

## THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

2:30 o'clock, Wednesday, April 22, 1970

Opening Prayer by Mr. Speaker.

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

PETITIONS

MR. BILL URUSKI (St. George): Mr. Speaker, I beg to present the petition of The Manitoba Farmers Union, praying for the passing of an Act to consenting to the merger and the amalgamation of the Manitoba Farmers Union with the National Farmers Union and others.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Emerson.

MR. CLERK: The petition of Germain Gosselin and others, praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate Club de Golf St. Malo.

REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Logan.

MR. WILLIAM JENKINS (Logan): Mr. Speaker, I beg to present the first report of the Standing Committee on Law Amendments.

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

Your Committee met for organization on Wednesday, April 22, 1970 and appointed Mr. Jenkins as Chairman. Your Committee has agreed that, for the remainder of this Session, the Quorum of this Committee shall consist of Ten (10) members.

Your Committee has considered BILLS:

(No. 2) - An Act to bring into force the Revised Statutes of Manitoba, 1970

(No. 14) - An Act to amend The Credit Unions Act

(No. 26) - An Act to validate certain By-laws of The City of Brandon and The Rural Municipality of Cornwallis and to enlarge the Boundaries of The City of Brandon.

And has agreed to report the same without amendment.

Your Committee has also considered BILL:

(No. 22 - An Act to amend The Liquor Control Act.

And has agreed to report the same without amendment.

MR. JENKINS: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Member from St. Matthews, that the report of the Committee be received.

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

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 with us 50 students of Grade 11 standing of the Selkirk Collegiate. These students are under the direction of Mr. Miller and Mrs. Sharp. This school is located in the constituency of the Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs. And 40 students of Grade 11 standing of the Warren Collegiate. These students are under the direction of Mrs. Lichtman. This school is located in the constituency of the Honourable Member for Lakeside.

On behalf of all the Honourable Members of the Legislative Assembly, I welcome you here this afternoon.

REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER: Adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Honourable Member for The Pas. The Honourable Member for Rupertsland.

MR. JEAN ALLARD (Rupertsland): . . . stand, Mr. Speaker. (Agreed.)

MR. SPEAKER: Notices of Motion.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

MR. PETER FOX (Kildonan) introduced Bill No. 55, an Act to amend An Act to incorporate the Investors Group. (Second reading, Friday next.)

HON. ED. SCHREYER (Premier) (Rossmere), in the absence of the Minister of Labour, introduced Bill No. 50, An Act to amend The Fire Departments Arbitration Act.

HON. HOWARD R. PAWLEY (Minister of Municipal Affairs) (Selkirk) introduced Bill No. 49, The Postponement of Elections In Metropolitan Winnipeg Act. (Second reading, Friday next.)

MR. PAWLEY introduced Bill No. 56, The Automobile Insurance Act. (Recommended by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor)

MR. RUSSELL DOERN (Elmwood) introduced Bill No. 45, An Act to incorporate Seven Oaks General Hospital.

#### ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Official Opposition.

MR. WALTER WEIR (Leader of the Opposition) (Minnedosa): Mr. Speaker, might I enquire of the Minister of Finance as to the amount of increased revenue he anticipates as a result of the increase in Land Titles fees?

HON. AL. MACKLING, Q. C. (Attorney-General) (St. James): Mr. Speaker, I would like to . . .

MR. WEIR: . . . the Attorney-General if he has the information.

MR. MACKLING: No, it so happens, Mr. Speaker, that I have the information at hand. It is anticipated that the revenues of the Land Titles Office will be increased. The exact increase I can confirm to the members after consultation with my department. I wouldn't want to give anything but an exact figure for some members of this House. I would like to indicate that there has been no change in Land Titles Office fees for eleven years and my advice is that this will bring the relationship between revenues from Land Titles into about the same position as it was eleven years ago.

MR. WEIR: On a point of order, I wasn't looking for a statement from the Minister, I asked a simple little question. What was the amount, Mr. Speaker, of the anticipated increase as a result of the increase in fees.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, I'm sure that the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition wouldn't want exact budgetary figures in advance of the budget.

MR. WEIR: Well, Mr. Speaker, I don't see that it's budgetary in any way, shape or form. The fees are a fact of life; they're in the Gazette that I have in front of me.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs.

MR. PAWLEY: Mr. Speaker, I . . .

MR. WEIR: . . . answer to my question or don't I?

MR. SCHREYER: Yes, in due course, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs.

MR. PAWLEY: Mr. Speaker, I beg leave of the House to file the report of the Manitoba Insurance Committee.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

MR. BUD SHERMAN (Fort Garry): Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct a question to the Honourable Minister of Health and Social Services and ask him if he can explain to the House the reasons why the Clean Environment Commission has given the Town of Selkirk permission to dump raw sewage into the Red River for the next three years.

HON. RENE E. TOUPIN (Minister of Health and Social Services) (Springfield): Mr. Speaker, first of all, I can't accept the statement made by the honourable member. I do want to take the question as notice and come back with a complete report on the situation.

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

MR. LAURENT DESJARDINS (St. Boniface): Monsieur l'orateur, La réception offerte par les membres de la Société de Saint-Jean Baptiste pour tous les députés et les chefs de départements aura lieu encore cette année. La date - le 13 mai, mercredi à sept heures au Juniorat des révérends Pères Oblats, angle des rues Provencher et Desmeurons.

Translation: Mr. Speaker, the reception given by the members of the Saint-Jean Baptiste Society for the deputies and department heads will take place this year again on the 13th of May 7:00 P.M. at the Juniorat corner of Provencher and Desmeurons.

MR. DESJARDINS: And for the Honourable Member from - what is it, the one that wants translation all the time? - pea soup night at 7:00 o'clock, Wednesday, May 13th at the Juniorat corner of DesMeurons and Provencher Street.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Wolseley.

MR. LEONARD H. CLAYDON (Wolseley): Mr. Speaker, I see the First Minister is out

(MR. CLAYDON cont'd.) . . . . . of his seat and I have a question for him.

MR. SPEAKER: Is it the intention of the honourable member to put his question?

MR. CLAYDON: Yes, I'd like to put a question to the First Minister. The day before yesterday I asked him a question concerning Nolvert Scott. He said he would answer yesterday. Is he prepared to answer today as to whether he is a Canadian or not - Canadian citizen?

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, I recall giving an undertaking to find out and to advise the honourable member. I don't recall that I said I would do it the next day, but I will make an effort to have that information for tomorrow.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Emerson.

MR. GABRIEL GIRARD (Emerson): J'aimerais demander à l'honorable membre de Saint-Boniface si les membres vont recevoir une invitation par écrit à l'invitation qu'il vient d'annoncer.

Translation: I would like to ask the honourable member from St. Boniface if the members will receive a written invitation to the reception he has just mentioned.

MR. DESJARDINS: Monsieur l'orateur, l'invitation officielle vient d'être posée oralement. C'est tout.

Translation: Mr. Speaker, the invitation has just been made publicly official. That's all.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY - MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

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

MR. GILDAS MOLGAT (Ste. Rose): Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Member for La Verendrye, that an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing the following for every year since 1962:

- (1) What studies have been conducted by or on behalf of the Manitoba Government relative to tourism in Manitoba.
- (2) What was the purpose of each study.
- (3) Who conducted each study - that is, whether it was done by departmental staff or by other agencies or consultants.
- (4) When these studies were conducted.
- (5) In the case of studies done by other agencies or by consultants, the name of such agencies or consultants and the total cost.
- (6) In the case of studies done by government staff, which department was responsible.

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

#### GOVERNMENT BILLS

MR. SPEAKER: Second Reading, Government Bills. Bill No. 15. The Honourable the Attorney-General.

HON. SIDNEY GREEN, Q. C. (Minister of Mines and Natural Resources) (Inkster): Could we have this matter stand, Mr. Speaker, and would you call Bill No. 32.

MR. SPEAKER: Adjourned debate on second reading on the proposed motion of the Honourable Minister of Mines and Natural Resources, Bill No. 32. The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. J. WALLY MCKENZIE (Roblin): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I adjourned this debate because predator control has been one of considerable interest to me as an MLA for an area where predators are around us all the time, and we have at many occasions debated the subject and we've had meetings to try and bring some semblance of order out of the Act. I think the debate has been reasonably good and we have been able to resolve a lot of our problems.

I think what the Minister is trying to do in this Bill is eliminate some of the formality which we originally had to go through to take issue or to get information regarding certain matters as related to the constituency that I represent, and no doubt is a problem of other areas in the province. I think the Bill is a good one and I congratulate the Minister that he's going to assume this wide power now, and no doubt the public will be able to have access to his office and discuss these matters from time to time which are of some considerable concern rather than have to go through the channels that we have been exposed to in the past. The only thing that I think we have to be very careful, as I think the Minister spoke in his remarks the other day, that we don't load added powers to a Minister, and I don't think that I'm alarmed at

(MR. McKENZIE cont'd.) . . . . . the moment with this particular Minister, but another one some day might give some concern to some of the citizens of Manitoba.

So with those few remarks, I think that our bench will support the Bill and we hope that the Minister will be able to fulfill the duties that he is assuming under this new Bill No. 32 and give us the type of communication and direction that we need in this field. The predator control field is one that is under great debate. I only ask the Minister one brief question before I sit down. The control of the coyote as an example, the control of the coyote. Many people tell me that we're destroying the coyote, and by destroying the coyote the skunk is becoming -- and how you control that, but no doubt the Minister will have all the answers on this and we'll have less skunks around, or maybe more. But I like the legislation and I think with this Minister we'll have some good guidance in the department and we support it.

MR. SPEAKER: Are you ready for the question? The Honourable Minister of Mines and Natural Resources.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, there were no real questions asked. I thank the honourable members for their confidence in permitting this Bill to proceed. The honourable member mentioned something about his constituency being a particular constituency for predators. I had it half in my mind when he was saying this to make a rather bad and pointed joke about the political hunting season and how it may be more profitable in the future, but the fact is that the member was so kind to me that I'll just withhold making remarks in that vein. Thank you very much.

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

#### INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

MR. SPEAKER: At this point I should like to introduce and extend welcome to a visitor with us sitting in my loge on my left, a former member of this House, Mr. Jack McDowell. On behalf of all the Honourable Members of this House, I welcome you this afternoon.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, it is now the intention to go into Supply.

HON. SAUL CHERNLACK, Q.C. (Minister of Finance) (St. John's): Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Labour, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Are you ready for the question? The Honourable Member for St. Boniface.

#### MATTER OF GRIEVANCE

MR. DESJARDINS: Mr. Speaker, it is customary at this time in taking part in this debate that members who have a grievance could take advantage of this debate to let it be known to the House what they object to.

Now not only, Mr. Speaker, we have had the members of this House abused, but the Member from Lakeside has in fact tried to intimidate the members of this side of the House, the members of the government. I've said before, and I say it again, that personally I can take anything that they can dish out. I think that there's two ways we can go ahead: we can fight the real battles of this House fairly or we can go in the gutter and swing it out.

Mr. Speaker, I had the occasion to watch the television yesterday, the news, and I say that I certainly don't intend to sit in silence in this House while this little phony Member from Lakeside plays at character assassination. McCarthy was only a piker compared to the honourable member. Now it's all right to have a little bit of fun in this House. We expect that, but there should be a line somewhere, we should draw a line somewhere. I don't think that any of us get paid that much that we should take the abuse or have our character dirtied by some of the accusations that's been coming at us during the last few weeks. -- (Interjection) -- That's right, I said "us". We've had wild accusations - wild accusations, insinuations, exaggeration and misrepresentation. This is what we've had, and if you think that I'm exaggerating, let me remind you, Mr. Speaker, of some of the things that were said by the honourable member during this past few weeks.

