

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

Opening Prayer by Mr. Speaker.

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

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

MR. SPEAKER: Before we proceed I should like to direct the attention of the honourable members to the loge on my right where we have with us today distinguished visitors and my guests:

His Excellency General Abdul Haris Nasution, Chairman of the People's Consultative Congress of Indonesia;

His Excellency Rear Admiral R. Darmo Bandoro, Ambassador of Indonesia to Canada; Major Sujono, Senior Aide de Camp to General Nasution;

Mustamin Daeng Matutu, Member of the Working Committee MPRS;

Lieutenant Colonel Supolo, Public Relations Officer.

To the loge on my left, to your right:

Mrs. Nasution, Wife of His Excellency General Nasution;

Mrs. Bandoro, Wife of His Excellency the Ambassador of Indonesia to Canada;

Mrs. Fox, my wife;

Mr. David Groos, Member of Parliament;

Mr. Speaker Lamoureux's personal representative on the tour;

Mr. Gerard Garneau, Inter-Parliamentary Relations Branch, Tour Director; and

Mr. Richard Belliveau, Department of External Affairs, the Escort Officer.

On behalf of all honourable members of the Legislative Assembly, may I extend a sincere and warm welcome to our distinguished guests and hope their sojourn through Canada is a most pleasant one.

The Honourable First Minister.

HON. ED. SCHREYER (Premier) (Rossmere): Mr. Speaker, it is indeed a special and auspicious occasion for us to have with us in the Assembly today such a high-ranking representative of the Republic of Indonesia, and I think that honourable member would want me to join with you in expressing appreciation for the visit of General Nasution and Madam Nasution, and His Excellency the Indonesian Ambassador to Canada and his wife, and the others of the distinguished party. It is my understanding that General Nasution has had a long-time interest in a number of things that relate to our country and certain methods and programs that are in force in our country dealing, for example, with agriculture, with co-operative development and so on. It is, I think, a very special occasion, as I say, that we should have someone of the rank and the responsibility that General Nasution has in his own country here with us today, and we hope that his visit to Canada and to Manitoba will leave him with a good impression of our country and our province, and that he will find something during his travels to take back with him for practical implementation in his own country. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: If the General would like to -- I would like to extend the privilege, if he would like to make a few remarks.

GENERAL NASUTION: Mr. Speaker and honourable members, on behalf of my mission allow me to express our gratitude for this occasion to attend your Session. I have been invited to Canada by the Speaker of Parliament, and I have proposed not only to see your very good and beautiful country, but also to meet your leaders from the various circles of the community to discuss and to learn especially your long experience in managing the country community and specially the democratic life. We in Indonesia are a young nation. We had our independence since '45 but we are going to uphold constitutional life fairly recently. It is very important for us just to learn from the experiences of other people, so the aim of my mission to Canada is a friendly mission, but besides that, also to study and to learn from your experience and I hope that I have the opportunity and have learned enough to report to the leadership of the congress in Indonesia that will be very useful for the future developments of our democratic institutions. Excuse me, English is not my language. I would like to say more to express my feelings and other things but, because it is not my language, allow me these few words. I would like to say more and to have more contacts but I have to conclude this, once more to thank you for the opportunity and introducing me and my party to the members of this parliament. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: I should like to thank the General for his warm remarks. I only wish my Indonesian was as good as his English is.

I would also like to direct the attention of the members to my gallery and to the Aurora Snow Festival Queen, Inez Alguire and Escort. The Queen and her escort are from the Snow Festival at Churchill and from the constituency of the Honourable Member for Churchill.

Also in the galleries we have 80 students from Grade 9 of the West St. Paul Collegiate. They are under the direction of Mr. McCullough, Mrs. Campbell and Miss Suderman. This school is located in the constituency of the Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs. On behalf of all honourable members of the Legislative Assembly, I welcome you here today.

Orders of the Day.

#### ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SIDNEY SPIVAK, Q.C. (Leader of the Opposition) (River Heights): Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day my question is to the Minister of Finance. I wonder whether the Minister can indicate whether any consultants prepared projections regarding the cost implications of the government's proposed uni-city plan.

HON. SAUL CHERNIACK, Q.C. (Minister of Finance) (St. Johns): Mr. Speaker, I made it clear at maybe fifteen or sixteen meetings that were held publicly that there were projections made of the effect of equalization of tax base in Greater Winnipeg based on the raw figures for 1970.

MR. SPIVAK: A supplementary question. I wonder whether the Minister can inform the House who the consultants were that prepared this information.

MR. CHERNIACK: The work was done in house, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs.

HON. HOWARD R. PAWLEY (Minister of Municipal Affairs) (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to file a copy of the report of the Brandon Boundaries Commission, which researched the matter of the boundaries of Brandon and the R.M. of Cornwallis.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Emerson.

MR. GABRIEL GIRARD (Emerson): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Honourable Minister of Youth and Education. I wonder if he could advise the House as to whether or not textbooks, authorized textbooks, were purchased from the Manitoba Textbook Bureau and paid for by the province for private schools in the past year.

HON. SAUL A. MILLER (Minister of Youth and Education) (Seven Oaks): Mr. Speaker, private schools have been receiving textbooks for years, ever since the program started. They do it through application to the division in which they are located.

MR. GIRARD: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Thus, does the change proposed by the government authorize them, therefore, to get the \$12.00 per student?

MR. MILLER: Under the proposed changes the private schools will not lose the privileges they have now.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Churchill.

MR. GORDON W. BEARD (Churchill): I would like to address my question, Mr. Speaker, to the Honourable the First Minister, and ask if he has had an answer to his telegram requesting the freeze of the sale of the naval base at Churchill.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, I have not, but I have instructed staff to contact the Crown Assets Disposal Corporation Offices to see whether we can hurry up the reply.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Fort Rouge.

MRS. INEZ TRUEMAN (Fort Rouge): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my question to the Honourable Minister of Health and Social Development. In view of the statement by Dr. Beamish, the President of the Manitoba Medical Association, as quoted in today's newspapers, is it your intention to meet with the Association to discuss the proposed community clinics?

HON. RENE E. TOUPIN (Minister of Health and Social Development) (Springfield): Mr. Speaker, I have met with Dr. Beamish and the Manitoba Medical Association and I will meet with them again. I have asked my Deputy Minister; my special consultant Dr. Ted Tulchinsky; the Chairman of the Manitoba Health Services Commission, Dr. James Morison, to meet with the Manitoba Medical Association and to discuss future plans for this province pertaining to health and social development centres.

