

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

2:30 o'clock, Wednesday, October 8, 1969

Opening Prayer by Mr. Speaker.

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

REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

MR. WILLIAM JENKINS (Logan): Mr. Speaker, I beg to present the First Report of the Standing Committee of the House on Municipal Affairs.

MR. CLERK: Your Standing Committee on Municipal Affairs begs leave to present the following as their First Report.

Your Committee met for organization and appointed Mr. Jenkins as Chairman, and the quorum was set at ten members.

The Chairman read the Resolution passed in the Legislature on the 18th day of September, 1969. Whereupon, Honourable Mr. Pawley referred to the draft revision of The Municipal Act and the draft Bill respecting The Local Authorities Election Act and suggested that these two drafts be considered by the Committee at future meetings.

The Committee agreed to meet on November 17th and 18th to consider the draft Bill respecting The Local Authorities Election Act, and on December 1st and 2nd to consider the draft revision of The Municipal Act.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MR. JENKINS: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Kildonan, that the report of the Committee be received.

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

MR. SPEAKER: Notices of Motion; Introduction of Bills.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

MR. SPEAKER: At this point, I should like to direct the attention of the honourable members to the gallery where we have 100 students of Grades 10 and 11 standing of the Portage la Prairie Collegiate. These students are under the direction of Mr. Bills, Mr. Hoag and Miss Dider. This school is located in the constituency of the Honourable House Leader of the Liberal Party.

And we have 60 students of Grade 7 standing of the Woodlawns School, Steinbach. These students are under the direction of Messrs. Penner and Derksen. This school is located in the constituency of the Honourable Member for La Verendrye.

On behalf of all the honourable members of the Legislative Assembly, I welcome you here today.

Orders of the Day. The Honourable Member for St. Boniface.

MR. LAURENT L. DESJARDINS (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of privilege, that is the privilege of the House, and I would like to draw to the attention of the Attorney-General that this morning in this Chamber there was a lottery conducted, although there was no legislation in effect authorizing this. It was a game of chance and the chief organizer was somebody that this morning opposed the lottery; the winner was also somebody that opposed the lottery, and I know that certain members such as you, Mr. Attorney-General, who cannot afford it, bought some tickets, and I would suggest, I would suggest that all the money be confiscated and that it be turned over to the Centennial Corporation.

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

MR. GILDAS MOLGAT (Ste. Rose): Mr. Speaker, might I ask the last speaker a question? Did he participate in the lottery?

MR. DESJARDINS: Mr. Speaker, besides that, there was discrimination. Nobody even offered me a chance to buy.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Arthur.

MR. J. DOUGLAS WATT (Arthur): Well, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to ask the Honourable Member for St. Boniface if he would table the evidence and the winner.

MR. DESJARDINS: If I can shake the Member from Rhineland by the ankles, I might be able to.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Morris.

MR. WARNER H. JORGENSEN (Morris): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Honourable the House Leader. On September 11th I asked for an Order of Return, inquiring about ministerial appointments. Now, notwithstanding the proliferation of ministerial assistants, it seems to me that that Order for Return should be forthcoming before the end of the session, and I wondered if the Minister could tell me if that would be possible.

MR. RUSSELL PAULLEY (Minister of Labour) (Transcona): Mr. Speaker, in answer to my honourable friend, I say to him it is possible. Hopefully, we may conclude our deliberations tomorrow with the co-operation of members opposite and I will do my utmost to see that the Order is tabled before we prorogue, and if it is not tabled I assure my honourable friend, as expeditiously as possible he will receive the information.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. STEVE PATRICK (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day, I wish to direct my question to the Honourable Minister of Mines and Natural Resources. A few days ago there were a number of snow and blue geese found dead - died, or there were some causes . . . Has the department determined what were the causes, what caused these geese to die, because this is creating some concern among some of the hunters at the present time.

HON. LEONARD S. EVANS (Minister of Mines and Natural Resources) (Brandon East): Mr. Speaker, I haven't had a report yet of these tests but when I have the information I will provide it for the honourable members.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Health and Social Services.

HON. SIDNEY GREEN (Minister of Health and Social Services) (Inkster): Mr. Speaker, the Honourable Member for Assiniboia asked me a question with regard to Marymount School. My information is that effective July 1, 1969, the St. Agnes school was closed and the reason given by the Sisters was essentially two-fold - this affects the St. Agnes School for emotionally disturbed girls and the Marymount residential treatment centre for delinquent girls. An existing need for expansion of Marymount treatment program required an expansion of physical facilities which could be made available by phasing out the existing program for emotionally disturbed girls in the St. Agnes School. What happened is that the Marymount school is being extended into the facilities that were formerly used by the St. Agnes School. The desire of the Sisters to concentrate both their physical and personal resources in their chosen field of work with the delinquent and pre-delinquent girls was the second reason. With the operation of the two institutions, the Sisters' efforts were divided both administratively and staff-wise, so that that is the status of the school that was referred to by my honourable friend.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for The Pas.