First of all, there was a secretary who had posters advertising a certain candidate. That wasn't bad, but she was running around with a government car. Of course that was false.

(MR. DESJARDINS cont'd.) . . . . It was a cute little trick, it would bring in the name of Vera and it gave Vera a plug. But what does it do to these people?

MR. GREEN: It didn't help her, did it?

MR. DESJARDINS: Then there was the question of the province having paid expenses on one of the trips that I've gone to, where in effect it's been the other way around, I have paid to serve the province so far. But I'm not too worried about myself; as I said, I can take care of myself.

Then the Minister of Government Services had deceitfully added to his estimates. Mind you, the honourable member ran out of the House when his own Leader offered some explanation.

MR. HARRY ENNS (Lakeside): I'm not running out now, Larry.

MR. DESJARDINS: That's right. I hope not.

MR. ENNS: I'll hang around.

MR. DESJARDINS: Then it was a question of Cass-Beggs. He was being paid quite a salary because he was turning half over to the NDP Party.

MR. ENNS: How much was he getting paid?

MR. DESJARDINS: That's not the important thing. How much was he turning over to the NDP Party? And yesterday, that was a real doozer! The Attorney-General was instrumental for Shakey's Pizza Parlour losing its liquor licence.

MR. ENNS: Well that's your conclusion, not mine, and I didn't make it inside the House or outside the House.

MR. DESJARDINS: That's exactly what the honourable member wanted the people to think; exactly. And he knows it because this has been his style, of getting up and making wild accusations and then running out and thinks he has a big joke. I don't think it's a joke at all.

For instance, let's look at this famous episode of Shakey's trouble. It started before this government took office; it started before the change in makeup of the Liquor Commission or the Liquor Board. Does my honourable friend believe for one second that the Attorney-General of the province is responsible for this? Does he feel that we should be subjected to these kind of wild accusations? Is he doing his province any service by doing that? The former First Minister, is he responsible for this, for Shakey's troubles? Of course not! And even the former Minister of Mines and Natural Resources is not responsible. I might say that the Honourable Member for Morris was contacted, from what I understand, and he did everything he could to help these people the same as I did, but he felt that it wasn't a question of the matter concerning the government or the Attorney-General. This is why we have a Liquor Board.

Now my honourable friend is going on television and he's making a big thing out of this. He's going to ask for an Order for Return, wants to find out who complained. He knows already who complained. One second, or a couple of minutes ago he stated that he didn't think that the Attorney-General was to blame. Well why bring it in in the first place then? And especially in the way that he did. Does he realize how serious this could be? I think it was Voltaire who used to say: "Mentez, mentez, il en restera toujours quelque chose." In other words: "Lie, lie, the scar will always remain."

Now probably some of my friends from opposite me will say: Well, there's the hatchet man again; he's been asked to do a job. Well, I can assure you that nobody's asked me to do a job and I can assure you if a hatchet man is somebody that tries to chop somebody down when they pull these unfair tactics, well then I say that I am a hatchet man and I will continue to be because I figure that this is my duty. Life is too darn short to come in here in politics to be subject to these kinds of things. I say to the honourable member, if you can't take it now that you're not in power, if you don't want to be responsible anymore, well you have no place in this House. Maybe you should get a job reporting for Hush Magazine. They need these kind of people.

Mr. Speaker, I think that it's known here that I like a fight too, but a fair fight and I don't think this is fair. I've had occasion, at times I've been asked by people to dig in, to try to find out about some people's personal life and I've always refused to do this. Does my honourable friend think for a minute that the Attorney-General would be so small, so stupid to do a thing like this, to blow the whistle because a lawyer for one company has a token share? Is he saying that no lawyer should hold office here? Is he suggesting that the people are this

(MR. DESJARDINS cont'd.) . . . . small? Well then if this is not what he wants, I suggest that he doesn't try to leave that impression with the people of Manitoba.

We belong to different parties. This is the way democracy will work the best, that we express our programs, that we're ready to offer other alternatives, but certainly we're not here to destroy each other for no reason at all, especially in cases such as this. There's no reason at all. I named five or six times and the honourable member was wrong on all counts but he doesn't care. He makes a statement and that's it. There are always some people that'll believe him and he's happy with this. I would challenge him to make some of these statements that he's made outside this House. I think it's about time that the honourable member grew up a bit. He has to realize that when he offered himself as a candidate in this House, he tried to form the government, he has a chance at forming the government, then the same people without being forced to do so, asked for a mandate; this mandate was refused.

Now isn't there enough issues to make the capital gain on without having to bring things like this, without suggesting to the people of Manitoba that politics is indeed a dirty business, that everybody that's in there is in there for gain, or is gain, personal glory so important to the honourable member that he has to judge everybody by himself. Mr. Speaker, I say to him that it's time he grows up and it's time that he should know that we can see through him and that he should desist from these tactics that are not something that should be employed by any members of this House.

MR. SPEAKER put the question and after a voice vote declared the motion carried and the House resolved itself into Committee of Supply with the Honourable Member for Elmwood in the Chair.

#### COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Loan Act No. 2, 1970. The Honourable Minister of Finance.

MR. CHERNIACK: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I have distributed the proposed schedule to the Act and I've also distributed a more itemized categorization of breakdown of the allocation of 30,500,000. In the sheet which I distributed I also indicated that after having culled through existing Capital Authority it was found that in two cases they were no longer required, and for information of the Committee, I propose to bring into the Cabinet an Order-in-Council to cancel out these two existing Capital authorities. I thought that would be of some interest to members of the Committee.

May I indicate also just in passing that the second line referring to The Pas, Special Area Agreements, the item of \$1,936,300 will be to make possible a borrowing from the Federal Government under the Department of Regional Economic Expansion which will be set up by agreement, and therefore we've set it up separately with separate authorization to keep it quite apart from our other expenditure elements until we have gained more experience with that particular and new type of federal-provincial agreement.

As to the others, Mr. Chairman, we have the items before the Committee broken down as I've indicated, and of course I'm prepared to answer whatever questions may be asked in connection therewith.

MR. WEIR: Mr. Chairman, if I may start the discussion, I'm wondering - there's been some publicity and we've asked the First Minister previously in the House, because of statements he's made outside the House, about the preparation that was being made supposedly through the measure that we're considering now for the provision of jobs in the event that there is a high unemployment level in the province later this year. First of all, I'd like an indication which of these projects are considered in that category and which are the normal activities that would be carried on under this Bill which would be considered as the employment areas.

I think that the breakdown, while it's considerably better than it is in terms of the exhibit, I think that the breakdown for, say, Court Facilities and Correctional Institutions at 3.5 million is still a wee bit vague. I think Mental Hospital Buildings at 3.7 million is still a wee bit vague. I think that Other Health Buildings at 6.8 million is inclined to be a little vague. I think Government Services Buildings at a little over a million is a wee bit vague and the Highway Construction Program doesn't indicate whether this is intended to be supplementary to what was passed in the current estimates for the Minister of Transportation and what it is there.

I'm having a little difficulty as well in recognizing what the difference is between

(MR. WEIR cont'd.) . . . . regional vocational high schools and regional comprehensive high schools. I see that we are wiping out the Authority for \$2 million for regional vocational high schools and we are requesting authority for \$3 million, \$1 million more, for regional comprehensive high schools and I'm wondering what the difference in definition is between the two types. -- (Interjection) -- Well, it doesn't say "composite", it says "comprehensive". "Comprehensive" is the message that I get. But just for a starter, Mr. Chairman, I wonder if we could get some explanations along those lines.

MR. CHERNIACK: All right, at the invitation of the Member for Rhineland, I'll respond now. Firstly, to indicate to the Leader of the Opposition that it is our proposal that this Capital Authority include the full project which may be started this year but not completed this year, and once it is committed by starting, then we felt it advisable to put in the full estimated requirement so that we know that the moneys will be available for completion in the following or the year after that. It may well be, as was indicated by the Honourable the Leader of the Official Opposition, that some of these projects will not be started in the current year or that there will be certain modifications, and he has referred to the fact that the Premier has stated that we would like to be in a position to stimulate - or "pump prime" was the expression used - the economy if it becomes necessary and we hope that this authority will give us this kind of flexibility.

Therefore, I might indicate to honourable members that it is expected that out of this amount of \$30,500,000, somewhere between nine and 13 million dollars would be spent in this current year. The estimated total of course is \$30,500,000 and I should inform that there is in addition to that \$1,520,000 already authorized Capital Authority available to complete the various jobs and it is proposed that we have the authority to proceed with the work so that when we start it we'll know it'll be completed, if not in this year then in the following year. The plan is to make it possible to time the commencement of any of these programs on the basis of when it is feasible, when the plans are completed and whether it becomes necessary and advisable to speed up or delay the program in the light of the economic changes that may take place, and certainly we're all aware of the fact that the present economic picture and the supply of money and the cost of money is in a state of flux at the moment. I can say that interest rates seem to be inclined to fall - I think they call it a softer market - but as we proceeded during the next year with the impact of the international monetary situation and the efforts being made by the Federal Government of Canada, there will be changes and we wish to be able to adapt to those changes and still be responsible in the way we operate.

Now let me jump quickly to the last question which was the difference between regional comprehensive high schools and regional vocational high schools, and I would say that the real difference is right in the title. The comprehensive high school is not limited to vocational and I believe that certain problems have arisen, as they often do with the wording of an Authority, as to whether or not it is of such a nature that comes within the Authority, and since the trend now is to comprehensive and composite high schools rather than strictly vocational high schools, it was the advice from the department, and I would guess assisted by the Provincial Auditor's Department, that we eliminate the one wording and replace it with the other which would be more acceptable for the Authority. As pointed out by the Honourable the Leader of the Official Opposition, we are cancelling two million; we are putting in a request for three million.

Now we've indicated that there isn't sufficient descriptive material and I'll see if I can add to it on the court facilities and correctional institutions. I might indicate that these involve a Magistrates Courts Building which has been in the plan for a large number of years now. I remember hearing it discussed by the former Attorneys-General - and I'm speaking of the last two preceding ones - as being necessary and advisable, and it is still considered -- well, it is even more necessary and advisable now because I am informed that the lease for the present use of the City Magistrates Court is running out and has to be re-negotiated, and there's also been an intimation that the city may have some need for the space now used, so that that is a substantial item which is involved. The Girls' and Boys' Homes require some addition and improvement. There is proposed that there be provision for a program centre at Headingley, and of course the committee is aware of the proposed Juvenile Correction Centre which is also one that has been in the minds of government for a number of years.

Now the Mental Hospital Buildings involve buildings required at Brandon and at Selkirk, and there I might indicate there is a plan that the Administration Building in Brandon has to



(MR. CHERNIACK cont'd.) . . . . . be replaced actually and that would be one of those programs that would be more of a questionable one, because although the pressure is great, yet we are going to withstand the pressure as long as we can. There are of course renovations and other projects at the Brandon Mental Hospital which are necessary and are planned for. The same remarks apply to the Selkirk Hospital.

The Other Health Buildings involve plans for a physiotherapy unit at Portage, for cottage residences at Portage, which I think are recognized generally as being highly necessary and urgent. There are plans for a Winnipeg Child Psychiatric Centre, and that also is a very important departure from present programming and we do not undertake that that will be carried out immediately but it is certainly in the plans and there is recognition of need if the money is available, if the time is available and if the other factors I've already referred to come into play. There is also a sum set aside for elderly and infirm persons housing. And finally, there is the hope that we can proceed with the Mental Retardates facility and that that could be done within the foreseeable future.