(MR. TOUPIN cont'd.)

While I'm on my feet, Mr. Speaker, I would like to table the Annual Report of the Manitoba Health Services Commission which ended on the 31st of December, 1970, and I would equally like to answer a question asked of the Honourable Member for Fort Rouge last week pertaining to social allowance being supplied by the Department of Health and Social Development to eighteen years old and over. Cabinet has passed an Order-in-Council today amending the regulations pertaining to social allowance, which actually causes the municipality to amend their by-law so they could take the parental assistance in consideration when they do give assistance to anyone 18 years old or over as long as they're not married. So parental assistance will be considered in the future as a financial resource to any applicant in the Province of Manitoba. And, like I said a while ago, this will actually only occur if the different municipalities amend their by-laws.

#### MATTERS OF URGENCY AND GRIEVANCE

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

MR. GORDON E. JOHNSTON (Portage la Prairie): Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for La Verendrye, that the House do now adjourn in order to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely that the Attorney-General has interfered with and impeded the proper administration of justice in Manitoba by personally writing to the Crown Attorney in Brandon, Manitoba, instructing him that in the case of one Martin Smith of Brandon two charges of assault on a policeman be dropped, that a charge of impaired driving, a second offense, be treated as a first offense, and that should a conviction arise from these charges that no prison sentence be imposed.

MR. SPEAKER: I wish to express my thanks to the Member for Portage la Prairie who complied with our rules by submitting notice of his intention to adjourn the House under Rule 26. Beauchesne's Fourth Edition provides certain conditions with respect to adjournment of the House for a matter of public importance. Among these conditions, Citation 100 so provides that the urgency within the rule does not apply to the matter itself but means the urgency of debate when the ordinary opportunities provided by the Rules of the House do not permit the subject to be brought on early enough and public interest demands that a discussion take place immediately. In my opinion, this matter could be brought on early enough by proceeding by way of a substantive motion, or could be discussed on the Estimates of the Attorney-General which will be the first estimates brought before the House as announced by the government. Also, the matter as referred to by the Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie, if as stated, may be sub judice. Accordingly, I must rule the motion out of order, of the Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie.

#### ORAL QUESTION PERIOD Cont'd.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. JACOB M. FROESE (Rhineland): Mr. Speaker, I would like to address a question to the Minister of Education. Will the \$18.00 per pupil grant announced by the government be extended or paid on behalf of all students attending public schools in Manitoba?

MR. MILLER: Mr. Speaker, I believe I answered this question the other day but perhaps the member wasn't here. It applies to unitary divisions.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Churchill.

MR. BEARD: Mr. Speaker, I address this question, I suppose, to either the First Minister or the Minister of Industry and Commerce. It is my understanding that another allocation of 15 millions of dollars has been given to the upgrading of the Port of Churchill. As I understand it, it'll be over the next five years. I would wonder if the government have any indication as to where this money will be spent. This is separate to the ten million.

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, with respect to monies in addition to the \$10 million that have been agreed to by the governments of Canada and Manitoba with respect to the development of Churchill, I would have to take that question as notice and reply to my honourable friend some time next week.

MR. CY GONICK (Crescentwood): A question to the Minister of Health and Social Development. In view of the establishment of a committee to investigate the incomes of doctors, I wonder if the Minister would tell the House if he has asked the Medical Association to forego increases in their fees for this year, until the Commission reports.

MR. TOUPIN: No, I haven't, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Roblin. Order, please. The Honourable Member for Crescentwood has a supplementary question?

MR. GONICK: I'd ask the Minister if he intends to ask the Medical Association to forego their fee increases.

MR. TOUPIN: Well, Mr. Speaker, it is a matter of policy that would have to be discussed by Cabinet and, even if I did ask the Manitoba Medical Association, I am just wondering what effect it would have.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: I have a supplementary question to the Minister of Health and Social Services. I wonder whether he can indicate whether he's had any discussion with the MMA with respect to their fee schedule.

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Speaker, I haven't discussed with the Manitoba Medical Association personally. I am told that members of my staff have.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. J. WALLY MCKENZIE (Roblin): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Before the Orders of the Day, I'd like to direct a question to the Minister of Municipal Affairs. I have heard radio advertising spots re the government auto insurance plan. Are the advertising costs being drawn from the Consolidated Fund?

MR. PAWLEY: Mr. Speaker, the costs of the information program relating to any Crown corporation is the responsibility of that Crown corporation, as the Telephone System, the Hydro System or the Auto Insurance Corporation.

MR. MCKENZIE: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Would the Minister name the agency that's in charge of that advertising program?

MR. PAWLEY: I will take the question as notice. It's James Lovick and Company but I would prefer to get the exact description of the name for you.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce.

#### STATEMENT

HON. LEONARD S. EVANS (Minister of Industry and Commerce) (Brandon East): Mr. Speaker, as acting Minister of Mines, Natural Resources and Environmental Control, I'd like to give a brief report on the flood situation in the province as of today. During the past 24 hours, the precipitation over the Red and Assiniboine River basins has been insignificant, and the forecast for the next few days does not indicate any significant precipitation over these basins.

With regard to the Red River, stations above Morris reported drops of one to one and a half feet in the last 24 hours. Downstream points have not dropped as rapidly. However, the flow in the Floodway was approximately 3,000 cfs this morning and will drop to about zero as of noon today, resulting in a slight increase in the water level in the Greater Winnipeg area. Points along the Pembina River below Swan Lake in Manitoba and in North Dakota continue to rise very gradually. However, no flooding is anticipated in the lower portion of the basin.

Assiniboine River: the stages fell at all points downstream of Miniota during the past 24 hours. A slight increase was reported above St. Lazare due to gradually increasing flows from the Qu'Appelle River. The river continued to rise downstream of the Shellmouth Reservoir, but as of this morning the water level was still approximately 11 feet below the summer operating level and the storage available is adequate to control the anticipated flows coming from the upper portion of the basin.

The Souris River: additional releases from the United States has resulted in a slow rise in the river. However, unless there is significant additional precipitation over the basin bank, full stages are not expected to be exceeded. In brief, Mr. Speaker, it does not look as though there's any serious flooding about to incur anywhere in the Province of Manitoba.