MR. RON MCBRYDE (The Pas): Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the day, I'd like to direct a question to the Minister of Transportation. Is the \$1.6 million bridge on Highway No. 10 over the Saskatchewan River at The Pas on schedule? And if it is on schedule, when do you expect it will be open for traffic?

HON. JOSEPH P. BOROWSKI (Minister of Transportation) (Thompson): I hate to answer it, but I will. I don't think it'll start an argument. It is on schedule and I think it will be opened on November 15th, barring some unforeseen circumstances. A name has been chosen and it will be placed on a stainless steel plaque. I can't announce who the person is except that it's of Indian ancestry, and as soon as this party is notified, I'll announce who this person is.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. HARRY ENNS (Lakeside): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the Honourable the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources would indicate to what extent his Cabinet duties permit him to continue his teaching duties at Brandon University, and also to . . .

MR. PAULLEY: Before my honourable friend goes further, I may suggest to you, Sir, that this is not a proper question on Orders of the Day because it deals with a personal avocation of my honourable friend.

MR. ENNS: No, Mr. Speaker, I take objection to the points raised by the Honourable House Leader.

MR. PAULLEY: Notwithstanding the fact that my honourable friend takes objection, may I suggest to him that his personal avocation may have something to do with it, which we would not ask.

MR. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, I stood in this House and was accused all through the parts of

(MR. ENNS cont'd.) one session of being a part-time Minister, and that was at the time that I was being part-time Minister to Highways and Agriculture.

MR. PAULLEY: That's right.

MR. ENNS: And now I'm simply asking some clarification as to whether or not we've got a full-time Minister in this government, or a part-time Minister or what. I'm just asking a question to what . . .

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, again on the point, I don't think that the question raised by my honourable friend is a proper one. When the matter was raised as to his occupation as to a part-time Minister in two departments, it was a perfectly legitimate one, and this is an infringement on a man's personal conduct of his daily life.

MR. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, I come back. In this case, the man in question is being paid, in both instances, largely out of public funds, and that is not my question. My question is simply a clarification as to what extent - and I'm quoting from the Brandon Sun of September 15th, I believe it is September 15th - that he will continue his teaching duties at the Brandon University to the extent that his Cabinet duties permit. Now I think it's a perfectly legitimate question, Mr. Speaker, to ask to what extent he will be able to carry on his Cabinet duties, never mind his Brandon . . .

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, I rise to say to my honourable friend that if he wants to ask the honourable individual, that's O.K. But insofar as his duties and this House are concerned, he will fulfill his duties in this House and it is no business of my honourable friend the Member for Lakeside as to how he continues after his normal hours of business in this House.

MR. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, with all deference, I would beg you to move on my question, whether it's in order or not.

MR. SPEAKER: I think that I must rule that question out of order. A question can be . . .

MR. ENNS: It is with considerable regret, Mr. Speaker, that I have to challenge your ruling.

MR. SPEAKER: Shall the ruling of the Speaker be sustained?

MR. SPEAKER put the question and after a voice vote declared in his opinion the nays have it.

MR. PAULLEY: Yeas and Nays, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Call in the members.

MR. PAULLEY: An infringement of personal liberty. -- (Interjection) -- That's right.

MR. MOLGAT: What exactly is the question?

MR. PAULLEY: May I suggest, Mr. Speaker, in answer to the Honourable Member for Ste. Rose, whether it is proper for the Member for Lakeside to enquire as to the personal conduct in the life of my honourable colleague.

MR. MOLGAT: Mr. Speaker, if that is the question, then I have to vote in a certain way. If the question, on the other hand, is: is the Minister a part-time or full-time Minister, then that's a different question.

MR. PAULLEY: The Minister is a full-time Minister.

MR. BUD SHERMAN (Fort Garry): On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. It appears to us, at least on this side of the House, that the question we are voting on is whether or not the question asked by the Honourable Member for Lakeside is in order.

HON. AL. MACKLING (Attorney-General) (St. James): Mr. Speaker, I would assume that you will elaborate the position before the vote is taken.

MR. SPEAKER: I must rule further debate out of order. I had ruled the honourable member's question out of order.

MR. GORDON W. BEARD (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, would you elaborate on what the question was, please?

MR. SPEAKER: That question was asked on two or three occasions and there were replies given and, with regret, I must say that no further debate is allowed nor questions allowed to be asked.

A STANDING VOTE was taken on the question: Shall the ruling of the Speaker be sustained? the result being as follows:

YEAS: Messrs. Allard, Barrow, Borowski, Boyce, Cherniack, Desjardins, Doern, Evans, Fox, Gonick, Gottfried, Green, Jenkins, Johannson, McBryde, Mackling, Malinowski, Miller, Paulley, Pawley, Petursson, Shafransky, Toupin, Turnbull, Uskiw and Uruski.