Now the Government Services Buildings also questioned by the Honourable the Leader involve buildings that we plan to proceed with in order to co-ordinate the facilities that are needed to provide government services in the most economical and best planned way. There's a plan for one in the Interlake area, one in Brandon and one in The Pas.

Finally, the Highway Construction Program is of course the usual one which is needed to have provision for forward commitments beyond the 1970-71 fiscal year so that it can be assured that commitments made in the current fiscal year can be paid for in the next fiscal year, and of course the Honourable Leader of the Official Opposition is probably more familiar with the bookkeeping on highway construction than probably anybody else in this committee, but I understand that this has been the type of budgetary item that has been carried forward in the past.

MR. WEIR: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to thank the Minister for his answers insofar as they've gone. Starting from the back end, I understand that what is intended here is the provision of adequate capital for the on-going programs, it's not really intended as an expenditure in the current year. I just go on record as supporting that theory. I haven't changed my mind because I sit on this side of the House, I think that it's necessary to have that availability of capital and I support that theory. All I'm looking for is an understanding that what we were really looking at originally when we were talking about transportation estimates was the sum of 25 million, or whatever was contained within that vote for capital, and that really this doesn't increase what you are contemplating spending to 32 or whatever the arithmetic is. What the purpose of the vote is is to maintain the availability of capital so that early tendering practices can be carried out and so on. I agree wholeheartedly with the principle and I have no objection to it at all.

MR. CHERNIACK: On that point, the Minister I think has already mentioned that he is hoping that he can even bring forward more and more earlier these commitments for the following year.

MR. WEIR: Well of course he and I have differences of opinion as to how far behind we were in the past, and unless honourable friends opposite want to get into that discussion, why I'll avoid it, but generally speaking, there exists a difference of opinion between us I know and I'm prepared to let it lie there unless somebody wants to carry it further.

In terms of the other breakdown - and I appreciate the fact that the Magistrates Court is mentioned, Girls' and Boys' Homes and the Headingley changes - while there's been a description there's been no breakdown. I recognize that the best we can do is deal in estimates or round figures and so on, but I would kind of like to know what the breakdown is in general terms for each of those projects, if we may, so that we can sort it out at that point.

MR. CHERNIACK: . . . . . then I'll respond to these questions. The Magistrates Courts Building is estimated at \$2,125,000, of which 1,075,000 already has existing Capital Authority, so that the net would be 1,050,000. The Girls' and Boys' Homes are estimated at \$234,500; the Headingley program centre, 500,000; minor projects in the corrections institutions generally, 199,800; the Juvenile Correction Centre is some \$2 million, of which there is 445,000 already authorized.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Member for Roblin.

MR. WEIR: Mr. Chairman, might we have the privilege of the same breakdown for other health buildings, and while it's much more minor, a distribution between the Interlake,



(MR. WEIR cont'd.) . . . . Brandon and The Pas in terms of the Government Services Buildings.

MR. CHERNIACK: Well, Mr. Chairman, firstly on the Government Services Building, I do have amounts set aside for them, but I might indicate that these are not as close an estimate as we would like to have. I might indicate right now that as the honourable member knows - and I'm happy that I'm responding to the Honourable the Leader of the Official Opposition because of his knowledge of the Public Works programming - some of these have not yet come to finality. Just this morning I was told by the ministers involved that some of these estimates are too low, and I said well, we'll deal with that when we come to it, I certainly don't want to provide any more money for that, and I'm sure the Honourable Leader of the Opposition has gone through that kind of an experience. But on the Government Service Building, what is set aside is 50,000 for the Interlake, three-quarters of a million for Brandon, and 275,000 for The Pas. I might indicate that the Management Committee will probably be kind of tough on these aspects because these are estimates.

Now you asked about the mental hospitals. I might indicate that in the Brandon program there is close to two million - \$1,955,500 - and I hope nobody asks me where they got the \$500 in that amount; and in Selkirk there is \$1,780,200 for each of those -- I mean for those institutions.

MR. WEIR: Mr. Chairman, might I go one step farther. There's an item here of 6.8 million for other health buildings that we don't have a distribution on.

MR. CHERNIACK: Now these, Mr. Chairman, do come into that area where we have definite program and where we have estimated program, and I'll start at the largest one - not the largest but the second - well, there are two large items there that we hope to build but we don't undertake to build, and I don't want people to come tomorrow and say when are you starting, when are you digging the first spot. The two large ones are the Child Psychiatric Centre which is a \$3 million item and which I say is one that we hope to be able to do but are not undertaking to start on immediately; and the other large one is Mental Retardates facility of 2-1/2 million. Now these are the two large ones and in both cases we plan to program it in such a way that it should be done within our means. -- (Interjection) -- Yes, I've 3 million for the Winnipeg Child Psychiatric Centre and 2-1/2 million for Mental Retardates facility, and these are the two big ones.

Now the Portage Physiotherapy Unit is estimated at 450,000; the Portage cottage residences, which I think are amongst the most pressing that we have in this whole list, 350,000 for two new cottages. The Minister of Labour and the Minister of Government Services are both the most anxious people to get it done. The Winnipeg Community Health Centre, \$75,000, and that too is something that will await negotiations and discussions with the City of Winnipeg; and elderly and infirm persons' housing, the sum of 500,000 has been allocated for that. That makes up the total.

MR. WEIR: Mr. Chairman, I think this has answered most of the questions in detail that I had, and I should probably at this stage of the game acknowledge the fact that before the last capital supply bill came in there was some private discussion held and it's been referred to on more than one occasion by the Minister of Finance in the House, and that this finds itself separated I think essentially on my recommendation, because there was some concern about getting the other bill passed which was relatively routine.

But what we had here, and we had no detail at that time, was a matter of principle which had been announced outside the House by the First Minister, and I have to be a little careful here because I might very well agree to some extent with the procedure that is being taken and yet in terms of timing I find myself at odds because I think that if we're faced - and I hope we're not - if we're faced with a very heavy unemployment list in the Province of Manitoba later this year that the government can't do it alone, there's no way that public expenditures can relieve it all by itself, and it becomes absolutely necessary to have the concern of the entire community established at that time.

It would have suited my purposes much better to have faced the situation in the circumstances that you are attempting to treat, so that the publicity and the concern of the government, and I think I would say for all members of the Legislature, would be focused on the matter for all of the people in the community, and rather than writing a blank cheque now, for the government to move to attempt to alleviate that problem that might have to be faced later in the year. I think that there would have been a great deal of merit in a special session of

(MR. WEIR cont'd.) . . . . . the Legislature, if it were necessary, to have provided the financing for the projects that the government hadn't known that they were going to proceed with and that the community's share, the community's share at that time, the concern that I'm sure would be evident all the way down the line, and that through the medium of the Legislature we would attempt to get the co-operation of the rest of the community in attempting to provide jobs under that same set of circumstances. -- (Interjection) -- Well, my friend the First Minister can say that it's a matter of degree, and I say that it's a very important degree. It's true that it's a matter of degree, but I think it's a very important matter of degree because I think it would be a set of circumstances that would be shared by the community as such. I think it would be shared not just by the government but by all the members of the Legislature and that there would be a sincere attempt on all sides of the House to try and use this method for the improvement of job opportunities in the Province of Manitoba.

And I doubt -- my friends I know have strong confidence in their capabilities as a government. They are entitled to that point of view. I think I can be excused if I don't quite share it. You know, I don't share the kind of confidence that they exhibit in terms of it, and I think that under the circumstance we're talking about here that a better procedure would have been for the government to present us with what they intended to proceed with at this stage of the game, and if further measures were required that we'd be called back into Session, called back into Session even on short notice, and an effort be made to appeal to the entire community of Manitoba because of the circumstances that we were facing at the time, to draw attention to it and to seek solutions for the community. I think that there is enough goodwill exists between all sides of this Legislature to deal with that kind of a situation in a positive, in a positive way, and to hopefully carry the community along with us at the same time that we're doing it.

I think that there has been exhibited from this side of the House the same type of responsibility with the critical situation that fishing and the water pollution areas have been receiving. I wish I could say that there had been the same kind of concern shown from all members on that side of the House, of concern for the tourist industry and concern for the fishermen and others in terms of this thing. I do think it would have been possible and I think that it would have been much better. As a matter of fact, I would be pleased if the government wanted to reduce the size of this by an arbitrary figure. You know, not directing the area that it was, and if it was necessary, to call us back, to use the Legislature as a means of providing the impetus that would be required at that stage of the game. I'm not going to fight about it, much as I might like to. I think that there would have been a better way of handling it and if my honourable friends wanted to change their minds, I'd be most pleased.

MR. CHERNIACK: Well, Mr. Chairman, may I just indicate that the previous statement as I read it, and my own opinion as I have it, is that we would not want to manufacture work just to prime the pump but that we should be in a position to speed up the timetabling of certain programs if it proves advisable to do so. But I can't quite conceive of our calling a special session of the Legislature to get authority to proceed with one of these large items I mentioned, say 2, 2-1/2, 3 million or even \$6 million worth of capital works that we know we want to do and which we believe the committee would approve of, just to call a session that would cost - I don't know what it costs - three to five hundred thousand dollars just to . . .

MR. WEIR: Oh come now, for a one day session of the Legislature?

MR. CHERNIACK: Well, I suppose -- all right, \$50,000 - \$100,000. I understand . . .

MR. WEIR: No indemnity at all.

MR. CHERNIACK: I understand now. I didn't want to exaggerate and I see that on the basis of a one day Session that I was exaggerating. I take it back; I didn't want to imply that. But I am saying that all we would be doing is to come back later in order to say we think it is advisable to proceed more quickly with those items which we want to do anyway but not quite as quickly as may prove necessary. That is why the items we've brought to you have two factors to them as I described. One is the complete project, not half a project at a time, and the other is a forecast of what we would want to do in the next year as well as this year, with the opportunity to adjust our timetabling as we see fit. Certainly if the situation becomes so dramatic as to require a great deal beyond this, or even a dollar beyond this, then of course it would be a matter of calling a special session. But I don't believe, and I voice the same hope that the Leader of the Opposition voiced, that it doesn't come anywhere near that drastic. But if it appears advisable, if men are being laid off because of some holdback of work in one sector or another, then we would have the ability to just timetable it a little earlier in order to

(MR. CHERNIACK cont'd.) . . . . . try to maintain some balance in the work force of the province.

MR. WEIR: Mr. Chairman, I don't want to hog the debate. If I can just ask another question now, I'll try and make room for somebody else in the debate and I might inject myself again later. But could I enquire of the Minister at what stage of design these various projects are that he's talking about, because if you're talking about a \$3 million or a 2-1/2 million project, my experience tells me that you're looking at - well, 9 to 12 months probably and maybe in some cases longer than that in terms of design. What is going to be the capacity in terms of that type of a project for the government to make any substantive moves in terms of employment unless it is the employment in the drafting field or the planning stage some place.

MR. CHERNIACK: I might just say that in every case there is a provision for at least enough money to start on the design work in this year.

MR. WEIR: Mr. Chairman, the point that I'm trying to get at is in terms of assisting in the labour force this summer and fall, which is the matter of concern in Manitoba and in other places throughout the country, I'm wondering in terms of the larger projects how many of them, if it was necessary, can the planning and design be done in time to use actual physical construction in this construction period.

MR. CHERNIACK: I can only say that we're doing our best to get that going so that we would be in that position, but the honourable member makes a valid point and I can only say that we're bending our efforts in that direction.

