

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA
2:30 o'clock, Friday, May 16, 1975

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

MR. CHAIRMAN: Before we proceed this afternoon, I should like to draw the attention of the honourable members to the gallery where we have 16 students of Grade 4 standing, the Bannatyne School, under the direction of Miss Mikkelson. The school is located in the constituency of the Honourable Member for Sturgeon Creek.

Also we have 25 students, Basic English for Foreign Students, at the Daniel McIntyre School under the direction of Mr. Peters. This school is located in the constituency of the Honourable Member for Wellington.

On behalf of all the honourable members, I bid you welcome to the Chambers.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

MR. CHAIRMAN: I refer honourable members to Page 23 of their Estimate Books. Resolution 55(b)(2). Other Expenditures, 56,900. The Honourable Minister of Health.

HON. LAURENT L. DESJARDINS (Minister of Health and Social Development)(St. Boniface): If I may, there's still a bit of unfinished business. As I promised last Friday, I would file the Order for Return asking for the flight to Charlottetown to attend the Ministers of Health Conference. I did that, but I would want to give some other information that I was given, because we were going on I think that the Honourable Member for Roblin was talking about, was using another reference, not an Order for Return. I wish to say that that one showed that the trip was terminated in North Bay. That was definitely a mistake, as the new one will show; that is, should have shown Charlottetown, North Bay and Winnipeg. And the total cost as I stated, for the government plane was \$1,261.70.

Another reason why this was done, as was mentioned last Friday, this was a new plane and it was to provide the pilot training and experience in cross country navigation, high density airport traffic and flying under instrument--(Interjection)--You've asked for this information, I'm giving it to you.

Now, the Leader of the Opposition also wanted the number of people on contract. If I can get the attention of the Leader of the Opposition - well, what I would like to do now instead of trying to find that . . . very slowly, I'll read that; I'll give you the number and you can make a note of it.

Under 2(b)(2), External Programs, 1;
2(d)(2), Operational Support, Library and publications, 1;
2(h)(2), Research, 1;
2(h)(3), Special Projects and Research Support Funds, Family Day Care, 1;
2(h)(3), Health and Welfare Canada Research Branch Community Levels, 2;
2(h)(3), Special Projects Mental Health, 2;
2(h)(3), Special Projects, Mental Retardation, 3;
2(h)(3), Special Projects, Dental Health, 3;
2(h)(3), Special Projects, Outreach Programs, 16;
2(h)(3), Special Projects Renew, 1.

That was all under Resource Division.

Now the Community Operations Division:

3(a)(2), Divisional Administration, Central Office, 3;
3(a)(2), Divisional Administration, Manitoba Advisory Services, 1;
3(b) -2(b), Child and Family Services, 1;
3(b) - 5(d), Vocational and Rehabilitation Services, Manitoba Association Northern Work Activity Projects, 1;
3(b) - 5(d) --(Interjection)-- 5(d), Vocational Rehab Services, Manitoba Association Northern Work Activity Projects, 1.

Same heading:

Vocational Rehabilitation Services, WesBran Work Activity Project, 2;
3(c)(2), Continuing Care Program, Services to the Aged Administration, 1;

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(MR. DESJARDINS cont'd)

- 3(c)(2), again Continuing Care Program, Provincial Office of Continuing Care, 16;
- 3(c)(2), Continuing Care Program, Care Services, 8;
- 3(d)(2), Medical Public Health Services, Clinical Services, 1;
- 3(g)(2), Mincome Manitoba, 143.

Now this is - I think you are familiar with this - this is funded 75 percent by the federal, it's a kind of a pilot project, and then these people will not be needed when this is finished, so this is why they're on contract.

- 3(h)(1)(b), Operations Administration Central Office, 1;
 - 3(h)(3)(b), Regional Personal and Income Security Services, Winnipeg Region, 1.
- Same heading: WestMan Region, 1;
Same heading: EastMan Region, 1.

Under Inter-regional Operations:

- 4(b)(2), Care and Treatment of Mentally Ill, Career Psychiatrists, 6;
- 4(b)(2), Eden Mental Health Centre, 1 - the same thing;
- 4(c)(2), Care and Treatment of Mentally Retarded, Planning and implementation

Committee, 1.

Well, I might as well give you the one for Boyce, eh, for the Minister - we're working with the same staff, so . . .

- Minister's Office, 5(a)(3), there are 2;
- Probation and Patrol, Minister's Office, 5(b)(2), there's 1; and
- 5(b)(2), Care and Treatment of Adult Offenders attending the Correction Institution, 1: for a grand total of 224.

Now as I stated, while we're on that, there are 143 from income, and of the remaining 80 or so, approximately half of them, 40 or so, are people that their work will terminate, they're on a special project. The others are different advisories, and so on. Did you want to ask any question on that?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SIDNEY SPIVAK, Q.C. (Leader of the Official Opposition) (River Heights): Mr. Chairman, this has been very helpful. I think one of the other things we asked for was the actual number of employees in the salary ranges for each item as well --(Interjection)-- You've given it? --(Interjection)--So the Minister would understand, and I think the Hansard will bear this out . . . Well instead of asking specifically each item as we came to Salaries, whether in fact we could have a list of the number of employees in each section. We now have the number of contracts --(Interjection)--No. No, no. The number of employees. I'm not asking in terms . . . The number of employees under each section--(Interjection)--No, no no. Mr. Chairman, to the Minister. I'm not at this point concerned about the contract at this point. We're not talking about that, we're talking about the normal salaried employees who in fact are within the salary range.

MR. DESJARDINS: Oh, I see. You want the total employees.

MR. SPIVAK: Yes. The total employees. You see, as I understand it, and if I . . . the number of contract employees really is shown as Other Expenditures charged to each or Special Projects, charged to each estimate, or each vote. Now what I'm interested now is the total number of employees, and you can do it if you can in each item now, and it'll save us asking as we come up to each item, otherwise we're . . .

MR. DESJARDINS: 9(1) under the Ministerial, 13 last year, 13 this year: that's (a): (b), 5 last year, 4 this year.

Under Resources, the same last year and this year, 76-1/2, that's 9(2), okay?

9(2)(a), that is; 9(2)(b), 16 and 16.

You want this, you want last year, also is that Alco? --(Interjection)-- Well, I don't mind if you think it's helpful. Do you want it, or don't you? Okay.

9(2)(c), 9 and 9; 2(d), 33 last year, 32 this year;

2(e), 25 last year, 28 this year;

2(f), 39 and 39;

2(g), 14 last year, 15 this year;

2(h), 5 and 5.

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(MR. DESJARDINS cont'd) All right, now under Community Operations:

- 3(a), 14-1/2 last year, 14-1/2 this year;
- 3(b), 4 and 4;
- 3(b)(2) - that was 3(b)(1) . . . 13 and 16 this year;
- 3(b)(3), 13 last year, 15 this year;
- 3(b)(4), 8-1/2;
- 9(3)(b), 5 and 5
- 9(3)(c), 52 last year and 88 this year;
- 3(d), 29-1/2 last year, 32 this year;
- 3(e), 9-1/2, 9-1/2;
- 3(f), 49-1/2 last year, 51-1/2 this year;
- 3(g), 20 last year, 19 this year;
- 3(g)(2), 7 and 7. That sounds like a Bingo game.
- 3(h)(1), 15-1/2 last year, 18-1/2 this year;
- 3(h)(2), 15 last year, 17 this year;
- 3(h)(3), 628-1/2 last year, 654-1/2 this year.

A MEMBER: Good speech, Larry.

MR. DESJARDINS: 3(h)(4), 232-1/2 last year, 244-1/2 this year--(Interjection)-- and a half, that's probably you.

3(j), 8 and 8.

All right, now under Inter-Regional Operations Division: 9(4)(a), 9 and 9;

(4)(b), 1,340 last year, 1,319 this year.

Do you want any breakdown by Brandon and Selkirk in this one, eh? --(Interjection)--

No, I'm not being funny, I . . .

9(4)(c), 772 last year, 775 this year. That's the Manitoba School for Retardates, WestMan, Parklands Demonstration Projects.

(4)(c)(1), 1,747.3 - wait a minute, no, that's not . . .Excuse me . . .--(Interjection)-- Eh? No, I'm all mixed up.

I'll give you Boyce's also while you're at it.

5(b), Corrective and Rehab Services--(Interjection)--did I miss one? Sorry.

5(a), none last year, 6 this year - that's the Ministerial . . .

5(b), 14 last year, 14 this year;

5(c), 192 last year, 210 this year - Home for Boys, Home for Girls, Manitoba Youth Centre;

5(d), Corrective and Rehab Services, 314 last year, 330 this year;

5(d), 7 and 7, Alcohol and Drug Services.

Now I might as well give you the Manitoba Health Services Commission - last year 701, this year 738.

Now we're back to . . .Oh, the grand total - is that including the Commission also? That's including the Commission and Corrective, last year 4,709-1/2, this year 4,858.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 55(b)(2) - the Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Chairman, actually in one sense we're not really dealing with this particular resolution, in the sense that the Minister's given us information from the previous . . . and I wonder if we could sort of just clarify this--(Interjection)--Well, the difficulty that we have, Mr. Chairman, is--(Interjection)--Well I think really . . . is well my purpose . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: I told you I wasn't going to debate it with the Honourable Leader of the Opposition. Now we are going to stick to the rules.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Chairman, I'm not in any way attempting to debate, I am attempting to try and clarify, if I can, the information that's been given, and is not intended to be a debate. It's a question of understanding the information and that's all, and we'd leave it at that point. I think I am entitled to understand it correctly with reference to the items without in any question creating a debate on that. But the Honourable Minister indicated the matter of the Health Services Commission with a figure of 738, and this is the first year where we've really had a breakout with respect to the Health Services Commission. I wonder if the 738 includes, as an example, the employees within the hospital program. It really includes only the Manitoba Health Services Commission, if I'm correct. It does not include the employees within the various programs. Is that correct?

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MR. DESJARDINS: . . . some people in the hospitals that are paid by the Manitoba Health Services Commission. Now if you're talking about the staff of the hospital, of course they're excluded, but definitely the staff of the hospitals are excluded.

MR. SPIVAK: Just for the understanding of the number of people who are affected by the items that are voted in this House in terms of the actual votes that take place. We are talking about employees of approximately 4,858, with approximately 224 in contract, or 5,000 more or less, plus many others who are not included in these figures who receive support from the various programs supervised by the Manitoba Health Services Commission, and that's the point that I want to make.

MR. DESJARDINS: If you mean that, then you mean every single doctor in the province.

MR. SPIVAK: Oh, yes.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order please. Now we're just getting into the point that I was trying to bring to the Honourable Leader of the Opposition's attention before. Now we're way over on Manitoba Health Services Commission and we're not going to operate that way. --(Interjection)-- Order please. Resolution 55(b)(2). The Honourable Minister of Health.

MR. DESJARDINS: . . . Commission and I certainly would be prepared to . . . it's a bit my fault. I find that I gave this information; I thought it would be easier like this, and with your permission, sir, I think that if we could give leave to make sure that they understand the figures that I give, I think that will expedite the matter, but we're in your hands, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: . . . have to debate the issue three or four times. You could debate it under the items that they come under. You have the total number. --(Interjection)-- Order please. Order please.

MR. ENNS: On a point of order, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Will you just wait till I get finished and I'll listen to your point of order. We are on the item 55(b)(2). I allowed the Honourable Minister to make the presentation for the figures that were requested at the last meeting. Now we're going to carry on the way that the rules say that we should carry on. We're not jumping all over.

MR. ENNS: Mr. Chairman, on a point of order . . . between the Minister or my leader, the Leader of the Opposition, all I've heard is for some, perhaps, clarification of information given, and surely in committee stage that is permissible, Mr. Chairman, with all due respect to the Chair.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order please. I will refer the honourable member to his rule book. "Procedures in the Committee of the Whole must be strictly relevant to the item or clause under discussion." 64(2).

MR. ENNS: Mr. Chairman, on a point of order.

MR. CHAIRMAN: There is no point of order. You raised a point of order, let's hear the point of order.

MR. SPIVAK: We operate by the rules and by the past practices of this House and this committee. And I must say that in many respects I think the Minister is probably breaking new ground in what he's done, but I think it's a commendable thing, and I think it's something that would facilitate the session and the committee if it was followed through by other Ministers, and as a matter of course. But past precedent has allowed an explanation to be given for information taken as notice to be given to the House at the next sitting. The Minister has provided this information in conformity with the past precedent, and all that I would want the record to show, and we'll abide by the Chairman's rule, is that in effect when information is furnished relating to those items taken as notice, that there at least be an ability not to debate the issue, because that can come at an appropriate time within the discussion of the estimates, but an ability to have it clarified and to understand the information. That's all that's really requested. And I think as a matter of past precedent this is what has been followed in the previous sessions, and is really part of the operating procedure of both of this committee and of not only recent times but for a substantial period of time.

MR. CHAIRMAN: 55(b)(2). The Honourable Member for Pembina.

MR. GEORGE HENDERSON (Pembina): Mr. Chairman, I wasn't here earlier in this debate and I hope I'm not out of order, but I was wondering if I can ask a question here on the Welfare Advisory Committee. I'd like to know how many appeals there were and how many were rejected, and how many ended up with the person that applied for the appeal getting more,

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(MR. HENDERSON cont'd) and how many were refused. Is this the proper section to ask this question under?

MR. DESJARDINS: We start in 1961-69, the number of appeals were 143; in 1970 we had 253; in 1971 -731; in 1972 -933; in 1973 -630; and in 1974 - 435. It's going down, it seemed to have reached a peak in 1972.

MR. HENDERSON: My question was more . . . After the appeal how many of those that appealed were granted a further increase, and how many were refused?

MR. DESJARDINS: . . . this information. I imagine it's available somewhere but unfortunately I haven't got it with me. You mean those that the appeal were successful - for this year only, for this last year?

MR. HENDERSON: Is there 15 members on this Appeal Board and is it three that make a quorum, and are these just picked on each occasion, or how do they go about deciding who goes out on an appeal?

MR. DESJARDINS: I think that the Appeal Board is chosen by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, and then it is three for a quorum as you say and they're divided. Three of them will travel together, or they would never get their work done, and I think they have three in different areas that work together and they change . . .

MR. HENDERSON: You mean by that that the chairman doesn't go with them on each occasion? As long as there's three of that committee they could go, or do you mean the chairman goes with them and they take two others?

MR. DESJARDINS: They either have the chairman or the vice-chairman chairing that field.

MR. CHAIRMAN: 55(b)(2)--The Honourable Member for Pembina.

MR. HENDERSON: When these appeals are heard in rural areas, are the rural councils or the town councils always notified, and are they given their chance to send one person, or are they allowed to attend as a council, or how is this handled?

MR. DESJARDINS: My impression is that certainly they are notified and they can appear as many as they want to the board. You are talking about now when the appeals are against municipalities; they are not necessarily all against municipalities. That's when it's the municipality's concern, I should say, they are invited and they can send whoever they want.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Item passed; (2)-passed; (b)-passed; Resolution 56(a)(1)-passed; (2)-1 passed; (a)-1 passed; (b)(1)-The Honourable . . .

MR. SPIVAK: You are on Resolution 56? Yes, I'm sorry, I misunderstood that. I'm not really particularly concerned about asking a question on this as to determine from the Minister, if I can, where the Research and Planning Section with respect to Resources Division would be found, and then I can deal with it at that time.

MR. DESJARDINS: It is broken down in the new system - it will not be the information that I'm giving to you now - but I mean you only have to get the information on this book where it was, and it's on Page 24(h) Research, most of it, but it's broken down. There's people in research and different programs, and so on. It's not just a separate research division. And then you'll have some on Statistics on Page 23, that's (2)(c), and then of course there's some at the Commission, the Commission have a different . . .

MR. SPIVAK: One of the things that I'd like to deal with in this particular section, and if we could, would be to have the Minister indicate to us, and I assume that these will be found in Other Expenditures with respect to the research undertakings, if there is a particular research undertaking, the Other Expenditures may deal with other matters, but if there's a research commitment that has been undertaken in which consultants have been hired, not necessarily by contract, they would be included in Other Expenditures, if I'm correct. I wonder if the Minister would undertake as we go through the Resources Division here, as we reach each Other Expenditures, to indicate what programs have been undertaken for last year and what programs are contemplated this year in terms of the research being undertaken, and again the number of consultants - there may be one consultant for a particular research that's fine, etc. There will be some specifics that I would want to discuss, but I would like to at least have a record of them.

MR. DESJARDINS: . . . pointed out in every item then what we have as . . . Do we have any under - we're on 2(a) now, eh? We've finished 2(a).

MR. CHAIRMAN: 2(b)(1).

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MR. DESJARDINS: Page 24 will be the first one under Research so stop me there when I get there.

MR. SPIVAK: On the Other Expenditures under 2(a)(2) and 2(b)(2) and going through, is there not research programs being undertaken there in these Other Expenditures?

MR. DESJARDINS: No, no.

MR. SPIVAK: Well I think then I'll wait until we get I guess to the Statistics Branch because there's reference to it in the actual report.

MR. DESJARDINS: The first one would be under (h) in the first item on Page 24. So you're past Page 23 then.

MR. CHAIRMAN: 56(b)(1)-The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. ARNOLD BROWN (Rhineland): Mr. Chairman, if I understand correctly, this is the area in which the grants are being paid out to various organizations. I wonder if the Minister could give us a breakdown on some of the grants that are paid out.

MR. DESJARDINS: This is the staff, this is not the item that you're looking for.

MR. CHAIRMAN: (b)(1)-passed; (2)-passed; (b)-passed; (c)(1)-The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Well again here, if I'm correct, the report of the department refers to a study that was - well it may not have been in here. This is the difficulty we have because we're still trying to make a comparison between the Annual Report and the restructuring that's occurred here. The Statistics Branch . . .

MR. DESJARDINS: If I can help the honourable member, this is strictly nine people who are compiling statistics and getting the results, and so on, that's all this is --(Interjection)--No, no. You mean you're serious, you want to go page by page.

MR. SPIVAK: No.

MR. DESJARDINS: This is 2(c).

MR. SPIVAK: Well I wonder if he can indicate, and I do this as just as an example to be able to understand it myself. In the report on the department, there is a reference to a STEP project being initiated in terms of revisions in reporting child welfare information. Now that's contained on Page 110 of the report. And I cite this only as an example so that I can understand how and where, whether this is strictly research, or whether it's contained within the Salaries or Other Expenditures as far as this particular item is concerned.

