

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA
2:30 o'clock, Wednesday, July 21, 1971

Opening Prayer by Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Presenting Petitions; Reading and Receiving Petitions; Presenting Reports by Standing or Special Committees; Ministerial Statements; Tabling of Reports Notices of Motion; Introduction of Bills.

STATEMENT

MR. SPEAKER: Before we proceed to the Oral Questions, I should like to state last night, July 20th, during the proceedings which took place, a misunderstanding or misjudgment may have occurred in the confusion of members entering and leaving the Assembly during two divisions. In order that there be no reflection in respect to procedure of the Assembly or upon the sessional staff who operate the division bells, and that it not be misconstrued that a precedent was being set by the Chair, I should like to ask the indulgence of the honourable members to accept that no precedent was intended or made. May I also indicate that I will try to ascertain from all our sister provinces, the House of Commons and the Westminster House of Commons what rules and procedures appertain in the conduction of division in the various jurisdictions.

The information in reply to my query I will place at the disposal of our Rules Committee and as a member of the committee I shall work diligently to arrive at a recommendation for a clear and precise procedure which hopefully will meet the approval of the Assembly. Pending this objective, may I respectfully request the attendance of the Honourable Government House Leader and the Honourable House Leader of the Opposition relative to an interim understanding upon adjournment this afternoon. Thank you.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

MR. GORDON E. JOHNSTON (Portage la Prairie): I wish to raise a point of order.

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

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Mr. Speaker, it is with regret that I advise you that myself and two colleagues of the Liberal Party will not be bound by any agreement reached by a representative of the government of the Conservative Party.

MR. SPEAKER: That is the privilege of each member. The rules of the House I have to determine and I'm certain the honourable members will try to co-operate. The Honourable Member for Birtle-Russell.

MR. HARRY E. GRAHAM (Birtle-Russell): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the absence of the Minister of Agriculture, I direct my question to the House Leader. Could the House Leader indicate what progress the Minister of Agriculture has made in the chicken and egg discussions that are being carried on in Edmonton at this time?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable House Leader.

HON. SIDNEY GREEN, Q.C. (Minister of Mines, Resources and Environmental Management)(Inkster): Mr. Speaker, no I can't.

MR. SPEAKER: Any further oral questions? The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SIDNEY SPIVAK, Q.C. (Leader of the Opposition)(River Heights): Mr. Speaker, really on a point of order, so that there would be no difficulty in doing this. The Clerk has just indicated an amendment to propose to Bill 108, which is an amendment that has been added to a clause that has already been agreed to and amended in many bills that the government have brought forward and was discussed in Law Amendments. I note that there has been an error made by my clerical staff in presenting it, and in effect the amendment is the original amendment proposal that was introduced in Law Amendments rather than the revised form of amendment which would comply with the amendments already approved in Law Amendments, and I would like the indulgence of the House or the Leader of the House to be able to substitute this so that it will conform with the other . . .

MR. SPEAKER: (Agreed) Oral questions. The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Highways, or Minister of Transportation. I wonder whether he can indicate whether it is still the government's intention to have minors who are impaired drivers listed together with adults in the newspapers?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable House Leader.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, the members of Municipal Affairs Committee have not completed their proceedings and my indications are that they will be at it all afternoon and all evening. I don't see that honourable members who are not on Municipal Affairs Committee need be detained while they're in the midst of their deliberations, and I would therefore take it that the House would generally agree to adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9:30. Unless I'm wrong in assuming that, I would be prepared to move the adjournment right now.

HON. RUSSELL PAULLEY (Minister of Labour)(Transcona): Okay by me.

MR. GREEN: I move, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Labour that the House do now adjourn.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried, and the House adjourned until 9:30 tomorrow (Thursday) morning.