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

MR. MOLGAT: Mr. Chairman, I want to thank the Minister for the details that he has given us on the borrowing program and I think that he gave us a fairly comprehensive report. I think it's interesting to note that my honourable friend the Provincial Treasurer is certainly not remiss in borrowing money. He certainly has no hesitation in that regard because when I look over his record I find that he's been the Provincial Treasurer now for some eight or nine months, and in fact last August he asked this House for the authority to borrow some \$310.8 million; he was back in March, on the 25th of March he asked this House for the authority to borrow \$129.9 million; and today he's asking us for the authority to borrow \$32.4 million. So in eight months my honourable friend has managed to ask us for \$473.1 million, which is not a bad record for a new Treasurer.

MR. CHERNIACK: Might I interrupt at this point? May I tell the Honourable Member for Ste. Rose that I'm asking for the authority, but when it comes to borrowing they have to drag me kicking my heels every step of the way.

MR. MOLGAT: I see. Well he certainly has no hesitations, because as I say, in eight months that's not a bad record and he's not a piker at borrowing, this Treasurer of ours.

The Minister was kind enough to give us the last time we discussed outstanding or borrowing, a sheet at that stage of what was still outstanding unused in capital. I wonder if there's been any sizeable change in that figure - that was as of the 28th of February - whether any major items there have been forwarded to the various projects or not. I see the Minister is ready to reply, is he? No, all right. Then I would like to know from the Minister as well what his latest borrowing was; when did he last borrow; at what rate; when does he anticipate going to the market next; and can he tell us at this time in what amounts.

MR. CHERNIACK: Well, it may well be that I'll have the information soon on the updating of that list of the authorized capital borrowed. I'm not aware of any substantial amounts. I think that there have been advances made through the Development Fund, but offhand I can't speak of any more. Now as to the latest borrowing, again unfortunately speaking from memory, latest borrowing was units of account almost concurrent, some \$12 million of units of account in Belgium - \$12 million U. S. dollars in units of account - and almost concurrent with that was the borrowing of \$20 million for the Manitoba Telephone System on the Canadian market. And the rate, as I recall it, was just fractionally over nine percent and I may well receive that information soon.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. JACOB M. FROESE (Rhineland): Mr. Chairman, I've been following the discussion this afternoon with interest and tried to get as much of it down as possible so that I wouldn't have to ask a question unnecessarily. I have several questions though. First of all, how much of the proposed allocations that we're making this afternoon will not have to be borrowed

(MR. FROESE cont'd.) . . . . from outside but will come from reserves or trust accounts that are presently sitting somewhere in the various government accounts that there might be. Then, how much will the total amount be if the government would complete the programs that are included in the sheet? He mentioned for instance the mental retardate building, in the City of Winnipeg I take it, \$2-1/2 million. Would that be the total amount that would be spent on that particular building or would there be additional amounts required at some future date? I have another one, the other one is the child psychiatric building as well.

MR. CHERNLACK: Well in both cases, as I've indicated, it is not planned that these will be proceeded with this year unless, as I've indicated, there seems to some sort of emergency situation. These are just the two examples of what we hope to be able to do within the foreseeable future. The amounts are the full amounts estimated in all cases and we feel that - and I think the Leader of the Opposition has indicated that it's advisable - once you commit yourself to a building, then get the authority for the full amount so that you can -- well that's the answer.

Now as to how much of that we would have to go to the public market on, I would want at this stage to say only as little as possible. There are other funds available, as the honourable member knows, and we would want to use in-House funds of course before we would go to the capital market. Now may I indicate to the Honourable Members for Rhineland and for Ste. Rose that I don't want to answer directly the question that they asked, and that is when will we be going to the market again. I expect to be in a position to report on that in the very near future and it would be better if we waited for that until I was in a position to make a better report on that. But I do undertake that the House and the Committee will be aware of that fairly soon.

MR. FROESE: Mr. Chairman, some further questions. A year ago when the Honourable Mr. Evans was Treasurer, I requested of him that he check with the Bank of Canada and whether we could not make our borrowings through our own Canadian machinery that is set up for this purpose. He advised also at that time too that the Bank of Canada had a portfolio for provinces, and I think municipalities as well, but as far as he knew there was nothing in it. I wonder whether the present Minister would find out whether monies could be secured that way, because after all, if we borrow from the Bank of Canada the interest that would be accruing would be benefitting the people of this country. I think we should check into this and find out whether this could not be done, because in the end it would certainly mean savings.

If the province is proposing to build quite a big centre for the mental retardates in the City of Winnipeg, what about providing some relief for those at country points? We have a number of smaller centres that are building workshops - I know Winkler is building one - and they could use some capital, some support in the way of capital for their project, and I'm sure Altona is considering the same thing. What is going to be the policy? Are we just going to support the greater areas in Manitoba, the larger cities, and leave the outside points on their own? I don't think that this is quite fair because these outside centres, the smaller centres, the people have been very active supporting these groups that are doing this work voluntarily and I think we should support them provincially as well so that they would not have to completely rely on volunteer work and on the help of volunteer citizens.

I had a few further questions. The fish hatcheries mentioned here - 350,000. It's not one of the bigger items but where is this hatchery being -- where will it be built?

MR. MCKENZIE: Roblin Constituency.

MR. FROESE: Pardon? Roblin? I'd be interested in knowing where, and if this is just going to one particular project or whether this means more than one project. We know that as far as highways are concerned that you can build a stretch of highway and stop and yet the road will continue and the people can use that part, but not so with buildings, and I'm glad to hear from the Minister that the figures that were given are the full consideration, or the full amount that will be considered for these various projects.

The matter raised by the Leader of the Official Opposition, if things should go from bad to worse that the government would be speeding up some of the programs and putting more money into the economy this way by increasing the number of projects or the amount that would be spent in this fiscal year if necessary. I hope that the Treasury Department gives reports to members of this House, let's say quarterly, or occasionally, so that we know where things stand so that we won't have to wait a full year and come back and find out. I think we should be kept up to date on this so that when the government is speeding up or is increasing

(MR. FROESE cont'd.) . . . . . the programs that we know what is being done and where things stand.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. MCKENZIE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just have a few remarks with regard to the Capital Authority required for general purposes the Minister has before us, and I well recognize the statement that the First Minister has made outside of the House, the fact that they are anticipating a recessional period. I humbly submit to the First Minister and to the Finance Minister that we are facing a recessional period in my constituency and one that is of grave concern. I well recognize the moneys that the Finance Minister has borrowed in his eight months in office, and I have it to the tune of some \$475 million according to my figures.

MR. CHERNIACK: Borrowed?

MR. MCKENZIE: Well, authority to borrow. Well, one way or the other. I wonder if the Minister recognizes the agricultural problem that we face in my constituency and many of the rural constituencies, and if in fact he could fill me in some place in this Authority that's being granted as to what he has in mind to even improve the conditions in Roblin constituency or those agriculturally based constituents who are facing serious problems today economically.

MR. CHERNIACK: Well, Mr. Chairman, I believe that I am aware of the agricultural problem that exists today. Frankly, I don't quite see how the Capital works, the capital plans of this government or of any government can do a great deal to alleviate directly and immediately the agricultural situation. In the last Bill that I presented to the House there was money set aside for the Manitoba Agricultural Credit Corporation. There are other programs of government that involve expenditure of moneys in the agricultural areas, but I can't say that — just by building a building somewhere, that doesn't necessarily help the agricultural area in that particular building.

Now the point made as to quarterly reports by the Honourable Member for Rhineland, I can only say that having been in this job nine months one would expect and have a right to think that I am an expert in the field of finance, but I quickly tell you that I am a slow learner and I am really not that adept at understanding all the ramifications of that area which I know the Honourable Member for Rhineland has shown a great deal of interest. I'll look at the suggestion and try to see the implications and see if it's possible, without making any promise, because I'm not aware of it enough.

However, the other questions he asked as to the Bank of Canada doing our borrowing, I wish we could persuade them to do it; or even to lend us money, I wish we could persuade them to do it. They seem to be busy lending money in other directions. Well, I have discussed at meetings with federal representatives the facilities that could be made available to us, and all they say is that by building up the surplus that they have, they are going to be using that for capital purposes like Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and that in that way they are helping us by not going into the borrowing market. Now I suppose we have to recognize that if they were in more deeply than they are now it would be tougher for us, but that, I'm afraid, is the only kind of assistance we have been offered from the federal authority.

As to the Mental Retardates building, I don't quite follow the honourable member's discussion about that. Currently of course there are some 1,400 — no, I don't want to give a wrong figure. I think there are some 1,200 beds now at Portage which is some distance from Winnipeg, and what it was felt is necessary and advisable is to build a facility to serve the Metropolitan area. The only facility I know of now for mental retardates that is provincially operated is at Portage, and it is planned that there be one in Metropolitan Winnipeg to service the half a million people that live here.

MR. FROESE: If I may interject here. When you talk of this expenditure, are you just speaking in terms of providing residence facilities where these people can stay? It does not include workshops or anything of that type, does it?

MR. CHERNIACK: No, I think that the plan is more comprehensive than that. Of course beds alone do not help the retardates who would be there, but there would have to be substantial facilities that would be able to provide a proper service and proper care of the inmates. It wouldn't be just beds, it would be a service which I hope we can do. I think that we can recognize that the problem of mental retardates and mental health generally is one where we are still on our own to a large extent. The Federal Government has not accepted it as part of its program and it is one in which the whole world is very slow in dealing with it

(MR. CHERNLACK cont'd.) . . . . and we want to try, as I know all of us do, to do much more than we have been doing in this area.

The honourable member also asked about the Fish Hatchery. The plan, which I believe is still subject to change, is to have it in the Grand Rapids area, but I'm under the impression that that is now considered to be the best location for the Fish Hatchery. As a matter of fact, I said it's subject to change; I think that that is actually where it is being planned.

And may I now say to the Honourable Member for Ste. Rose that I have to apologize for my poor memory - slightly only - because I mentioned \$20 million Telephone as a recent borrowing. It was for Hydro, not for Telephone. Other than that, my memory served me fairly well. Twenty million dollars for Manitoba Hydro was borrowed April 1, 1970 and \$12 million units of account in the European market was borrowed as of March 16, 1970, and both are nine percent bonds.

I'm also informed that the only major changes in use of Capital Authority was some \$6 million in March to the Manitoba Development Fund.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Wolseley.

MR. CLAYDON: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to ask the Minister a few questions concerning the Winnipeg Auditorium. Is this amount of \$2,500,000 the total cost of the building plus renovations plus furnishings? Is this the total cost, and if so, how many square feet of office space will be produced in the building and could he tell us what departments would occupy the building. In the past, when we have had in the Norquay Building overflow crowds, we have moved to the Concert Hall in the Auditorium. Will the Concert Hall portion also be included and converted into office space, and if this Concert Hall is converted, what provision will be made to house large gatherings when they appear before the provincial government on various matters? I think these are questions which are very pertinent at this time because I feel that the matter of furnishings has not been included and I'd like that particularly answered.

MR. CHERNLACK: Would the honourable member refer to drapes and furniture under the term "furnishings"?

MR. CLAYDON: Furnishings - I'm not exactly sure because we haven't been told exactly what you're going to get with the building. The government has not informed us as to whether it includes any furniture or not and I'd like to know whether this \$2.5 million includes any additional expenditure for furnishings or does it include the furnishings that are already in existence?

MR. CHERNLACK: Mr. Chairman, I'm afraid we're talking, using a term which I would guess that the Honourable Member for Wolseley and I are not clear on and I still don't quite understand what he means by furnishings. If he means that an office will be built in which there will be a table and chairs and a typewriter and that kind of furniture, then I would think that this is not included in this item. What this item does include is the estimate of the capital cost of acquisition of the Auditorium and the estimated cost of renovation to suit the purposes of government. Certainly the indication is that the possession of the building will not be given to us until the following year and it would be foolish, although the honourable member thinks this is the opportune time to indicate the exact use, I would disagree with him because I feel that being given fully a year to develop the proper use of that building it would be wrong to commit ourselves now on what particular use we could put to it. I could indicate to the honourable member that the present use of buildings, or the buildings that are presently used in this general area are bursting at the seams, that there's a good deal of rental space being used for government purposes and that there is need for more and better co-ordinated use of office facilities.