MR. DESJARDINS: I'm trying to provide my honourable friend with as much information as I can. What I have here is this is nine people, provision of a central bank of statistical data to assist in evaluating and monitoring program activities and to provide service and health indicator statistics. Now that's the . . . You know they might do work on certain programs but it would be very difficult to start pointing out on exactly what program they were. They're the people that will provide, collect the statistics, and so on, and make it available to the different departments that want it, . . . that want it I should say.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Chairman, the problem we have is that under the Statistics section of the report of the department dealing with the Statistics Section and Collection Collation Distribution and Information Assistance Development, now again I don't know whether this is really just this part or is there another phase that takes the statistical data and works with it. There is reference to a summer STEP program which was initiated for the provisions of reporting child welfare information, and I want to be in a position to ask specific questions on that, and I wonder where that comes.

MR. DESJARDINS: . . . under Child Welfare.

MR. SPIVAK: But then before we do that then I want to understand at this point. Is this information with reference to the STEP program undertaken under the Statistics Branch, or is it something that comes about as a result of a contract with someone else, and whether it's correlated with the information furnished by the professional people who are the statisticians within the . . . department.

MR. DESJARDINS: . . . STEP projects and the staff and so on, the students that are on there doing that work. Is that what my friend is looking for, or what?

MR. SPIVAK: My purpose is to discover, if we can, and again I don't suggest that it's being hidden, but again because these estimates have not been dealt with in the House before, to discover the way in which the statistical information required for evaluation of programs comes about, and to understand how and in what way the normal operation of the department

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(MR. SPIVAK cont'd) . . . functions, and how and in what way those people who are hired as consultants to deal with the information. As an example, and I'll go back to this. We had the production of the Barber Report. Now the Barber Report had statistics which I think have been placed in question, and I ask again the Minister, did that come from the Statistical Branch who furnished the statistics, were those independent statistics determined by Professor Barber with the people he hired, and there are contradictions that have taken place between the information supplied in the annual report in terms of the statistical data, and the information that was supplied in the Barber Report. Now again I would like to understand the co-ordination and the correlation that has taken place in the past, and how or in what way it may have been changed in the future.

MR. DESJARDINS: I would imagine that we're responsible for any information that's given in our report of course. Now the Barber Report, as my honourable friend knows, is something that was commissioned, they had their own staff, and so on. I think that the department was asked to provide some information, and they did and we're responsible for that, but the Barber Report was an independent study and, you know, they filed the study of the report after, but they have their own staff and everything. It wasn't the people in the . . . Well you mentioned the Barber Report, and I would imagine if you follow the report quite closely you will see at the bottom of the page, or somewhere, they will tell you where the information comes from, you know. I haven't got it handy but . . .

MR. SPIVAK: Now I don't have the Barber Report in front of me but I think the former Minister is in a position - and he probably wasn't the Minister; it was probably the Minister of Tourism and Cultural Affairs who was the Minister - to indicate what I consider is a problem area. First of all, the statistical information upon which a number of government programs are undertaken or evaluated are really within the knowledge of the government officials and the civil servants, not certainly within the knowledge of the Opposition. They're internal documents. And the difficulty we have in evaluating a program is that we do not have that statistical information that's available. What happened with the Barber Report was the production of a document upon which certain conclusions were reached based on statistical data that is really in question by the statistics produced by your own department. And that becomes a very serious concern. I'm not in a position - I do not have the information in front of me to document it, but I suggest that it can be documented. There are serious differences with respect to the information contained, and the difficulty I find, and I find it in the Minister's explanation as well, the fact that there could be a professional, or a professional group reviewing a situation, you know, developing their own statistical data rather than having a data bank basically supplying all the departments of government, including those people who are hired as consultants who are involved in a particular project. That's why I must say I found it strange, in reading the report, to understand that there was a STEP project initiated for revisions reporting child welfare information, and that that's put under an information systems development, because it would seem to me that logically, if your statistical branch are involved in the development of, you know, competent information, that changes or proposals or new directions should be coming from within rather than from without, and certainly I do not believe by a STEP program, which would employ, I believe, someone who is working during the summer, who is a student, and they would not necessarily be the most experienced person dealing with it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Urban Affairs.

MR. MILLER: Mr. Chairman, if I might try to shed some light on this. The Barber Commission, as it was known, was established. They looked at the entire welfare picture, not only from the provincial point of view insofar as provincial social allowances are concerned and the people who are supported through provincial social assistance, but as well the municipal welfare case loads in the City of Winnipeg and elsewhere. And they were addressing themselves to the whole gamut of welfare, whether it be provincial or municipal. The question of the STEP program - his department, as others, periodically can make use of students in the summer to address themselves to a particular study that a particular branch might want. The Leader of the Opposition seems to be referring to a STEP program under child welfare, and it could have been a matter of interviews or making a survey of some of the child welfare agencies like Children's Aid Society or others in order to glean some information from them, put it together, and then of course it is fed into the system itself. And of

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(MR. MILLER cont'd) . . . course the department itself makes use of any statistics which are gathered, or any background material which are gathered. The STEP program could have been not statistical in the sense of hard data, but could have been interviews with various agencies to determine how they perceived their role, how they're meeting their role, etc. It's that sort of survey which could have been undertaken under a STEP program. It isn't in lieu of the statistics that are required by the department itself which are tied in with Canada statistics and that kind of statistical information.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Health.

MR. DESJARDINS: I think it should . . . also that these people don't actually go out and get this information. They compiled the statistics and I'm informed that our Annual Report, that they prepared the last 77 pages and so on, is the work of this group here also, of the report. And while I'm on my feet, because I don't want to accumulate these questions and unfortunately the Honourable Member from Carman is not here but I'm sure that his friends will tell him, the appeal, the successful appeal from the welfare group is approximately 35 percent every year. The Appeal Board publish an Annual Report. Now the 1974 is in preparation. It's not out yet; the last one was 1973. But you can convey the information that it's approximately 35 percent that are allowed.

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

MR. HARRY E. GRAHAM (Birtle-Russell): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to ask the Minister, with regard to the statistics, what basis these statistics are compiled on, what boundaries are used in the collection of statistical data. I raise the question because I am somewhat familiar with some of the problems that exist where we find that the various health districts, the various regional districts under the Department of Industry and Commerce, the various school districts under the Department of Education, the various municipal districts under the Department of Municipal Affairs, all have different boundaries. And I find that on numerous cases, in my own particular case where I was on the board of the Russell Hospital District, that much of the statistical information that pertained to our particular hospital district was information that statistically was not very reliable because of the base that was used for the preparation. We find in our own particular hospital district that it cuts over municipal boundaries, it cuts over educational boundaries, it cuts over regional boundaries, and even in health, in the field of health, our own hospital district cuts over health district boundaries. So there is a certain amount of confusion in any of those areas where statistics have been provided, if they have not followed carefully the boundaries that were set out for the collection of that information. And I would like to ask the Minister what boundaries they use in the collection of their statistical information, whether it is Statistics Canada or Regional Government, or what basis they use.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Health.

MR. DESJARDINS: We appreciate the problem. We are faced with that, but the only thing we can do now is if it's a health statistic it's the health unit, and the same thing for the hostel and our hospitals and so on. And we are moving towards the regional concepts and we have our own region also, as you know. If you look at the Annual Report and so on, you'll see that we're moving . . . On Page 200 you'll see that we're moving towards the region system.

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

MR. GRAHAM: When you're moving towards that basis in the collection of your statistics, then would it be your ultimate aim to have your health district boundaries coincide, your hospital district boundaries coincide with those, because it does create a problem to those that are charged with the administration in areas, specific areas, which overlap these boundaries, and we find quite often that the information that is given by the Statistical Branch of the Department of Health is really of relatively little value to those that are involved in the administration in that particular area, because they find that the figures have been collected on a different basis and they then have to turn around and try and interpret an estimate of what percentage would be involved in one area and what in another. We also find that sometimes the policy from one district to another seems to differ depending on the personnel that are involved in the administration in those various districts.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. BROWN: Mr. Chairman, I'm wondering, was this previously under the Research and Planning, this Statistics Division? I think that we're all in a fishing expedition over here

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(MR. BROWN cont'd) because we really don't know just exactly what we're trying to accomplish through this particular branch. There seems to be very little in the Annual Report mentioned about just exactly what you're planning to accomplish. I wonder if the Minister, when he goes on (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h), if he could just give us a brief statement of just exactly what these programs are when . . . I think that this would greatly hurry up our line of questioning so that we knew just exactly in which direction you were planning to go.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Health.

MR. DESJARDINS: It's provision of the central bank of statistical data to assist in evaluating and monitoring program activities, and to provide service and health indicator statistics. That's this one here, and I'll try to give you a couple of lines on each one.

MR. BROWN: I'm wondering, some of these statistics that you're compiling over here, I'm sure are used by the Federal Government too in some of their statistics that they're compiling. I wonder, is there any reimbursement from the Federal Government in this particular program?

MR. DESJARDINS: I would imagine that some of the statistics that we get are probably compiled by people or at least the research that we get, by people that are . . . that we cost-share their salary with the Federal Government, although if we've got something available and they want it and it's going to help them, there certainly won't be any charge. If they're asking us to do something that we normally wouldn't do, or if it's a program that there's a cost-sharing, of course automatically they will be paying their share. And I would say that I would imagine that if they've got some information available, they'll give it to us also at no charge.

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

MR. GRAHAM: Well, Mr. Chairman, I want to ask the Minister, then, about the Note 3 on Page 200 of his Report, which states that MHSC registration provide a higher estimate in general than those prepared by Census Division of Statistics Canada. Would the reason for that be because of the overlap and the confusion that exists between the various hospital districts or the health region districts as compared to those that are . . . ? Statistics Canada, I believe, are on a constituency basis?

MR. DESJARDINS: No, that's not the answer, Mr. Chairman. Canada does it every five years; we do it every year, so we're a little . . . every day, I should say, every time something comes in. So we're right on and Canada might be a little behind, a little off . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Yes, I'd like to ask the Minister with respect to the Statistic Branch. The government is moving into a multi-disciplinary approach to rationalization of health and social development or welfare services. Is the Minister in a position to indicate that the statistical data upon which the policy formations are being undertaken in connection with this have in fact come from the Statistic Branch or has the government commissioned others to prepare the basic data upon which policy decisions are being made?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Health.

MR. DESJARDINS: If I may, and I'll have to be very careful not to stray, to follow your ruling, Mr. Chairman, but I know that we are looking at the whole branch of research, statistics, evaluation and so on, and I know that I can tell the Minister what we want just with the statistics, that we will have a group that will try to get all the statistics available and that will be passed on to the different departments, the different projects and so on. We don't want to duplicate all these things, so it will be available for everybody, all the statistics that we have. And that will include the Commission, anything that the Commission has also, because we're spending an awful lot of money, I think, on statistics and I think that is something that happens at times, any government, that they're not using it as well as they should. But we're going to try to tidy this thing up, so I can tell him what we'll do in the future. I don't know if there was that much change in the statistics. I think this is in effect what they were doing that these nine people were trying to get all the statistics available anywhere in the department and put it in a form that it would be available for the different people that need it, different programs and so on, so they wouldn't start hiring their own people to collect their own statistics and so on, if it was available.

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

MR. GRAHAM: Could I ask the Minister if it would be possible to obtain maps of the

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(MR. GRAHAM cont'd) . . . various regions of the Department of Health and Social Development, and in particular I am concerned about the Parkland Region and the WestMan Region, and at the same time, to show on those maps the regional development boundaries of those same two, Parkland and WestMan Regional Development Corporation, just to point out the difference in boundaries.

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MR. CHAIRMAN: I direct the attention of honourable members to the gallery where we have 62 members of the West Fargo High School Band under the direction of the Band Leader Mr. Whaley. This group is the guest of Mr. Speaker.

On behalf of all honourable members I bid you welcome this afternoon.

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The Honourable Minister of Urban Affairs.

MR. MILLER: Mr. Chairman, sitting beside the Minister of Health and Social Development and watching him get up and sit down every 30 seconds, I'm getting tired. I wonder whether it would be agreeable to members of the House if the Minister lowered his microphone and responded and perhaps other members would like to do the same, so we make it very informal.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Agreed.

MR. DESJARDINS: In view of the fact that the members are so considerate, in return I'll give each member of the House tomorrow a map showing those different regions. Tuesday, excuse me, not tomorrow - I won't come back tomorrow.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: In view of the answer given by the Minister, and I find it very strange to be sitting in my seat talking to him, but we'll try this out and maybe this will be another new experiment that will be successful. And I appreciate the fact that he has answered the question rather cautiously that was put to him before. But I think --(Interjection)--Well, with respect to the obtaining of the statistical data upon which the policy formations of the government have been made. One of the things that . . . well I essentially put the question before as to whether the Statistical Branch was furnishing the statistical data which was the basis upon which the multi-disciplinary approach that had been more or less resolved as the policy of the government is really based. The concern I think that many people have expressed who are familiar with the field and who are familiar with the government, is that there's been a tendency on the part of the government to sort of leap before they know what they're doing, and to announce policy formations and directions before they have fully evaluated their position. As a matter of fact if there's one criticism that I think is offered of the department is the fact that the department itself has had several ministers, has gone through a couple of deputies, has gone through several reorganizations, has not only the problems of the structure but has had problems of knowing directly the policy determinations which were guiding them and the objectives to be achieved. Now having said that . . . now all governments have that at different times in various . . . and any time innovation takes place you're always going to have problems of adjustment. But the thing that has been concerning I think many, and certainly concerning the people on this side, has been the problems of confusion. The problems of confusion to a large extent have come it would appear because the policy formations were made before the determination of the facts had been arrived at, and here I find a problem area with respect to the Statistical Branch. I wonder again whether the government in the past has really relied on that Statistical Branch to furnish the information upon which judgments were made, whether it in fact relied on others who then compiled the information, or whether in fact it tried to tailor the information to meet the more or less policy formation that had been arrived at to a large extent because in many respects it appeared to be the direction that some wanted to go, without really knowing for sure that this was the proper way. I think it's relevant to talk about it in the past, recognizing that what the Minister said in his remarks, was that they're trying to co-ordinate everything. He made reference to the Health Services Commission as one, and I guess that's one area in which there was, for lack of a better word, a competing jurisdiction dealing with statistical evaluation in matters.

But the thing that I am concerned about now, and you know, having commented on in the

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(MR. SPIVAK cont'd) past, recognizing that there is a, you know, a basic commitment now for direction - the Minister has alluded to it; he's also given us some of the manifestations of this direction in reference to some of the answers that he's given to questions that have been asked, and they're starting to become more apparent as to the overall direction - whether the government's really in a position to say to us that this information has been developed as a result of the compilation of statistical information upon which sound judgments are made, or whether it really has been made on the basis of some information supplied from the Statistic Branch, a fair amount of information supplied by others who have been hired as consultants, and who have basically provided the government with talking points rather than fact upon which evaluation should be made.

MR. DESJARDINS: Mr. Chairman, there's some answers that I haven't got, and I don't want to give the impression on that, for instance, how certain things were done, one year, two, three years ago, I don't know. And by saying that, I am not admitting anything, or blaming anything, or saying that this wasn't done the right way. So I can only do - I'm not trying to evade anything, I can only tell him what I want, the way it's going to be done, and I think that I'd be the first one to admit - and I think if we want to be candid, every member in this House will admit that there's a temptation at times of any government of announcing programs and announcing things without having all the facts. I'll be the first one to recognize that in any department. --(Interjection)-- Yes. And, you know, there's such a thing as an election every four years or three years, and so on, and I think that all the governments and department, and Opposition, have been guilty of that. I can tell him though what I want done without criticizing what was done in the past; I can tell him the way the direction that the department will go now. What we do is, first of all, I think that the government has recognized that, the government as such when it set up the HESP Committee, which is a sub committee of Cabinet, that will look at in certain areas, especially Education and Health and Welfare, and so on, and give it a little more care than it would receive if it went directly to Cabinet. The Cabinet refers a lot of these things, a lot of these programs, and so on, to this committee and this committee then must do the work. They have, as I said the other day, they have a small staff and then they work with the staff of the department.

Now in the department I think in my remarks when I introduced the estimates of the department, I talked about an internal policy committee, and that policy committee represents all kinds of people. It represents the planners, it represents those people that will have to administer programs, it represents the Resource Branch that will evaluate programs and give us the statistics, and so on. Before any program even goes to HESP, or before it goes anywhere, all these people will take a kick at it and we will know the cost of the programs we're going in; we will know, as much as possible anyway, what kind of cost sharing we can expect from Ottawa; we will know what it'll lock us in for future years, and what it'll mean for the rest of Manitoba. At least this is what we're certainly going to try to do.

So exactly what the Leader of the Opposition is referring to, I couldn't agree more with him, that we must have this information. It's no use having the information after just to try to justify a program. I would hope that we will feel that we will be justified because we'll have all this information before we start the program. So the department is geared very much to do that. I think it was before, maybe in a bit of a different manner. I am the first one to accept the criticism of the Opposition vis-a-vis the government, that at times programs . . . you try to go too fast and you bring in programs, and it might be that somebody has creamed these things up, then when you have to administer them, and so on, they might be a little costlier. I admit that, and I'm trying in this department to remedy that.

MR. SPIVAK: Just as a matter of practice on this, and I thank the Minister for his statement, can he indicate whether the Statistical Branch having reviewed a set of statistics, or comparing a set of statistics to other problems - and I assume that they do that as well in terms of the reporting - would on their own bring to his attention something that would raise a question or would be of concern. In other words, is the branch one that in reviewing it can raise certain flags when there are certain areas of concern, or is it simply a branch that responds to the direction and the requests of the department for information?

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MR. DESJARDINS: I'm sure that they might not bring it to my attention, but they'd bring it to the Associated Deputy Minister who is in charge of the Resource Branch, and if not, I hope that the gentleman that's sitting right in front of me will insist that this be done in the future. But I have no reason to believe that it isn't done now.

MR. SPIVAK: Well, let me try and cite an example if I may. Let me talk about the question of the death rate of babies just prior to --(Interjection)-- death rate of babies -- just prior to or during or after birth, in comparison with other provinces in Canada and with other countries, is that information brought to the attention of the department or the Minister by the Statistical Department?

MR. DESJARDINS: It would be . . .

MR. SPIVAK: Well, I'm saying this as an example to try and determine, you know, the kind of reaction and the development of policy by the government.

MR. DESJARDINS: This information would be brought to the attention of the people that are working in this area, for instance, the Public Health people, and so on. And this example that you're talking about is published every month in this statistical bulletin which will be circulated to all the people in the different departments. There's an example here, the February issue, 1975.

MR. SPIVAK: I take this as an example because I'd like to follow this through. That information was furnished by the Statistical Branch and it is then sent to the appropriate people. I wonder if he can indicate, you know, at this point, what that statistical date shows, and whether any kind of policy formation or policy direction was determined.

MR. DESJARDINS: For that particular . . . ?

MR. SPIVAK: Yes. I think -- let's sort of take this if we can as an example.

