the constituency of the Honourable Member for Crescentwood.

And we have 75 students of Grade 4 standing of the Allard Elementary School. These students are under the direction of Mrs. Friesen, Mrs. Jewitt and Mrs. Brant. This school is located in the constituency of the Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

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 and Tabling of Reports; Notices of Motion; Introduction of Bills; Oral Questions.

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MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Riel.

MR. DONALD W. CRAIK (Riel): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the First Minister perhaps I should direct a question to the Minister of Industry and Commerce. It's regarding the announcement by the National Energy Board of increases in the rates for transmission of gas. Has the Manitoba Energy Council or his Department analyzed this and able to indicate yet what the implications are for increased natural gas prices to Manitoba?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

HON. LEONARD S. EVANS (Minister of Industry and Commerce) (Brandon East): Well, Mr. Speaker, perhaps the honourable member wasn't in the House the other day when I issued a statement on this matter. I issued a statement and copies have been made to all honourable members.

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

MR. I. H. (Izzy) ASPER (Leader of the Liberal Party) (Wolseley): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Labour. Of the roughly 3, 500 to 4, 000 Manitoba students graduating from the universities of Manitoba within the next few days, can he indicate to the House whether he has any information to indicate how many of those will be employed in Manitoba and how many of those have jobs coming out of school?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Labour.

HON. RUSSELL PAULLEY (Minister of Labour) (Transcona): I'm sure, Mr. Speaker, that my honourable friend would realize this is a rather difficult question to answer with absolute correctness. All I can say to my honourable friend, Mr. Speaker, that if Manitoba follows the record that it had last year there will be more students employed in the Province of Manitoba on a percentage basis than any other province in the Dominion of Canada.

MR. ASPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Relating to the answer just given, could the Minister then indicate to the House why or what has caused the fact that in the four years of his administration a number, I think between 150 to 250, dentists were graduated in this province at public expense and there are today less dentists in Manitoba than when they began to graduate them?

MR. SPEAKER: The question is argumentative. Out of order. The Honourable Member for Rupertsland.

MR. JEAN ALLARD (Rupertsland): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture. Is the Minister going to table the other file involved in the Bowles-Hofford hullabaloo, after having tabled one this morning?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Agriculture.

HON. SAMUEL USKIW (Minister of Agriculture) (Lac du Bonnet): Mr. Speaker, the Member for Rupertsland was not here this morning when we discussed that matter. I want to indicate to the House again that I'm not in a position to do so because I did not get the

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(MR. USKIW cont'd) agreement from Mr. Bowles to have his file tabled. We are not prepared to table files without concurrence of the applicant in question.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Swan River.

MR. JAMES H. BILTON (Swan River): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I might direct a question to the Honourable Minister of Agriculture. Will the Minister inform the House if the government requested the tabling of the Hofford file?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. USKIW: Mr. Speaker, the Member for Swan River wanted to know whether the government requested the tabling of that file. The government asked permission from both - or indicated their intention or desire rather, to table both files and asked both of those gentlemen whether they would have any objections. We have received confirmation from the one that they are quite prepared to have their file before the public for scrutiny, while we have received a negative response from the other individual in that he feels that his file should be kept confidential.

MR. BILTON: Do I take it from the Minister's reply that he telegraphed - did he telegraphed Mr. Hofford on this subject?

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. The question is repetitive in its . . .

MR. USKIW: . . . was arranged in my office and the two gentlemen in question seeking their concurrence or otherwise on a tabling of these documents because of the controversy during the last two or three-week period caused by innuendoes introduced into this Chamber by members opposite.

MR. BILTON: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. You may rule me out of order but I deny the last remarks of the Minister.

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

MR. JOSEPH P. BOROWSKI (Thompson): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Tourism. I wonder if he could indicate whether he sent his super snoopers to view the world's dirtiest film, the world's dirtiest film that started showing yesterday and has he made any recommendations to the Attorney-General regarding this film?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister. Order please.

HON. LAURENT L. DESJARDINS (Minister of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs) (St. Boniface): I don't know if my honourable friend would qualify as one of the dirty snoopers. I can say to my honourable friend if he wants to be serious for a minute, that I recommended to the Attorney-General, I informed the Attorney-General that--I don't think it's the world's worst show. I think that there are even worse than that, I'm told. Anyway I think the movie that my friend is talking about, I informed the Attorney-General that it would be opening in Winnipeg and I suggested that maybe he should have somebody in attendance, somebody from his Department and I'm told that this would be done. I think my honourable friend the Attorney-General could carry it from there.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Thompson.