Now I think that those who have been concerning themselves with the use of the auditorium would like to retain the Concert Hall as it is now, but there need not be any commitment for that. Certainly when the Auditorium was purchased from the City of Winnipeg - and I have no idea how the honourable member stood in that position when he acted in his capacity as an alderman, although I am informed he was opposed to it - he is shaking his head, so my information may not be correct. I will go back to saying I don't know what position he took on it but I don't think that's too relevant, because as I understand it, the purchase of the Auditorium from the City of Winnipeg was without any undertaking or restraint on the use to which the building would be put other than that the present occupants and the present commitments by the City of Winnipeg would be honoured for the term that has yet to expire.

But I would invite the honourable member and other members to make suggestions to the

(MR. CHERNIACK cont'd.) . . . . Minister of Government Services as to the uses to which that building can be put, or various portions of the building. There are certain ones that may be obvious, and I know that the Honourable Member for Fort Rouge is probably often very nervous as to how long she will be able to occupy the office that she occupies because we are cramped within this building and it may well be - and now I'm speculating - that the Queen's Printer, the Provincial Archives, could be properly and usefully moved over to the Auditorium. There are certain other departmental uses that are in this building, or indeed in the Norquay Building, that could be moved into the Auditorium. But I don't think that we are prepared to commit ourselves now to the eventual, actual use of the building other than to indicate that we are assured that there is ample need, and we are also given the estimate, which has been checked both within government departments and I believe also with at least two outside architectural firms, that the amount of \$2-1/2 million should be sufficient to take care both of the capital purchase and the renovations that would be needed.

Now when I say that, I think that I have to admit that the Honourable Member for Wolseley and I may not be that sure of what it costs to do a renovation on an existing building and I would not fault anyone if he were somewhat out in his estimate, but we can only come to you with the information we are given and we are giving it to you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Member for Wolseley.

MR. CLAYDON: The Minister has indicated that we will not have possession of this building until next year, and if this is the case, is it necessary to include the \$1.5 million in the estimates at the present time for renovation of a building which you will not have possession of?

MR. CHERNIACK: In the first place, I am informed by the Minister for Government Services that he expects that some parts of the building will become available much sooner than next year, but in the second place, I've already indicated - and it seem to me that there's a general consensus in Committee that it's a good idea - that when we undertake a project we should seek authority for the full project rather than just for the amount that will be spent in the current year and then we know what we are expecting to spend on the whole project. That's the reason for the inclusion of the renovation costs for the Winnipeg Auditorium, whether it be spent this year in part or in whole and whether or not there is a carryover into the following year.

MR. CLAYDON: Mr. Chairman, I may have missed it, but did the Minister tell us how many square feet of usable office space this building is expected to produce?

MR. CHERNIACK: The Minister is under the impression that it's somewhere around 126,000, but again I think it depends on what use will be put to the building and the extent to which it will be changed into office space.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Leader of the Official Opposition.

MR. WEIR: Mr. Chairman, we're to assume then that the \$2-1/2 million can be expected to look after the complete cost of purchase and renovations?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Member for La Verendrye.

MR. LEONARD A. BARKMAN (La Verendrye): Mr. Speaker, while you wish to answer that, speaking of the Auditorium, there seems to be some speculation as to who originally bought this building. I'm not sure but perhaps the Minister can tell us. Was it in fact the Province and the City of Winnipeg or in fact perhaps the Federal Government also?

MR. CHERNIACK: You're now talking about the year 1932 or thereabouts? Well, I recall that in 1932 or thereabouts, I think it was Mayor Webb who took credit for - am I right about that?

MR. CLAYDON: Well, somewhere around that time. I used to put a shovel in the excavation about that time.

MR. CHERNIACK: Somewhere around that time. It was an unemployment relief situation that was taken advantage of at that time and I'm sure that there was both federal and provincial input. I'm also sure that it belongs to the City of Winnipeg.

The Minister of Government Services informs me that all the information he's been able to gather is that the \$2-1/2 million should be sufficient to purchase and renovate the existing building. He also informs me that there appears to be sufficient structural strength in the building to support additional storeys. He has not included that in his estimates and he may have some trouble with Finance if he wants to do that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Member for Rhineland.



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MR. FROESE: Mr. Chairman, coming to the second item, The Pas Special Area Agreement. Are we referring to the Churchill Forest Industries Agreement or is this a special agreement with The Pas, the town itself where this money is being provided for, and what is the purpose of it?

MR. CHERNIACK: Mr. Chairman, we have announced that the Department of Regional Economic Expansion of the Federal Government has accepted The Pas as a region for special consideration and that this is part of the hoped-for economic development in The Pas area. This does not have anything to do, as I can recall, and I'm sure the Minister of Mines and Resources will correct me if I'm wrong, this has nothing to do with provincial commitments to Churchill Forest Industries but is rather for the development within The Pas itself. And again - now this is an impression I have - that practically all of it is for a school. He adds the word "housing". I'm pretty sure it's mainly for schools, but it is for the provision of services to the residents of The Pas, it is not any of the commitments made in connection with the CFI complex.

MR. FROESE: . . . a breakdown of it?

MR. CHERNIACK: We have an agreement.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Chairman, there is a special area program which was announced some time ago which involves infrastructure, sewer and water, schools, housing, something totalling about four and a half million dollars, which the province has succeeded in negotiating with the Federal Government for a special area The Pas program. If my honourable friend wants the exact figures, the agreement has not yet been signed and when it is of course it will be a matter of public knowledge as most of the terms are at the present time, but I can't give you a breakdown of the figures right now.

MR. CHERNIACK: I should indicate that this is a borrowing from the Federal Government; this is a loan by the Federal Government, it doesn't involve outside money at all.

MR. CHAIRMAN: . . . ready to proceed. The Member for Ste. Rose.

MR. MOLGAT: I thank the Minister for his reply regarding the last borrowings. He said it was at a rate of nine percent. Did he get full price for his bonds or were they sold at some discount?

MR. CHERNIACK: Well, that's why I said fractionally over nine percent. It was, as I recall it, one was at par and the other was at, I think, 25 cents off par. I did report on it, and I'll be reporting on it again. If I ever get to the budget speech I'll try and give you more information.

MR. MOLGAT: Well, I've been waiting anxiously for the budget speech, Mr. Chairman. He can't fault me for that one. I haven't asked him today but - unless he's willing to make a statement now as to when he'll make the budget speech . . . ?

MR. CHERNIACK: I've already indicated to the honourable member that I'm torn between two emotional problems; one is that I'm anxious to have it brought in as quickly as possible, and the other is that I'm so much afraid that as soon as I bring it in and the Honourable Member for Ste. Rose responds that he will leave us and I just don't want to see him go.

MR. MOLGAT: I thank him for his keen attachment to me, Mr. Chairman. I wonder if the Minister is in a position to tell us now, although he may not be and I'll be pleased to get the answer later, how much we presently owe in US dollars. He mentioned that one of the loans he referred to was US; how much of our present debt is repayable in US dollars?

MR. CHERNIACK: It's on my desk, but I don't have - I wouldn't try to guess at it. I will certainly supply the honourable member with that information, if not earlier, then during my budget address.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Requirements for General Purposes, \$30,500,000 -- passed.  
Requirements for The Pas Special Area Agreement, \$1,936,300 -- passed.

MR. CHERNIACK: Mr. Chairman, we've now finished Capital Supply. May I indicate to the House and to the House Leader if he's within hearing, that I would propose that we should move out of Supply at about 5:15 so that could then go through the routine of taking this resolution to Ways and Means and concurrence. So that if we could go on with the current estimates and then at 5:15 if we could have the committee rise.

MR. CHAIRMAN: We're dealing with the departmental estimates, the Department of Tourism and Recreation, Resolution 92. The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. MCKENZIE: Well, I'm wondering if the Minister is going to answer under the items that were asked under his salary?

HON. PETER BURTNIAK (Minister of Tourism & Recreation) (Dauphin): Sorry, Mr. Chairman, I didn't hear the question.

MR. MCKENZIE: I'm wondering, Mr. Chairman, is the Minister going to answer the questions that were raised under his salary?

MR. BURTNIAK: The reason I waited, Mr. Chairman, I thought that last night, before we adjourned, the Honourable Member for Rhineland was ready to speak and . . . Well, Mr. Chairman, before I attempt to answer the questions that were raised last night, no doubt there will be other questions that will be raised this afternoon, I would like to add a few more comments.

First of all, I would like to thank the honourable members for their kind remarks to me last night. I certainly appreciate it. I would like to say that we're living in a time of great social change, Mr. Chairman, and one of these changes which will have tremendous implications for the people of this province is the onset of leisure age. In our debates at this and at previous sessions we had been rightly concerned with the provision of jobs. In the not too distant future we're going to be more concerned with the provision of things for people to do when they are not working. The great challenge of the future is not going to be only jobs, but leisure. I want to assure this House that as long as I'm the Minister of Tourism and Recreation that we are going to prepare for this challenge and have programs in operation before we have to deal with the situation on a crisis basis. Ad hoc solutions in today's crises are merely aspirin tablets. They tackle the symptoms of the problem rather than the problem itself, and I don't intend to be a dispenser of pills. We will anticipate the problems, analyze them, and put them into programs that will really prevent the problems from getting to the crisis stage. There can be no doubt that we are into the early stages of leisure age. Already many people earn their living by catering to the leisure demands of others. Many business firms are in the business of providing goods and services for leisure. In North America the leisure industry is already a one hundred billion dollar phenomenon.

My responsibilities are for Tourism and Recreation. Tourism, as I see it, is concerned with bringing people into Manitoba for pleasure. In this way, I'm concerned with the development of a major export industry. Every dollar spent in the province by a non-resident visitor is just as important as that earned by any commodity that we produce and sell outside the province. Last year non-residents spent \$120 million, as I said before. This money was spent in a wide variety of places, such as hotels, motels, camp grounds, restaurants, service stations, grocery stores and so on. After this initial spending by the visitor the money was re-spent in wages, salaries, and goods and services, such as the eggs the tourists consumed at breakfast were produced by the Manitoba farmers; the bread at lunch was made from Manitoba wheat, milled into flour in the province, and baked in a local bakery. We estimate that each dollar spent changes hands at least once again, so that the cumulative effect of tourist dollars is nearly a quarter of a billion dollars.

I also want to assure the members of this House that we on this side are very much aware of the impact of tourist spending on provincial revenues. While it would be very difficult to set up a special set of accounts to record the flow of tourist dollars into the provincial coffers, economists tell me that 14 cents out of every dollar spent accrues to the province. On last year's spending, the province was richer by some \$17 million. When you consider the estimates of my department you will have to agree that Tourism and Recreation are a profitable business for the government.

I should like to point out that the United States Travel Service in 1970 is starting its first promotion campaign in Canada to attract Canadians to visit the United States as tourists. This move by the United States is another example of increasing competition that is developing in the tourist industry. As more and more countries become aware of the value of tourist spending to their economies, the competition will continue to increase. Manitoba cannot slack in its efforts to create a desirable tourist environment and to inform potential visitors of our attractions. In order to receive the fullest possible benefit from our tourist potential, we will have to extend our efforts in tourist development and promotion.