MR. DESJARDINS: I wonder if we could discuss this under the Medical Public Health. You know, now we've got nine people that are getting all kinds of information, and if we keep on we'll be talking about all the policies and all the programs that we have. This would be Public Health Services and the Chief Medical Consultant will be, say, in front of you; he might have more information.

MR. CHAIRMAN: 9(3)(d) . . .

MR. SPIVAK: I'm prepared to deal with that under that basis, but I'd like to be in a position to follow through to determine, and so the Minister will be aware, I'd like to follow through the determination of when the information is compiled, how it flows through the department, who at what point is to bring it to the attention of the people that are concerned, and how policy formation takes place from there, and I think this is one and I think there'll be a couple of others . . .

MR. DESJARDINS: Well, the Chief Medical Consultant would certainly be aware of this, he would make a point . . . He would discuss this with the Public Health doctor and nurses, and so on.

MR. SPIVAK: I wonder if . . .

MR. DESJARDINS: . . . and then any time that they feel that there should be remedial changes or programs, and so on, they would bring it up to the Policy Committee if need be, or they would go ahead on their own.

MR. SPIVAK: . . . you would be in a position to furnish us with that?

MR. DESJARDINS: All right. Do you want -- can we have . . .

MR. JAMES H. BILTON (Swan River): On a point of personal privilege . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order please.

MR. DESJARDINS: Excuse me. Can I . . . keep one of these, or what? I'll give you one tomorrow, or Tuesday.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Swan River, a point of privilege.

MR. BILTON: Mr. Chairman, I realize that the House is travelling through a period of experimentation with the rules of the House, but I closed my eyes for a few moments and I didn't know whether I was in the Carleton Club or the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba. And I am simply astonished that the Leader of the Opposition and the Minister do not follow the custom, the time honoured custom of rising to their feet in asking a question and replying to a question. It may have been agreed to -- I stepped out for a few moments -- but it's beyond my comprehension that that sort of behaviour should be allowed in this House.

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MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: I will now rise at this occasion to tell my honourable colleague that there was an agreement that we would attempt it and I - well, I think that what we are doing in this session, and I think one would have to agree, is that we are experimenting to a large extent in a number of matters, some of which I must say, through the Chairman to members of both sides, that I do not agree with personally. There are some aspects to the procedure that we are following now that I find not just a breach of tradition, I think there is a serious question as to whether we fulfill our responsibilities in handling it the way we are. But I have agreed with the members of our caucus to attempt to try and have a fairly wide range of experimentation at this session so that the Rules Committee would be in a position to meet and would be in a position to make judgments and agreements as to facilitating the proper handling of it. Now the suggestion of what is taking place here is rather strange and we are in the Chamber and we are following it through, but in effect we have a Committee of the Legislature meeting at the same time as this Committee in Room 254 in which they are following the procedure of sitting at the table rather than standing, and it must be understood that that Committee is really a Committee of the House, the same Committee, it's an extension of the same Committee, and the experimentation that we are trying here at least today I felt when it was suggested was something to try. This of course has not been caucused on either side, and it may not be something that we would want to continue beyond today, but I think that there is value in the attempts to try and arrive at and at least attempt to try and to see whether a number of things are acceptable for proper handling of the matters. And I must say, because if we're on this point of order and I'd like to suggest it, there is a very basic difference between the other Committee which is the Committee of the House and this Committee in the sense that we have two civil servants present with the Minister, advising . . . In the other case we have I guess a half a dozen or a dozen, as the case may be, civil servants who are available to provide immediate information and are not necessarily up high furnishing it by way of a messenger. And those are also changes that I think are matters to be considered. So, I accept the concern that my colleague, the former Speaker of the House, has; he's one who has been a traditionalist as well as a monarchist, and I think that one has to take his views seriously and his concerns seriously because I think tradition is a very important part of the heritage we have. However, I think, and for the record, at least for today the attempt was to try a new experiment, which may or may not be the right course of action, which I am quite prepared to accept is something along with many other things that has to be seriously questioned by all members here before we arrive at a consensus as to how we would operate in the future. But I accept that this year is one of experimentation, we've more or less agreed on it, and we are changing this almost daily in relation to a number of things that are happening. I think that the experimentation is correct, but I for one would not in any way want to breach the basic kinds of tradition that have been responsible for the development of the parliamentary tradition that we've had in the past.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Health.

MR. DESJARDINS: Mr. Speaker, I want to speak on this point of order, because I hope it's a point of order or we're not obeying the rules. I'd want the record to show that this wasn't my request, that I am perfectly satisfied to stand up or sit down; it was felt that I think in the past the Minister waited and took notes and waited for all the questions. It was suggested to me that it would be easier to follow if in certain things that the opposition wanted to pursue, if I answered immediately; I'm trying to do that. And one of the reasons why I agreed when this motion was, the suggestion was made by my honourable friend, is I'm told by these people that are taking care of Hansard that this is a very bad mike, and even when Hutton was here that there were notes all the time, that half the time I'm not speaking in the mike, and I thought it would be easier, but it's immaterial to me.

There's one thing before I leave. I hope that this is a point of order and that we're not going to spend all afternoon on that point. I'll gladly stand up if this is the case.

MR. BILTON: On a point of privilege, and if I may close the debate if necessary with just a few words. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for recognizing me, and I thank my leader and also the Minister for their comments, but beware, Mr. Chairman, that this does not continue to its nth degree.

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MR. CHAIRMAN: I thank the honourable members for their observations. I thank the Honourable Member for Swan River for bringing the point of order, which I think is a point of order rather than a point of privilege. However the House agreed, and in that case I heard no disagreement at the time that the proposal was made, and if I might speak personally, myself I do not agree with the procedure. I think the procedure of this House should be that when members are in this House that they should stand at their place and speak, speaking as the Chairman of the Committee.

Resolution 56(c)(1)--passed; (c)(2)--passed; (c)--passed. (d)(1)-- The Honourable Member for Swan River.

MR. BILTON: I wonder if the Minister would explain this particular item.

MR. DESJARDINS: . . . that I have here on everyone. Provision for Special Administrative Studies Group, Computer Services plus Co-ordination for departmental space, cars and communications, also includes the cost of the Drug Standards and Therapeutic Committee, Department of Library and Film Services and printed educational material and exhibits.

MR. BILTON: May I ask the Minister? Does this item cover regional medical service, that is, doctors in our health centre? --(Interjection)-- It doesn't do that?

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

MR. GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I believe the Minister said this included computer services. Is that right? In the operation of the computer services we also have various other computers operating in this province and it's always been a rather confusing thing to me to find that for instance in our Health Sciences Centre we have a computer service there operated by the Health Sciences people. There's also a computer in there operated by the, I believe, the University of Manitoba. Could we get the breakdown on why there are two computers operating, or could we have an explanation of why there are two computers operating there apparently under different jurisdictions, and is there any relationship between the two, and what is the co-ordination that exists in the computer program?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Health.

MR. DESJARDINS: I can do better than that. I can tell my honourable friend that there has been a committee that has been meeting quite regularly - well first of all there's a committee that has been talking about the computers in governments. It was felt that, and I think there's some work being done on that, but that in the health field would deal separately, and the Commission, the department, the university, and the hospitals are meeting together, and I would hope that in the not too distant future that arrangements will be made to have one health computer for the province.

MR. CHAIRMAN: C(d)(1)--passed; (d)(2)--pass; --(Interjection)-- (d)(2) ?

MR. SPIVAK: I wonder if - I have to make note of the fact that both the Minister and the Member for Birtle-Russell and myself stood after the Honourable Member for Swan River had stood.

A MEMBER: He's a troublemaker.

MR. SPIVAK: Yeah, he's a troublemaker. We all know that. He's a troublemaker, but you know, and I say this as one who's been associated with him, he's a fine troublemaker.

You mentioned the drug standard within the Operational Support Services, and I would assume that that one - you mentioned a drug standard I believe, is that correct? Is that . . . an Advisory Board on the drug standard?

MR. DESJARDINS: This is to be the committee cost . . .

MR. SPIVAK: The cost of the committee itself. All right. Then I wonder if the Minister could indicate the cost of the committee itself, the actual operating cost itself within the . . .

MR. DESJARDINS: Well, I'll take notice of that and give it to you as soon as I have it.

MR. SPIVAK: Well, can I also ask the Chairman, whether the one person who is on contract, is he on contract relating to the drug standard, or is it on another item?

MR. DESJARDINS: He's in effect the secretary of that . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order please.

MR. BROWN: I'm sorry. He's in effect the secretary of the committee. Why don't

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(MR. BROWN cont'd) you leave. Look at all the trouble you started for us. Can I stay standing up? It would be easier. . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. BROWN: Mr. Chairman, I understand the communications are also covered in this particular item. I wonder could the Minister tell us what is going on in the field of communications. Are there any improvements or can he explain the communications program?

MR. DESJARDINS: Is he talking about the library and film services and the information that we have for the groups? Is that what you're talking about?

I don't know what you mean by what's going on. I think that they're serving the purpose. They are doing good work and I would like to invite the health critic of the part to come and visit our film library, and so on. It's not very far from here and I think that in five minutes there, or half an hour, you'll know a heck of a lot more than I could tell you, unless you want me to on Tuesday to bring you some of the pamphlets, and so on, that we have. I can do that also. Unless my honourable friend is more specific I don't know what he wants me to tell him. We think it's working fine; we think it's providing information that is needed to those that want it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: (d)(2) -- The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Well, I want to understand, the secretary of the drug standard is included as the one person on contract and included - and you're going to get the figures of that - but I think it's common knowledge that the executive assistant of the Premier has been involved in this particular matter. I wonder is his cost in salary involved in these costs, or are they within the Executive Council itself.

MR. DESJARDINS: No, it's full salary. I understand it's paid right here under this item. It's full salary.

MR. SPIVAK: Right. So he would be one of the salaried people then that's included.

MR. DESJARDINS: Yes. Yes.

MR. CHAIRMAN: (d)(2)--passed; (d)--passed; (e)(1)--passed; (2) -- The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. BROWN: I believe the Minister was going

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Health, proceed.

MR. DESJARDINS: The provision of all personal services covering . . . classification, staff training and preparation and control of payrolls.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. BROWN: I wonder, Mr. Chairman, whether the Minister would be able to tell us what criteria is used when they're employing people in the various departments, do they have to have special qualifications in the particular field that they are hired for, and I wonder if he could tell us whether there is any ongoing evaluation of existing personnel.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Health.

MR. DESJARDINS: The department goes through the normal system that every other department does. The people are hired through the Commission, Civil Service Commission. There is a job description if it's a new position - well if it is a position the job description is already there, and we advertise the job description. At times there are certain requirements, certain experience or certain education, but you know that's not in all cases of course. Then there's a panel; most of the time the department is represented and of course the Commission. There are certain people that are accepted and it comes to the Minister and the Minister has a look at it, and he usually has the right to accept one of those two or three that are considered good enough to consider that they can handle the job. Just like every other department there's nothing else.

As far as evaluating people, I guess you're doing that all the time. But how do you evaluate people? Some people might have all the classification, might have all the requirements, and might not be able to communicate with people, and so on. So it's very difficult if there's somebody that doesn't If it's a senior personnel I think you have a question of six months, and so on, that they could be released. Then there is an annual increment that comes in every year that if the person has been doing his work satisfactory, he gets his increment; if not, there is no obligation at all. So that's about it. If there's anybody give me the name and I'll

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MR. BROWN: No, Mr. Chairman, I do not have anybody in particular in mind at the present time. But I was just wondering, when you do hire a new person in this particular department, or any department really for that matter, is there a trial period for this person or is he hired on a permanent basis right away?

MR. DESJARDINS: Every civil servant that is hired there is a period of six months on probation.

MR. CHAIRMAN: (e) (2)-passed; (e)-passed; (f) (1)- The Honourable Member for Birtle-Russell.

MR. GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, I have two or three questions to ask the Minister under this and the first one I want to ask, is there any appropriation set aside here to cover the legal costs in case there is some court action with respect to the validity of marriage certificates between homosexuals? I understand that there is a court case coming up and I was just wondering if this would come under legal aid or whether it would come under the Vital Statistics Branch. I'd like to have the Minister's - I just want to know if there's anything set aside here for legal costs.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Health.

MR. DESJARDINS: No, a hundred times no, Mr. Chairman.

MR. GRAHAM: Well, having got that important question out of the road, I want to ask the Minister if there is any consideration being given under the Vital Statistics towards the question of identification cards for the citizenry of Manitoba. We have had under Tourism and Recreation under the Film Classification, under sports, and that - even under the Highway Traffic Act there has been some consideration given towards the formation of an identity card for the population of Manitoba which would - at one time they were talking about a picture of the individual, and I believe at one time they were even talking about a fingerprint or something on it, but I'm not too sure, and I wonder if the Minister can give us any information on how this program is proceeding and what appropriation he has set aside to look into this question further.

MR. DESJARDINS: Mr. Chairman, there is nothing set aside for this. I can go by memory now because I was the Minister of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs when these identification cards started. The government so far, anyway, has never accepted, has never recognized any cards. They've agreed with the content of certain cards. and I know that the Department of Highways were talking about a picture on a certificate, and so on. I don't know how advanced they are with this. As far as the Department of Tourism, this was something to provide to make it possible to people under age to go into the movies. It was recognized, mind you, if there was a complaint the responsibility was still the owner of the theatre. And at one time -and I don't know where it's at now - the beverage room operators were also interested in that because it was very difficult before that time. But there's nothing official. There is no money set aside for that at all and we're not looking into this at this time.

MR. CHAIRMAN: (f) (1) - The Honourable Member for Brandon West.

MR. MCGILL: Mr. Chairman, I was just listening to the remarks of the Minister. Mr. Chairman, and is there not something in supplementary estimates this year, about \$195,000, that has to do with certificates.

MR. DESJARDINS: Mr. Chairman, my two friends in front of me don't seem to know anything about that. We'll have to check. Maybe we haven't done our homework very well.

MR. CHAIRMAN: (f) (1)-passed; (2)-passed; (f)-passed; (g) (1)-The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. BROWN: Mr. Chairman, I notice in the Annual Report that it makes reference to, that there is a comprehensive program supporting the ill or handicapped and their ability to stay in a home environment. I wonder if the Minister could elaborate on this particular item.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Health.

MR. DESJARDINS: I won't talk about the Home Care Program at this time. I imagine that you want to ask questions on this. This is just for the equipment, the Wheelchair Program, the Motorized Wheelchair and --(Interjection)--The what? Yes, Ostomate supplies, and so on, any supplies, any equipment that we have for these people, and we have quite a bit yet. I think that you know that this year we announced a program. I think there is 40 - or 60, is it? --(Interjection)--No, for the Motorized Wheelchair. \$55,000 extra for the Motorized Wheelchair - there will be 40 wheelchairs this year. That's only for the supply.

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MR. CHAIRMAN: (g) (1)-passed; (g) (2)- The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: I appreciate the explanation that the Minister has given, but there is really a rise of approximately \$220,000 in the Other Expenditures of which \$55,000 I guess are accounted for, or part of it. I wonder if he can indicate the kinds of equipment and for which the rise has taken place.

MR. DESJARDINS: There is \$60,000 for the Ostomate Program; 85 for the Non-Motorized Wheelchair; 55,000 for the Motorized Wheelchair, and 150,000 for the purchase of Home Care equipment and medical supplies. Other costs cover warehousing and office expenditure.

MR. SPIVAK: I assume that the 158 was not included in the previous. This is in addition - this is part of the Home Care Program which is the expansion of the program, rather than continuation of the program.

MR. DESJARDINS: It's equipment for the program, right.

MR. CHAIRMAN: (g) (2)-passed; (h) (1)- The Honourable Member for Brandon West.

MR. MCGILL: Mr. Chairman, I've been looking through this whole detail of the estimates of the Department of Health and Social Development and I can find no line, no mention anywhere of Preventive Health Services. There doesn't seem to be any word that would indicate anywhere here that there is any real interest or concern in this matter, and so for lack of a better place I thought maybe under Research we might just discuss it for a moment.

Preventive Health or Medical Services in the Annual Report gets a total of three lines and a few words.

MR. DESJARDINS: If I can give the information to my honourable friend he'll find this under Community Operation Division, the same page that we're on now, the last item (d) Medical Public Health Services. This is where we'll deal with any preventive . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: (h) (1)- The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. BROWN: I see, Mr. Chairman, that we are spending a lot less money on this particular item than what we did in previous years, and I wonder if there is any explanation that the Minister can give us for this.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Health.

MR. DESJARDINS: This decrease of approximately \$700,000 for a special project in Research Support Funds is due primarily to a change by the Federal Government in the method of funding research projects. Previously Canada channelled all such funds through the province, who turned the funds over to project sponsors. Canada now funds direct to the sponsors, with prior liaison and consultation with the department as to the nature and approval of projects. Everything was going through us, now they're going directly.

MR. CHAIRMAN: (h) (1)-passed; (h) (2)-passed; (h) (3)-The Honourable Member for Rhineland. On (3)?

MR. BROWN: We have some special projects listed here. I wonder if the Minister could comment on what special projects he is relating to.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Health.

MR. DESJARDINS: There is a demonstration project, Luncheon after School Centre; Family Day Care; Workshops for Handicapped; Outreach Program; Volunteer Co-ordination and Utilization; Research Support Funds; Health and Welfare Canada Research Grants; Mental Health Special Project; Mental Health Retardation; Dental Health and Renew.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Swan River.

MR. JAMES H. BILTON (Swan River): Mr. Chairman, the Minister in his review about lunches. Just what's that item all about, and what's it costing?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Health.

MR. DESJARDINS: There was only one. Most of these programs, if any, would be under the Department of Education. Now this is one project, it's part of the early childhood development thrust. Demonstration grants were made in '73 and '74 to three centres, Fort Rouge Health Care Program Board, Westminster Children Care Centre, and Windsor Park Children Care Centre. The services provided are care and nutrition in a developmental group setting during the lunch hour and after school for kindergarten and school aged children. There's no new programs on that. It's just the . . .

MR. BILTON: Is the Minister going to give us the cost factor in that regard on that one item?

MR. DESJARDINS: The total for those three is \$52,000.

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MR. CHAIRMAN: (h)-pass? The Honourable Member for . . . --(Interjection)--

MR. SPIVAK: I know the Chamber did not hear the list of the programs and I don't want to necessarily get myself involved in duplicating but I'd like to understand. The Research Projects would include two types. One which would be pilot projects and the other which would be actual research projects in which research is undertaken for policy determination. I wonder if he can indicate whether the studies of Dr. Ryant are included in this project or are they itemized in another area?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Health.

MR. DESJARDINS: No, he's under contract and it would be under Community Operation Division.

MR. SPIVAK: I wonder if he can indicate whether the financing of the pilot projects for the Day Care Centres - I realize you've got a Day Care Centre item now, I understand that. --(Interjection)-- I understand that but I'm now talking in terms of the research that was completed. Was this done under the Special project on Research Support Funds or was it done under the items that are chargeable with respect to Day Care Service?