#### ORAL QUESTION PERIOD Cont'd.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Churchill.

MR. BEARD: I'd like to address this question to the First Minister, and I apologize to him for not notifying him of it, but the people at Gillam would like to know what lies in the future for them this year as far as labour requirement and business requirement in that area. I believe there was around anywhere from 1,500 and up labour last year. Will it be the same this year?

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, I thank the honourable member for the notice, even though it's short notice. Nevertheless, I thank him. I don't think it's possible, Mr. Speaker, to answer that question in all the detail that's really required. I think the honourable member knows that at the Kettle Rapids construction site now, one of the generators is already in operation; four are slated to be in operation by the fall of this year. The pace of construction is tapering off, and there is no way that I can indicate just at the moment what the total labour force at Gillam will be by mid-summer or late fall of this year. I'll undertake to find out in specific terms just what the contemplated labour force for the Kettle Rapids site will be for later on in this year. With respect to those who are operating businesses of one kind or another at Gillam, I think I can say this, that the community will be a continuing community but there will be fluctuation in the numbers of people living there simply with the fluctuation in the construction program of Manitoba Hydro. Beyond that I really can't go without further information which I'll seek out.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. HARRY J. ENNS (Lakeside): Mr. Speaker, I direct a question to the Honourable the First Minister. At the time of the granting of the interim license for the channeling and diversion works of Lake Winnipeg and into Playgreen Lake, can he indicate, were there any specific resource studies, particularly of an ecological nature, to be undertaken? If so, by whom and at what cost?

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, I would have to answer the honourable member by saying this, that the interim license that has been granted sets forth the parameters for Lake Winnipeg regulation. The specific pattern of regulation within those parameters have yet to be determined and they will be, subsequent to the holding of meetings by the Manitoba Water Commission, and the Manitoba Water Commission is charged with the responsibility of advising as to the specific nature of any resource studies, ecological studies, that are required, if any.

MR. ENNS: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Then at the granting, or at the time of the granting of the license, there were no specific resource studies ordered by the government?

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, there were resource evaluation studies but they were carried out under the aegis of the Task Force. I don't know if those are the kind of specific studies that my honourable friend has in mind.

MR. ENNS: A final supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, again to the First Minister. I wonder if those studies by the Task Force mentioned by the First Minister could be made available to us in this Chamber. I would then inform him if they were.

MR. SCHREYER: My honourable friend should know that we are more than anxious to make available all reports that we have available to us, and accordingly the Task Force report, an ancillary documentation in its possession, will be made available.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Youth and Education.

MR. MILLER: Mr. Speaker, I wish to table the annual report of the Department of Youth and Education for the year ending June 30, 1970.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce.

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, a few days ago the Honourable Member for River Heights asked a question with regard to the possibility of direct access from Winnipeg to Chicago directly by a Canadian carrier, where do we stand now? In answer, I took the question -- (Interjection) the Honourable Member from River Heights -- (Interjection) -- No, not Las Vegas. Mr. Speaker, the government of Manitoba has reiterated its request for trans-border air services between Winnipeg and United States' points, including Chicago, on a number of occasions in the past several months. Canadian and United States negotiators have agreed that neither parties will make any public statements regarding the details of the negotiations in order to preserve the greatest measure of flexibility to both sides in what is clearly a complicated and difficult negotiation. The negotiations, Mr. Speaker, are continuing at the present time, and I have been assured by Mr. Jamieson that the Canadian negotiating team has the interest of Winnipeg very much in mind and that it is aware of the urgency attached to the establishment of air links with points in the United States, and, I would say in conclusion, Mr. Chairman, that personally I am quite optimistic about the matter.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Well, I have a question to the Minister in view of the statement that was

(MR. SPIVAK cont'd.) . . . . . made or the information that was supplied. I wonder if he could inform the House whether either he himself or members of his staff have had discussions with respect to either trans-border crossing or bilateral agreements being formulated between the United States and Canada with any carrier, any American carrier; not a Canadian carrier but any American carrier.

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, I haven't had any personal involvement myself in this matter, if I understood the question fully, with respect to an American carrier. I have not any knowledge, either, of my staff being involved in that particular question - if I understand the member correctly.

MR. SPIVAK: Let me frame the question another way. Has either the Minister or his staff had discussions with Northwest Orient Airlines, Eastern Airlines, Delta Airlines, Braniff Airlines or Frontier Airlines or North Central Airlines with respect to trans-border crossing or participation and assistance in the bilateral agreements?

MR. EVANS: Well, Mr. Speaker, I can assure the honourable member that we have - I'm speaking of the department collectively - we have, and are in continuing discussion and correspondence with a number of American carriers, but I must remind the honourable members of this House that this is clearly a federal matter. It is not the government of Manitoba or the Province of Manitoba that regulates air routes, it is the Government of Canada. It's clearly a federal responsibility.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Churchill.

MR. BEARD: I was wondering, Mr. Speaker, if the Minister of Industry and Commerce could tell us whether they're going to submit a policy statement to the federal transportation hearings to be held next week, I believe.

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, the Government of Manitoba is going to submit a policy statement and will personally be submitting it.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Riel.

MR. DONALD W. CRAIK (Riel): Mr. Speaker, I have a question I would like to direct to the Minister of Youth and Education. It's subsequent to the question asked by the Member for Rhineland respecting the \$18,00 grants to the school divisions. Could the Minister indicate whether there's any likelihood, assuming the passage of Bill 14, that the non-unitary divisions would be unitary by May 1st or April 31st?

MR. MILLER: Mr. Speaker, I believe I mentioned when I introduced this bill that there are two non-unitary divisions that, if this bill passes, could qualify for this year.

MR. CRAIK: Could the Minister indicate the divisions?

MR. MILLER: The two divisions that might qualify would be Pembina Valley School Division and Mountain School Division.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the First Minister. The First Minister was absent yesterday and I would like to direct a question that was directed to the opposite side, and hopefully he'll be in a position to give an answer today. I wonder whether he could indicate whether there is any intention on the part of the government of providing cash compensation to the fishermen who are going to be unable to fish this summer because of mercury pollution.

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, I understand that when the question was asked yesterday it was taken by one of my colleagues as notice, and the Minister of Mines and Resources will be presumably replying on Monday or Tuesday next.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Labour.

HON. RUSSELL PAULLEY (Minister of Labour) (Transcona): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I may table the 31st Annual Report of the Manitoba Civil Service Superannuation Fund. Copies will be available to all members.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. MCKENZIE: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. I wonder if the Minister could indicate to the House if he has any plans for a memorial in honour of the late Dr. Skinner.

