

## THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

8:00 o'clock, Thursday, July 16, 1970

Opening Prayer by Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Presenting Petitions; Reading and Receiving Petitions.

REPORTS BY STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Logan.

MR. WILLIAM JENKINS (Logan): Mr. Speaker, by leave I beg to present the Eleventh Report of the Standing Committee on Law Amendments.

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

Your Committee has considered Bills:

No. 89 - An Act to amend The Child Welfare Act.

No. 97 - The Suitors' Moneys Act.

No. 98 - The Health Services Insurance Act.

No. 100 - The Museums and Miscellaneous Grants Act.

No. 101 - An Act to amend The Intoxicated Persons Detention Act.

And has agreed to report the same without amendment.

Your Committee has also considered Bills:

No. 67 - The Privacy Act.

No. 88 - An Act to amend The Registry Act.

No. 90 - An Act to amend The Wives' and Children's Maintenance Act.

No. 94 - The Expropriation Act.

No. 96 - An Act to amend The Queen's Bench Act.

No. 104 - An Act to amend The Public Schools Act.

And has agreed to report the same with certain amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Logan.

MR. JENKINS: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Gimli that the report of the committee be received.

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

MR. SPEAKER: Notices of Motion; Introduction of Bills; Orders of the Day.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Wolseley.

MR. LEONARD H. CLAYDON (Wolseley): Mr. Speaker, I suppose I should address this question to the Minister of Finance. I believe he'd be the one to answer it in place of the First Minister. Will a regular issue of Hansard be issued covering the ceremonies on Wednesday and the address by Her Majesty on the south portal?

HON. SAUL CHERNIACK, Q.C. (Minister of Finance)(St. Johns): Mr. Speaker, Hansard was not kept for that purpose. It was not part of the regular session of the proceedings now. The honourable member is certainly suggesting the possibility of a record of the speeches that were made and I would think that somebody should take that under advisement to see if that could be or should be done. Possibly the suggestion of the honourable member would be of interest.

MR. CLAYDON: Mr. Speaker, on a point of privilege then. My reason for saying this, I think it's significant to note that for the first time in history the Mace was carried before a reigning monarch and I think they should be recorded in Hansard. These facts are very important to our history of Manitoba.

MR. CHERNIACK: Mr. Speaker, I'm inclined to agree and I congratulate the honourable member for having recorded it on record just a moment ago. I am saying that it is now recognized on Hansard that this has been done and this I am sure is a historic occasion that took place. Nevertheless, the question was directed as to whether it would form part of regular Hansard, that is the proceedings themselves. I'm quite satisfied they can't be, but I am glad that the honourable member has put it on record on this occasion that this did happen.

MR. CLAYDON: A supplementary question Mr. Speaker, to the same Minister. Would it be possible to have something specially prepared detailing the events of the day so that we could have them on official record?

(MR. CLAYDON cont'd.)

I'm thinking, Mr. Speaker, if I may, I'm thinking that in 100 years from now people will be searching out the very information that we've been trying to search out for this event.

MR. CHERNIACK: Well again, Mr. Speaker, I certainly accept the suggestion as one that we should look into and I think that it may well be that in consultation with the Clerk some method could be devised whereby a record of what transpired could be lodged in the archives of the, possibly in that big green steel box that he has just for that purpose. I'm sure that what we've already said has penetrated some of our skulls and we will certainly look for some way whereby we can make a permanent record of what did transpire yesterday.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. J. WALLY MCKENZIE (Roblin): Mr. Speaker, further on the subject of what happened yesterday, I wonder would the Minister of Finance announce to the House the next performance of the NDP ballet which we witnessed in the arena last night, headed by him and the Minister of Labour before some 10,000 . . . . .

MR. CHERNIACK: It's only an indication of spontaneity and enthusiasm on an occasion where two of the old men in Cabinet were able to generate some pleasurable experience.