MR. DESJARDINS: I think the one that comes under here is the Family Day Care and it's part of the Early Childhood Program intended to service infants and provide an option for families both for placement and to work in homes providing care; a demonstration required to establish workable methods of administering such a program as well as relationship to group care centres.

MR. SPIVAK: I'm wondering did the Minister have the opportunity of evaluating the research undertaken in the past few years by this department with respect to the research undertaken the . . . to evaluate the research end as opposed to the pilot project end undertaken by the department. Has he had an opportunity of looking at the working papers that was produced, evaluating them and determining whether the basic costs that were undertaken and the expenditures appear justified based on the production of the papers themselves and on the direction that the government has and is going.

MR. DESJARDINS: My honourable friend started the question, did the Minister have the time, and the answer is definitely no, not on this, and I'm having trouble with the question to be honest with . . .

MR. SPIVAK: I think there's a point, the point being here, that again there was an expenditure of \$1,500,000 last year and I don't know what the actual expenditure was - I have a Public Accounts I think we can go through if we have to - the expenditure under the previous year. What I think we on this side would be concerned about would be the determination as to who judged that there was dollar value for the research that was undertaken which either found its way into policy or at least resolved issues that may in fact have been - issues that were being considered by the government. The Minister I guess is acknowledging that he hasn't had the time to make that review, and he's only dealing with the future, but I wonder - and the former Minister is here - who did, who has evaluated what has taken place and whether the costs have been justified, whether the research papers produced have been justified and whether some of the undertakings were in fact undertakings that should have been commissioned.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Urban Affairs.

MR. MILLER: Mr. Chairman, I think reference is being made to (2)(h), the research special --(Interjection)-- (3)(h) is that it, or (h)(3) Special Projects. These are the family day care, various projects that are being looked at and studied, some in conjunction with the Federal Government under Health and Welfare Canada Research. There are a number of programs like RENU, that's a recreation nutritional one, again touching base with the Federal Government in the field of mental health and mental retardation. There have been a number of studies, again some of them jointly with the Federal Government or touching base with the Federal Government. Others are experimental projects which were launched just to test out to see what the response is and how the mechanism could be set up. That would deal, for instance, with Day Care Centres for example where certain programs were undertaken on experimental basis. And in the case of - there was an amount there of about \$987,000 which are actually Health and Welfare Canada Research Grants, that is the research is done here but under grants from the Federal Government.

MR. DESJARDINS: 100 percent fully recoverable.

MR. MILLER: Yes.

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MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: I may have missed this and if I did the Minister can correct me, and if I'm wrong then maybe refer to another part. I believe that there is a child care program which does not come under the Day Care Program, that is financed within this estimate. Am I correct on this? Dealing with specifically preschool age children.

MR. DESJARDINS: Yes . . . (inaudible) . . . after school centre.

MR. SPIVAK: That was the one that . . .

MR. DESJARDINS: Yes. That is the - do you want me to repeat that?

MR. SPIVAK: Yes, if you don't mind.

MR. DESJARDINS: This project is part of the Early Childhood Development thrust. Demonstration grants were made in 1973-74 to three centres, Fort Rouge Child Care Programs Board, Westminster Children's Care Centre and Windsor Park Children's Care Centre. Services provided are care and nutrition in a developmental group setting during lunch hour and after school for kindergarten and school age children. Any other future programs like this would probably be under Education. If there was any. There's no more, we are not providing any more, just those that were started.

MR. SPIVAK: This project is one that has been in existence for some time has it not?

MR. MILLER: 1973.

MR. SPIVAK: This is about three years?

MR. DESJARDINS: 1973.

MR. SPIVAK: So this in effect realistically would be the third year, or the financing for the third year of the operation. This program has I believe - has proved worthwhile.

Now the point that I'd like to make is - this program having proved worthwhile on an experimental basis for three years, why is this not now included as a program of the government as opposed to a pilot project?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Urban Affairs.

MR. MILLER: Mr. Chairman, the answer is really quite simple. We launched a Day Care Program, which is a fairly extensive program, we felt that had to be launched first. The Lunch and After School Program. There's a need for it in certain areas, there's a request for it, but we can't cover everything at once. We like to launch all programs that all the people want but it's just impossible and we have to take it one at a time. At the present time the Federal Government's indicated that it would cost-share in the Day Care Program, it is not cost-sharing in the Lunch and After School Program, so Manitoba would have to go it alone at this point in time. The Minister probably has indicated that - I know he did in the House - that discussions are taking place with regard to the whole question of social services in Canada and maybe after that whole study is finalized - it's a two year study - perhaps a Lunch and After School Program might fit into the federal plans and maybe something can be launched then.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Now, Mr. Chairman, I think we have the acknowledgment that I think is important and relates to the - no, no . . . because I want to if I may review this, review it with respect to what's happened in the past. This is a pilot project that is working, fills a need, should be extended, could serve, if extended, a number, more than it does now, is worthwhile, is positive, is a program that the department should be undertaking. We've got the problem we always have in government with respect to the initiation of new programs - Where is the money going to come from? --(Interjection)-- Well that's part of it, part of it's personnel. And the other problem which is the game that unfortunately we have to play, is how much can we get the Federal Government to cost-share. Because that also is part of this. Because a commitment to a program without the Federal Government cost-sharing could mean a commitment of provincial moneys which would have to be undertaken year after year and could grow, and it's far better to organize it yourself and initiate with participation and discussion with the Federal Government for participation because it presents money that normally would not come if that did not take place.

But you see, Mr. Chairman - and this I think is one place where we then have to talk about priorities. We really have to talk about priorities with respect to government programs and the thrust of the government. And the thrust of an NDP government, its direction. Because here we have a situation of a project which is worthwhile, one which is consistent with many of the things that members opposite have said when they were in opposition, one which

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(MR. SPIVAK cont'd) would be perfectly consistent with the essential approach that many on the opposite side would consider, and yet the program itself is only in an experimental stage and is really in an experimental stage at this point - not because it hasn't proven itself because it has, I think the Minister will acknowledge that it has - but because the government finds itself in a position that it would have to fund it and they are still looking for those 50-cent dollars from the Federal Government, or higher if they're in a position to get them higher, to be able to pay for the cost.

The problem, Mr. Chairman, is one has to look at the perspective of the millions of dollars that have been lost in Saunders, have been lost in Flyer, that have been wasted by the government in a variety of different areas, and one has to say "Well where are your priorities", at this point. How do you arrive at them. How does the Cabinet arrive at a decision as to what program should in fact be extended, what program should be carried forward, what program should be expanded, what programs fit a need, what programs really are priority items, what programs really fit the needs of people? Now there's been a tendency on the part of the government to be self-satisfied with the fact that a fair amount of money that has been taken by way of taxation from the people have been given back in different forms: in the reduction of Medicare, because the money came from somebody, and in a number of other programs, many of which are socially useful and many of which, many of which the government has initiated, should take credit justifiably. But that doesn't take away from the fact that part of the development and involvement of government today in the whole field of social development is the initiation and introduction of new programming, the identification of those programs that serve the public need and the commitment of the funds that are available properly for the kinds of programs that are priority programs. It seems to me rather strange if you have a program that is really still a pilot project after three years, which has really proved itself and which really hasn't been advanced - Why? Because there's not enough money available and because at the same time the government is still at this point attempting to try and work out the best arrangement to get the Federal Government to fund it. It's very strange, because if the municipal governments were to come to the provincial governments for money they would be told they should raise it, they're the ones who are servicing, they're the ones that should raise it by their own taxation to carry on their program. I find it sort of strange and almost ironic that the government that should be more than committed to the kind of social programming which this involves --(Interjection)-- Well part of it is done by Day Care . . . part of it. But the logical extension - no, no this program serves a number of people, a number of people who are not covered by Day Care and the Minister knows it. The former Minister knows that. And the fact is that this program should have been extended and this program is the kind of proper direction that should be undertaken, but the government's reluctance to do it is the limitation of funds, which every Minister has to work under, because there's only so much available and one can't condemn maybe the Minister but one certainly can condemn the government when one has to examine its priority and the way in which its spending money in a variety of different ways. And it's not satisfactory to answer and say "Look we are still doing something".

The fact is if this program, which was a pilot project, is a program that should have been introduced, it should have been introduced now. And it should have been introduced in a major way now and the moneys should have been committed for it now. --(Interjection)-- Well I'm saying to the honourable members opposite that that's no answer. I am saying to the honourable members opposite that an experimentation has taken place as a pilot project, which has proved worthwhile, that it's still a pilot project when it should have been continued on as a program. And I'm saying it should be continued on as a program. --(Interjection)-- Yes, I'm saying it should be continued as a program. I'm quite prepared to say this.

I am speaking as the Leader of the Opposition right now and I'm saying to the members opposite so that they'll understand, that I don't understand your priorities and I don't understand how you can continually tolerate the waste of money in such a variety of different ways and not come to a conclusion that the time has come for some of the more substantial worthwhile programs to be carried through. It would appear to me at this point - well you know I think the truth of the matter is, if there is a worthwhile social program, you know it's ridiculous to assume that a social program has to be held in limbo to a certain extent, held in limbo because it cannot develop until there's additional federal money or because of the limitation

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(MR. SPIVAK cont'd)of the budget when you see so much waste and commitments of money that are made day after day whose social benefit is really seriously to be questioned. And I would suggest this is one area in which the government has an accounting, which you know indicates very simply a failure, a failure to act, a failure to set up its priorities and a failure to acknowledge the real direction that the government should be going.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Urban Affairs.

MR. MILLER: Mr. Chairman, I listened with interest to the Leader of the Opposition and I've just heard the best argument put forward for the re-election of this party in the next election. And I thank him for it. Because this party certainly is committed to programs of social well-being in this province. We have proved it by the launching of a number of programs. And he can take any other programs and say "this too should have been done," and I can tell him that if we're in office long enough they will be done. I thank him for giving us a plug for next time around, because I'll use that in the next election.

MR. ENNS: Time is running out, Saul.

MR. MILLER: But I can tell you this. The Lunch and After School Program is about 15 months or 16 months in operation. It was a demonstration project. There is a desire to expand it, but not necessarily as a separate program from Day Care. We had to make a decision on what do we move on first, the Day Care Program or the Lunch and After School one. We decided on a Day Care Program for a number of reasons. We felt there was a greater need there and as well we would serve more people that way. As well we were able to get federal funding, which as the Leader of the Opposition acknowledges, is a factor to be taken into account. And as the Day Care Program takes root - and it will take time because nothing is ever done overnight - as it takes root and it flowers, the Centres and the Family Day Care Programs could become the vehicle through which Lunch and After School Programs can then be added on or plugged into these Day Care Centres and these Family Day Care units as they come into being. Because it would be the most effective and economic way to launch the two programs by melding them wherever possible into one rather than trying to run two separate programs. So there's a need to move slowly and to avoid the very thing that the honourable member was complaining about before, that programs are launched without due deliberation, without thinking it through, without looking at all the possibilities and probabilities and looking for the problems that might develop.

I can tell you in these cases that he's just mentioned we have moved very cautiously and the member knows that we delayed the launching of a Day Care Program for a full year despite all the pressure until we knew exactly to what extent the Federal Government was committed, what sort of program we could launch, and I can assure the honourable member that a Lunch and After School Program is in the cards. I can't tell him when but I'm now delighted to hear that when we do introduce it he'll be the first to give us credit for it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition. The Honourable Minister of Health.

MR. DESJARDINS: Just one point, if I may, before my honourable friend gets up. I don't think that he should get the wrong impression that there is nothing done. Last year the cost was \$32,000, now it's 52,000. So it's practically double on that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Chairman, the government is determined that this is a feasible project. The pilot project that the Minister would like to refer to is only used as a pilot project simply because the funding at this point has not been determined in the sense that there is not federal money available and the government's trying to get the federal money. And the reality is that the program itself is one of the programs on which research was undertaken, a pilot project was undertaken, it was proved worthwhile but the government is waiting.

Now I want to say this to the Honourable Ministers, both of them, you know, there may or may not be - you know, the assumption is the fact that we may congratulate them on certain things means that this will ensure their election. I want to say to them --(Interjection)-- well I want to say how it will help. I look at a budget of \$108 million in 1971; \$108 million - I'm sorry, in 1970; 147 million in 1971 for the Department of Health and Social Development. I look at a budget for 308 million forecast now, that's a rise of 200 million. I say to the members opposite, you know it's all good and well to say that now you've initiated new programs for which you take credit, but \$200 million has come from somewhere. It's either come from the

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(MR. SPIVAK cont'd)taxpayers of this country or the taxpayers of this province. It just did not materialize. And I must say to the honourable members you didn't produce it, nor did you earn it.

Mr. Chairman, the fact is, if we were to rely on the business enterprise which the Honourable Minister of Mines and Natural Resources seems to think, you know, is vested on the members opposite and we're to look at all their commercial enterprises, we're not making any money from them to be able to pay for these programs, we're just losing money day after day after day. And as a matter of fact it's interesting when the Honourable Minister stands up and says, "Well, it grows from \$37,000 to \$50,000 for a worthwhile project which is \$20,000." The Manitoba Development Corporation in two of those enterprises are losing over \$100,000 a day. All you have to do is stop for one day, stop losing the money and you'll be able to extend these programs.

What I'm saying to the members opposite now, and I think this is a condemnation, what I'm saying to the members opposite - and I think the time has come to say it - that in terms of the kind of things that they have been doing they seem to believe that the staging of what they're doing is such that it's practical, that they're reasonable, that their research has been undertaken properly and that they're extending and carrying programs, when in reality what has happened in many cases as the programs that have been identified as serving people have been identified by research, have been identified by pilot projects, and to a large extent have stayed in abeyance simply because the government was after 50-cent dollars from the Federal Government, wanted that financing; and secondly there were real financial constraints as to what total budget they could operate under.

Now, I accept that financial constraints are there. I accept that there will always be limitations of a budget. I accept that every Minister when he goes through the process of Treasury Board or Management Committee is going to have that problem. But the difficulty is the government itself has not been prepared to recognize a number of priorities. And I am not prepared to accept because there are worthwhile programs that the government may have initiated in pilot projects but has been standing still, that they're to be given credit for it. As a matter of fact, I think in one sense it is a testimony to the failure of the NDP that in many of the cases where their programs have been identified they have not acted, they have taken a great deal of time and when they've acted they still acted cautiously, and when the programs have been introduced, instead of being introduced in a way in which the impact would have been felt properly, the introduction of it was more for the rhetoric and language of perform and for the basis of announcing a program when the actual results, Mr. Chairman, would have and has been substantially less.

So, you see, the thing that irritates me in this is the suggestion that because we say that there is a worthwhile program that in fact has been tested by experimentation and should be continued, when we say that, and we then are complimenting or suggest - in fact complimenting the government, that that in itself is all that's required. I am concerned that here we have in this one particular estimate, you know, an amount of \$800,000. We have amounts over previous years. We have programs that are being dealt with whose amounts are minimal compared to the total budget of this department and the total budget of the province, if one takes into consideration the billion dollars plus the capital amounts and so we're talking about \$1.8 billion, if one looks at the total program, one looks at the programs which service people, one looks at the development of the social programs which will have a direct impact with respect to the society, and one looks at the totality of the budget, you know, I am not prepared to say to the members opposite that they're to be congratulated.

The fact is, Mr. Chairman, that if one examines what has happened, you find almost a malaise, a malaise over the department and over the Ministers in the real introduction of programs. And you see, Mr. Chairman, every government . . .

MR. DESJARDINS: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to speak on a point of order because I think that the record should show this. My honourable friend . . .

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Chairman, I don't believe that the Honourable Minister, unless there's a point of order, I don't believe the Honourable Minister . . .

MR. DESJARDINS: I said I'm standing up on the point of order.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order! The Honourable Minister of Health on a point of order.

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MR. DESJARDINS: Mr. Speaker, my honourable friend is taking advantage of this item to talk on something, make a speech that he should make on the Minister's Salary. He is talking about all the priorities and so on, where we are on an item that talks about research and there is one pilot project. He's talked about Flyer Industries; he's talked about everything else.

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MR. CHAIRMAN. (Mr. Walding): I direct the attention of members to Page 17 in their Program Budget Estimate book, top of the page, Provincial Park System - Line 1 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits \$3, 797, 400--Pass? The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. J. WALLY McKENZIE (Roblin): Mr. Chairman, a couple of brief questions. First of all those regarding the master plan of the Duck Mountains and maybe other parts in the province where some day in the future that we'll be asking people to do, basically what's there, to move from an area and confine one area to trailers, one to tourists and the permanent residents to another.

I'm wondering if the Minister and the department maybe should not take another look at the fact that you can move some of these cottages. I can see in the Duck Mountains that you're not going to be able to move some of those cottages and put them back the way they were and go through all the expense of moving them from point A to point B because you're going to come out the loser. I think I've wrote you some letters, the Minister about it, and it's best maybe to buy them out and use it for some other facility for the department rather than get into this harangue of guaranteeing these people that you can move that cottage and . . . like that Urbanski one, where he demands such - you know, he's got lawns and gardens and stuff. There's no way that I think that we should guarantee him the right that when he does get this other location, and I don't think he's uptight about . . . or others. I think you make a deal with him, buy him out and then give him some rights to build some place else. This has created you know a lot of problems for . . . I know these people personally and I think we could look at it another way and maybe say "Look what do you want for it." Buy him out and give him some right some place else. I'd like the Minister to comment, see if that maybe wouldn't be a more sensible way to approach this.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister.

HON. RENE TOUPIN (Minister of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs) (Springfield): Mr. Chairman, the existing policy of the department is not to force anyone to move. If they don't want to move on their own they'll be given the right to remain and considered as non-confirming use in the park itself. So that's, you know, the policy we adopted.

MR. McKENZIE: Therefore they have the right to stay put where they are?

MR. TOUPIN: Right.

MR. McKENZIE: And that will be policy for the province.

MR. TOUPIN: Yes it is.

MR. McKENZIE: Thank you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits. The Honourable Member for Souris-Killarney.

MR. EARL McKELLAR (Souris-Killarney): Mr. Chairman, I just have one question on that matter.

MR. McKENZIE: I'm wondering if the Minister can give us any idea whether there are ongoing studies that's under way for other parts in the province which comes under this item. The one east of Lake Winnipeg - what are we talking about? He mentioned studies so what other ongoing studies are under way at the present time and what can we expect?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister.

MR. TOUPIN: The question to the honourable member could be answered better under the other item, Special Studies and Projects.

MR. McKENZIE: Okay. I apologize, I thought we were under that item.

MR. TOUPIN: No, we're still on the first one at the top of the page.

MR. McKENZIE: My apologies, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Souris-Killarney.