HON. SAMUEL USKIW (Minister of Agriculture) (Lac du Bonnet): Mr. Speaker, that is a matter of policy that my honourable friend is seeking information about, and we're not in a position to give any indication at this time.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. ENNS: I direct a question to the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture too. In

(MR. ENNS cont'd.) . . . . view of the continuing bad hog prices, has he undertaken any specific directions to the Manitoba Farm Agricultural Credit Corporation with respect to allowing some clemency or some easing of loan arrangements that were made with hog farmers who find themselves in difficulty, or in fact perhaps renegeing on their loans at this time.

MR. USKIW: I think, Mr. Speaker, my honourable friend opposite ought to appreciate the fact that when loans are provided for any group, whether it's in the agriculture area or the industrial area, that the feasibility studies that are done prior to those loans being given are such that would indicate a cash flow over a long period of time, and any short-run deficit position on the part of the borrower should not interfere with the general agreement.

MR. ENNS: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Would the Minister not agree, however, that it surely would be in the public interest that rather than see - rather than see a farming . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Would the honourable member state his question? And would the honourable member also sit down when I ask for order? Now, would he like to place his question now and make it a question?

MR. ENNS: Well, my question, Mr. Speaker, directed to the Minister of Agriculture, is simply that insofar as any public agency is involved in the lending of the money, that quite aside from whatever the feasibility studies indicated at the time, would he not agree that it was in his interests and our interests to maintain a loan as long as possible as a viable unit? -- (Interjection) --

MR. SPEAKER: Order. The Honourable Minister of Agriculture.

MR. USKIW: . . . indicate that the credit corporation and the government maintains a policy that is for the well-being of Manitoba. -- (Interjection) -- Including the farmers, yes.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, my question is a supplementary to the Minister of Agriculture. Surely he would consider it humane in connection with this particular situation. My question . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order. I reminded the Honourable Member for Lakeside that he should place his question. I think the Leader of the Opposition could do the same. The Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Agriculture. Is the government not going to consider making some kind of accommodation for people who are put in jeopardy as a result of this present situation?

MR. USKIW: Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of people that are in jeopardy because of loans that were made. I am aware of an economic situation in agriculture that has placed the whole industry in jeopardy and this is something that we have to deal with at the federal level. But I want to advise my honourable friend that the loans that are made by the MACC are presumed to be loans made on the basis of long-term arrangement.

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

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Municipal Affairs, and it's related to the question asked by the Member for Roblin. It's about the advertising campaign that the Manitoba Public Auto Insurance Corporation is carrying on. Last session, when he was pleading for support, he . . .

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

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Well, my question is: do ads of a size as this, is this considered not advertising as stated by the Minister last year?

MR. PAWLEY: Mr. Speaker, I think that there is a vast difference between advertising in order to introduce a new program to provide information in respect to a new program, and advertising in regard to a continuing program.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: The Minister has already undertaken to get some information. Would the Minister obtain the amount of the P. R. or advertising budget of the Corporation and report it to the House?

MR. PAWLEY: I would suggest that the honourable member file an Order for Return.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. JACOB M. FROESE (Rhineland): Mr. Speaker, I'd like to address a question to the acting Minister of Mines and Resources. Is the government giving consideration through, or will they give consideration to constructing a channel along the U.S. border on the Canadian side from a point west of Gretna to the Red River to take care of the flooding in future years?

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, this is obviously a policy question that the member is asking us about, and I believe it does concern international waterways and therefore is under the control of that appropriate agency, Canadian-American agency. But I'm sure the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources has the matter under consideration.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. McKENZIE: Mr. Speaker, my question is a supplementary to the Minister of agriculture of the earlier question that I asked. The Minister mentioned the policy with regard to the late Dr. Skinner. Will that policy be announced this session?

MR. USKIW: Mr. Speaker, I didn't say that there was a policy or when the announcement would be made. I said that is a matter for policy decision.

MR. SPEAKER: Orders of the Day. The Honourable Minister of Labour.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, in my capacity as the acting House Leader, I wonder whether or not it would be agreeable now to go into those Orders of Return that have not been introduced and then, following that, I would like to ask the Assembly to give consideration to going into the motion of the House resolving itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the amounts granted to Her Majesty, and following the introduction of the Orders for Return that have not been done as yet, Mr. Speaker, may I ask the indulgence of the House to have my colleague the Minister of Finance indicate the reasons why, in his opinion, we should go into the Committee to consider the supply to be granted to Her Majesty. So therefore, Mr. Speaker, the order would be the introduction of Orders for Return not as yet introduced, and then go into Committee of Supply.

MR. SPEAKER: Orders for Return. The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. FROESE: On the point of order raised by the House Leader, could we not be advised, in future, ahead of time so that we would have some indication as to what's to take place so that we could prepare on that basis?

MR. PAULLEY: May I indicate to my honourable friend the Member for Rhineland, indications were given yesterday evening, Mr. Speaker, by due notice from the Minister of Finance, that the Committee of Supply will consider at the next meeting the matters pertaining . . . So my honourable friend did receive the required notice.

MR. FROESE: I don't think there was that indication that we would be skipping the bills that are there for second reading. I think the next time I would like to know this so that I could prepare on that basis.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, my honourable friend has been in the House for a considerable number of years. I'm sure that he's aware of the rules of the House that on government days the order of business is in the hands of the government of the day.

MR. CHERNIACK: Mr. Speaker, may I just elaborate a little on what has been said to clarify for the Honourable Member for Rhineland. What I proposed to do was to ask for an indication of co-operation from the House to deal with the matter of the Capital Supply Bill which was brought in last night dealing only with Manitoba Housing Renewal Corporation. I believe I explained earlier that there is an urgency about it. But there would be no intention really of bringing that matter before the House in Committee unless there's an indication from members of this House that they would be prepared to expedite it, hopefully, through as many stages as possible today. If there's any indication that they would rather debate it, then I would think that there's no point in moving into Supply in order only to move out again without having done the business. So I'm really asking if there could be an indication that there could be a speedy dealing with this Supply Bill, Capital Supply, for this one item, which was distributed last night. If not, then I would ask the House Leader to skip it. But if there is an indication, then because there is urgency we would like to proceed.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Morris.

MR. WARNER H. JORGENSEN (Morris): I find myself in a rather difficult position on rather short notice. We would like to co-operate with the government as much as possible. I don't know whether I can give the Minister that kind of assurance without having seen the bill and there is no such bill before me and -- (Interjection) -- Yes.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Finance.