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Tourism is a leading industry in this province now. It has the potential to be one of the real growth sectors of our economy, and I can safely predict that within a few years it may well be the leading export dollar earner for this province. How we are going to achieve this objective is a good question, and I can say that we can do this by providing imaginative leadership to the development of recreational facilities and opportunities within the province. If we make Manitoba an attractive place for Manitobans to spend their leisure time in, and we then inform our potential customers in the rest of Canada, the United States as well as overseas countries, of the province that has met the challenge of the leisure age, tourism will grow and achieve the objective that I have mentioned.

My basic objective, Mr. Chairman, is threefold two-fold. In the first place, we must develop programs and facilities that will encourage all Manitobans to enjoy their leisure. We must provide opportunities for a wide variety of activities. By so doing we will develop a social environment that is extremely attractive. In this way we arrive at a second objective: the full development of the tourist potential. When we have provided the opportunities for Manitobans, we will have developed a series of attractions that will make Manitoba a very desirable place to visit and to spend time and money. What are some of the dimensions of the leisure age that can be predicted now, and how do we propose going about developing the necessary program? If we can look ahead a few years, we can see that there are a number of trends in society which, taken cumulatively, will create the challenge of leisure. How we face this challenge may well determine the fate of our civilization. Here are some of the things we face in the immediate future.

In the first place, hours of work per year will decrease to an average of some 30 per week in the next perhaps two decades. This decrease will come as the result of increased productivity, the joint product of technology and education. The decrease in work time will reflect itself in fewer hours work per week, fewer weeks per year and fewer years per lifetime. Thus the worker of the future will find that he has more leisure time each week, longer vacations possibly split into two separate periods each year, and a longer retirement period. Industry will have an increased role to play in the provision of recreation for its employees. Government should stimulate industry in taking care of recreational needs of employees and they should be prepared to advise and assist industry in the establishment of programs. As a result discussions should be entered into with Federal Government on the subject of tax deductions for recreation facilities built for employees.

One of the areas that I see as needing increased attention is that of personal recreation. My main theme in this area will be the development of programs that are enjoyable. People should have fun in their recreational activities. Really, what I'm proposing is that we stress the real meaning of recreation, and activity indulged in voluntarily for the satisfaction derived from the activity itself. In other words, we must learn again to enjoy ourselves and have fun.

These recreational programs will be based on mass participation rather than on individual achievement. Basically, an individual does not have to be good at something in order to enjoy it. Many of the programs that have been developed in the past have tended to by-pass the lower income groups who presently cannot afford to participate. If a park or recreational facility is developed where the low income groups cannot afford to get to, the area has little meaning to them. I want to take a close look at this area of leisure and make sure that all people of the province have the opportunity to enjoy the facilities and the programs developed by the public.

For the past several years the Federal Government, through its Fitness and Amateur Sports Program, has made grants to the province to assist in the development of recreation programs. The Provincial Government has in turn made grants available to the municipalities to assist in the hiring of recreational directors and in the development of such programs. I have now been advised that the Federal Government is terminating this program. As a result, we will have to examine the provincial role in grants for recreation, and we may have to consider changing the grant program that we have. If the grant program is changed, the Provincial Government will employ additional experts in the field of recreation who will be available to municipalities to advise on planning and developing programs and facilities in leadership training.

We will recommend the removal of the present one mill for recreation purposes as set out in the Municipal Act, through the grant program that we now have. The objection of

(MR. BURTNIAK cont'd) . . . establishing local recreation commissions throughout the province has been met. A reappraisal of the provincial role in bringing well-rounded recreation programs to the people now seems to be in order.

We have recognized the importance of using schools for recreational purposes by the community outside of school hours. This recognition is not a philosophic view as it once was; it is now a fact. Present legislation permits the use of schools where the local community so desires. In several communities, the recreation commissions are working in close co-operation with the school divisions and are in fact programming the evening use of schools. More use could be made of the school facilities that are available and it is our intention to encourage and facilitate such use. Serious consideration is also being given the growing communities of the north. The people of the north have the right to expect the same standards in their parks, in recreation services, as do the people in other parts of the province.

To assist me in developing the type of program that is needed as we move into leisure age, I would like to say that we want to establish an Advisory Fitness and Recreation Board, which will be consulted in developing programs for mass participation. The board will consist of a wide variety of expertise and will be able to advise on the health aspects of recreation as well as the social. We will be looking at the development of a provincial games program, perhaps an ethnic games program. The purpose of these games will be two-fold: to encourage mass participation in a wide variety of activities for fun and health, and at the same time to help develop facilities in all parts of the province. As a grand finale to each series of games, there will be a provincial sports pageant which will be held at different places in the province. Again, the objective is to get mass participation in a wide range of activities and to develop a first-class recreation plant throughout the province. While I may have seemed to stress sports in this presentation, I am very much aware that fun is not essentially sport. It covers all aspects of recreation. We must also be aware that poor use of leisure time can show itself in the use of drugs and other undesirable activities. A positive recreation program, based on the widest possible participation, can help provide alternates to forms of anti-social behaviour.

Another area of concern is the adequacy of recreation programs for young people. Again, this is one area that has rated a lot of lip service but little has been accomplished. I intend to start from the beginning and take a good look at the place recreation can play in the lives of our young people. It may well be that high priority will have to be given to this aspect of our recreation program.

We do not have all the answers to the problems of leisure age. We will be developing a policy, and out of this policy will come the answers. The basic approach to the problem is, as we build for Manitobans, we build an atmosphere that is ideal for tourism as well. In the last two fiscal years the estimates of the Department of Tourism and Recreation have amounted to less than 1.5 percent of the provincial budget. If we are to achieve the solutions to the coming of leisure age, the share of the budget will have to grow. If the way in which we live over the next, say, hundred years or so is to be determined by our understanding of the leisure phenomenon and by the way in which we develop programs to ensure the best use of leisure, then our investment in this area will have to increase, it will have to increase rapidly.

As I have already pointed out, the taxes paid by tourists more than cover the costs of our present programs. To achieve these goals of a better place for Manitobans to live in and the development of a tourist industry to our most important source of export dollars, imagination and hard work must be backed by the public and by this House as well.

Now, Mr. Chairman, perhaps I've opened the door for further questioning, but to deal briefly with some of the questions that were asked in the House last night and the comments were made by the various members that spoke, I would like to deal, first of all, with the question that was asked by the first speaker last night, the Honourable Member for Birtle-Russell, in regard to his concern about the International Peace Gardens and the activities there by the Canadian Legion. I would like to report to the honourable member that the federal grants to the Canadian Legion have been discontinued by the Manitoba Canadian Legion, but the Manitoba Canadian Legion will continue to offer its program at the International Peace Gardens. Youth programs will be operated by the Canadian Legion from August 9th to 30th, including such sport as football, co-ed volleyball, boys' track and field and girls' track and field. The International Music Camps, another creative art program, are operated in July. The Gardens are part of the provincial tourist plant; some 350,000 visitors attended last year. Many of these were young groups, schools of young people attending in-training programs. I



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(MR. BURTNIAK cont'd) . . . might say that we do offer a grant to International Peace Gardens to the tune of \$15,000 annually.

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

MR. HARRY E. GRAHAM (Birtle-Russell): Was I correct in hearing the Minister say that they're only going to give the International Peace Gardens \$15,000 this year?

MR. BURTNIAK: That has been the grant that's proposed for International Peace Gardens for this year. I do understand that, through some other organization or organizations, there are other grants coming as well. I believe the Honourable Minister of Cultural Affairs will have something to add to that during his estimates. I believe there are some other moneys coming from other organization to this group.

MR. GRAHAM: Mr. Chairman, is the Minister prepared to make any grant to the Canadian Legion seeing as how the Federal Government has abandoned their grant structure?

MR. BURTNIAK: Well, Mr. Chairman, I must say that this is something that perhaps we'll have to consider for the future years, but I don't think we are in a position to do so this year.

MR. GORDON W. BEARD (Churchill): Mr. Chairman, while the Minister is answering questions, quite frankly I didn't catch what he was saying but it appeared to me that -- is it a federal policy of withdrawing funds almost entirely from recreation and entertainment, recreation areas, in their grants to the province? I understand that the Minister has now announced three areas where the Federal Government has withdrawn their moneys. Are they giving it to you in some other form, or what is happening?

MR. BURTNIAK: I believe, Mr. Chairman, that the Honourable Member for Churchill is referring to the Sports and Physical Fitness Program. I will have something to say on that a little later on. If I can find it in my notes here, I could give you the answer. Sorry, I can't find it. If I come to it, I'll . . .

MR. BEARD: If the Minister would just take it as a question and . . .

MR. BURTNIAK: All right. In regard to some of the other questions that were asked, particularly that involved the funds with respect to the World Hockey Tournament which did not develop here in Winnipeg and Manitoba this year. I believe there were three different honourable members that touched on that particular subject. I might say that there is an Order for Return on that particular subject which I will bring in tomorrow, but I would say that the future of Canada's participation in World and Olympic Hockey is in the hands of the governing body, as you know, which is the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, the Federal Government in Hockey Canada. The CAHA will have to negotiate with the International Ice Hockey Federation, and I understand that Mr. Earl Dawson and his colleagues are presently studying the matter.

I believe that the Honourable Member for Assiniboia, in one of his questions, I think he didn't quite get the trend of my talk. Perhaps he wasn't quite sure as to what I was referring to but he said there were 21 recreation commissions and that is not too many. I'm sorry that you didn't hear right because there are 22 municipalities who are hiring full-time recreation directors, and I'm pleased, as I said last night, that there are 138 municipal recreation commissions, not 21. I might say that the majority of these have been established in the last two or three years and many are just beginning to become functional in their respective communities.

Regarding the federal withdrawal from the assistance - and I'm sorry the Member for Churchill is not in. The answer to that question is that we have requested information from Mr. Munro regarding the Fitness and Amateur Sport policy but have not yet received a reply. We find that recreation commissions are becoming more active and are taking advantage of the many resources available to the sports and recreation organizations. The Community Recreation Branch is an effective link between the communities and the organizations, but the Branch, I must say, will continue consultative services and leadership training opportunities to these communities.

Insofar as grants similar to Ontario and Alberta, I believe the Honourable Member for Fort Garry brought this question up insofar as sports clinics and what have you are concerned, similar to Ontario and Alberta. We have grants or we are providing grants up to \$500.00 to the provincial sports and recreational associations to offer community clinics and promotional activities. The Community Recreation Branch has excellent cooperation from provincial sports bodies, the Manitoba Sports Federation, the universities, the YMCA, and the individual

(MR. BURTNIAC cont'd) . . . sports leaders in conducting clinics and other leadership training events.

I'm sure you all know that our branch is working closely with the Manitoba Sports Federation and the Centennial Sports 1970 Committee. There will be over 20 national championships held in Manitoba this year, 1970. These are being conducted by the sports governing bodies with assistance from the Centennial Corporation and the Sports Federation as well. In May and June, I might say, the Centennial Sports Caravan will be visiting 30 communities. This project, sponsored by the Centennial Corporation, has been organized by our branch and the Manitoba Sports Federation.

There were some questions asked in regard to the tourist study at Dauphin, and I might say that the study at Dauphin had two purposes: to provide information on the tourist industry and to test the methods that could be used in similar studies in the future. The results of the study pertained to Dauphin only and there was no intention generalizing beyond that town. It is part of a program to examine and identify the value of specific tourist attractions around the province. The Department has also carried out studies of the following parks and recreation areas: Whiteshell, Grand Beach, St. Malo, Norquay Beach, St. Ambroise, Duck Mountain and Grass River. These studies are a part of the Canadian Outdoor Recreation Demand Study but they also enable us to determine the impact the parks have on the tourist industry as well.