MR. McKELLAR: Well just one question regarding - you mentioned the people could live in their homes. What would . . .

MR. TOUPIN: Summer cottages.

MR. McKELLAR: Yes, but the government would own the home and they'd lease it would they or what . . . would they have title to that same property or who would have title to . . .

MR. TOUPIN: Yes, they'd have title.

MR. McKELLAR: They'd still get title.

MR. TOUPIN: Oh, yes.

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MR. McKELLAR: Oh I see.

MR. TOUPIN: We're talking about leases I'm informed.

MR. McKELLAR: Oh I see, a lease on the land. I know, but they can still retain the . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits--Passed. Line 2, Fees \$101,500--Passed; Line 3, Facilities and Equipment \$398,400--Passed. Line 4, Specialized Equipment \$978,900 . . . The Honourable Member for Souris-Killarney.

MR. McKELLAR: Mr. Chairman, what's involved in that line?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister.

MR. TOUPIN: The note that I have on here, Mr. Chairman, is that this is in regard to purchases, service and rental of specialized equipment, \$637,500. I'll come back to that. And gasoline and lubricants to operate park maintenance equipment such as tractors, trucks 1 ton and over, lawn mowers, boats, graders, golf course equipment. That comes up out \$149,200. Medical equipment for doctors' office at Falcon and Grand Beach and lifesaving equipment for various beaches and ski resorts 16.9. And cost of government owned vehicles for maintenance staff as well as subsidized mileage paid to maintenance staff for use of their own vehicle on government business \$175,300. Now where's the detail on these: Specialized equipment - it's in regards to Grand Beach - 1 ton Chev. Truck \$3,000, 1 3-ton GMC Truck \$5,000, that's new and replacement equipment required for 1975-76. That comes to \$8,000. One 272 Halser Power Mower for Hecla Island \$4,000. And there's a Garbage Packer and Truck \$10,500; two 1-ton Utility Trucks and it goes on and on for . . . If the member wants me to go . . .

MR. McKELLAR: No, no that's all right, that's all right, if that's . . .

MR. TOUPIN: They're all listed here.

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

MR. A. R. (PETE) ADAM (Ste. Rose): Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. We're on the Construction are we or Specialized Equipment?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Specialized Equipment.

MR. ADAM: Well I guess I'll ask on the next line. Or perhaps it might come under that. I wanted to ask, when we have work done in a park and we sub-contract out, how do we do? Do we tender this out or do we hire by the hour? And how is this overseen, who oversees this, who oversees it?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister.

MR. TOUPIN: First of all, the contracting out of such work is supervised by the engineering staff of the Parks Branch. There's a combination of both hourly work being done, contracted out, tenders that are let out and then tenders are decided upon, so there's a mixture. And in most cases we try and make those tenders available and make sure that the people locally in the surrounding areas are made aware of the work that is to be done in a given park.

MR. ADAM: In relation to the hourly work how close is the supervision? Is there somebody right on-site all the time to watch?

MR. TOUPIN: Yes, there's an on-site foreman.

MR. ADAM: To watch to see that we're getting our dollars worth.

MR. TOUPIN: Right.

MR. ADAM: Okay.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Line 4 Specialized Equipment Service and Supplies--Passed. Line 5 Construction \$396,700 . . . The Honourable Member for La Verendrye.

MR. BOB BANMAN (La Verendrye): Mr. Chairman, I asked several questions a couple of days ago with regards to the Concession facility at Falcon Lake and I wonder if the Minister could advise us if any of this money is earmarked for the upgrading of that particular facility?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister.

MR. TOUPIN: Yes there is an amount in this part of the estimates for refurbishing the facilities of Falcon Shopping Centre to the amount of \$75,000.

MR. BANMAN: Is there any moneys out of this for the ski resort or the ski runs at Falcon Lake?

MR. TOUPIN: We'll have to check that.

MR. BANMAN: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Line 5 Construction--Passed. Line 6 Other Operating Costs \$115,100 --Passed. Line 7 Citizens and Other Employee Assistance and Services \$239,900. The Honourable Member for Roblin.

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MR. McKENZIE: Mr. Chairman, I don't understand the terminology of this statement "Citizens and Other Employee Assistance and Services." Why is this money used for citizens that are not employees, is it goodwill or why is citizens put out - they apparently are not working, they are apparently men off the street that some place the Parks Department are utilizing or . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister.

MR. TOUPIN: The cost involved here, Mr. Chairman, is in regard to providing uniforms for seasonal staff employed at Provincial Parks to the tune of \$34,100; upgrading various departmental employees in their job skills \$1,400; operation of staff kitchens at Falcon, Hecla, Nutimik and Paint Lake, and payment for meals for maintenance staff working away from their headquarters \$109,000; purchase of grass seed, chemicals, fertilizers, etc. for parks and golf courses \$90,400, and purchase of grain feed for geese at Alfred Hole Goose Sanctuary \$5,000. There's a total increase of \$82,300 due to price increases, \$54,100 and workload increase of 28,200 due to increased park use and new expanded facilities. So actually we're talking of seasonal employees, that's not actually citizens.

MR. McKENZIE: Well why are they classed as citizens in the . . .

MR. TOUPIN: I don't know.

MR. McKENZIE: It looks like you're using . . .

MR. TOUPIN: The title is incorrect.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. McKENZIE: Mr. Chairman . . . and I well know the history of this government where they use every trick in the book to use money for political advantage and I'm wondering if . . . a citizen and an employee are two different people. Well I challenge the . . . maybe the Minister of Autopac can have his own definition of the word "citizen" but my interpretation and definition of a citizen is not an employee, no way. And I'd like some clarification. It's come up several times. If he's a citizen he's not an employee in my analysis and interpretation of the definition. So therefore you must be using them for some advantage and I suspect it's political advantage.

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Chairman, first of all I indicated to the honourable member that the terminology is incorrect, it should have been seasonal staff. They are citizens but I mean they are seasonal staff and it has nothing to do with political desires of this party or any other party and it is subject to auditing by the Provincial Auditor, it is part of Public Accounts, it is not only checked here but it's checked again when we get to Public Accounts. And I can assure the honourable member that there's . . .

MR. McKENZIE: Mr. Chairman, I . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order please.

MR. TOUPIN: . . . well if I may complete. I didn't interrupt you my dear friend.

MR. McKENZIE: I shall not interrupt.

MR. TOUPIN: There's nothing to my knowledge here that is meant to be political in any way apart from having some political good effects in some cases when we do good work by means of seasonal employees.

MR. McKENZIE: Well, Mr. Chairman, this comes back to the debate that was in the House the other day of the need for an Auditor-General. You know if the Auditor can't pick this up, that that terminology shouldn't be expressed in these figures and estimates that are before us, then it further substantiates our argument that there is need for an Auditor-General, because the staff of the department hasn't picked it up, the auditor hasn't picked it up and we have to come in from the opposition and pick up this simple little thing that shouldn't have been in there. I thank the Minister for saying that it shouldn't be there and it will be withdrawn.

MR. TOUPIN: Well, Mr. Chairman, again I'd like to refer the honourable member to Page 23 of the blue and white book that we're just looking at at Page 23, Citizens and Other Employees Assistance and Services, including clothing, food, shelter, transportation, etc. for employees and citizens. So that's what they mean by citizens.

MR. McKENZIE: Mr. Chairman, then will you define what's the difference between a citizen and an employee.

MR. TOUPIN: Well we just indicated, Mr. Chairman, that when the word "citizen" here was used it was meant to mean "seasonal employee".

MR. McKENZIE: Then can I have it defined better and have that word "citizen" withdrawn?

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MR. TOUPIN: Well sure, we have no objection because there is no plain citizen apart from being a seasonal employee involvement.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Line 7--Passed. Total for the Section \$6, 027, 900--Passed. Provincial Park System - Special Studies and Projects. Line 1 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits \$39, 500. . . The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. McKENZIE: I'd just like to ask the Minister if any of this information should be considered as public, or the studies that are going on or some interim reports of where you're going and your plans for the future could be considered as public, at least as far as the MLAs are concerned?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister.

MR. TOUPIN: Well could you explain what you mean, Mr. McKenzie, in regard to public.

MR. McKENZIE: Well I'm looking at the part east of Lake Winnipeg. What ongoing studies have you got going on at this time? Has there been any interim reports provided to you by these studies that you feel that we the opposition should have or should take a look at?

MR. TOUPIN: These are basic plans for the following parks: Birds Hill, Hecla, Spruce Woods, Turtle Mountain. This is for 1976. There's no capital funds, to answer the question of the honourable member, for the Falcon Ski Hill but there is a \$75, 000 amount there for the refurbishing of the shopping centre. And to answer more specifically the Honourable Member for Roblin, they are all public.

MR. McKENZIE: We can get them at the library or from your department?

MR. TOUPIN: Yes.

MR. McKENZIE: Fine. Thank you.

MR. TOUPIN: I'm sorry, to specify, when they're completed naturally. Once the studies are completed.

MR. McKENZIE: We can't get them at the interim, that basis eh?

MR. TOUPIN: No, no.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Line 1 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits. The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

MR. A. R. (BUD) SHERMAN (Fort Garry): Mr. Chairman, just one question on that point. Last year in the House, the Minister of Mines, Resources and Environmental Energy indicated that there were plans afoot for the recovery of as much privately owned lake front property in certain parts of Manitoba as possible for the purposes of placing it in the public domain and the development of a program that would see the emphasis on beach front and lake front property placed on public ownership rather than private ownership. We haven't heard much more about that program but there was little doubt left in the minds of members of the opposition at that time that the Minister and the Government were serious in pursuing that aim. And I'd like to ask the Minister whether under the Special Studies and Projects resolution that we're considering at the present time, that that kind of program is being pursued.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister.

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Chairman, there is no funds provided for within the appropriation we're on now for that purpose but there is what we call the Land Utilization Board Resources for Tomorrow Program under Mines and Natural Resources where funds are being made available for the purpose that the honourable member is mentioning. But nothing under this appropriation.

MR. SHERMAN: This subject doesn't apply to that program in any way. That is not one of the special studies and projects?

MR. TOUPIN: No.

MR. SHERMAN: Thank you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Line 1 - the Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. McKENZIE: I have in the last few days searched through the Annual Report of the Department of Mines and Natural Resources to find out about wildlife management, where the government's going with wildlife, and the fact that we're at the day today where we're likely going to be faced with private hunting in this province. I spoke the other night in the committee, of the wildlife that's building up in the parks, and I think it's an excellent way to protect the wildlife and provide them with the habitat. But I'm wondering now if the Minister can advise if he is having any meetings or he's concerned about the lack of interest by the Department of Mines and Natural Resources in Wildlife Management, because I can likely see that the Deputy

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(MR. McKENZIE cont'd) Minister of Mines and Natural Resources, he's basically a guy that's interested in mineralogy and nationalizing the mines of this province. I suspect that he doesn't even know what Wildlife Management is, as I read these reports from the Deputy Minister and the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources, so I'm wondering where we're going with the preservation and the conservation of our hunting rights and our wildlife if it's now going to be thrust over into your department . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order please. Order please. The Honourable Minister of M. P. I. C. on a point of order.

HON. BILLIE URUSKI (Minister for Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation) (St. George): Mr. Chairman, just on a point of order. The Department of Mines and Resources, for the honourable member's information, has been split. I don't know who he's referring to, but that department is under the Honourable Member from Rupertsland, the Minister of Renewable Resources, and that's the area that he's pertaining to . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. McKENZIE: On the same point of order, Mr. Chairman, I'm referring to the Annual Report which we have right on my desk today. I can bring it. You can read it. It's about one inch wide and about five inches long and that's Wildlife Management for the past year.

Now, the new Minister that he refers to, I don't happen to have anything on my desk that I can deal with, and this is a very important matter, because the issue keeps coming up day after day: where are we going? And I suspect that maybe the day will come that the Minister of Tourism and Recreation will likely have some input into the policies of this government and where we're going with wildlife. That's why I raised the question, Mr. Chairman. I hope I'm not out of order. I'd just like to ask the Minister if he's having ongoing meetings with the Department of Mines and Natural Resources in the build-up of wildlife so that we'll again have annual hunting in this province. Is that the direction, or not the direction? Are we going back into where there'll be private hunting and the hunting may be on Crown lands which will be under your jurisdiction, and this will be the philosophy of hunting in this province?

I think it's a very valid question and I hope the Minister has some interest in it, because I recognize that we can't let these night hunters go on the way they're going on in this province, and people flout the Wildlife Act the way it's going on, because there just ain't going to be any wildlife left for anybody to hunt; and the animals - God bless their souls - are going to recognize real quick that we've got a good Parks Department and most of them are going to end up in those parks. I mentioned in my comments the other night I already see within the boundaries of the Asessippi, because there's deer in there like they're just going out of style - hundreds of them - and so I'm wondering, are you having ongoing meetings with the Department of Mines and Natural Resources, and can we accept that the matter will be seriously discussed and we'll get some kind of a management policy decision fairly quick from the government?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister.

MR. TOUPIN: Well, Mr. Chairman, first of all, the honourable member has a valid question and he posed his question the last time we met in committee, and I indicated to him then - and I will again - that in regard to the Wildlife Management on Crown land, it falls under the Minister of Renewable Resources now. That's been a change in policy that's been announced by means of an Order-in-Council.

There is a committee of officials that do meet between my department, between the Department of the Minister of Renewable Resources, the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources, where we attempt today and will attempt hopefully more in the future, to manage wildlife possibly in a better manner in regard to at least Provincial Parks. That's my personal feeling and it's been reflected even in the public in the last few months.

The Minister of Mines and Natural Resources, who had the responsibility then, actually had a ban placed on the hunting of deer in the province, and that's maintained this year, as the honourable member knows. It was renewed by the Minister of Renewable Resources and I endorse that.

In regard to hunting in Provincial Parks, the policy itself is being reviewed but, as such, there's no direct change that occurred in the last year apart from hopefully being able - like the honourable member says - to manage wildlife in a better way where people will be able to observe, by means of a camera instead of a gun, wildlife in Provincial Parks.

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MR. McKENZIE: Mr. Chairman, I thank the Minister for his sentiments and his comments on the matter. In my time here in the Legislature, I've seen that some of the top Wildlife Management people are no longer here; they're long gone. And I can recognize every government has its own rights and its own intent, that wherever the department wants to go the Minister brings in those people. And this Minister that we have today, it was recognized early in the history of this government that they were not going to pursue Wildlife Management, they were going to pursue the thrust of nationalizing the mining industry in this province.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order please. I believe a point of order's been brought up before, that the honourable member is straying from this department that we're under into another department's estimates. I would ask him to confine his remarks to Provincial Parks - special studies and projects. The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. McKENZIE: Well, Mr. Chairman, I apologize. I'm hopefully trying to get back to the day when - to try and prove to the committee, through you, Mr. Chairman, that there no longer will be hunting rights that we've had for the history of this country. That's a problem of biology. It's whether if in fact now the Minister will advise me, are we going to then look at some form of restricted hunting on parks and let the private entrepreneur go into a game farm, in fact, and give him some encouragement to get into the business of raising deer or birds or whatever wildlife we have in this province? Because I think, until we can get some justification and correction of the over-hunting and the over-kill that's going on with our wildlife, that we either have to go back to confine it to hunting in the parks, restricted and really highly regimented, and let a private entrepreneur raise a few deer - because people want to hunt; they'll always want to hunt; and maybe that would be the direction, because I don't think we can manage it any longer with the resources that we have of wildlife in this province to say, "Look, you're going to have a hunting season every year for the next 20 years." That's not true, because we've two years in a row now that deer hunting has been nil.

So I'm wondering would it, you know - and I thank the Minister for his sentiments on it, that he's looking at it seriously, and would he at the same time look that maybe we should encourage private entrepreneurs who have some of the best habitats - for we have it in this country, have it in my constituency - encourage him to, say, buy out four sections or lease four or five sections of Crown land, and build up a herd of deer or game in there and let somebody come in and hunt, those that like to hunt. I'm not a hunter myself. The only time I ever carried arms was when I was in the Army, but I'm not a man that shoots a gun. But I know there's a tremendous amount of people wondering where we're going, and I wonder if the Minister would support that maybe we should be looking at that seriously today.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of M. P. I. C.

MR. URUSKI: Mr. Chairman, the Member from Roblin makes the statements about hunting in parks and the lack of management. I think he probably realizes that it does take more than management to be able to withstand public pressure to continue hunting when the resources have been depleted as a result of heavy winters and the depletion of deer population and the like, and it would be the sheer nonsensicalness that he's talking about to continue the hunting seasons in this province. It has taken courage of the department and the Minister to continue the ban on hunting, and if we are serious about having the resources increase so that hunting can continue throughout the province, then I think he should indicate that he supports that type of a decision. But when he's saying there is a lack of management, it would be sheer lack of management if we had continued hunting seasons while the resources have depleted.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Before I recognize the Honourable Member for Roblin, I should warn all members of the committee to confine their remarks to the topic before us and not to stray into other departments. The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. McKENZIE: Well, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to reply to the Minister of Autopac. I, and the people in this province, have seen for the first time in our history - a hundred years - two consecutive years where there's no hunting, and this socialist government is historically blaming everybody: Blame the free enterprisers. They'll blame the weather. They'll blame everything under the sun, but they won't accept the responsibility. But there it is, two years in a row, consecutive years, where we've had no hunting. And so I just ask, and I suspect that there are reasons that it's justified for me to raise it, because I can see the Wildlife Management people are not in the department any longer. They're long gone. Because the Minister has taken the thrust of those people and brought in the mining people. All I'm asking is, let's

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(MR. McKENZIE cont'd) bring back some Wildlife Management people in some place in this government - I know where they're going to end up - and let's get back and seriously discuss it. Otherwise we'll never have hunting in Manitoba again.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Minnedosa.

MR. DAVID BLAKE (Minnedosa): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have rather a heavy commitment in my constituency and I was waiting for the next item, but it looks like we may not get off it for a while. So, under Studies, one particular item I'm sure will come under Studies.

Some years ago it was announced that there would be a roadside park constructed in the bypass close to Minnedosa on Highway 10 or Highway 4. It went on for two or three years with various excuses being given of (1) That it was Highways' problem because they weren't able to cut an approach off a curve or a hill. Well, if you're familiar with the bypass around Minnedosa, there's not very many feet of road that you won't be off a curve or a hill.

Now, on the approach leading up the valley on the north side of the bypass, there is an approach already there that was apparently designed into that highway when it was built for such a roadside park or a little stopping off spot, and it's gone on for about five years now. I just wondered if the studies were still continuing, or just where that particular roadside park stood at the moment.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister.

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Chairman, there were quite a few sites that were looked at in the area mentioned by the Honourable Member for Minnedosa. No site to this date has been found to be suitable and acceptable by the Department of Highways pertaining to access, but we're still seeking, we're still looking for an acceptable site.