MR. CHERNIACK: May I respond by indicating that the procedure, as I understand it - and usually when I start describing procedure I look to the Legislative Clerks to see whether

(MR. CHERNIACK cont'd.) . . . . I am right or wrong - the procedure as I understand it is that, having brought in a message from His Honour last night, the matter now comes before Committee of Supply in the form in which it was received and distributed, which is one line which reads: "Loan Act No. 1, 1971, The Manitoba Housing Renewal Corporation - \$63,200,000." Committee of Supply, as I understand it, then deals with this and discusses it, and then, if it approves, the Committee reports to the House in which case I would then be called upon to move that we go into Ways and Means, and then that's still routine that is quickly dealt with because it is a matter of raising of capital supply. Then the Committee reports, that's the Ways and Means Committee reports, and then we bring in first reading and distribute the bill, and if the House is minded it may by leave deal with second reading, and indeed Committee of the Whole and third reading, but only by leave. So that if at this stage, the bill not being available for distribution until first reading, if at this stage we had an indication, we could proceed to at least, let's say, Committee of Supply, and then maybe Ways and Means and maybe first reading, and then at any stage any member can deny leave and we'll let it go. But if it would be stuck in Committee of Supply, you know, for the rest of the day and there isn't much left of the day, then there would be no point in bringing it.

MR. JORGENSON: Well, Mr. Speaker, may we indicate to the acting House Leader and to the government that we're prepared to expedite the passage of the Supply Bill through the Committee of Supply and the Committee of Ways and Means so that the bill can be placed before us.

#### MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

MR. SPEAKER: Orders for Return first. The Honourable Member for Morris.

MR. JORGENSON: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Rock Lake, that an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing for each department of government the following information pertaining to the period July 15th, 1969 to April 1st, 1971:

1. what advertising agencies have been hired;
2. what services each agency has rendered;
3. what fees have been paid in respect of these services; and
4. in each case, what basis of hiring, whether by tender or by appointment, was used.

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

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Riel.

MR. CRAIK: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Roblin, that an Humble Address be voted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying for copies of all correspondence between the Government of Manitoba and its Agencies (Manitoba Hydro and The Manitoba Development Corporation) and Sherritt-Gordon Mines Limited, respecting the establishment of the Ruttan Lake Mine and Townsite development.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, there can be two good reasons for withholding concurrence in accepting an Address for Papers. One would be where there is a matter of confidentiality involved where the consent of the other party is not forthcoming; the other is where negotiations are still current or part of which negotiations are still current, and in the case of this Address for Papers it must be said that there are still some specifics under negotiation and accordingly, while this Address might be in order some time from now, it can't be accepted at this time.

MR. CRAIK: Mr. Speaker, could I in that event have it stand until Private Members' Day?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Finance.

MR. CHERNIACK: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into Committee to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion.

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

MATTER OF GRIEVANCE

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Mr. Speaker, I wish to speak on a matter of grievance.

Mr. Speaker, I consider the matter that I am about to introduce of such importance that I think not only the public of Manitoba should know what is going on with respect to the Attorney-General's Department, but also that the members of this House should know what is going on. I would like to first of all read a letter that was sent to me by a person, who I shall keep his name and address confidential because it could lead to certain results for him and which may not be pleasant. This could happen or could not happen, so I would like to start by reading a letter from this person who first reported to me the incident that I am about to relate.

"It appears that NDP interference in the operation of our courts is not confined to Joe Borowski. I just heard a very interesting story involving Al Mackling and I thought that I should pass it along for your information. A fellow from Brandon by the name of Martin Smith was flagged down by the RCMP on the highway near Brandon last year on suspicion of impaired driving. He wheeled into a farm yard and told the RCMP that they couldn't do anything to him because he was on private property. They assured him that they most certainly could do something to him and so he then said that he wouldn't make any trouble. However, he followed that up by striking one of the police. They then subdued and handcuffed him and took him away, during which time he struck the one police officer again and also struck the other one.

"The Crown Attorney in Brandon, Gerry Bowering, charged Smith with impaired driving and three counts of assaulting a police officer. The impaired driving charge was brought as the second offence. After the charges were laid, Al Mackling contacted Bowering and instructed him to drop two of the assault charges and to treat the impaired driving charge as a first offence rather than as a second. Bowering naturally had to comply. Smith pleaded not guilty and was defended by Shanti Kapoor of Walsh, Micay and Company. He was found guilty and was sentenced on Friday, March 26th.

"In speaking to sentence, Kapoor presented a letter which he had received from Mackling and the letter was a plea for leniency on Smith's behalf. Mackling said in the letter that Smith had already suffered enough because of the publicity, the long delay involved, etc., even though the delay was caused by various procedural motions that Mr. Kapoor had unsuccessfully attempted. Mackling also said in the letter that a fine should be a sufficient punishment and that Smith should not be sent to jail. Magistrate Fred Coward fined Smith \$300 on the impaired driving charge and \$500 on the assault charge and suspended his driver's licence for 9 months. He also read the letter into the record."

Now, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to read to you a transcript of the court record, the nature of the letter.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Labour.

HON. RUSSELL PAULLEY (Minister of Labour)(Transcona): Mr. Speaker, before my honourable friend continues, I request that he table the letter that he has referred to in accordance with the rules of the House.

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

MR. G. JOHNSTON: I'd be happy to do so. I'm now going to quote on . . .

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, if I may, on the point, I trust that the document that my honourable friend is going to table will be the full document, because at the offset of his remarks he indicated that it was a document and that he was not going to implicate and name, and I hope and trust that the document that he is going to table is the full document to which he made reference.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Well, Mr. Speaker, all I can do is table the document I have in my hand that I'm quoting from and my friend can satisfy himself as to whether or not he is satisfied, but that's all I can do.

MR. SPEAKER: Has the Honourable Minister of Labour a further point of order?

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, my honourable friend referred to a letter that he had received and that he had indicated that it dealt with a matter and dealt with individuals, and I have asked him to table that document, and I presume that in accordance with parliamentary procedure and also past precedences that have been adopted by this House, that it will be the full document and that any references or deletion of references to the source of the information will be -- despite what my honourable friend has said -- will be revealed in the document.

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

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Well, Mr. Speaker, I reiterate all I can do is table any documents I have that I am reading from and if my honourable friend is not satisfied I'm sorry.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Labour.

MR. PAULLEY: On a point of order then, Mr. Speaker. May I in all due respect to my honourable friend, the Member for Portage la Prairie, in his remarks made reference to a letter that he had received and intimated that he would not at that particular time of speaking indicate from whom it came, that if it is referred to as a letter, then the full letter should be disclosed to this House.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Attorney-General. On the same point of order.

HON. A. H. MACKLING, Q. C. (Attorney-General)(St. James): Speaking on the same point of order, Mr. Speaker. The honourable member should be directed, in my view, to file the entire letter. He indicated that what he was reading from was "from a letter." The entire letter must be tabled when it's requested in accordance with the rules that the document be filed. It's not the document, it's not one page of a six-page letter that must be tabled.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie. Does the Honourable Member for Riel wish a point of order?

MR. DONALD W. CRAIK (Riel): Mr. Speaker, on a point of order. I think that the Attorney-General and the present House Leader should be reminded, and probably are aware, that at the last session of the Legislature an almost identical case arose when the Minister of Highways, the Member for Thompson, read from a letter from a constituent in Thompson pointing out a particular situation, and when he was asked to file the letter as evidence he did so without signature. He was asked to take the letter back and file it with signature. The government was never able to persuade him to do so. So if you want adequate precedents to look for we have it in the last session when a Minister of the Crown filed a letter similar to this without signature.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Labour.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, I do not recall the incident referred to by the Honourable Member for Riel but I do -- (I wonder if the rabble would just desist for a moment) -- but I have been in this House long enough, in deference to my honourable friend the Member for Riel, to know that when references are made to a document, notwithstanding what may have happened last year, that when a request is made by any member of this Assembly, Mr. Speaker, regardless of whether or not he may be a front bencher or a back bencher, for the tabling of a document that that document shall be tabled in its entirety. And if there was an omission last year of parliamentary procedure, in all due respect Mr. Speaker, I suggest that that was a possible error but it does not establish for all time parliamentary procedures and I have requested as a member of this Assembly, and only as a member of this Assembly, the tabling of the document referred to in its totality by the Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie. And I believe, Sir, that in accordance with parliamentary procedure that you as the presiding officer of this Assembly have the right, and indeed the Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie has the obligation, to table the document that he referred to, in total.

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

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to speak on the point of order to my honourable friend. To begin with the letter that I am referring to, I took the letterhead off and the signature off and destroyed them. I have not got them. -- (Interjection) -- My honourable friends may "oh" all they want. They brought in a red herring - obviously they don't want to hear what's coming out that's for sure. Not fifteen minutes ago the Premier of this House gave a reason as to why he couldn't answer an Address for Papers because of confidentiality, and the letter was written to me in confidentiality, private and confidential and so marked. I give my word as a member that I have not got the letterhead, I cut it off and I cut the signature off. I will table this document, that's all I can table.

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. Beauchesne's Fourth Edition Citation 158, subsection 3 states: "An unsigned letter should not be read in the House." And on the 16th of May, 1928, a member stated during debate that a letter which he had been quoting was not signed. The Speaker said such a letter should not be read into the Hansard. All letters when read must be signed and then they become part of the documents of the House.

The point of order is done. Is there a new point of Order? -- (Interjection) -- That point of order is done. Order. The Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Mr. Speaker, I'm happy to comply with your instruction. I will not

(MR. G. JOHNSTON, cont'd.) . . . . use the document again. Mr. Speaker, I am now going to turn to a copy of a transcript of court proceedings that took place in Brandon. And this is when Mr. Kapoor is making his defense for his client and I would like to quote:

"Mr. Kapoor: I don't know that Your Worship finds it necessary for me to do so. Of course, if Your Worship instructs I read the entire letter . . ."

"The Court: Please do so, so it is complete."

"Mr. Kapoor: This is a letter addressed to me, Your Worship, and it refers to Martin Smith of Brandon, Manitoba, and the quotation begins: 'I have considered the matter that you set out in your letter of October 15th, 1970. I have received a complete transcript of the proceedings before Magistrate Pearson on September 25th, 1970, and I have received a report in the matter from Mr. Bowering, our Crown Attorney for the Western Judicial District. I am impressed with Mr. Smith's record of community service. I understand that his efforts on behalf of our native people have received general recognition from both the community and the Federal Department of Indian Affairs. It is a record for which Mr. Smith has reason to be proud. However, and unfortunately for Mr. Smith, as the Chief Law Enforcement Officer for the Province of Manitoba, I must have regard to the events of the evening of June 5th, 1970 -- June 5-6, 1970 -- as reported to my department by the RCMP. I have considered the testimony of Constable Murray Bruce McNeil of the RCMP as reported on pages 5 to 21, both inclusive, of the transcript of the proceedings before Magistrate Pearson on September 25th, 1970. Having regard to all the circumstances I am instructing Mr. Bowering to proceed only on two counts, one count under Section 222 of the Criminal Code and one count as follows: That Martin Smith on or about the fifth day of June, A. D. 1970, at or near the Town of Minnedosa in the Province of Manitoba did unlawfully assault a police officer, Murray Bruce McNeil, a member of the RCMP engaged in the execution of his duty, contrary to Section 232, Section 2 (a) of The Criminal Code.

'I am not unmindful of the expense caused to Mr. Smith in these proceedings. In the circumstances I am instructing Mr. Bowering that if Mr. Smith is convicted on either or both of these counts the Crown is satisfied that a fine or fines would meet the ends of justice. I am instructing Mr. Bowering not to seek greater punishment for reason of Mr. Smith's previous conviction under the then Section 223 of The Criminal Code on August 19th, 1969. If Mr. Smith should be convicted on the charge of assaulting a police officer my instruction to Mr. Bowering not to request imprisonment must not be considered a statement of policy for persons convicted of this very serious offense. The instruction in this particular case is predicated on a number of factors, including the age of Mr. Smith, his apparent condition of impairment at the time, the considerable expense and time and money that these proceedings have already cost him and most important his previous record of community service. I would request that you make arrangements with Mr. Bowering for the trial date to be set at the regular sitting of the Brandon Magistrate's Court on Friday, December 18th, 1970. I am satisfied that the arrangements as to the trial date can be made between yourself and Mr. Bowering by telephone prior to December 18th, 1970 at which time Mr. Smith should appear in court, enter his pleas and the matter then be adjourned until the date set for the trial. Yours truly.' " This is signed by the Attorney-General.

"The Court: What is the date of the letter, Mr. Kapoor?"

"Mr. Kapoor: The date of the letter is December 8th, 1970 and a copy is forwarded according to this letter to Mr. Bowering, Attorney-General, A. G. Bowering, so that it now becomes abundantly clear Your Worship from this that acting on behalf of the accused I have a certain understanding or a certain position has been taken by the Crown authorities through the Department of the Attorney-General as to their stand in this matter. It now seems that the agent for the Crown, the Attorney-General sitting here, is taking a totally inconsistent position. I think it should be only known to the court that this is the reason that I have brought this matter to the attention of this court, and since Your Worship has instructed the whole letter be read I have read the letter into the record."

"The Court: I am most thankful Mr. Kapoor, that the whole letter is in because when you initially made references to the paragraph a particular sentence in the paragraph was omitted and this could certainly cause troubles with regard to that paragraph alone. Thank you very much."

Now, Mr. Speaker, in my opinion we have a case here where the Attorney-General has acted, prejudged a case on his own. A man resisted arrest, he struck an officer on three different occasions, he tried to avoid arrest by going on to private property and claiming a right

(MR. G. JOHNSTON, cont'd.) . . . . to not be arrested and the fact it is a second offense for this man surely the magistrate of that court is the one to judge when all the facts were brought out as to how the charges should be dealt with. And surely the Crown Attorney, a competent person, has the judgment to make the proper charges. This is no glaring error or an inconsistency, this is a direct intervention from the top law enforcement official in the province instructing a Crown Attorney as to what he was to do with certain charges, reducing the charges when the charges were there -- the policemen were there to give the evidence. If anything was wrong well the man certainly under our system would have had his chance. He had his lawyer and if anything was wrong or inconsistent in the police actions or the actions of the Crown Attorney the man would have been found innocent on certain of the charges had that been the case.

So what I'm suggesting to you, Mr. Speaker, is that the administration of law in this province is in question in the public mind today. Not only this incident but we have the spectacle where one Cabinet Minister because he doesn't like a decision made by a magistrate, he publicly insults him, and publicly threatens him. We have another Cabinet Minister in this administration where he blatantly interferes in the course of an action before the court. Have we in this province now laws that are applied not impartially anymore? I know my honourable friend would love to answer me and he can use his grievance if he wishes to or else he'll answer me when his Estimates come up early next week. -- (Interjection) -- And I'm looking forward to your answer. I'm stating a fact that in my opinion the impartialities of the courts in this province are under question today by many people. What would happen if a young boy with long hair slugged a police officer in the park outside the building? What would happen to that boy? He would be dealt with pretty quickly by the courts, and rightly so. Well then why shouldn't this person be dealt with in the same manner by the courts? I have heard it said - I don't know it must be out of someone's speech or it's a saying that not only should justice be done but it should appear to be done and in this case justice does not appear to be done. There appears to be an intervention from the top law officer of the province.

I know it's difficult for the Attorney-General to sit and consider himself under attack that's not a personal attack at all. I'm attacking the judgment, I'm questioning his competence and I think he should resign, and when we come to his Estimates I'll only be too happy to move the motion to reduce his salary to \$1. 00.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Minister of Labour.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, I recognize that the rights of my honourable friend the Member for Portage la Prairie to raise a grievance going into Committee of Supply and I do not wish to stop further discussion except for one understanding that I believe that we had yesterday, that in view of certain circumstances or certain procedures taking place in Ottawa that the House would adjourn early today. And I'm wondering whether or not, despite -- I shouldn't say despite really, but we do view the matter of grievance raised by my honourable friend very sincerely and earnestly -- whether or not it might suit the convenience of the House to give us permission to withdraw the motion going into supply or at least adjourn that motion at this time.

As indicated by the Honourable the Member for Portage la Prairie, as a result of my statement yesterday, on Monday next we will be going into the consideration of the Estimates of the Department of the Attorney-General. There can be full scope then. It does appear to me that it will be impossible to accommodate the agreement that I thought we had entered into yesterday, Mr. Speaker, of an early adjournment of the House. I'm wondering whether or not the House or the government may have agreement and I leave it in your hands, Sir, whether the motion to going into Supply should be agreed upon, having heard the grievance which is his right of the Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie, following which as Acting House Leader I would like to move for the adjournment of the House.

I place the government or the procedure of the House, Mr. Speaker, in the hands of the Assembly as a whole. If the members opposite in opposition do not agree with the proposition that I'm trying to make, then we will abide by their decision. We will not attempt to force the desire of the government on the Assembly, but I'm sure my honourable friends appreciate what I'm really trying to say. We all have our commitments at Ottawa and this matter will be debated, I am sure; there's no attempt at closure and I ask for guidance as the Acting House Leader from the opposition, and I will abide, as the Acting House Leader, and the government will abide with the decision of the opposition on this most important matter raised by my honourable friend the Member for Portage la Prairie. I leave it then, Mr. Speaker, to the opposition, as to whether or not the desires of members of the government will be considered.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. ENNS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was becoming concerned about the time that the Honourable the Deputy House Leader of the New Democratic Party was taking up in explaining his position. I want to tell you, Sir, tell the House Leader through you, Sir, that I'm aware of the arrangements arrived at with respect to the sitting time of this House and I don't intend to abuse them. However, I consider the matter seriously enough and I'm prompted just in the happenings this afternoon, to use up, you know, my one privilege of rising on a point of personal grievance to debate this matter somewhat further. I do so particularly, Mr. Speaker . . .

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is the member speaking to a point of grievance?

MR. ENNS: Yes. I'm speaking on a matter of personal grievance. This afternoon just a little while ago during the question period, I attempted to solicit some compassion from my Minister of Agriculture opposite to use his good offices to intervene on behalf of a struggling young farm couple who happen to be not in my constituency but I'm aware of them, who under duress, that the Minister must surely be aware of, in fact indicated that he was, namely that he is a hog producer at this particular time and finds himself in some economic difficulty with a loan arrangement with the Manitoba Agriculture Credit Corporation; and the question that was specifically directed to the Minister of Agriculture was, would he intervene, would he intervene on behalf of this young farm couple to have some more understanding terms, some longer terms perhaps arranged with respect to enabling them to continue on with their farm.

Mr. Speaker, I would suggest to you, it's that kind of interference that we look up to and expect from our Ministers from time to time as they're dealing with the various government agencies. To have on the same occasion within a half an hour later the situation that we now face and the grievance that we're now speaking about where we have been demonstrated . . .

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, please. The Minister of Agriculture has a point?

MR. USKIW: I'm wondering, Mr. Speaker, whether I have a point of privilege or I don't know which or if any, but it was not my understanding that the member opposite was making reference to a specific case and I had indicated to him in my answer that I was not aware of any specific cases or circumstances. I'm wondering what the point of privilege is or point of grievance is.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: I don't think it's a point of privilege. The member for Lakeside.

MR. ENNS: Thank you. I was only, you know I'm just giving you some indication of what prompted me to rise on this occasion. I can assure you that you've met with this couple and you will be meeting them again. I will be bringing them into your office and will be seeking for your intervention or your assistance in terms of coming to a satisfactory arrangement for this couple. Why I'm mentioning -- Mr. Speaker, I don't believe the Honourable Minister has any . . .

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, please.

MR. USKIW: Mr. Speaker, I don't know who the honourable member's talking about.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order please. I believe there will be other opportunities for the Minister to respond to the grievance of the honourable member. The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, thank you. Mr. Speaker . . .

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order please. Order please. The difficulty is I can't rule on a point of privilege until I have heard what the member thinks is a point of privilege. So the Minister of Agriculture to a point of privilege. The Member for Lakeside.

MR. ENNS: Well, Mr. Speaker, I want to assure you I gave a commitment to the Honourable the Deputy House Leader of this party that I would be using ten minutes of this time to make a few statements in this regard, and I just want you, Sir, at least to be a fair judge of how much of that ten minutes I'm being allotted to. I'm not particularly concerned about the name and the person, the individual - I was describing the way this government is prepared to hand out justice in this province and have compassion for who they like to call themselves that they are concerned about, the little people, the every day people, and we see a demonstration in this House right now where the Minister of Agriculture is asked to intervene on behalf of a legitimate situation. He says "no" -- (Interjection) -- Yes, he says "no" and Hansard will record it. He says that it's up to the agency, in this case the Credit Corporation, they have their feasibility studies, they have their long term studies and whatever their decision is, that's the way the ball bounces. We'd like to think, Sir, that that is the way our laws situation is handled, but we've been told this afternoon

(MR. ENNS, cont'd.) . . . that that's not the case, and I would like -- of course, you know, the concern that brought on this conversation. There are far too many, far too many uncomfortable and disquieting situations that have developed, and I would ask the Attorney-General while he's contemplating his reply during estimates to concern himself with them.

Mr. Speaker, I've been told for instance that at this present time there's a young Manitoban serving out an eight-year jail sentence at Stoney Mountain Penitentiary. He was apprehended at the scene of the crime, two of them were involved, one of them chose jury trial, the other trial by magistrate. It was an open and shut case apparently. The sentence was handed out to the one chap who is now serving his time; in the case of the other man, a known NDP organizer, he is free, scott free. That kind of situation is also known among the justices and the court halls of our provinces, and this kind of situation is developing, and I would ask him, I would ask him, I would ask him to in . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Does the Honourable Member for Burrows have a point? I'm sorry. The Honourable Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

HON. BEN HANUSCHAK (Minister of Consumer, Corporate & Internal Services) (Burrows): Mr. Speaker, I'm rising on a point of order. I believe that at this time a member may raise a matter of grievance, not matters of grievance. I find it rather difficult to relate what the Honourable Member is now referring to, to what he commenced his debate on.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. ENNS: The honourable members opposite seem determined to miss their plane this afternoon to wherever they're going, and maybe that wouldn't be a bad thing either in the interests of advancing the best possible cause for this country. Mr. Speaker, there is just far too much of this going on. That gentleman known by the name of Mr. Ternette I believe of course has made some obvious, you know, impression on the Attorney-General's Department and seems to have carved out for himself a special regard and judgment by the law.

We have this situation as indicated by the Honourable Member from Portage this afternoon, and if the Honourable Attorney-General thinks that I'm talking through my hat, then I ask him to search his conscience seriously about the matter, the far more serious matter that I made reference to, where it was a case, a case of a Manitoba lad serving out an eight-year sentence for robbery and assault, two of them were apprehended, the other one -- the other one -- (Interjection) -- Oh yes, the Minister of Transportation doesn't like anybody who sends anybody anywhere regardless of what they do. He's going to intimidate more judges and more magistrates if he doesn't like the sentence. Well, that's fine. You see that's their concept and this is what worries me, must surely worry all of us who have some concern about our concept of justice. It's not a question of was the law carried out. It's not a question of was the letter of the law carried out. It's a question of who is doing it and who is doing the carrying out. Mr. Speaker, I'll ignore the Minister of Transportation. I don't intend to take up any more of this time. I only want to indicate to you, Sir, and to the members of this House, that the Attorney-General's Department is being run, in my opinion, from a highly politically motivated manner and that there are obvious examples, and if names need to be mentioned, I'm prepared to name them, where this has been taking place -- where this has taken place . . . and I support, I support most strongly, I support most strongly -- but I have some regard for persons and individuals . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please.

MR. ENNS: I'm only suggesting to you, Mr. Speaker . . .

MR. SPEAKER: I asked for order, please. I should like to suggest to the honourable members who are interested in speaking on a point of grievance that they wait their turn. The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. ENNS: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, to some it may have seemed a wasting of a privilege that every member has to rise on a particular matter such as this and use up their personal grievance. As I said so at the outset, I started primarily and I was prepared to take up this time because of the situation that was drawn to my attention which involved my good friend the Minister of Agriculture. I would consider my time and my privilege of using this grievance most well spent if he would undertake to intervene on behalf of a struggling farm couple on Monday when he returns from his sojourn to the east, and reviews the situation that this farm couple faces and I would want to indicate to you, Sir, that that is the kind of ministerial interference that I welcome, the kind of interference that I would have been capable

(MR. ENNS cont'd.) . . . . of, Mr. Speaker, and was as a matter of fact when I was in that office. But not the kind, twice not the kind, thrice not the kind that is undermining the very basis of our law in this province.

MR. SPEAKER: The question before the House . . .

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Education, that the debate be adjourned.

MR. SPEAKER: The Chair is in a quandry. I don't know what debate we're discussing.

MR. PAULLEY: The motion to go into Supply, Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Labour.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, that the House do now adjourn and stand adjourned until 2:30 Monday afternoon.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion, and after a voice vote declared the motion carried, and the House adjourned until 2:30 Monday afternoon.