The question as to whether we need research into the economic value of tourism. The department is studying the economic impact of tourism in cooperation with the Federal Government and other nine provincial governments. A major tourist study of travel in Canada by Canadians was planned for this year, 1970. Unfortunately, two large provinces withdrew their support. The study is now being revised and as a result has been delayed. One of the results of this study will be a much better understanding of the economic value of tourism. In addition, we cooperated with many public and private tourist agencies through the Canadian Tourist Association in sponsoring the study entitled "The Economic Significance of Travel in Canada."

Insofar as the needs of the north are concerned, I might say that serious consideration is going to have to be given to the growing communities of the north. The people of the north have the right to expect, as I said a moment ago, the same standards in their parks and recreation services as do people in other parts of the province.

One question was asked by two members, the Honourable Member for Assiniboia and the Member for Portage la Prairie, insofar as support to ethnic festivals is concerned. As I outlined in my remarks last night, there is a proposed grants program to support ethnic festivals and other local festival attractions that could be considered provincial in scope and do attract many thousands of visitors. I plan to announce the details of the grants program some time in the near future.

Insofar as the publicizing of historical churches and other historical attractions, a number of our department brochures and publications carry information on our historical sites and points of interest, and the department agrees that these are of major importance as far as visitor attractions are concerned.

The Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie asked about the Great River Road Association. I'm pleased to inform the honourable member that we have been a member of the Great River Road Association for many years and have attended a conference, and as a matter of fact, this year, 1970, we will be hosting the annual convention of this Association in Winnipeg from August 9th to 12th, and I might say --(Interjection)--I beg your pardon? Oh, I'm sure there must have been. Someone from our department was there, I know. Well, I'll check.

MR. BEARD: How about the Churchill Road Association?

MR. BURTNIAC: There is a grant that's being supplied even to the organization. I believe it's somewhere in the neighbourhood of \$2,000.00 annually. The Honourable Member for Birtle-Russell was concerned about the garbage and waste disposal, and that things in that respect should be improved. I might say that careful supervision is given to the cleanliness and housekeeping of parks and recreational sites. Waste materials are collected as frequently as required and disposal is made through recognized and approved methods. We have found from experience that good housekeeping generates public respect for the facilities provided and reduces the litter problem. Beaches are continuously patrolled for hazardous materials.

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(MR. BURTNIAK cont'd) . . . Beach concessions in parks are not permitted to sell bottled soft drinks.

The Paint Lake problem, if we can call it a problem - perhaps it is - which was asked. This question was also asked by both the Honourable Member for Assiniboia and the Honourable Member for Portage in regard to the Paint Lake situation. I might say that formal designation that Paint Lake and three smaller sites along the Grass River are provincial recreational areas, is currently under way. During last summer, a detailed survey of the recreational potential was made by Parks Branch planners to determine the boundaries and to draw up development plans for these sites. It is on the basis of these plans that the formal designation is based on which future development will follow. While no development will be done this year, detailed site surveys necessary to programming and estimating costs will definitely be undertaken.

In regard to the installation of the T-bar at the Falcon Lake ski slopes, I would say that to improve this facility has been given careful study in the past and it has been determined that the economic benefits would be marginal. Falcon ski slopes are limited in length and run, and slope heights can best serve the beginner and novice skier, judging from the attendance records. For this group, rope tows are safe and easy to use. Because skiing is largely a weekend activity, large scale investment required for a T-bar is somewhat difficult to justify at this time.

In regard to camping in Birds Hill Provincial Park, the statement was made that the camping area at Birds Hill could accommodate something like 10,000 trailers. In actual fact the camping area has 180 sites suitable for tents, camper trucks and trailer use. Last year 6,309 families used these facilities, of which almost 40 percent were out of the province visitors. There is adequate space, utilities and services to expand the camping area should the demand warrant.

With respect to Duck Mountain Provincial Park, we recognize the potential that exists in the Duck Mountain area, and because it is largely untouched at this point in time, it offers an excellent opportunity to create an outstanding park. We have begun planning studies aimed at drawing up the recreational master plan. This work will continue again this year. I might say at this time, too, Mr. Chairman, that this does not only apply to the Duck Mountains, as I pointed out last night and perhaps on some other occasions, but we are now undertaking this year to do some serious research work so we can come out with an entire complete master plan for the Province of Manitoba. This is sadly lacking, and I'm sure that the honourable members will agree with me that this should have been done perhaps a long time ago.

Insofar as signs along the highway locating boat launching sites - this is a suggestion that will be discussed with the Department of Transportation.

The status of the Alf Hole Goose Sanctuary controversy, a biologist in the Department of Mines and Natural Resources and our Park Planner have examined the implications of the camp ground being built near by. A report is to be filed on their findings shortly. In the interim, the licence required for the camp site has been deferred until June 1st.

The Hecla Island Provincial Park program and budgets during the life of the FRED agreement, was asked. Two projects are programmed for Hecla Island this fiscal year.

1. The Causeway construction, and 2. The initial park development. At this time the phasing of the Causeway construction and associated costs are being refined by studies currently under way through the Department of Transportation. I can run off some figures for you. The current year's budget for Hecla is \$855,000 covering the following items. Causeway - \$500,000; Causeway road approaches - \$100,000; Road construction on the Island - \$90,000; initial construction of camping area, beach installation of utilities - \$140,000; and building relocation and renovations \$25,000. The FRED allocation for recreation in the Interlake is 2.96 billion to be disbursed over a period 1969 to 1977. A question was asked in regard to the Winnipeg Beach recreational area. It will be largely completed this spring. The remaining work to be done this year includes the final grading and trimming of park lot and access road, final landscaping, shrubbery and tree planting, equipping beach facilities buildings for operation. We expect that an official opening will take place during the latter part of July. I believe the question was asked as to what the cost might be. The grand total for the four-year period from 1967 to 1971 for this project was \$925,566.00.

The Honourable Member from Portage la Prairie also asked the question, is there to be a park in the forebay of the Portage Diversion works, as had been previously announced?



(MR. BURTNIAK cont'd). The area on the forebay of the Portage Diversion was studied during the midsummer of 1967. Owing to the lack of data on water elevation and water quality, both of which are important factors in park design, it was decided in November of 1967 to defer further park planning until information on these matters becomes available.

One other question which was raised was with respect to the request that had been made to have a sports car rally at Birds Hill Provincial Park some time this summer. I understand the Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie expressed some doubt as to the wisdom of holding a car rally in the park because of possible incompatible effects. I appreciate his concern and can advise that we are giving the proposal a very careful review.

That, Mr. Chairman, is to the best of my knowledge the questions that were asked last night. Perhaps there will be some more to come.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House Leader of the Liberal Party.

MR. G. JOHNSTON (Portage la Prairie): Did the Minister give the dollar value of the grants to the ethnic festivals? I didn't get it if he did.

MR. BURTNIAK: This is now in the process of being worked out and I'll announce that in a few days' time.

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

MR. GRAHAM: I would like to thank the Minister for the information that the Order for Return is now ready. He said he would file it tomorrow. Seeing as how it deals quite pointedly with the affairs of this department, I don't believe there's anything in our rules which stipulates that it has to wait. An Order for Return can be filed at any time and I was wondering if the Minister would care to file it now.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. FROESE: Mr. Chairman, first of all I would like to congratulate the Minister on assuming his duties in the portfolio of Tourism and Recreation. I certainly wish him well, also all his fellow workers within the department. I'm sure that they have a job before them, especially in this year, the Centennial year for Manitoba, and I do hope that we do get many more people to visit Manitoba. At least I've already on certain occasions, where we've had gatherings outside of this province, to invite people to Manitoba and to come to Manitoba in the year of 1970 when we have all the celebrations.

The Minister mentioned their advertising program yesterday. I wonder if he could spell it out probably a little more in detail as to how much is spent on advertising in, let's say, in Western Canada, how much in Eastern Canada, how much in the United States, and whether we have any way of knowing how effective our advertising is in the various regions. I would just like to mention that as far as southern Manitoba is, that we are really in need of a good park and recreational facilities. We have the lake at Morden which is a man-made lake, but I'm sure that the government is not contributing anything to this in the upkeep and maintenance, as far as I know, and I think the government should consider doing more for southern Manitoba. The Member for Churchill feels that something could be done in the north and I do hope that the people in the far north also receive attention, but it seems that we have the far north and the far south that is more or less left-out, because our people have to travel at least, what is it, about 150 miles anyway to a resort of some kind, of government-sponsored.

I feel in this connection that I should mention the Pembina Dam. It's been very very slow in coming, if anything is coming, and I feel that the Department of Tourism and the Department of Mines should get together and work on this. I feel that this would be a great attraction for people from across the line to come to southern Manitoba if this dam came about and that we had these facilities for the people, because we know when the study was made that a large amount of the cost, I think, was calculated toward recreation, that it would be a great attraction and this would certainly offset a lot of the expenditure that would be made. And the amount needed isn't that large. Surely I think we should try and give more push to this venture and get something done.

MR. BURTNIAK: Would the honourable member permit a question? You stated that the amounts would not be that large. I was just wondering if you have taken a survey or someone has taken a survey to find out just what the amount might be.

MR. FROESE: I think the figures that were quoted at that time, it's a proposal for two dams, one in the United States and one in Canada, and the amount that was stated at that time was in the neighborhood of \$32 million for the two. I don't know whether these figures still would hold true, but I think between the two departments and the government and the Federal

(MR. FROESE cont'd) . . . Government -- and I feel that they should participate because they're participating in other programs. We have the FRED program here, park development - \$925,000. I understand that a large amount of that is going to be spent on Hecla Island development, and why couldn't we bring this matter under this program if it can't be brought about in another way. Sure enough, we should put more behind this and I'm sure that our people -- we have a special association in the southern part of Manitoba that is trying to push this very matter, and I do hope that the Minister will take a look at this from the Department of Tourism and Recreation, and look into this matter that we develop that as a part of the tourist industry and that we attract more tourists into Manitoba by providing such a development. No doubt when the Mines and Natural Resources Department will be discussed, this matter will be discussed more fully because it probably belongs more directly to that department, but I think recreation is involved to such an extent that we should not forget it in the Department of Tourism and Recreation.

I note from the Department of Industry and Commerce that they provide for hospitality for \$75,000. There's nothing in the Department of Tourism for special hospitality. How much is spent in this way to provide hospitality for the tourists that come to Manitoba? If this is such a big paying proposition or paying department, when tourists come in maybe we should provide a little more hospitality than we are doing and have some special grants for that purpose. We just had the Hudson's Bay Route Association have their annual convention in Winnipeg for the past few days. One of their projects is an annual excursion to Churchill. I think maybe there's more than one in a year - two is what the Member for Churchill indicates. What are we doing toward assisting this group in their work? I feel this is a worthwhile work, and I feel that more of our people of southern Manitoba should visit northern Manitoba and see for themselves just what we have in northern Manitoba. I think they'd be more appreciative of any expenditures that would be made and any improvements that would be made or could be made, if they knew more about it. I think more of our people should travel north so that they would learn for themselves. We, as members, have visited northern Manitoba a few times and I'm sure this has been of great benefit to the members from southern Manitoba, to learn of the activities of the situation there, of what is available to them in various ways, and also in what ways they are restricted, so that we would have a greater understanding between the peoples from the south and north as far as Manitoba is concerned. Not only that, I think we should try and bring people in from other areas and from the United States, and advertise this matter of the excursions because I think more people should see the north for themselves.

Then, too, there is a lot to offer that they have in the way of sport fishing and so on, so that certainly, in my opinion, we haven't nearly exhausted what could be done in Manitoba in the way of attracting people and providing the necessary facilities for them.