MR. BLAKE: Would there be someone that I could sit down with and find out why they reject certain areas and why they didn't?

MR. TOUPIN: Oh, yes, definitely. We could assign some . . .

MR. BLAKE: Who would this be? With your people or with . . . ?

MR. TOUPIN: Yes, you could sit down with someone from my department.

MR. BLAKE: From your department, eh?

MR. TOUPIN: Yeah.

MR. BLAKE: Fine. And just before I leave, you might want to answer it under the next item, and I'll watch for it in Hansard. But I'm interested in the park at Rivers - at Rivers Lake - if there is going to be a further development there or just what stage that was in. We met with the Minister and the people from Rivers about six months ago. And if he could report under the next item, I'll watch for his answer in Hansard, or if he wants to give me an answer now . . .

MR. TOUPIN: Well, Mr. Chairman, we're still pursuing that possibility. We're hung up now on the question of land acquisition with, I believe, at least one individual where the price of the land in question is out of hand.

MR. BLAKE: Yes.

MR. TOUPIN: And the policy that we have at this time, in most cases is not to expropriate land unless it's completely necessary, you know, for the expansion or building of a certain facet of a park. So that's really the point that has hung the program or the development up.

MR. BLAKE: That's very good. It might - just as a suggestion if it hasn't already been done - it might be a good STEP program to repaint the change house there. It was looking kind of rugged last fall. But thank you very much.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Mr. Chairman, I wish to touch on an item that I believe the Member for Roblin was speaking on when I came in, and I think he was talking about hunting in Provincial Parks. Is that correct?

First of all, I'd like to commend the Minister on a statement he made some months ago, where he made a suggestion that there perhaps should be a ban on hunting in provincial parks, and I gather that he received a great deal of flak for the suggestion from certain groups in our society. But I think that with the gun pressures and the larger number of hunters every year that it would be relatively easy to control and implement his suggestion. Now, I'm not saying that all hunting should be banned in Provincial Parks. Perhaps in the remote sections of the

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(MR. G. JOHNSTON cont'd) park - any of the parks in the province - hunting could go on on a controlled basis, but I think that parks are primarily for the enjoyment of the citizens who like to go out and see nature as it is, and either live there or camp there or visit, and with a large number of hunters and a large number of guns, I think the time has come to examine this very closely and perhaps place a ban on hunting in all Provincial Parks except for the most remote areas of those parks.

I know in the Whiteshell, that I'm a little bit familiar with, there are certain sections posted so that there's not supposed to be hunting near built-up areas, or near places where people have cabins. I would just like to commend the Minister for that suggestion, and I think he should carry it on and explore it, not be put off by certain pressure groups who think it's a bad idea, because there's a million people in this province and most of them are within the reach of Provincial Parks, and most of them like the idea of a nature area where guns are not allowed, and I think this should be explored.

A further suggestion that I have to make to the Minister - and while I'm making it, I must compliment him on the letter that he sent out to MLAs when he invited them to visit Provincial Parks and if they had any suggestions to make on the operations of them to feel free to do so, and I think that's a very good idea that he is willing to accept ideas from other people in this regard - one other suggestion I have is that in the areas where there are small lakes - very small lakes - that large outboard motors should be, the use should be cut down, should be banned. Some of the small lakes towards the end of the season, the water is almost polluted from the oil discharge and the waste discharge from these large motors. This may sound like an infringement on rights of certain people, perhaps it is, but I think that the large motors should be banned from certain of the small lakes where the oil discharge is such that towards the end of the season the water is contaminated. And I think that's something that should be looked into also.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister.

MR. TOUPIN: Well, Mr. Chairman, first of all I'd like to thank the honourable member for his comments. Our mutual understanding will be pursued. Unlike the Honourable Member for Roblin, I use on a regular basis, a hand gun because I belong to a gun club, but I haven't shot tame or wild animal for quite a few years. The last time that I killed an animal was my own dog because he had gone wild on me. I believe that hunting in the Province of Manitoba has to become part of a long-range planning scheme pertaining to the balance of nature in that regard. I don't think that we have an over-abundance of timber wolf, of bears, of deer, moose, elk, you name them, and I think that it has to be, you know, it has to be overlooked, not only by one department but by many departments and agencies and private citizens and we certainly intend to pursue the thoughts that I expressed not long after I was appointed Minister of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs. So the comments of both members are certainly well taken.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Pembina.

MR. GEORGE HENDERSON (Pembina): Mr. Chairman, I'd like to inquire regarding the Stephenfield Dam or Stephenfield Park, they are really linked together because the dam causes a park to be forming there and I was wondering, is this survey completed to such an extent now that lots can be either purchased or leased to be built on? It's just west of Carman there.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister.

MR. TOUPIN: There is no cottage proposal that we're planning in that given area, you know. within the estimates that we have before us. It's something that I or staff of my department could sit down with the honourable member or with a group in a given area and pursue it, but I can't indicate that for the upcoming year that we have any funds for that purpose.

MR. HENDERSON: Is it your intention to eventually set out some lots there that people could put cottages on, because I know this just went ahead in this last number of years and I've had people asking me if they could do something about purchasing a piece of ground there or leasing a piece of ground so they could have a cottage over there for the weekends and not have to go in there with a trailer all the time, or with a camper or something.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister.

MR. TOUPIN: In our view at this time and like I indicated a few minutes ago, we're willing to pursue this with the honourable member with a group locally. The given area is too limited to go into that field, but again we can discuss it.

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MR. HENDERSON: Thank you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Chairman, the Minister was talking about some long-range planning and preservation of our wildlife and animals and I accept that but has he had any discussions or negotiations in respect to say, mallards and wild ducks? The way I understand it, there's about 70 percent of them produced or more, produced right here, the flyway to the midwest is through Manitoba and Saskatchewan and 70 percent of them are raised in this part of the country, in the western provinces, but the majority are shot, not in Canada but say in the United States and it won't help any by us outlawing shooting of wildlife or say ducks, if there isn't some reciprocal arrangements made with the States immediately to the south of us. You know, if you're going to limit hunting say of waterfowl in Manitoba, you have to have some kind of arrangement perhaps with North Dakota and South Dakota and Minnesota and immediately at least to some of the states to the south of us, because if you don't do that, you know, all we're doing is breeding the waterfowl for the hunters across the line. And as I say again, I have a report here somewhere that was produced that many of these ducks are produced in southwest Manitoba, Minnedosa and north, I believe 70 percent are produced in this part of the country. So it won't solve - by outlawing it in Manitoba when most of your waterfowl will be shot across the line.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order please. I believe the honourable member wasn't present when the Chair cautioned other members of the committee to stay on the topic that we have before us which is Parks, not to stray into another department which might cover renewable resources. The Honourable Minister.

MR. TOUPIN: Well, Mr. Chairman, that's the point that I wanted to make in the sense that we haven't taken a census, we haven't discussed, you know, with other provinces or other countries like the United States in regards to the resource that we're talking about. The Department of Renewable Resources could have made such a study and could have actually had discussions with other groups, but we haven't.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Fort Rouge.

MR. LLOYD AXWORTHY (Fort Rouge): Mr. Chairman, before we begin I just wondered, last evening when I wanted to raise some questions related to the development of special urban park systems if this would be the proper area under Special Studies to conduct that line of questioning.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I believe the honourable member was advised that it came under Park Development, the next section. We're on Special Studies and Projects, half way down Page 17.

MR. AXWORTHY: Fine. Well wherever you think it would be appropriate then, that's fine.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Line 1, Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits, \$39,500--Passed. Line 2, Other Operating Costs \$20,600--Passed. Line 3, Grants (Transfer Payments) \$65,000--Passed. Total for the section \$125,100--Passed; Park Development: Line 1, Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits, \$509,400 . . . The Honourable Member for Fort Rouge.

MR. AXWORTHY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I believe last evening I just had introduced the subject which I would hope the Minister would be able to provide some fairly detailed comment on, but just to rephrase or recap it a little bit, the issue I am concerned about deals with the availability and accessibility of space within the urban area for park land and river bank reclamation and the preservation or maintenance of some of the more historical areas along our areas and there are a number of specific parts to that question.

I think first is the recognition that the City of Winnipeg compared to the - there was a study done I believe about three years ago, 2-1/2 years ago by the City of Winnipeg which showed that our own city is really pretty far behind in terms of availability of amount of space per person compared to most western Canadian cities and that obviously one of the deterrents to that is the high cost of acquiring land in the urban area, but as our population grows, Mr. Chairman, we have added really almost relatively no new space and as we look to the development of a much higher density population in the downtown area, the pressure for some form of recreation and open space becomes even more intense. Certainly the availability - I know there's a specific site in the Fort Rouge area that was just completed last year which showed that we had something like 1.1 sort of acres per 100,000 people or something which is just really, I think the normal average is considered about 5.5 - and I'm just taking those figures

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(MR. AXWORTHY cont'd) off the top, but whatever it was it just shows that we were extremely deprived in that respect.

I know that there has been discussions with Park Canada in terms of the acquisition or partial acquisition of the east CNR yards area and one of the major concerns I have, Mr. Chairman, is the fact that the City of Winnipeg is obviously dragging its feet on those kind of proposals. I'm afraid we're about to lose a major opportunity to do something pretty exciting in this city and I realize that the Province does not have the major responsibility in this area, and certainly the City of Winnipeg which has been acting somewhat foolish in its rejection of those kind of proposals, but at the same time I think one of the reasons for it is we really haven't worked out any kind of overall plan for urban park space or urban recreation space throughout the city of Winnipeg and worked out a plan whereby the Provincial Government would provide assistance to the city in pursuing its activity. So that's one part of the concern.

The second part comes back to the - I'd like to know really what is the department doing to acquire space within the immediate orbit of Winnipeg, the perimeter of Winnipeg. We've just been presented with a very major Planning Act by the Minister of Municipal Affairs which as I read it will have the powers to designate certain zones for development uses and for preservation uses, and I'm wondering whether we have had as much foresight or anticipation of that and have been acquiring certain locations within the orbit of Winnipeg to provide for future needs of urban parkway systems in the area, and as my colleague the other evening pointed out, the Member from Assiniboia, that many people in the city just simply can't afford to go to Falcon Lake or the Lake Winnipeg resorts and as a result are really sort of stuck where they are. I just really feel that there has tended to be a low priority put on dealing with the recreation needs of city residents at this stage and that the province hasn't really been pulling its fair share of the weight in trying to get the kind of plans and development that is required, so I would like to know at what stage has the Provincial Government moved into this area and what are they planning or projecting for future consideration in this particular concern.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister.

MR. TOUPIN: Well, Mr. Chairman, first of all in regards to Assiniboine Park, the honourable member is aware that we've entered into an agreement with the City of Winnipeg in regards to that facility. It remains a park that is administered by the City of Winnipeg but the bulk of the funds - well I'd say all of the funds to maintain and operate the park is now a financial responsibility under my department.

In regard to the larger question that he poses, we not only sympathize with what he says, but we started a study last year, it's been going on now for close to a year, in regards to what we now have within the boundaries of the City of Winnipeg, south and north of the City of Winnipeg, east and west because it involves the Seine, the Red, and the other rivers equally, the La Salle and other rivers that fall into the Red then or the Seine.

The study that was conducted takes into account the recreational resources and potential of these rivers that actually pass through the City of Winnipeg and the anticipated use by either the City of Winnipeg itself or the fiscal responsibility that could be taken by the department in those regards. The study is to be completed very shortly. We've had an initial report made to myself and to Cabinet on the study that has been conducted on an ongoing basis. No policy decision has been taken pertaining to financial input pursuant to that study. We've had discussions with the Federal Government because the Federal Government is involved. We will be discussing with the City of Winnipeg or other municipalities involved when we go say south of the city boundaries to St. Adolphe and Ste. Agathe, if we get to that area, pertaining to having a buffer zone on the Red, and the same with the Seine going west to Starbuck and so on.

So what I'm really saying is that, yes, there is a study that's being prepared, it should be completed within a month or so, where Cabinet will be able to look at it and make some financial provisions for the next budget. But there's nothing reflected here in this budget for that purpose - apart from Assiniboine Park that comes under another provision, not the one we're under now and the Thompson Zoo and Park, I believe.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Fort Rouge.

MR. AXWORTHY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Picking up the point the Minister raised, that there is now a study under way in terms of urban park needs, I'm both pleased but also somewhat dismayed because recreation and park space is one of those areas where I think

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(MR. AXWORTHY cont'd) there must be, if it's going to work well, a maximum amount of involvement and participation of residents and those that are going to be affected and in part I feel somewhat that certainly much earlier than now, the elected representatives from those areas which will be affected should have been involved in the development of those plans.

I think that, as well, I know that there are a number of recreation groups and community groups in these areas which are actively trying to secure a better arrangement for themselves and it seems that there's a kind of planning going off in abstract and not much involvement of individual citizens or their elected representatives in the development of that. And I may be too late for that earlier involvement but I would like to know if the Minister intends to make this study available and begin to involve those who have some direct feelings and concerns about the matter, particularly - and again I don't want to make it sound like special pleading but as the Minister knows in terms of my own constituency, it covers both sides of the Red and the Assiniboine and both sides I think have been badly deprived for a long time and would feel that certainly I would be interested in having some say as to what's going to happen in my own constituency, because I think that for the past two years I spent a lot of time working with residents on that problem in trying to understand what they need, and I haven't been aware frankly that there has been much communication going on between local residents who had been involved in recreation and provincial officials in the development of these plans.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister.

MR. TOUPIN: Well first of all, Mr. Chairman, the honourable member is quite aware that when we talk about recreational facilities, whether they fall within proximity to a river or a stream, and if it's in the City of Winnipeg it's ultimately the responsibility of the City of Winnipeg. In regards to the study that has been near completed now, city officials were involved in regards to the preparation of the document that should be presented to me fairly shortly, the report at the stage that it now was tested on the elected officials of the City of Winnipeg, so they're not actually kept in the dark, and in regard to the rural municipalities that were affected, it was equally tested on the elected officials there. The report cannot be made public now because it hasn't been completed yet; we don't anticipate the report to be completed for about another month. Ultimately what happens within the city boundaries itself will have to be the responsibility of the elected body within the City of Winnipeg. What we're doing is to attempt to be of some assistance to the City of Winnipeg and the other municipalities involved in regard to making such a study available and in co-operating with them financially, if that's possible, with the Federal Government. And that was our intent, to involve the federal officials in the study, and once the recommendations are final we hope to be able to sit down again with the federal officials, with the officials of the City of Winnipeg and other municipalities involved. But at this stage, apart from having some citizens involved in the preparation of the data that is being presented to us, there were no public meetings pertaining to intent of implementing a policy, because we haven't reached that stage.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Fort Rouge.

MR. AXWORTHY: Mr. Chairman, I beg some difference with the Minister because, again, I would like to assert that - I think this goes to the heart of the matter, and that is how do you go about planning things? I realize and recognize that recreation has a primary responsibility in the City of Winnipeg but again, from your description, you talk about consulting with officials. I would suggest, to begin with, that for all the skills and wisdom they may have, appointed officials have certain limitations, particularly if they don't know the area and particularly if they don't have the sense of grass roots or sense of what's going on in areas. And I would really register some complaint about the style of planning or the approach to planning of this, to provide you with some information, Mr. Minister, while this study is being prepared, in terms of what kind of role the provincial Government should be having, in terms of acquiring land and developing recreational facilities. In the meantime, there are very active groups of citizens in those areas directly involved, who are trying to work on the same thing and developing their own ideas, and they're obviously working in isolation or in separation from these two groups. And it strikes me that certainly, you know, I guess maybe we reach a stage where some of the peculiar niceties of the jurisdictions of government should be looked at, because it really means, I would think, that the planning we're acquiring is not particularly good planning; not that the skills are not good, but that simply it doesn't have much of a touch or feel or

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(MR. AXWORTHY cont'd) sense of interest or concern or priority of those who are going to be affected by it.

That's what bothers me a little bit, is that there have been some real efforts being made on the local level to develop the kind of things they like to see happen and to make their interest known, and they can do that both through their elected representatives and directly. And I don't think it's enough to present people with a fait accompli after it's all over and say take it or leave it. I think that they should be involved very early on in the development of such plans, and I think particularly in the area of urban parkland or urban park areas it's really pretty critical that that kind of consultation involvement take place, because otherwise I think it's going to be really not of much use.

MR. TOUPIN: Well, Mr. Chairman, first of all, I attempted to make the distinction between what I felt to be our responsibility to attempt to get as much information and direction, and work as closely as possible with citizens involved, when it pertains to jurisdiction that is definitely ours. When we talk of actually building facilities within a park structure that is in close proximity to a group of citizens that have to be involved, then I insist that we consult these people and make sure that we get the benefit of their knowledge pertaining to the given community and so on. But when we deal with the City of Winnipeg, as an example, and when we deal with the planning structure that they have within the City of Winnipeg, and then when we take it as a fait accompli that that planning group should in all wisdom go to the elected officials and they in turn, before anything is finalized, go to the interested groups and get the benefit of their wisdom pertaining to what is intended to become a policy, then, you know, we can't take on that responsibility. When we deal with an elected body outside of the City of Winnipeg, a municipality or several municipalities, and the politicians locally are involved, we in turn have to assume that they involve their population, those interested groups that may be in proximity to the planned development.

We've had several groups that have come to us directly. I can name quite a few that came to us and said, "Listen, we've been studying the possibility of actually making better use of the Red River and the Seine and so on." And we've received their briefs and they were considered before policy was attempted to be formulated. So we don't feel that whatever groups have not been included that it's too late for them to be included. Far from it. Because we haven't struck a policy to say, "Well, we're unanimous in feeling; we're going to do a certain project on a certain part of the Red River or the Seine." We haven't reached that stage. And groups, a lot of groups, Mr. Chairman, have been involved, because they've shown interest. And certainly officials of those levels of government that will be given the responsibility for development were involved. Politicians were involved, and they do have the responsibility, and I feel that I, as the Minister responsible for parks and recreation, did involve the people that I felt had to be involved with any, and they in turn had to get the interested group locally.

