

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA
7:30 o'clock, Friday, May 3, 1963

Opening Prayer by Madam Speaker.

HON. DUFF ROBLIN (Premier)(Wolseley): Madam Speaker, I would like to suggest that you would leave the Chair at this time until such time between now and 10 o'clock as we return from the Committee of Law Amendments. I do not propose the adjournment but merely that you should leave the Chair at this moment until such time as we return.

MR. GILDAS MOLGAT (Leader of the Opposition)(Ste. Rose): Madam Speaker, before that step is taken, I wonder if we could look at the likely proceeding of events from now until dissolution of the House.

We still have in the Law Amendments Committee quite a number of Bills to be discussed, some of which are of a rather controversial nature. In fact, the very next section I think of the Bill presently at hand will likely prove of that type. Subsequent to that, we have to bring these Bills back here for dealing through the Committee stage of the Committee of the Whole, then for third reading.

In addition to that we have on our Order Paper now a number of resolutions and adjourned debates, including one resolution that has not even yet been proposed. In the light of this, Madam Speaker, it seems to me that we should look at the likely procedures of the House and not unduly rush the proceedings. As the First Minister knows, we have received a good number of Bills just in the very last few days and they have not had what we might call the normal discussion at the second reading stage. They've been sent to Committee and I wouldn't want to see them rushed through Committee or through any other stage in simply the hopes of finishing tomorrow. I would rather, Madam Speaker, that ample time be given for discussion; that everyone be sure and have a chance to say what they have to say; and, if need be, meet on Monday. On that basis, I wonder if we shouldn't maybe be better off to agree tonight not to sit tomorrow and to defer until Monday, then no one would feel under the gun. The difficulty with meeting tomorrow is that, should we get in here tomorrow morning in the House, I know that all the members will be anxious to finish by tomorrow sometime and I don't think this leads to good legislation.

MR. ROBLIN: Madam Speaker, my honourable friend has anticipated me because I was expecting between now and the 10 o'clock adjournment to consult with the Leaders of the two Opposition Parties as to what our course had better be for the next little while, and I think that if we put our heads together and examine the problem, we'll probably come up with some solution we can agree on. So that was my hope that before we meet again this evening and before the adjournment at ten, we should have some understanding with respect to that matter.

MADAM SPEAKER: I leave the Chair until such time as we convene in here again tonight.

MR. ROBLIN: Madam Speaker, before I make the adjournment motion, I would like to suggest to the House that our program for tomorrow will consist of our usual meeting at 9:30 to be followed by the next Session at 2:30 in the afternoon, that we plan to rise at 5:30. My expectation would be that we would not conclude our business by 5:30 on Saturday afternoon and that we would meet again on Monday at 9:30 to continue our labours. So with that announcement, I move, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce, that the House do now adjourn.

Madam Speaker presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried and the House adjourned until 9:30 Saturday morning, May 4th, 1963.