MR. BOROWSKI: A question for the Attorney-General, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if the Attorney-General could indicate whether he's going to take legal action as has occurred in most parts of the world where this movie was shown, as quickly as he does in cases where hotels serve beverages to minors. Can we expect similar quick action from the Attorney-General?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Attorney-General.

HON. A. H. MACKLING, Q.C. (Attorney-General) (St. James): Mr. Speaker, I don't think that the record of activity of the Attorney-General's Department indicates that we have been at any time dilatory in enforcement of the law where there is a complaint that has been authenticated as a breach of the code.

MR. BOROWSKI: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the Minister could indicate whether the Minister himself or the Cabinet or the backbenchers have seen this movie before it was shown?

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. ORDER PLEASE. I don't see that it's relevant to the procedures of this House. The question is out of order on that ground. The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. STEVE PATRICK (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Attorney-General. In view of the suggestion by the First Minister in Ottawa that the government introduce price and wage control to hold down inflation, has the government or can the Minister

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(MR. PATRICK cont'd) outline what specific steps this government will take to hold down the rising cost of living?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Attorney-General.

MR. MACKLING: Mr. Speaker, the honourable member knows this is a nationwide concern and that the ability responsible role that a province could play would be in a limited way because of the fact that we believe in free trade between the provinces and I don't know how it would be possible for an individual province to successfully maintain price controls in a province in isolation from what goes on in the rest of Canada. That is why the arguments that have been addressed to the Federal Government have been placed by our Premier, and rightly so.

MR. PATRICK: A supplementary. Will the government be introducing any legislation or taking any action to control the cost of living in any limited way?

MR. MACKLING: Mr. Speaker, there have been a great number of programs that I think that have had an effect on the cost of living, and the cost of living in its most general description in Manitoba, and one of the most effective ways I think in isolating a particular program has been our housing program, because I think that, although it can be argued otherwise, I think the fact that there has been a source of low rental income for people in this province has to some extent dampened the acceleration in rents that otherwise would have occurred in Manitoba.

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

MR. ASPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Northern Affairs. Could he confirm that the document I'm holding called I. C. Weekly published by the Information Communication Program is a weekly newspaper published by his Department, by his officials at public expense and distributed across the north at public expense?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Northern Affairs.

HON. RON McBRYDE (Minister of Northern Affairs) (The Pas): Mr. Speaker, the small newsletter that the member refers to which is aimed really at remote communities where they don't get regular newspaper coverage quite frequently is part of a program under The Pas Special Area Agreement which is jointly funded by the Federal and the Provincial Governments. There is a board of directors which . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please.

MR. McBRYDE: There is a board of directors which, Mr. Speaker, gives the direction and guidance, program guidance for that program and at the provincial level, Mr. Speaker, I am the Minister that answers for that particular program.

MR. ASPER: Could the Minister of Northern Affairs indicate or confirm that the people who produce the I. C. Weekly are employees of the Department of Northern Affairs for which he is responsible.

MR. McBRYDE: Yes, Mr. Speaker. The staff positions and the contract funds for this joint Federal-Provincial program appear in the Estimates of the Department of Northern Affairs under The Pas Special Area Agreement title "Information Communication Program."

MR. ASPER: Mr. Speaker, to the Minister of Northern Affairs. Can he explain why the issue of this magazine dated May 7th, 1973, carries the news of - headed "McBryde Nominated" and carries the details of speeches made by Mr. McBryde and the First Minister in a political document printed at public expense?

MR. McBRYDE: Mr. Speaker, a number of members on this side of the House have come to me with similar complaints, Mr. Speaker, because that weekly publication did carry the Liberal nomination meeting at The Pas, it did carry the advertisement of a meeting of the Stop, Look and Listen - very neutral of course, Mr. Speaker, Organization.

MR. SPEAKER: Order please.