NAYS: Messrs. Barkman, Beard, Bilton, Craik, Einarson, Enns, Ferguson, Froese, Girard, Graham, Henderson, Johnston (Sturgeon Creek), Jorgenson, McGill, McGregor,

(STANDING VOTE cont'd.) McKellar, McKenzie, Molgat, Moug, Patrick, Sherman, Watt and Mrs. Trueman.

MR. CLERK: Yeas, 26; Nays, 23.

MR. SPEAKER: I declare the Speaker's ruling sustained.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

MR. SPEAKER: At this point I would wish to introduce to the members of the Legislative Assembly, who is in the loge to my right, His Excellency the Ambassador of Finland, the Honourable H.L. Sumelius. On behalf of the members of the Legislative Assembly I welcome you here this afternoon.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD (Cont'd.)

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Honourable Minister of Transport. Will the Minister take any action on the resolution sent to the government by the United Steelworkers of America, and the resolution was that the Manitoba Government approach Air Canada to take over all the feeder lines into northern Manitoba. I wonder if the Minister has taken any action, or what is the approach?

MR. BOROWSKI: Mr. Speaker, we are considering many resolutions since this issue of TransAir has come up. We have had many communications from people in the north. We are considering them. I can't undertake to tell you when a decision will be made but we are studying them.

While I am on my feet I would like to make a statement, Mr. Speaker, dealing with Highway 59 and the Perimeter road, and I notice His Worship Mayor Juba is in the House. He will be very happy to hear this. I have been in contact with our Attorney-General's Department of Police and our safety experts, and as of this day we have made an application to the Motor Transport Board to reduce the speed limit from 60 to 40 miles approaching the Perimeter intersection on 59. The southern portion of it will be reduced from 60 miles to 40 miles, the inner portion will be reduced a like amount but only within half a mile. In addition to this, we are putting up two light standards. It's the opinion of our traffic experts that if there are two light standards it will indicate that there is something there, and it is our hope that this will, in some small way, reduce the accidents. We realize that the ultimate answer is an overpass and for obvious reasons we cannot build one right now. We are taking these temporary steps and hopefully next year we will be able to do something more permanent.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Swan River.

MR. JAMES H. BILTON (Swan River): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the honourable gentleman that made the enquiry on this side of the House may I thank the Minister for this information and let's hope that there'll be no further fatalities.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Attorney-General.

MR. MACKLING: Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to add to what the Minister of Transportation has said, that as a result of his enquiry to our department I have caused an enquiry to be made as to the adequacy of policing these intersections, and the matter then is under advisement.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Fort Rouge.

MRS. INEZ TRUEMAN (Fort Rouge): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question of the Minister of Health and Social Services. I note that there are a number of articles in the newspapers about the medical roles predicted for the nurses in the north, and recognizing the difficulty in getting adequate services into the north, whether his department would consider starting a Frontier School, such as is now in existence at Dalhousie University.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I'll take the question under advisement.

MR. SPEAKER: Orders of the Day.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, I believe that it was understood by the House that after the question period I would ask your Honour if you would kindly leave the Chair and that the Committee of Law Amendments be held, and that the mace remain on the Table; in the event that Law Amendments is concluded before 5:30, the members may return to the House. And if I may also take this opportunity, Mr. Speaker, of again indicating to the members of the Assembly that the Committee on Professional Associations will be meeting for organizational purposes tomorrow morning at 9:00 o'clock and that there will be a Committee of Law

(MR. PAULLEY cont'd.) Amendments held tomorrow afternoon to hear representations in respect of the Lottery Bill. So therefore, Mr. Speaker, I would request that you leave your Chair to return at the appropriate time.

MR. BILTON: Mr. Speaker, before you leave the Chair, as I understand the Honourable the Leader of the House, that we are now leaving to go into Law Amendments at the call of the Chair.

MR. PAULLEY: That's right.

MR. SPEAKER: I am now leaving the Chair.

(Resumption of 2:30 Session after Law Amendments Committee.)

HON. SAUL CHERNIACK, Q.C. (Minister of Finance) (St. John's): Mr. Speaker, I understand from the Clerk that we have exhausted the Order Paper except with the estimates, and that we can therefore go into estimates, if the Committee is so inclined, for the next 15 minutes.

Is the Committee so inclined? The Minister is here and we might be able to finish his department.

MR. DONALD W. CRAIK (Riel): Is it too early to knock off?

MR. CHERNIACK: Well, I really feel it's up to the House. The time for estimates is really in the control of the Opposition. The Minister is ready and we can go.

MR. CRAIK: I think we'd be inclined to call it 5:30 if there is any hope of getting agreement across the way.

MR. CHERNIACK: Well if that's the mood of the House, Mr. Speaker, then I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Mines and Resources, that the House do now adjourn.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried, and the House adjourned until 8:00 o'clock Wednesday night.