-- (Interjections) --

MR. MCKENZIE: Mr. Speaker, now a supplementary question. Was that a Royal Command performance?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. HARRY ENNS (Lakeside): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Finance, I asked a question this afternoon having to do with the arrangements, more permanent arrangements with the Chairman of Manitoba Hydro. I don't want to repeat that question, but I ask the Honourable Minister of Finance now whether or not he can confirm with the House, do these arrangements include an arrangement that provides the Chairman with six months' pay in the event that his term of office is not fulfilled?

MR. CHERNIACK: Mr. Speaker, the arrangement made with the Chairman of Hydro was that he would accept a minimum of an undertaking of two years with Hydro, hopefully three, and at the same time since he was requested to give up his permanent position with the Science Council of Canada and did agree to stay for a minimum of two years, it was felt that he was entitled - that if his services were terminated within a two-year period for other than just and reasonable cause that he would then be entitled to at least six months' pay in lieu of notice, or for the two-year term whichever was the lesser amount. That was the arrangement; the salary was agreed to and he is now on staff of Hydro in the regular form with complete cancellation of his previous arrangement with us.

MR. ENNS: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, for further clarification. Is the Minister of Finance suggesting that the next administration would fire Mr. Cass-Beggs?

MR. CHERNIACK: Mr. Speaker, I would be amazed if I found that that were the case, especially since I don't expect any other administration for at least ten years. Nevertheless, Mr. Speaker, in making responsible arrangements with a responsible person, it was felt desirable, and we recognized that should we become perverse in any way we should also be bound by the same type of arrangement.

MR. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, a final supplementary question. Would the Minister of Finance not agree with me that when I expressed my amazement that such an arrangement would have to be made with a senior . . . . . in anticipation . . . . .

MR. CHERNIACK: The answer is "no"

MR. SPEAKER: I'm sure the honourable member is aware -- order, order please. The Honourable Member for River Heights.

MR. SIDNEY SPIVAK, Q.C. (River Heights): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. I wonder whether he can give us a precedent or another example provided for between the Government of Manitoba and any other civil servant which would have a similar arrangement?

MR. CHERNIACK: Mr. Speaker, I'm not inclined to play games with the honourable member.

MR. SPIVAK: Well Mr. Speaker, I think it's rather relevant -- I . . . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, order, please. Has the honourable member a question?

MR. SPIVAK: Well the answer that the Honourable Minister gave . . . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Has the honourable member a question?

MR. SPIVAK: I'd like my question answered, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member placed his question. The Honourable Member for Riel.

MR. DONALD W. CRAIK (Riel): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the First Minister. Inasmuch as quite a number of us are planning to try and arrange our private lives for the rest of the year, can he advise us whether he thinks there's going to be an election in 1970.

HON. ED. SCHREYER (Premier)(Rossmere): My honourable friend is in as much of a position to determine that as I am.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question to that asked by the Member for Riel to the First Minister. I wonder, in any event, could he supply the rest of the members of the House with that little document that seems to be on the preferred reading list these days by the members of the government as to how to win the election or how to campaign effectively -- (Interjections) -- in fairness, human rights. . . .

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, I really doubt if the question is in order but since you happened to intervene, Sir, I'll take the opportunity to tell my honourable friend that up to now at least I haven't found it necessary to refer to any document when it comes to election campaigns.

HON. RUSSELL PAULLEY (Minister of Labour)(Transcona): I'll bet they wished they had as far as. . . . last year.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Riel.

MR. CRAIK: A subsequent question, Mr. Speaker. It won't be quite as direct, but could the First Minister perhaps advise us whether the New Democratic Party has copyrights to, you know, "with your help" - you know the street signal that's being passed around?

MR. SPEAKER: I believe the honourable member is well aware where copyrights' information is available. The Honourable Member for Riel.

MR. MCKENZIE: I'm not sure who I can direct my question to because the Minister of Finance is not answering questions any longer, but I think I'll try on the First Minister for size, Mr. Speaker. I have a letter in my possession which indicates that this government is going to -- (Interjections) --

MR. SPEAKER: Has the honourable member a question?

MR. MCKENZIE: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I have a letter in my possession which indicates this government is going to follow the. . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Would the honourable member put his question?

MR. MCKENZIE: Yes, but I have to lay the background, Mr. Speaker. -- (Interjections) --

MR. SPEAKER: I'm sure the honourable member is well aware of the manner of procedure to follow in asking questions.

MR. MCKENZIE: Mr. Speaker, can I ask the First Minister what's the temperature in Dauphin right now?

MR. SPEAKER: Order.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, although the Honourable Member for Roblin didn't really pose the full question, I think I know what subject matter he's referring to, so does the Minister of Finance, and we don't mind providing an answer.

MR. MCKENZIE: What has the Minister done about the subject that we're talking about?

MR. CHERNIACK: Mr. Speaker, the honourable member I believe is speaking about a letter which I received from a radio station in Dauphin and quoting a letter from the Prices and Incomes Commission suggesting that all provinces had agreed to restraint of increase in costs and his question is, what have I done about it? I have read the letter, I have looked for the announcement which was purported to have been attached to the letter but it was not enclosed with mine, and I have made a note in the margin of the letter to enquire about a copy of what exact document was sent to the radio station. As and when I receive it I will then make a further decision as to my next step.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable House Leader.

HON. SIDNEY GREEN, Q.C. (Minister of Mines and Natural Resources)(Inkster): Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day I'd like to lay on the table two returns, one to an Address for Papers No. 10 on the motion of the Honourable Member for Ste. Rose; the other No. 33 on the motion of the Member for Ste. Rose as well.

Mr. Speaker . . . . we're awaiting His Honour to give Royal Assent to various pieces of legislation.

MR. JAMES H. BILTON (Swan River): Mr. Speaker, before Orders of the Day, may I fill in? There are those of us from distant points that have been rather faithful as far as the House is concerned, and after some four months I would hope the Leader of the House would make every endeavour to bring this session to a close at the earliest possible date -- not August. -- (Interjections) -- I'm just filling in.

ROYAL ASSENT

MR. SPEAKER: May it please your Honour, the Legislative Assembly, at its present session, passed several Bills, which in the name of the Assembly, I present to Your Honour and to which Bills I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent.

MR. CLERK:

- No. 16 - The Bee Act.
- No. 25 - The Animal Diseases Act.
- No. 30 - An Act to amend The Veterinary Science Scholarship Fund Act.
- No. 31 - An Act to amend The Veterinary Services Act.
- No. 37 - The Credit Unions Act.
- No. 53 - The Resource Conservation Districts Act.
- No. 61 - The Private Investigators and Security Guards Act.
- No. 68 - The Criminal Injuries Compensation Act.
- No. 76 - The Fatality Inquiries Act.
- No. 78 - An Act to amend The Summary Convictions Act.
- No. 79 - The Snowmobiles Act.
- No. 80 - An Act to amend The Social Allowances Act.
- No. 81 - An Act to amend The Agricultural Societies Act.
- No. 83 - An Act to amend The Clean Environment Act.
- No. 85 - An Act to amend The Consumer Protection Act.
- No. 86 - An Act to amend The Corrections Act.
- No. 112 - An Act to amend The Social Allowances Act (2).
- No. 113 - An Act to amend The Public Schools Act (2).
- No. 116 - An Act to amend The Civil Service Superannuation Act.
- No. 119 - An Act to amend The Teachers' Pensions Act.
- No. 120 - An Act to amend The Wives' and Children's Maintenance Act (2).
- No. 131 - An Act to validate certain By-laws of The Town of Dauphin and The Rural Municipality of Dauphin and to enlarge the boundaries of The Town of Dauphin.
- No. 132 - An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act (2).
- No. 137 - An Act to amend The Milk Control Act.

In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these bills.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable House Leader.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, it's the disposition of the members to spend the balance of this evening in Law Amendments Committee, to return again to the House tomorrow morning at 9:30. I would move, seconded by the Honourable Minister for Cultural Affairs that the House do now adjourn.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried and the House adjourned until 9:30 Friday morning.