MR. AXWORTHY: Well, Mr. Chairman, I just want to raise one further point on this though, and that is that perhaps in theory the Minister may be trying to project himself properly but in practice it doesn't work out very well. And I would use for example that in the City of Winnipeg, under the program whereby grants were given to different communities for capitalization of recreation programs, there was a horrible injustice done to a quarter of a million people on this basis, that the city was divided into sort of community committee areas so that's why the Provincial Government provided the grants, except the whole Inner City of Winnipeg; which is the old City of Winnipeg, was considered one area on the same par as Transcona or St. James or Fort Garry or St. Vital, with the rest of the community committee areas. So, in effect, a quarter of a million people living in the old City of Winnipeg were considered sort of equal to the other quarter of a million, except that they got something like seven or eight times the money because they were divided into different communities. And if that's the way the planning goes on, then I suggest that the kinds of concerns or interests that are important to the people, say, living in the River-Stradbroke area are very different from those in west end Winnipeg, or very different from those in north end Winnipeg, or very different from those in Point Douglas, and yet they're all lumped together. And the provincial grants system works the same way, and therefore I really raise a very strong objection to that kind of inequity which directly affects us, because not only are we getting short-changed when it comes to assistance in terms of capital projects, but I think are getting

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(MR. AXWORTHY cont'd)short-changed when it comes to having an input into the planning process because of this quirk, or whatever mechanism that is sort of malfunctioning in the way it works.

You can see the kind of example when we get down to the problem that was faced by this government and the city government when it came to deal with the acquisition of the Loblaw space beside Nassau Square, where again there was a great deal of confusion, and still is, as to who is responsible. The Province says, "We've acquired the property but we'll sell to the City at full cost, and yet the capitalization for that has gone into a swimming pool somewhere in the Sargent Park area and there's no more capital left for it and no assistance for it, and so the people are kind of left hung-up. In the meantime, a major public housing project has gone in there, adding a great number of children, and nothing's being done in terms of providing additional recreation space.

So what I'm trying to say to the Minister is that the way in which the planning is being done, the way in which the relationships between the City and the Province are worked out, are inadequate or malfunctioning or inequitable, and we simply have to change them in order to get a proper and fair distribution, both of the resources that are available as well as to make sure that there is a fair and equitable input into the planning process, because it's simply not happening right now.

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MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister.

MR. TOUPIN: Well, Mr. Chairman. I only see three ways actually that we could possibly get, say, a better planning scheme in regard to what I consider to be three levels of government involved here. One would be to attempt to co-ordinate better those that are given political responsibility at the municipal provincial and federal levels because all three are not only interested but are given responsibility by legislation. Now, the other possibility is to give all the planning responsibility to the municipal level, and the third is to give it to the department in question.

Now I happen to believe sincerely that there is still room to be able to sit down and attempt to co-ordinate together, because we do have a shared financial responsibility. The City of Winnipeg or the Municipality of Ritchot will not undertake a major project on their own - they'll attempt to get federal and provincial funding. And if there is to be provincial and federal funding, I think all three should be involved in the review of policy in the planning for the future. Now the honourable member may be quite right, that in regard to the planning for the future that it has not been very effective, and I happen to agree with him. The management the care of a lot of things pertaining to the Red and the Seine, leave a lot to be desired today, and that's one of the reasons why we got deeply involved as a department starting last year involved in attempting to rationalize what we now have and what we feel could be done in the future, not only pertaining to the research that we've done ourselves in our Planning and Research Secretariat, but in regard to the studies that have been conducted by lay groups, by different levels of government.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. McKENZIE: Mr. Chairman. I hear the former socialist, the great Joe Borowski, blasting this morning from Headingley Jail, that the Minister of Agriculture shouldn't have sold the farm and the inmates out there are standing around the corners picking their nose and they've got nothing to do. When the farm was there they had to work. I understand the Minister has expropriated certain lands in the Headingley area and it's being developed into a park - is that the Beaudry Park, the name of the Park? I wonder, first of all, how you can justify taking top class agricultural land out of production and making it into parks. Is that the policy of the Parks Department?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister.

MR. TOUPIN: In regard to approximately I believe it's 1,800 acres involved in a given area in the Beaudry Park, the arable land that's involved and that was either bought outright because there was an agreement or that portion that had to be expropriated, is leased back, is leased back for agricultural purpose for the time that it will not be utilized as a provincial park, and that may be for quite a few years to come. So I'd say the policy of the department, of my department, is not to expropriate where land is not usually absolutely needed for the development that it was intended for, and if it had to be expropriated because we want a package and it is not going to be utilized for, say, campsites or, say, the construction of facility, we lease it back.

MR. McKENZIE: Well, Mr. Chairman, just to clarify the policy of the government on this matter. Then your priority is that you would take topnotch, first class agricultural land out of production and make it into parks. Or am I wrong?

MR. TOUPIN: Well, Mr. Chairman, again, it's not our policy to go out into the prairies, say, of Dugald and expropriate 1,800 acres of what is considered to be about the best arable land in the province and make it into a park. No, that's not our policy. But if there is a parcel if there is a parcel within the package that an individual has not consented to sell and is considered to be needed for the intended provincial park, yes, in those cases we would expropriate.

MR. McKENZIE: So therefore, Mr. Chairman, the department then are not concerned about the study that's likely going to end up on our desk - I guess it's there; it came last night - on planning. I'm wondering why we can't pursue a parks policy or a park that utilizes the sub-marginal lands, and there's substantial numbers of acres around this province, rather than getting into the taking away . . . You know, he mentions Dugald, Headingley, I daresay, is some of the top farm land of this province. And if the Minister, is telling me correctly that if the need is there that it's going to be taken out of parks and put back into agriculture, then I wonder why we went in the first place. We should have went to sub-marginal areas, or was there another reason why you went into that area and decided it as a park?

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(MR. McKENZIE cont'd)

On the other hand, I do congratulate the Minister for going in salvaging that old station there, and they were going to run that - what is it they call it - the Claydon Cannon Ball, is going to have a place to turn around and a place to rest. That's all part and . . . But, you know, I do become uptight about the fact that I think, not only in your department but urban development as well, Mr. Minister, Mr. Chairman, that I can't see that we in this province have the right or the privilege to, as we're developing this city to the south there which is some of the top agricultural land of Western Canada, making it into a concrete jungle. That just cannot be in this day and age.

So I would hope that the Minister could tell the Committee that while maybe they did in Headingley make a mistake, that we should direct our recreational areas and our parks into those lands that are sub-marginal and utilize that facility for recreation. I don't think it matters a heck of a lot to a man and his family and his children if they're walking around on gravel or . . . But I do think that we must be very clear on the policy of the department. Where are you going to go? Are you going to continue to pursue that policy that certain farm lands, if it feels - the department - that it's needed for recreation, it'll be agricultural land, topnotch agricultural, that'll be expropriated?

MR. TOUPIN: Well, Mr. Chairman, again, I'm a bit at a loss, because we're often accused of not being able to have adequate space for recreational purpose.

MR. McKENZIE: We all recognize that, Rene.

MR. TOUPIN: We found a spot near the City of Winnipeg where we have over half of the population of the Province of Manitoba, that apart from being a historical portion of our province, was considered to be - well, first of all, it had five and a half miles of river front, which is certainly needed for a recreational purpose, and was the last remaining river bottom forest land. There was approximately 1,800 acres involved of which 800 was considered to be arable till it's re-forested, and we hope to re-forest one day when we actually develop the 1,800 acres; the 800 acres in question is leased back, so that's part of the land banking for a purpose that's very specific. Now we could have gone to, I don't know, acquired more land around Hecla Island, or possibly St. Laurent, and attempted to develop that area, but this was an area where we felt the river itself needed to be protected, to be developed for recreational purposes, to be protected in regard to the environment, historical land in the Province of Manitoba. In most cases we found people locally that were willing to sell voluntarily to the department. The recreational space was needed and the policy was arrived at to plan this expansion of a recreational area close to the city over a period of many years. So it's very difficult to not take sometimes arable land and develop for recreational purposes when we can't find, in the close proximity of the City of Winnipeg, enough, say, forested land, or land that is not considered to be arable, rocky and so on.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. McKENZIE: The Minister's argument doesn't hold water, because if we pursue that policy then it's go ahead, build concrete all the way to the border. And we just can't let it happen because that is top-notch agricultural land and I think it should be recognized that we can't take that out of production. And that we'll debate at another time. What did the whole Beaudry Park cost. What's there? - 23, 2,400 acres?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister.

MR. TOUPIN: The final figures I'm informed, Mr. Chairman, have been finalized. It will run around 1.5 million, 1.6 million.

MR. McKENZIE: It's completed, there's no more development being scheduled?

MR. TOUPIN: The development hasn't even started. We've acquired the land.

MR. McKENZIE: Well that's why I raised the question. Are you going to develop agricultural land for park purposes or are you not.

MR. TOUPIN: Well most definitely, Mr. Chairman, this is why we bought the land was for recreational purposes.

MR. McKENZIE: Well we'll debate that another time. The Hecla Island Park, I was out the other day, found it very encouraging, the development is moving ahead at an excellent rate and it's going to be a tremendous asset to the people of this province. Can I ask the Honourable Minister what kind of problems are you expecting with the high water levels that we're experiencing out there at this time, and as I see it they're likely going to be with us for a long time.

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MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister.

MR. TOUPIN: Well first of all we're not anticipating any long range problems pertaining to high water in that given area. The road itself will have to be reconstructed but that's the only facet of the development that we feel that has to be done to prevent any real problems pertaining to water.

MR CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. MCKENZIE: Mr. Chairman, I spent some time talking to people that have lived there all their lives and they can see that the beaches and that, or the beach areas that you're proposing to, that they're likely going to be eroded and there's going to be considerable damage from the high water and I wonder if that has been a concern, or is that under control and it will be no problem at all?

MR. TOUPIN: No, we don't anticipate any problems there.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits - the Honourable Member for Souris-Killarney.

MR. MCKELLAR: Mr. Chairman, I just wonder, on Turtle Mountain Provincial Park, because of this continuation of allowing people to build at Lake Mack and other parts, you know, build cottages there, I just wondered is there any part of the Turtle Mountain Park going to be allocated to people who want to lease a lot and build a cottage alongside a lake. Lake Bower I understand is also - people have been stopped from building there. Lake Bower - and Lake Mack I mentioned. This question has been asked me many times by the people in that given area.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister.

MR. TOUPIN: There's no plans for the building of cottages in that given area.

MR. MCKELLAR: Not even east of No. 10 Highway, in any part of that area east of No. 10 Highway?

MR. TOUPIN: Yes, there could be east of the highway. But that's not part of the park.

MR. MCKELLAR: It's all Crown land in that given area. Is that not part of the . . .

MR. TOUPIN: PFRA pasture land.

MR. MCKELLAR: Oh I see. That's not . . . Lake William, is Lake William in the Turtle Mountain Provincial Park, is that part of your . . .

MR. TOUPIN: It's a small recreation area.

MR. MCKELLAR: It's part of your, under your jurisdiction though, yes. Well this question has been asked because of the fact Lake Bower, some of the people built cottages there and also Lake Mack on the island where there's about 12 cottages there. I often wondered why that area, in Lake Mack, people weren't allowed because there are a number of lots on Lake Mack on the island there that would make beautiful places for development like for . . . you have to get there by boat but it's really a terrific place there. I was just wondering if there is any thought in mind of allowing people to build on that given area?

MR. TOUPIN: No there hasn't.

MR. MCKELLAR: And the people there can retain a lease like on Lake Mack and like others, they can have the lease, eh.

MR. TOUPIN: Yes.

MR. MCKELLAR: One other thing, I was just wondering, Turtle Mountain Park, the developed area is becoming very popular with tourists, and I was wondering if it reached its capacity like or is there any plans for any further development at Lake Adam there in overnight camping?

MR. TOUPIN: We're about at Phase One of a fairly large development in that area. The Honourable Member for Souris. . .

MR. MCKELLAR: I see. Phase One, eh? Well another question regarding Spruce Woods which is also in my constituency, and I was just wondering if - it reaches its capacity in many weekends - I was just wondering if there is going to be further development to overnight camping or even day camping?

MR. TOUPIN: Yes, there will be, there is a contemplated move to have an expansion there. Not this year but in future years.

MR. MCKELLAR: Also I remember when we started that park it was originally intended to have a ski resort there, and I was wondering if that's still in the plans or whether that's . . .

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MR. TOUPIN: It's not on the drawing boards now; it was being considered, and you know is still in the back of the minds of some officials but it's not included, no expenditures are included here.

MR. McKELLAR: No well, I just wondered. Mr. Gibb's farm, I think was the area that this was originally intended along the river there. Yes, well that's all the questions I have.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Line one, Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits \$509,400--passed; Line two, Construction \$764,200--passed; Total for that section \$1,273,600--passed. Top of Page 18, Provincial Parks System, Grant Assistance. Grants \$2,225,000 - The Honourable Member for Souris-Killarney.

MR. McKELLAR: Mr. Chairman, this is a large amount of money and I was just wondering if you could --(Interjection)-- where the Grants go to, where the moneys are allocated.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister.

MR. TOUPIN: The breakdown, Mr. Chairman, is the City of Winnipeg for Maintenance and Operation of Assiniboine Park and Zoo, 2,150,000; the City of Thompson for development and operation of local zoo, 47,000; International Peace Gardens Commission, which we paid the honourable member is aware, 25,000, which is 5,000 over last year; City of Winnipeg for bus route to Birds Hill Provincial Park 3,000, for a total of 2,225,000.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. McKENZIE: Mr. Chairman, is there room for a private entrepreneur to get in touch with the department re this suggestion, and I happen to have a chap by the name of Davidson there by the Shellmouth Dam, and I'm sure a lot of the staff of the department have seen his little game farm there, and it's sort of a wildlife management area that he is pursuing, he's got buffalo there and several species of deer and that. Could he make application and maybe find a couple of bucks to help him with his program?

MR. TOUPIN: We haven't got a program for that purpose. There never has been to our knowledge under any other previous administration. That's something we could always look at but I mean there is nothing, there is no existing policy where it would allow us to enter, say, into a partnership or attempt to be of some financial assistance to . . .

MR. McKENZIE: The reason I raised it, Mr. Minister, is because Mr. Davidson and his wife they're getting on in years and maybe it would be advisable for the department or the staff to go and have a talk with him there because it's grown out of proportion. He can't possibly manage it any more because that guy's busy. Weekends it takes the whole family to . . . people are coming and going there and it's an interesting place. If they haven't been there I'd invite the department and some of the staff to go and have a visit with him and talk about his future plans, and I suspect the day will be at hand when maybe you should manage it and take it over for him because it's grown - my gosh, his buffalo herd is increasing all the time and he's got an excellent location, it's sandy land, and he's got it all properly fenced and everything; if you do that I'd be most grateful.

MR. TOUPIN: We'll pursue that.

MR. McKENZIE: Thank you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Souris-Killarney.

MR. McKELLAR: Mr. Chairman, I was just wondering, is there any thought in mind like - the towns of Souris and Killarney in my area provide excellent parks for their communities Killarney along the lake and Souris along the Souris River - is there any thought in mind of giving them a small amount of assistance, or is that . . . what's the policy on that matter right now?

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Chairman, we passed that appropriation where we discussed the regional park assistance program and we're trying it, I believe, it's in five areas in the Province of Manitoba, and we're hoping to expand on that in years to come, but we're . . . that's related a bit to the question posed by the Honourable Member for Roblin where we could, say, in partnership with municipalities or non-profit groups, enter into a partnership and help develop a given area.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Fort Rouge.

MR. McKELLAR: Did that policy, Mr. Chairman, that one policy, have you stated the policies, --(Interjection)-- you have?

MR. TOUPIN: Yes.

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MR. McKELLAR: I see. I guess I didn't read it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Fort Rouge.

MR. AXWORTHY: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if I could get some clarifications from the Minister on their Grant programs in relation to Parks and Recreation in this area and their assistance that they give, particularly in terms of the City of Winnipeg. Obviously there is still, I think, some confusion about the arrangements that have been made for Assiniboine Park and the rationale behind that.

The other kind of question which I raised before and the Minister didn't answer, deals with the policy that has emerged in terms of the inequity between parts of the city because of the way the Grant structure is applied which gives a disproportion . . . the suburban areas as opposed to the inner city, and in particular the way, I have a specific case, which frankly everyone finds confusing, unless someone with the Minister's staff can clarify it, and that is the arrangements that have been made in terms of the acquisition of the Loblaw site. As I gather the position now stands the Manitoba Housing and Renewal Corporation purchased that site and has offered it to the City of Winnipeg but at full cost, which I believe is fairly expensive, around \$900,000 or something, but the province has offered no assistance in terms of cost sharing or to provide any kind of grant towards the use of that site, which seems to me a little bit self-defeating in its purpose. So I would hope that perhaps the Minister would take some opportunity to explain his general policy now in relation to the formulas for grants to the City of Winnipeg and its purchase of sites and areas within the City for these purposes.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister.

MR. TOUPIN: Well first of all, Mr. Chairman, in regard to the grants that we're talking about here, to the City of Winnipeg it represents 100 percent of maintenance and operating costs of the Assiniboine Park and Zoo, which is an increase over last year of about \$250,000. The policy that we have pertaining to facility grants, which the honourable member is wanting to go back to, which we discussed a while ago. . .

MR. AXWORTHY: But we didn't discuss it, Mr. Chairman.

MR. TOUPIN: Well my basic feeling in regard to facility grants, I mean we can't have it both ways. Either the department will decide for the given community where the funds will be applied, or we delegate that responsibility to an elected body. We decided to delegate that responsibility to the elected body. If it happens to be a rural municipality of the given group in question, that is, a sports group want to build a hockey arena, they make their submission to the council and the council in turn will submit that application for a maximum \$20,000 grant in the municipality; if they want to qualify for \$40,000, they get two municipalities together to agree on a project, and they can get 40,000, or 60,000 if there's three municipalities, as long as it does not exceed 25 percent of the total cost of the project. That's the existing policy.

In regard to the City of Winnipeg it's one identity, one municipality. So we say that we make available to them an amount X, one year it was 180,000, last year, well this year 240,000 plus a half a million, which was considered to be a centennial grant. Now in regard to the centennial grant, we told the City of Winnipeg, tell us where you want to spend this money before we pay it out to you, and they still haven't identified the 500,000. In regard to the \$240,000, we suggested to the City of Winnipeg to apply \$20,000 to every community committee, but they can in their wisdom as a council apply the whole 240,000 in one community committee, but that's a delegation of power that they have. The funds are being . . . and it could have happened the same in the Municipality of Lorne, it could have happened the same in the Municipality of Springfield, where the Municipality would decide to spend the whole \$20,000 in one town and not spread it around. But based on the population, the policy's consistent. We can't have it both ways.

MR. AXWORTHY: Well Mr. Chairman, again, I don't think the Minister has fully answered my question. He's raised the point, he's said that \$500,000 of that centennial grant is still unexpended, is that correct?

MR. TOUPIN: Yes.

MR. AXWORTHY: So that that money presumably would still be available for application let's say to the Loblaw site if that was so decided by the City of Winnipeg.

MR. TOUPIN: It's held in trust.

MR. AXWORTHY: Pardon me?

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MR. TOUPIN: It's held in trust.

MR. AXWORTHY: That money is held in trust now in provincial resources. So if the City of Winnipeg were tomorrow to say to you that they would like to use half of that as part of the purchase price towards the Loblaw site, you would agree to that. Is that correct?

MR. TOUPIN: I didn't say we'd agree to it, I said we'd look at it.

MR. AXWORTHY: Yes, but that is you said the . . .

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Chairman, if I may, on two things.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister.

MR. TOUPIN: The \$500,000 was conditional. The \$240,000 is not conditional.

MR. AXWORTHY: Oh. What's the condition, Mr. Chairman?

MR. TOUPIN: It has to be an approved project.

MR. AXWORTHY: Approved by your department. All right. So that just to clarify this, Mr. Chairman, because it is of some importance to the residents of that area, the status of that particular site is that MHRC has purchased it at, I believe the price was 900,000, is that correct? The figures may be off, but that so far there has been no application for use of the \$500,000 towards offsetting the cost of that purchase price. Is that correct? But that you would be prepared to consider that.

MR. TOUPIN: We'd be prepared to look at it, yes.

MR. AXWORTHY: You'd be prepared to look at that. All right. That information will certainly be forwarded, Mr. Chairman.

The second part of the question I have though is on this question of the application of support for recreation services, which again it is my understanding is based upon a kind of 12 versus one, 12 in a sense of urban communities versus called inner city, but that one inner city happens to represent a quarter of a million people. Has that issue been raised with the city in terms of disparities and inequities that ensue as a result?

MR. TOUPIN: Yes, it's been raised but I'd like to inform the honourable member, and I think in all fairness to the other members of the committee, that we're not actually on that item here. We will come to that in regard to the facility grants. This is Provincial Parks we're on now. It has nothing to do with the facility grants. The only thing we're dealing with under this item, Mr. Chairman, if I may, is the \$2,225,000, and I've given the breakdown of that.

MR. AXWORTHY: All right then I'll reserve that for . . . when, Mr. Chairman, might we expect to deal with the facility grants item.

MR. TOUPIN: It's under the Cultural Division.

MR. AXWORTHY: Under Community Recreation Services.

MR. TOUPIN: Yes. Right.

MR. AXWORTHY: Okay.

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

MR. ADAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I wanted some clarification on the grants to the City of Winnipeg Assiniboine Park. Is that now a provincial park?

MR. TOUPIN: Well it's not named as a provincial park. It has kept the same name.

MR. ADAM: But is it a provincial park?

MR. TOUPIN: It's a provincially supported park.

MR. ADAM: Well does that mean that we charge now?

MR. TOUPIN: No.

MR. ADAM: We don't charge?

MR. TOUPIN: No.

MR. ADAM: And what is the amount that's been . . . ?

MR. TOUPIN: \$2,150,000.

MR. ADAM: And you were tying this in with grants, with the Lotteries Commission Grants.

MR. TOUPIN: No, not this.

MR. ADAM: When you were answering questions before you were - and I wasn't clear on that because . . .

MR. TOUPIN: I was really out of order.

MR. ADAM: Okay.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Grants (Transfer Payments) \$2,225,000-passed. Total Provincial Park System \$11,166,000-passed.

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Historic Resources. The Honourable Member for Souris-Killarney.

MR. McKELLAR: Mr. Chairman, can someone give us a detailed summary of what's involved here? Can someone give us. . . Well they could maybe give a statement as to what's involved here.

MR. TOUPIN: Let me go through some of the financial implications and what is involved pertaining to on-site fees and so on. The salaries for one permanent civil service position managerial and six civil service term positions - three professional, one technical, and two administrative support. There's fees for restoration, architect, archaeologist, historians, contracted to work on various projects, Fort Ellice being one; Hecla Island. And there's a report on women in Manitoba, to a tune all told, Fort Ellice-Hecla Island \$91,200. A total decrease of \$15,800 is due to a reduction in number of projects that will be carried out in 1975-76.

Would the honourable member want me to go right through? The activity description would provide for investigation, acquisition, maintenance and renovation, recovery and suitable interpretation of the human history of the Province. I think that's really answering the question of the honourable member for Souris-Killarney. And one example, Mr. Chairman, if I may, to avoid possibly some questions, the grants that are involved in this appropriation would be: City of Winnipeg, study for significant buildings and so on, \$20,000. Grants to local museums, 50 museums, \$100,000. Manitoba Historical Society \$15,000. The St. Boniface Historical Society \$2,500. South Indian Lake Study \$48,200. A total of \$185,700, which I have in the bottom of the appropriations.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits. The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. McKENZIE: Mr. Chairman, I'd first of all like to ask the Honourable Minister how many historic sites are going to be marked in the province this year.

MR. TOUPIN: Six.

MR. McKENZIE: Six. And will you tell us where they'll be?

MR. TOUPIN: Two in Churchill, one in The Pas, one in Flin Flon, one in the RM of Portage, and one in Marcisse.

MR. McKENZIE: A further question. The archaeological digs that are under consideration here. I heard him say Hecla Island, there'll be one there; there'll be one at Fort Ellice; Southern Indian Lake.

MR. TOUPIN: No, I'm sorry, those are restorations.

MR. McKENZIE: Those are restorations?

MR. TOUPIN: Yes.

MR. McKENZIE: Oh.

MR. TOUPIN: Fort Ellice, Hecla Island.

MR. McKENZIE: Nothing for Asessippi there, eh?

MR. TOUPIN: No.

MR. McKENZIE: Okay. How many archaeological digs is there considered for this year?

MR. TOUPIN: One major one in Hecla Island.

MR. McKENZIE: So the one at Southern Indian Lake has been abandoned?

MR. TOUPIN: There are seven small ones.

MR. McKENZIE: Yes. The one at Southern Indian Lake is completed; it's abandoned then?

MR. TOUPIN: No, it's not completed yet. We're coming into the last fiscal year for that one.

MR. McKENZIE: Spruce Woods. That's completed?

MR. TOUPIN: Yes.

MR. McKENZIE: Then there was one other one. I just can't recall - there was three, I believe, in . . . I'm wondering under this item, Mr. Chairman, there is evidence - and I've sent some letters to the Minister - how far the province is prepared to go with local groups, and I'll cite an example of, I think it's the Ukrainian Women's Association, of I think it's Roblin or some place in my constituency, have decided they're going to try and restore a church, a home, a farmstead - the buildings are all intact there - and I don't think they received

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(MR. McKENZIE cont'd) . . . that much encouragement from the Province. I think it was suggested that they pursue it at the federal level. Those type of structures - and may I refer - and I don't know if it's the same around the province but in my constituency there's dozens of cemeteries today that are abandoned, basically abandoned. They're unmarked; they're there; and maybe it's very difficult for a government or a politician or a municipality to go into these areas, but I think that it should be reviewed. Like if you go in and talk with the municipality or the churches that are involved, that maybe they . . . Because they're sitting out in the middle of nowhere and there's many of them. --(Interjection)-- Yes, I know that, but they're likely never going to be utilized again and maybe it should be just marked and left intact - I don't know how to handle it. But many people come to me and inquire who owns it, and in many cases there's only six, eight, ten graves and the families are all long gone. Maybe if the Minister has a few bucks some time the staff could take it under surveillance and take a look at them. I don't know if it's the same all over the province but I have many of them in Roblin constituency.

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Chairman, all those sites that the honourable member is mentioning should be referred to the Historical Sites Advisory Board for them to review and make certain recommendations on them. Without that being done, there's only technical advice that can be given by Mr. McFarland and his staff pertaining to same.

MR. McKENZIE: Thank you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Fort Rouge.

MR. AXWORTHY: Mr. Chairman, in the debates that we had earlier this month on the establishment of the Heritage Foundation, the Minister indicated at that time he wasn't exactly sure what planning or moneys would be available for that particular foundation, what it would be used to do. He said that he still had to wait upon Cabinet to decide how much capital. I was wondering if he could describe to us under this what the staff anticipates using that particular foundation for, what plans are now in the works, how much capital is being requested, what sort of acquisitions and developments would take place using that foundation.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister.

MR. TOUPIN: Well, first of all, we have to indicate that we haven't received from them their financial requirements. We have no financial provisions within our estimates for that purpose.

MR. AXWORTHY: Well, Mr. Chairman, if I may then ask him a question. Let me clarify this thing. You say "them". Has the board of such a foundation been established?

MR. TOUPIN: Foundation, no.

MR. AXWORTHY: So there is no board for the Foundation at the present moment.

MR. TOUPIN: Not yet.

MR. AXWORTHY: Can the Minister tell us what does his staff or department at this stage have plans, or at least some forecast of what sort of things they would see this foundation doing, so that some application for capital might be made, and when does he think in fact this Heritage Foundation may get started or begin working?

MR. TOUPIN: Well, first of all, in regard to the Foundation's responsibilities, they're spelled out in the Act. In regard to when the Foundation will be established, we're hoping to get that under way during this fiscal year. Like I indicated, because of not having set up the Foundation itself, we have no financial implications for this fiscal year.

MR. AXWORTHY: Mr. Chairman, I apologize perhaps for being a little obtuse, but the Minister says the legislation has it. Well I read the legislation very carefully and it's a very general piece of legislation. You know, you could do a thousand and one things inside the parameters of that legislation. What I'm wondering about, there must be some set of guidelines, I suppose would be the best word, or at least areas of initial work that that Foundation would do. Do you see it at this stage having, as its first step, acquiring older homes, the acquisition of cemeteries, as the Member for Roblin suggests? Is it to develop, is it to secure artifacts, historical artifacts? In effect, you know, that Act is a very general piece of legislation and I want to know more specifically what can we anticipate that Foundation doing once it gets rolling. Where is it going to go from here? What's it going to do?

MR. TOUPIN: Well, Mr. Chairman, I'm citing from the Act that was passed but not proclaimed: "The objects of the Foundations are: (a) To receive, acquire by purchase, donation or lease, and to hold, preserve, maintain, reconstruct, restore and manage property, both

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(MR. TOUPIN cont'd) . . . real and personal, of historical, architectural, recreational, aesthetic or scenic interest, for the use, enjoyment and benefit of the people of Manitoba; (b) To support and contribute to the acquisition, holding, preservation, maintenance, reconstruction and management of the property, of the kind and for the purpose mentioned in Clause (a); and (c) To conduct and arrange exhibits or other cultural or recreational activities to inform and stimulate the interest of the public in historical and architectural matters." And the powers of the Foundation are spelled out equally.

MR. AXWORTHY: Mr. Chairman, I take it that the Minister assumes that's an answer. I think I said that I had read the legislation as well as he had, but it doesn't tell me very much. I mean to say, you could do any number of things under those powers, but I'm saying that first I'd like to have some idea as to what kind of capital are we talking about for this Foundation. Are we talking about \$100,000 a year, or \$2 million a year, or what? If in fact it's designed to purchase, acquire, restore, convert, etc., etc., what kind of invitation is going to be given to owners of such properties? What are the priorities, really, that this Foundation is going to exercise when it gets rolling, and what kind of dollars are we talking about? And you know, as I say, to give an example I suppose under those powers, Mr. Chairman, such a foundation could very legitimately undertake to purchase, I suppose, something like five or six hundred homes within the immediate area of this building, which all have some historical value, architectural value, aesthetic value, whatever it may be. Is that anticipated? Or in fact are we talking about selected historical sites where some Premier slept or didn't sleep or something of that kind, a kind of curio shop type historical factors? Again I ask, because I think that there is some interest in this in terms of the area surrounding this building and in this older part of the city, because they are faced with a number of prospective demolitions of older properties, historic properties or architecturally interesting properties. There's a number in the downtown area which are faced by the same kind of extinction or demolition unless some action is taken, and I'm trying to find out whether in fact this Foundation would be an instrument for offsetting that kind of activity and providing for some saving of these buildings, or whether in fact it's simply going to be dealing in a very narrow sense with historical sites or something like the Macdonald Building over on Edmonton Street, which I think is a good example. But, you know, we just haven't had that many Premiers sleeping in that many houses around the city, and well, I suppose that may be subject to some question. I wouldn't want to pursue that line of questioning much further. I'll leave it at that, Mr. Chairman. Perhaps the Minister can respond.

MR. TOUPIN: Well, Mr. Chairman, first of all, the first thing that we have to do is to proclaim the Act, appoint a board that will constitute the Foundation. Secondly, the Foundation has to look at its terms of reference as spelled out in the Act and its powers as spelled out in the Act. Thirdly, they have to attempt to raise funds, because there's no funds within the Estimates this year for that purpose unless it's raised by special warrant. So what is entailed financially by the Foundation, its setup and the time that it is set up in 1975-76, it must attempt to raise its own funds, and from there actually its responsibility will be determined. You know, I'm not in a position to indicate in what given areas that they'll go into, apart from what responsibilities they have been given by the Act.

MR. AXWORTHY: One further question then, Mr. Chairman. I'll take the Minister's answer, I suppose, as satisfactory to this point. Who does he see being appointed to this board? Is it going to be groups like the Manitoba Historical Society, groups that are already involved, or where are the appointments going to come from? Are there some specific groups he has in mind at this stage, or are they going to be inside government? Who's going to constitute this board?

MR. TOUPIN: Again, Mr. Chairman, the Constitution of the Foundation will be by means of a Board of Directors managed by a board consisting of not less than three and not more than eleven persons appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council. It would be my intent to recommend individuals that would have interest in regard to the responsibilities given by the Act, not only interest but some type of knowledge. I can't for the life of me, you know, think of three individuals that I'd like to appoint tomorrow, but I would necessarily not take someone because he's a New Democrat. If he happens. . .

MR. AXWORTHY: That's what I was trying to find out.

MR. TOUPIN: If he happens to be a good New Democrat, is interested, able, knowledgeable, sure I'll look at him.

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MR. AXWORTHY: Isn't that a contradiction in terms, Mr. Chairman?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Salaries, Wages. The Honourable Member for Roblin,

MR. McKENZIE: Mr. Chairman, who are the members of the Historic Sites Board at the present time? Who is the Chairman? Is that the one that the Deputy Minister, Mary Liz is. . . ?

MR. TOUPIN: No, Mary Liz is not a Deputy Minister. She is an Assistant Deputy Minister. You haven't seen her truck, have you?

MR. McKENZIE: No. By the way, give her the regards of the Committee. We all know her quite well, and we're sorry. . .

MR. TOUPIN: The members are Rae, Professor Rae - he's the Chairman. Ms. Bayer; Mr. John Bovey who's here; Messrs. Benoist, Hemphill, Hlady, Clark, McCormick, Patterson Russenholt, Jackson, Harnvot and Jensen.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Line 1, Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits \$75,200-passed. Line 2, Fees \$91,200-passed. Line 3, Facilities and Equipment \$13,000 - passed. Line 4, Specialized Equipment \$26,800-passed. Line 5, Other Operating Costs \$32,600 -passed. Citizens and Other Employee Assistance and Services \$900-passed. Grants (Transfer Payments) \$185,700-passed. Total for the section \$425,400-passed.

Tourist Promotion and Development.

MR. McKELLAR: Mr. Chairman, I know it's getting near 4:30 and we won't have very long, but I noticed in the paper today, in the Free Press. about that you're going to spend \$40,000 on tourism this coming year on radio - \$35,000 on radio and \$5,000 on bus ads, and I was just wondering if it was possible - I see there's a film here, a 26-minute film on Many Faces of Winnipeg, and I was wondering if it's a possibility, some time before we finish your estimates, that you could arrange to show this film. I think it would be very interesting for us.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister.

MR. TOUPIN: I have no objections but if we're going to charge, I think we should get it classified first. (Laughter)

A MEMBER: We'll censor it. That's what we should be, is a censor board here.

MR. McKELLAR: I was just wondering if it's available, that it could be arranged in the next few days, . . . not during the estimates, but some time before we finish the Session, so this could be shown in this room or another room in the building here.

MR. TOUPIN: By all means

MR. McKELLAR: For all members of the Legislature, not only for those of. . .

MR. TOUPIN: We'll show it in the VIP room and that's for the Very Interesting Persons.

MR. McKELLAR: Yes, okay. I was just wondering, too, do you expect an increase in the tourists from outside the province this coming summer?

MR. TOUPIN: You know, that's a good question. Last year, as the honourable member knows because I made a press release, we maintained our level. There was a slight increase in some areas. We anticipate holding our own and hoping for an increase, because we've switched our promotional campaign in the western part of the States and we anticipate having a slight increase this coming summer.

MR. McKELLAR: I see.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order please. It's time for us to join our colleagues in the House for Private Members' Hour.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Mr. Jenkins): Order please. The hour being 4:30, the last hour being Private Members' Hour, Committee rise and report. Call in the Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, your Committee of Supply has considered certain resolutions, directs me to report progress, and asks leave to sit again.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Mr. Walding): Mr. Speaker, your Committee of Supply has considered certain resolutions, reports progress and begs leave to sit again.

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

MR. W. JENKINS (Logan): Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Member for St. Vital, that the report of the Committee be received.

MOTION presented and carried.

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MR. SPEAKER: Before we go on, let me say one thing. Earlier today, the Chair was a little perturbed and distraught and he vociferously said what he thought. I want to apologize for being a little over-enthusiastic, but I really seriously want to suggest to the honourable members that they do consider their decorum, their behaviour and their conduct, in this Legislative Assembly. I do believe we are under the eyes of the public continually, especially the press, who are not always kind to us, and let us on that basis consider our actions in this Chamber. The Honourable Minister of Urban Affairs.

MR. MILLER: Mr. Speaker, with that admonishment I --(Interjection)--

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Morris.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTIONS

MR. JORGENSON: Mr. Speaker, I should like to make some substitutions on committees before the House rises. I would like to substitute the name of Mr. Johnston (Sturgeon Creek) for that of Mr. Craik; and the name of Mr. McKellar for that of Mr. Watt on the Standing Committee on Private Bills, Standing Orders, Printing and Library.

MR. SPEAKER: Is that acceptable? (Agreed) The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to make one substitution: to have the Member from Fort Rouge on the Private Members' Committee instead of my name.

MR. SPEAKER: Is that acceptable? (Agreed) The Honourable Minister of Urban Affairs.

MR. MILLER: Mr. Speaker, I gather, there's an inclination that the House adjourn. If so, and we will not be going into Private Members' Hour, I move, seconded by the Minister of Health and Social Development, the House do now adjourn.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Radisson have a matter as well?

MR. SHAFRANSKY: Mr. Speaker, I also wish to make a substitution on Private Bills. The Honourable Member for Point Douglas to substitute for the Minister of Highways.

MR. SPEAKER: Is that agreeable?

MR. SHAFRANSKY: On Private Bills.

MR. SPEAKER: Private Members' Committee?

MR. SHAFRANSKY: Right.

MR. SPEAKER: Agreed. The motion being made by the Honourable Minister of Urban Affairs, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Health, the House do now adjourn - agreed? So ordered. The House is accordingly adjourned and stands adjourned until 2:30 Tuesday afternoon.