MR. McBRYDE: Mr. Speaker, and they did also carry the notice that the Liberal candidate had withdrawn as a Liberal and would run as an Independent candidate. Mr. Speaker, they informed me that they would be giving the nomination meeting of myself equal coverage to that that they gave the other nomination meetings and that they would not then publish any more campaign or politically related material.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside. --(Interjection)-- The honourable member has had three questions on the same subject. The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. HARRY J. ENNS (Lakeside): Mr. Speaker, I direct a question to the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture. I wonder, Mr. Speaker, if the Minister has had an opportunity to ascertain the cost to the public of the mailing out of the two brochures, with his fine pictures in them, that he tabled in the House yesterday afternoon?

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MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Agriculture.

MR. USKIW: Mr. Speaker, I believe the original figure was somewhere in the order of \$11,000 of which part is recoverable, and today I was informed that it has been reduced from that figure because of a mailing efficiency.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Northern Affairs.

MR. McBRYDE: Mr. Speaker, I didn't quite complete my other answer, I'm sorry, to the previous question. I'll just finish that answer, just take a second. Mr. Speaker . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. Order please. The Honourable Member for Lakeside place his supplementary question.

MR. ENNS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wonder, Mr. Speaker, if the Minister of Agriculture can indicate to how many farm homes these brochures are being mailed to at that cost?

MR. USKIW: Mr. Speaker, the Publication Branch of my department has a list which is either the Canadian Wheat Board list or, I believe, the Co-operator list, the weekly, and they use either one or both of those to get complete coverage.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Northern Affairs.

MR. McBRYDE: Mr. Speaker, the part that I left out of my answer to the previous question, that the President of the Board did indicate that that small weekly would give equal space to a Conservative nomination if and when the Conservative Party could find a candidate in that constituency.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Minnedosa.

MR. DAVID R. BLAKE (Minnedosa): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question will be directed to the Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs. I wonder if he could advise the House the reply that he has received from the federal postal authorities in connection with the operation of the summer postal service in Clear Lake or Wasagaming, Manitoba?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. DESJARDINS: None so far.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rock Lake.

MR. HENRY J. EINARSON (Rock Lake): Mr. Speaker, I direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. Can the Minister indicate whether the Hog Marketing Board have given a directive to farmers as to where they can deliver their hogs, namely the Commission or to a packing plant?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. USKIW: Mr. Speaker, I was of the impression that that was always well understood for a number of years now. I'm not aware of any new changes taking place at this point in time.

MR. EINARSON: Mr. Speaker, in view of the conglomerated pile-up of hogs at the commission, would the Minister undertake to take the matter as notice, the problem they're having over there today?

MR. USKIW: Mr. Speaker, I don't know what the honourable member alleges to. I have no knowledge of any problems at the stockyards.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for St. George.

MR. WILLIAM URUSKI (St. George): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture. Could he explain to the House the procedure that the Manitoba . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order.

MR. URUSKI: The gentlemen don't like to hear one of us ask a question of the Minister. Could he explain to the House . . . ?

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Order, please. I wonder if the honourable members who want to plant would take some sod and do it outside.

The Honourable Member for St. George.

MR. URUSKI: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if the Minister could explain to the House the procedure that an applicant who makes application for a loan from MACC and whose loan has been denied undertakes to appeal the procedure.

MR. USKIW: Mr. Speaker, the usual procedure is that where there is a complaint they have an opportunity to air their case before the board itself. Whether it's because of a proposal as may have been prepared by the corporation, which may vary the original application, or

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(MR. USKIW cont'd) whether it's upon rejection of an application, the ultimate is an appeal to the board. Now many people go beyond that, which is not unusual in government; many people go to my office; some to the Premier's office for recourse for whatever grievance they think they have, legitimate or otherwise. Some, Mr. Speaker, even suggest that they have the right to appoint their own boards to consider their own applications.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Swan River. Order, please. The honourable member state his point of order.

MR. J. DOUGLAS WATT (Arthur): My point of order is that the Member for St. George directed the question to the Minister of Agriculture and he's not interested. He turned his back on the Minister . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The Honourable Member for Swan River.

MR. BILTON: Mr. Speaker, I can wait until we get order in the House. I believe I deserve the attention of the House, Sir. Order, please. I'm sorry, Sir. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I apologize.

My question is to the Minister of Northern Affairs on the same subject of the Leader of the Liberal Party. I wonder, Mr. Speaker, if the Minister would inform the House as to whether or not the department underwrites similar material in Dauphin, The Pas, Flin Flon and Winnipegosis, and at the same time probably inquire into the free postage that these publications are being sent out at government expense.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. McBRYDE: Mr. Speaker, these information--similar information newsletters are published by the Extension Division of the Department of Northern Affairs, based pretty well on the worthwhile experience of the I.C. program at The Pas, and Mr. Speaker, I'm sorry, offhand I can't--I believe there is a Bayline edition, a Lakeland edition, and I can't remember the other title but it's in the Toutes Aides-Crane River area.

MR. BILTON: In view of the Minister's reply, I wonder if he is acquainted with the fact that these publications are going out each month from these various points? --(Interjection)-- I can take that, too, and you also.

MR. McBRYDE: Mr. Speaker, yes I am quite aware of the act of beginning to send out these publications aimed, Mr. Speaker, mostly at areas that don't receive other kinds of regular newspaper service. It was authorized by myself, and Mr. Speaker, and I think they're not in any way of a similar nature, for example, to the Swan River Star Bugle and whatever--Star Times.

MR. BILTON: Second and last supplementary, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if the Minister agrees with these publications carrying political information?

MR. McBRYDE: Mr. Speaker, I am not aware that these other information newsletters have carried the same information. I believe what happened was that the program at The Pas did carry some and therefore felt they had to do the same for the other political parties. I'm not aware that they carried any other political announcements, though they do carry Federal and Provincial Government information, communications, in terms of what government programs are and how they're available to the residents.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SIDNEY SPIVAK, Q.C. (Leader of the Opposition) (River Heights): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Deputy Premier. I wonder if the Deputy Premier is in a position, Mr. Speaker, to indicate whether the New Democratic Party advertising agency has a record of the amount of public advertising that has been used in pre-election by the New Democratic Party?

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Order, please. I do not see that the question is relevant to the procedures of this House.

The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, it is relevant, Mr. Speaker. It consists of a waste of the taxpayers' . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Order. The opinion of the honourable member may be such but it may not be correct. The Honourable Leader of the Liberal Party.

MR. ASPER: To the Minister of Northern Affairs, Mr. Speaker. Could he indicate to the House the amount of public funds spent on the publication of this document, this weekly document I.C. Weekly, under his department?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

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MR. McBRYDE: Mr. Speaker, offhand I can't say exactly the amount of public dollars in the I. C. Weekly or in the other three publications that are directly in the extension division of Northern Affairs, or the Miskamok News which is also published by the same program, or I can give a sort of immediate day to day breakdown that native communications broadcasts cost.

MR. ASPER: Mr. Speaker, to the same Minister and it relates to the answer he gave a few moments ago in which he said that there would be . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Question please. We all heard it.

MR. ASPER: Mr. Speaker, he gave several answers and I would simply like to address a question to one of the answers he gave; the answer being that he said to this House that this document allows equal time, equal space. Now, Mr. Speaker, my question is this: In the issue of May 21st of this document, I. C. Weekly, how does he reconcile the fact that there exists a story describing statements made by himself as the Minister decentralizing his department, yet during the same week distributed throughout the north was a major policy statement of the Liberal Party, and preceding that of the Conservative Party, on northern policy for the entire province, to which no reference is made whatever?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. McBRYDE: Obviously the Leader of the Liberal Party, you know, doesn't understand the difference between a government policy or program that is announced and being carried out and some hypothetical promise being made by the Opposition members. (Applause)

MR. ASPER: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary. Will the Minister then confirm that it is his policy to use public funds to print I. C. Weekly containing policy and other promises of his and communicated at public expense to the people of Manitoba?

MR. McBRYDE: Mr. Speaker, in a similar manner to all other provincial governments and the federal Liberal government, Mr. Speaker, the information carried in this publication will be information in terms of what government programs are, details of government programs whether they be provincial programs, Mr. Speaker, federal programs, municipal programs or programs of direct benefit for the people sponsored by private agencies.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, just for further clarification to the same Minister, it is of course impossible for . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Question please.

MR. ENNS: Well, my question to the Minister is that under that criteria then, that publication cannot publish any . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Question please. Order, please. Order, please. Let me indicate once more to all honourable members, Beauchesne's Citation 71 is the one we follow in respect to criteria on questions. If honourable members wish to be in order they have to follow those rules. The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the House Leader. I wonder if he can inform the House whether it's the government's intention to carry through the will of the Standing Committee on Economic Development that there be hearings on the cost of living, which would imply government spending, government waste and government taxation?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

HON. SIDNEY GREEN, Q.C. (Minister of Mines, Resources and Environmental Management) (Inkster): Mr. Speaker, I've already indicated to the honourable member that there are various things that the Legislature as a majority wants to do and which committees as a majority wish to do, and the course of parliamentary practice, as I understand it, is that the government chooses these things in terms of its priorities when it is calling things in the House.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the House Leader. Will the government allow the Standing Committee on Economic Development to hold its hearings on the cost of living in Manitoba?

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I really wish to be fair to the honourable member. There is no assurance that I can give in that respect. I can't assure honourable members or the Leader of the Opposition that the majority in this Legislature will be able to do something by 5 o'clock tonight.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. JACOB M. FROESE (Rhineland): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct a question to the Minister of Northern Affairs Can members buy paid advertising in the I. C. Weekly?

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MR. McBRYDE: No, Mr. Speaker, this is not possible. Mr. Speaker, I forgot to mention that if the Social Credit Party has a nomination meeting, I'm sure it will receive exactly the same coverage as the other parties' nominating . . .

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Swan River.

MR. BILTON: Mr. Speaker, I regret bothering you again on this same subject of publications. My question is directed to the Minister of Northern Affairs. Would the Minister agree that the publications he underwrites and that we've been discussing is a threat to the free press of this province?

MR. SPEAKER: The question is argumentative and out of order. The Honourable Member for Roblin. Order, please. Order.

MR. J. WALLY McKENZIE (Roblin): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Honourable the Minister of Labour. I wonder if the Honourable the Minister of Labour has been advised of today's announcement by the federal Department of Manpower that the administration and operative grants to the Injured Workers Association of Manitoba have been discontinued as of May 31, 1973?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Labour.

MR. PAULLEY: No, Mr. Speaker, I have not been formally notified of such except by the announcement of the Honourable the Member for Roblin and I thank him for giving me that information.

MR. McKENZIE: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I wonder would the Honourable Minister pursue this matter and hopefully renegotiate those important moneys which have been very helpful to the Injured Workers of Manitoba?

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, if my honourable friend had been here last evening - I believe he was - he may not have heard what I said last night, that as Minister of Labour on my return after an election, if one is held in the interim, I intend to have a complete review made of the Workmen's Compensation Act for the Province of Manitoba, and I also have indicated that there will be increased benefits for injured workers in the Province of Manitoba.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Roblin, last supplementary.

MR. McKENZIE: The last supplementary question. Maybe, Mr. Speaker, the Minister didn't understand my question. My question: Is the Minister prepared to pursue this matter on behalf of the Injured Workmen's Association today?

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, it's my understanding that there was a LIP grant given to the Injured Workers Association of Manitoba by the Liberal Government of Canada of \$40,000, in order for them to make representations to the government of Manitoba for increased benefits for injured workers. I merely suggest in reply, Mr. Speaker, that the \$40,000 awarded by the Federal Government was a waste of money because we intend to do so in any case.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Minnedosa.

MR. BLAKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I have a further question for the Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs. Could he advise the House if he has in fact written to the federal postal authorities requesting postal service for the summer months for the cottage owners, campers and other tourists that use that facility at Clear Lake for the coming season?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. DESJARDINS: Mr. Speaker, I've answered that a few weeks ago.

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

MR. ASPER: Mr. Speaker, my question's for the Minister of Mines responsible for the environment. How many investigators or researchers that were hired or were employed by the Lake Winnipeg, Churchill, Nelson River Study Board, how many of them have left the study board since the government's decision to fire or at least not re-engage Dr. Robert Newbury?

MR. SPEAKER: Order for Return. The Honourable Leader of the Liberal Party.

MR. ASPER: Will the Minister of Mines responsible for the environment confirm that one Jean Thie, an air photo analysis researcher for the Churchill-Lake Winnipeg, Churchill-Nelson River Study Board has left in protest over the firing of Dr. Newbury?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I don't know, and if that was his reason for leaving then I have absolutely no concern.

MR. ASPER: Will the Minister undertake to inquire into the number of people who have

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(MR. ASPER cont'd) left and the reasons assigned for leaving, and report to the House in due course?

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I have no intention of advising the House of every staff appointment which is discontinued and the reasons for same.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Thompson.

MR. BOROWSKI: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the House Leader dealing with Bill No. 60, an Act to amend the City of Winnipeg Act (2). In view of the lateness of the session and the opposition expressed towards it, will the House Leader consider withdrawing it?

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I accept neither of the two assumptions that have been made by my honourable friend: (1) that we are in the late stages of the session; or (2) that there is opposition against the bill.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, I direct a question to the Honourable the Attorney-General. Some time ago in this House, Mr. Speaker, there were allegations made of certain bribes being offered to the residents of South Indian Lake by the Department of Northern Affairs. I wonder if the Attorney-General has had occasion to have that matter investigated?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. MACKLING: Mr. Speaker, as I recall it there were rumours of this. I don't recall that there were any formal complaints registered with my department.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rock Lake.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the honourable member will just let me continue and answer the . . .

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable House Leader.

MR. GREEN: . . . to the Member for Thompson. I believe that the amendments - and the Minister of Urban Affairs will correct me if I'm wrong - that the amendments to the bill that the honourable member is referring to are largely amendments made at the request of the City of Winnipeg. That it is a City of Winnipeg request for amendments to their Charter.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Thompson.

MR. BOROWSKI: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the Minister would indicate why City Councilors are now damning the government for bringing it in at this late stage?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. GREEN: I really have never been able to explain some of the dealings of City Council, but I repeat what I said before, I believe, and the Honourable Minister of Urban Affairs will correct me if I'm wrong, that those amendments are largely made at the request of the City Council of Winnipeg.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rock Lake.

MR. EINARSON: Mr. Speaker, I direct this question to the Minister of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs. I directed these questions several days ago to him. I wonder if he could now indicate in connection with the roadside park between Rathwell and Treherne on No. 2 highway, has it been completed?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. DESJARDINS: Mr. Speaker, I did say that I would take his question and I haven't a reply from my people yet. I think the honourable member realizes that we have been here quite often, we haven't had much chance to go to our office.

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MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable House Leader.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I believe that there is some work to be done in Law Amendments Committee. I am rather optimistic that it will not take very long and therefore I would ask you to remain, Sir, at the reach of the members, and if of course we are not back by 5:30 then the bells will ring at 5:25.

MR. SPEAKER: I am now leaving the Chair to return subject to the completion of the committee work.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable House Leader.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker there are four private bills which I assume are relatively uncontroversial and that we can get to committee, and I am going to suggest that it be Private Bills Committee rather than Law Amendments Committee because it deals with four bills and

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(MR. GREEN cont'd) the Committee can then meet without all of the other members. I am calling them on the basis that they probably will proceed. If they don't then, of course, my expectations won't be fulfilled; but the first one is Bill No. 37--the Honourable Member for Winnipeg Centre is not here. Bill No. 37.

BILL NO. 37

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

MR. ASPER presented Bill No. 37, an Act to amend an Act to Incorporate Westminster United Church Foundation, for second reading.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader.

MR. ASPER: Mr. Speaker, I hear some very cheerful and heart rending sounds of concurrence in the Bill so that I may be spared having to make any explanation. Suffice to say, Sir, that the Westminster United Church is located in my constituency and a number of years ago a charitable foundation was established, an Act was created to establish that charitable foundation, and this Bill No. 37 merely updates a very old Act in a housekeeping sense. There are no substantive changes. I believe that I can safely recommend it to the House. Fundamentally all that is being done is, clarify the powers in effect of the Board of Trustees, section 1 of the Act simply--sorry--clarify--one of the approaches in the bill is to make certain that the trustees can deal equally with the income as well as the capital of the foundation because there was some legal doubt in their solicitor's mind that they could have that power, although that is a power normally associated with any charitable foundation--which by the way is registered with the Department of National Revenue and approved as a Canadian charity. And the only other thing of consequence in the bill is the changing of the names of officers who sit on the charitable foundation board, the names being changed to coincide with the actual usage that is given to their titles in the church itself. So, Mr. Speaker, unless there are any questions I recommend this bill to the House.

MR. SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion? (Agreed) The Honourable House Leader.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, according to rule 115 no committee on any private bill, notice of the sitting of which is required to be given, shall consider the bill until two clear day's notice of the sitting of the committee has been posted in the lobby of the Assembly. May I have the unanimous consent of the House to waive the requirements of rule 115. (Agreed)

Bill No. 31, Mr. Speaker.

BILL NO. 31

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Ste. Rose.

MR. A. R. (Pete) ADAM (Ste. Rose) presented Bill No. 31, an Act to incorporate the Dauphin Golf and Country Club, for second reading.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Ste. Rose.

MR. ADAM: Well, Mr. Speaker, this is not a contentious bill. The main purpose of this proposed legislation is to allow our greenfee players to use any part of the club house facilities that are licensed by the Liquor Control Commission in the same manner as they are allowed at Municipal Courses. That in effect is what the purpose is of this bill. I would recommend that it be at least sent to committee.

MR. SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion? (Agreed)

Bill No. 54. The Honourable Member for Radisson.

BILL NO. 54

MR. HARRY SHAFRANSKY (Radisson) presented Bill No. 54, an Act to amend an Act to Incorporate Transcona Country Club, for second reading.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Radisson.

MR. SHAFRANSKY: Mr. Speaker, this bill is simply to extend the amount of capital that is required in the construction of the curling rink and the golf facilities. Last year they had asked to have this bill passed to amalgamate, or establish the Transcona Country Club.

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(MR. SHAFRANSKY cont'd) They find that the total cost of the construction, the capital cost of the buildings has increased, and this is why they are asking to have it go up to \$500,000.00.

MR. SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion? (Agreed)
The Honourable Member for Radisson. Bill No. 58

BILL NO. 58

MR. SHAFRANSKY presented Bill No. 58, The Concordia Hospital Act, for second reading.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Radisson.

MR. SHAFRANSKY: Mr. Speaker, this bill is simply an updating bill to change the original Mennonite Society that operated the Concordia Hospital on Nairn, close to Nairn and Watt Street, and it is to update the provisions, and also to increase the number of the Board of Directors from the present ten to sixteen. The present ten members which are on the Board will continue until such time as their terms expire and there will be an additional six members appointed to the board.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. ENNS: Well, Mr. Speaker, without wishing to delay the obvious progress that we are making at this stage, I do feel compelled to remark just briefly with respect to the Act before us and the subject matter that the Act deals with, namely the Concordia Hospital. Of course, it has been a matter of long-standing pride within the Mennonite community in the operation of this particular facility. It is, Mr. Speaker, of course, perhaps the first and long-standing experiment in a form of providing a social services, medical services, to a community of people, initially the Mennonite people in this province; however, at no time ever restricted solely to those people, as the Minister of Labour is so well aware.

My brother-in-law, who is the chief surgeon of this hospital, has served in that capacity for the last 10 or 11 years--I understand he sometimes even administers to the Minister of Labour, much to my sorrow. But I would like to hope, I would like to have read into the record, Mr. Speaker, that it's my fervent hope that the particular contribution that the Mennonite community has made with respect to this institution should not fade into oblivion at the expansion of the board, the present board, should not entirely lose that, what I hold to be that vital direct grassroots community interest in this kind of a service, in this case of medical and hospital service.

Mr. Speaker, if that is the case, then of course we are witnessing again some of that erosion of the kind of things that we particularly in this party stand for that, of course, has so much difficulty in standing up to the universal steam-roller approach of big government and of big government involvement. Now, Mr. Speaker, I'm not suggesting that that is the case, I only want to recognize and publicly put on the record what has long been recognized by most people in the Province of Manitoba, and certainly by most government people in the Province of Manitoba, of the unique and particular contribution that the Mennonite community in the operations of the hospital, in the running of that hospital over the many years has provided, that that particular flavour and that that particular input, should continue to the greater benefit of the greater community that we would hope that that institution will serve in the - when the newly constructed facilities are ready and in operation. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Labour.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, I feel impelled to say a word or two as well on this Bill dealing with Concordia Hospital. And I was prompted to some degree by the remarks of the Honourable Member for Lakeside when he apparently indicated regretfully that as a result of my sojourn, to call it that, in Concordia Hospital, that I am here in full vim and vigor and able to match anything or any barbs that may be forthcoming from the Honourable Member for Lakeside.

I do want to say, Mr. Speaker, that I also appreciate the contribution that has been made by the Mennonite Society in the Province of Manitoba, and I do compliment them most sincerely. I recall when the present hospital back in the early thirties was a sanatorium long before the Society, the Mennonite Brethren, bought that complex and made it into a hospital. I am also knowledgeable, Mr. Speaker, of the fact that as a result of the Concordia people that they did

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(MR. PAULLEY cont'd) establish in the Province of Manitoba one of the very first, one of the very first complete health care services to Manitobans, albeit it was concentrated at that particular time, Mr. Speaker, among the Mennonite people.

I appreciate very much the contribution that has been made. The Honourable Member for Lakeside wondered, or at least posed the question, as to the control of the Board of Concordia Hospital, and the bill does provide that the present board of ten members will continue and will have added to that number two, as I understand it, by the Unicity, and their involvement which amounts to about a million bucks, which may be peanuts, and in addition to that, Mr. Speaker, an additional four appointed by the directors at large.

It may seem strange, Mr. Speaker, that I as a member of the Advisory Board of St. Boniface General Hospital, when ill, at least in the past, did go down to DeSalaberry Street and the Concordia Hospital to receive treatment. On a number of occasions, Mr. Speaker, and there were quite a number of occasions, there was no room in the inn for me but the provision was made by the hospital to accommodate me in a spare bed in the corridors of Concordia Hospital, and now that that hospital is expanding on Concordia Avenue, in Elmwood, East Kildonan--I'm not sure just where the dividing line is--I think that we should at this particular time, and I join with my honourable friend from Lakeside, pay a tribute to the contribution that has been made to health facilities in the Province of Manitoba by the Mennonite Society and Concordia complex itself.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for La Verendrye.

MR. LEONARD A. BARKMAN (La Verendrye): I would like to ask the Minister a question if I may. He mentioned in his discourse the fact that the Mennonite Brethren started this in 1931 and the question is this, is he referring to the Mennonite Brethren as a church or as brethren of Mennonite faith, because I believe it was a general conference that started this.

MR. PAULLEY: That is correct, Mr. Speaker, at least I believe that to be a fact, it wasn't the Mennonite Brethren it was an association of people basically of Mennonite extraction that purchased the old--I just forget the name of it--the old sanatorium, as it was known at that particular time, on the banks of the Red River and it was a sanatorium because they had a free running salt bath facility and the likes of that there.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. FROESE: Mr. Speaker, just a few words. I just want to take this opportunity of congratulating the Hospital Society of Concordia for the good work that they have done in the past and have carried on without remuneration of any kind. In fact they have given a lot of work voluntarily, and certainly have provided a very good service, not only to members of their society but to the general public at large. And I also wish to congratulate them on getting the new facilities that will be theirs. It's certainly a very big improvement, and I think they are to be congratulated on it.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Radisson.

MR. SHAFRANSKY: Mr. Speaker, I believe it was the intention to have the bills proceed fairly expeditiously. I did intend to have comments along the lines that were expressed by the Member for Lakeside and the Minister of Labour. I do wish to add my sentiments that were expressed, and I did not intend to just merely push this bill through without having the Mennonite Society Concordia Hospital be properly recognized.

MR. SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion? (Agreed)

Bill No. 33. The Honourable Member for Winnipeg Centre.

BILL NO. 33.

MR. J. R. (Bud) BOYCE (Winnipeg Centre): Mr. Speaker, having perused this bill I would recommend it to the House and we proceed with it through Committee.

MR. SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion? (Agreed)

The Honourable House Leader.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether I could suggest that the Private Bills Committee meet immediately after the Question Period tonight. I wonder whether it would be acceptable to the members, and I won't do it unless it's unanimously acceptable, that that Private Bills Committee meet concurrently with the House after Question Period tonight.

MR. SPIVAK: . . . if the House Leader can indicate what the intention of the government will be after the Question Period as far as procedure.

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MR. GREEN: I wonder if the Clerk sees any problem with what I have suggested. I wonder if you see any problem in what I have suggested. I have suggested that Private Bills Committee meet after the Question Period tonight, concurrently with the House.

MR. CLERK: No problem.

MR. GREEN: No problem. Now the Honourable Member, yes he's asked me before, he gives his consent, what is our intention in the order of business. After the Question Period tonight we intend to go into Concurrence, --(Interjection)-- followed by perhaps, and I'm not certain, Committee of the Whole with regard to Bill No. 61, followed by third readings of some bills.

MR. SPIVAK: Followed by what?

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, if it's acceptable could we then call it 5:30 now?

MR. SPEAKER: The hour of adjournment having arrived the House is now adjourned and stands adjourned until 8:00 p. m. tonight.