I would like to hear from the Minister whether the idea of the dam is of interest to him and whether the Department of Tourism is giving support to the Department of Mines and Natural Resources in trying to bring about development on the Pembina.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

MR. SHERMAN: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the Minister one question and I apologize if he's made reference to it and I missed his reference, but I didn't hear him make reference to a question I raised last night having to do with the possibility of a major winter carnival for Winnipeg. I understand that the hour of decision is at hand for those people who are involved in the planning of such a winter carnival. I refer to people connected with Manitoba, and I think the Minister knows that at one point that group had the support and the backing of the Metropolitan Corporation of Winnipeg. They were pledged a \$40,000 grant, I believe, provided the Provincial Government would offer a matching grant. This would have provided the necessary financing for a major Winnipeg Winter Carnival at the end of this year, towards the end of our Centennial year, which could have been combined with the Festival du Voyageur in St. Boniface and then constituted a launch pad for a regular annual winter carnival which we hoped in the future might rival that which takes place in St. Paul, Minnesota. Now my understanding, Mr. Chairman, is that support of the magnitude sought has not been forthcoming from the Provincial Government. As a consequence there will be no \$40,000 grant from the Metropolitan Corporation, and I wonder if the Minister could advise the members of the committee just what the status of the projected Winnipeg Winter Carnival is at the present time and what the outlook is for such a project.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Chairman, I wish to thank the Minister for giving the answers to some of the questions I raised last night, and as I started talking about regional attractions - and I had so many distractions from many members telling me about the Mennonite Museum and Morris Big M and so on, and the one that I really meant to talk about I forgot completely until I realized today that I did not mention it, and of course, I want to make reference at this time to the Manitoba Buffalo Barbecue which has been staged in Assiniboia for the last five years and has been getting larger and bigger every year, and this will be the sixth one which is expected to be quite large. It's staged at the Crestview Shopping Centre on May 18th and I would like to invite all the members and as many people to come out and participate in. —(Interjection)—Manitoba Buffalo Barbecue, May 18th. —(Interjection)—All day. I know last year or last couple of years we even had some members as far as the Member from Virden has come out and participated and had a great time. There's many events scheduled at that time, such as certain schools in the area will be — the school bands will be performing and we'll have professional acts as well, grocery and pie-eating contests and so on. So I'm sure some of the members will make themselves available to participate. There'll also be a draw for a one thousand live steer which will take place at the same time, so it is a real good attraction. I know we have more than 50,000 to participate and it's worthwhile; so I hope that perhaps the Minister will be able to attend as well -- I want to invite him at this time.

The other point that I want to make some reference to and that's in respect to - I, perhaps can bring it up under the Parks Branch if the Minister would prefer it - it's to do with the park - if he would prefer me to bring it up under the Parks Branch I will or I can touch on it right now, and that's in respect to the 26.5-acre prairie park that has been established by the St. James-Assiniboia Council. I understand at last night's council meeting they have transferred this property to the Parks Board and the idea is to preserve the park in its natural undisturbed state, a piece of virgin prairie land so that generations in the future can understand the history of the west. As you may appreciate, each year in every school-house students are expected to learn something about their natural heritage. The books teach, for example, that much of the land was once covered by prairie grass and wild flowers, that we live in a prairie climate. For instance the - my friend says the prairie crocus, is certainly proclaimed the provincial floral emblem, and much is said about the beauty of the prairie sky. Early settlers found along the margin of this area very much wild grass and prairie grass and I know at the present time if one would travel from Winnipeg to say down south in the State of Texas you don't see hardly any grass or none; you see grain fields and wheat fields of different types. So I feel that perhaps the Minister can support this prairie park, because I understand the people from the department, from the Department of Education, from the Parks Board a few years ago investigated to see where they can establish a prairie park in Manitoba and had done a tremendous study in this area looking for a real natural park in its natural state; they were not able to find one and they thought the one in St. James-Assiniboia was one that was probably the best in its natural state, and this is why this 26 acres has been set aside. I hope that the Minister will be interested enough to perhaps help to finance the project if it's going to be established as a prairie park museum or in whatever way it will be developed.

This plot in St. James - I'm told that trails left by the Red River carts as early residents set out to seek their fortunes hunting buffaloes in the Souris Plains and beyond, that you can still see some of these trails. You can also find some Indian tombs, great mounds of earth heaped up by early residents of this area to mark the graves of their cherished dead. This is the area where the buffalo wandered in the early days, on the St. James-Assiniboia prairie, so really one can sense something of the glory of those days, and as well, I think that when we talk about the vanishing prairie here we have right in the middle of Metropolitan area a real wild prairie. I'm told that some of the other cities, for instance, are paying as much as \$200,000 for an acre of land for wild prairie in some places across the line, and we have one here. I know that many many wild flowers that are still found in this area - and I'm referring to hundreds of flowers not just a few. There may be required some financial support in developing this prairie park and I hope that the Minister would certainly give it his consideration.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Rock Lake.

MR. HENRY J. EINARSON: Mr. Chairman, as I rise this afternoon to speak for the first time to the Minister of Tourism on his estimates, I first of all want to congratulate him on



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(MR. EINARSON cont'd) . . . his appointment and wish him well in his endeavour in this department. While I represent a constituency that is basically agriculture, and that industry being a very important one to that area and to the Province of Manitoba in general, I do want to say that I think the department that the Minister represents now has also become one of importance and while the amount of moneys involved are nothing in comparison to some of the other departments, I think he will agree with me that as we look at tourism and recreation today and as we think of what the potentials are going to be in the future, it's going to be one department that is going to become more and more important as the days and years go by.

There are some matters that concern me and my constituency in regards to Tourism and Recreation, and I think I should like to begin with first of all the one that seems to be talked of mostly, and that is the Rock Lake area. I would just like to take the Minister back briefly. I think he's been brought up to date to some extent on this particular matter --(Interjection)-- Yes, as a matter of fact I understand he was out in my area over the weekend and was escorted around the area of Rock Lake, but unfortunately the weatherman wasn't all that co-operative and I don't think his trip was all that pleasant. However, I would just like to go back a few years in Rock Lake when I first became the member, we had a problem there of an algae problem and for the first few years we developed a program whereby the lake was being treated and very successfully so in combating that problem. A committee was established which represented a member for three of the municipalities involved in that area and also involved four departments of government which composed the committee to bring up recommendations whereby we could do something to further and improve Rock Lake itself and the facilities in the area around it. As I understand it, from the work that has gone on in the past we last year had achieved a position where I think the people in that area were given to understand that something further was going to be done, and as I understand it somewhere in the neighborhood of \$60,000 was to be allocated from ARDA funds to start a program in seeing what could be done to develop a dam there and possibly the acquisition of property, and this in turn, of course, would involve some changing on the shorelines in certain places around the lake.

Another potential I would like to say that insofar as Rock Lake is concerned, the fishing aspect of the tourist part of it has been very favourable. I know a number of people have brought it to my attention and they find this very hard to understand. While we have regulations in regards to fishing, we've had a tremendous kill on fish in the wintertime there, literally thousands of tons of fish, that is dead fish, have been taken out because of a lack of oxygen. It's rather a peculiar situation there, we have springs running in and one wouldn't think this would happen; but this actually has been the case and people have said to me well, rather than all this to happen why can we not have more liberal regulations insofar as our fishing is concerned on that particular lake.

I also think that it may have some significance in the publicity that the pollution of our lakes and our fish are concerned in the Province of Manitoba in general. I would hope to think that probably a tremendous boon could probably take place in that area where there'd be more people coming from the United States, people from the cities of this province will be finding their way out to areas in that part of the province and this for one reason I believe would certainly commend itself to the department's attention on seeing what could be done. Now, I notice by the estimates there is nothing for this year insofar as doing anything on that particular part of our lake resorts, but I'm wondering whether the Minister may have . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: . . . ask honourable members to allow the member to make his comments without too much interruption in the remaining five minutes.

MR. EINARSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was wondering if the Minister has any plans for next year as to the wishes of this committee that has been established of what will be done for Rock Lake in the coming year.

Also in the Sprucewoods Park, roughly half of that is in the constituency which I represent and I want to thank the Minister for the information he gave me the other day in regards to the day of opening. I'm wondering whether all the things that are to be done insofar as developing that park is concerned, whether they will meet the deadline for the official opening, or whether there is considerable amount of work that is going to have to be done to complete that park after that date.

There are other areas - I don't know whether it comes under this area, but in the field of hunting we have rules and regulations on the lakes whereby people are not allowed to hunt

(MR. EINARSON cont'd) . . . ducks, for instance, on Rock Lake for certain times, and there are sort of rather differences of opinions with the Game and Fish Associations that are around Swan Lake and in that area such as Rock Lake. I don't know whether the Minister has been receiving any representations from these organizations insofar as trying to accommodate the various game associations when it comes to seeking satisfactory results that might meet the approval of all those who are surrounded around say the Swan Lake, Rock Lake and Pelican Lake.

There's one other thing that I wanted to mention, Mr. Chairman. While it isn't in my area at this time, it was before the redistribution last election. I'm given to understand on the Pelican Lake the Pembina River was diverted into that lake, and I can think back in 66/67 when we had real problems there where because of dry weather there was a lack of fresh water coming into that lake, and I'm now given to understand that that river has been cut off the lake. I don't know what the particulars are but since this is a matter for the Member for Souris-Killarney and since he's not able to be here today, Mr. Chairman, I bring this matter up on his behalf. So I'm wondering if the Minister could give some explanation as to why the Pembina River is no longer flowing into Pelican Lake, if the reasons are justifiable and so on, I think that the Honourable Member for Souris-Killarney would accept that. So with these few remarks, Mr. Chairman, I thank you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Minister of Finance.

MR. CHERNIACK: I wonder, Mr. Chairman, then if we could have the committee rise and report.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Committee rise. Call in the Speaker.

#### IN SESSION

MR. DOERN: 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. CHERNIACK: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, that the Resolution reported from the Committee of Supply be read a second time and concurred in.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion.

MR. CLERK: Capital Supply. Resolved there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$32, 436, 300: for Capital Expenditures required for General Purposes, \$30, 500, 000; The Pas Special Area Agreement, \$1, 936, 300. 00.

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

MR. CHERNIACK: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Mines and Natural Resources, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of Ways and Means, with the Honourable Member for Elmwood in the Chair.

#### COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolved that towards making good certain sums of money for various capital purposes, the sum of \$32, 436, 300 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund. Resolution passed.

MR. CHERNIACK: Committee rise.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Committee rise. Call in the Speaker.

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MR. CHERNIACK: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Youth and Education, that the Resolution reported from the Committee of Ways and Means be read a second time and concurred in.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion.

MR. CLERK: Ways and Means, Capital Supply. Resolved that toward making good certain

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(MR. CLERK cont'd) . . . sums of money for various capital purposes, the sum of \$32,436,300 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund.

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

MR. CHERNIACK introduced Bill No. 47, an Act to authorize the Expenditure of monies for capital purposes, and authorize the borrowing of the same (2).

MR. CHERNIACK: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I might have permission to indicate that the Bill will be ready, will be printed tomorrow morning, and will be ready for distribution at 2:30 in the afternoon, and I've been assured of co-operation of the members to try and see if the House will be willing to pass the Bill through second reading, Committee of the Whole, and third reading tomorrow. That's my proposal.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable House Leader.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I believe the next item on the agenda would normally be Private Members' Resolutions because we've exhausted the government business, so I would take it that there's a disposition to call it 5:30 -- I take it that we can call it 5:30.

MR. SPEAKER: It is now 5:30 and the House is adjourned and will stand adjourned until 2:30 tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon.