

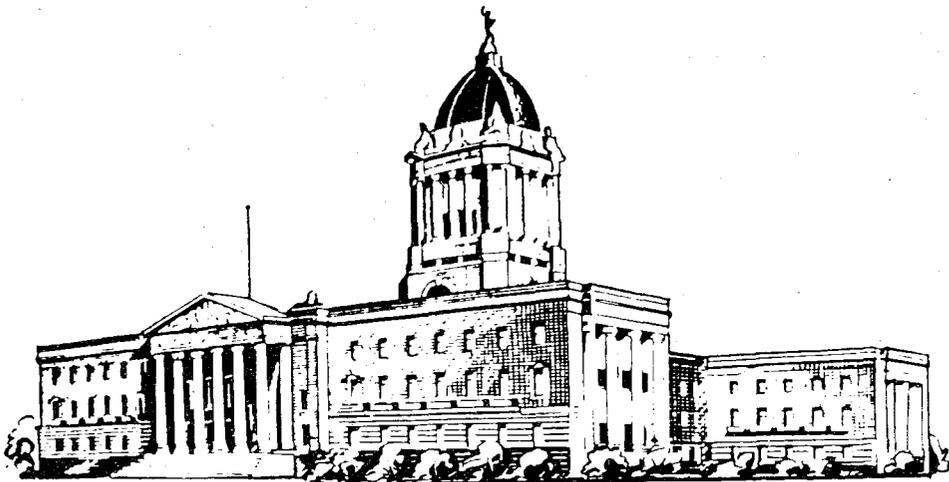


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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA
10:00 a. m. , Friday, March 9, 1973

Opening Prayer by Mr. Speaker.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

MR. SPEAKER: Before we proceed, I should like to direct the attention of the honourable members to the gallery, where we have 75 students of Grade 9 standing of the St. Norbert School. These students are under the direction of Mr. Grimard, Mr. Lemsing and Sister Patricia. This school is located in the constituency of the Honourable Member for Fort Garry. On behalf of all the honourable members of the Legislative Assembly, I welcome you here today.

PRESENTING PETITIONS

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

MR. CLERK: The petition of Mennonite Hospital Society Concordia praying for the passing of an Act to amend an Act to incorporate Mennonite Hospital Society Concordia.

MR. SPEAKER: Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees; Ministerial Statements and Tabling of Reports. The Honourable Minister of Mines and Resources.

MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS AND TABLING OF REPORTS

HON. SIDNEY GREEN, Q. C. (Minister of Mines, Resources and Environmental Management)(Inkster): Mr. Speaker, I wish to table the annual report of the Department of Mines, Resources and Environmental Management. There will be copies distributed.

MR. SPEAKER: Any other Ministerial Statements or Tabling of Reports? Notices of Motion; Introduction of Bills; Oral Questions.

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MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Fort Rouge.

MRS. INEZ TRUEMAN (Fort Rouge): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Honourable Minister of Health and Social Development. I note that the program for coverage of prescription drugs for the elderly is not in the Estimates. Does this mean that the program will not be proceeded with this coming year?

HON. RENE E. TOUPIN (Minister of Health & Social Development)(Springfield): Mr. Speaker, the amount for the coverage of the 80 percent of prescription drugs for those 65 and over, over and above the initial \$50.00 per person, is included within the Estimates. The honourable member just didn't notice it, but it will be pointed out during the Estimates.

Mr. Speaker, while I'm on my feet I would like to clarify an answer that I gave yesterday to the Leader of the Liberal Party. My leader saw through the question and answered; it was clarified in the press, but for the benefit of honourable members of this House there is no need for legislation in regards to the waiving of premiums for senior citizens, this will be done by regulations.

MRS. TRUEMAN: I have a further question for the same Minister. Has the \$10 million for nursing home care that's been removed from the social allowances for this year been placed within Manitoba Hospital Services Commission Estimates?

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Speaker, the coverage for the approximately 62 percent of those in nursing homes that are wards of the province in this current fiscal year were included under the Estimates of the Department of Health and Social Development. In the next fiscal year that we're now considering, this is now included within the Estimates of the Health Services Commission.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

HON. EDWARD SCHREYER (Premier and Minister of Finance)(Rossmere): Mr. Speaker, just on a procedural point, it seems to me, Sir, that questions that seek information as to the format of the Estimates of current expenditures proposed, etc., are matters which do not properly come within the time of the oral question period before Orders of the Day. Now I say that, Sir, without any great certainty as to what Beauchesne indicates on that precise point, but that's my very definite understanding of practice.

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MR. SPEAKER: The question is well taken. The Honourable Member for Morris.

MR. WARNER H. JORGENSEN (Morris): Mr. Speaker. You know, the First Minister perhaps is right if one could have the assurance that the Estimates of that particular department were going to be brought before the House during the course of this session, and failing that, of course, I think the question is quite a proper one; whether or not the Minister cares to answer it is another matter, but the question is certainly a proper one notwithstanding the protests of the First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, I did not imply that my honourable friends opposite had improper designs, although that may be the case from time to time, I am sure. The assurance, Sir, that the Estimates of the department would be brought forward during this session is one that is very easy to give.

MR. JORGENSEN: . . . suggested that I had the feeling that our questions were improper. What I meant by "proper questions", one that is proper insofar as our rules are concerned, one that is a perfectly legitimate question to ask on Orders of the Day.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Education.

HON. BEN HANUSCHAK (Minister of Education)(Burrows): Mr. Chairman, yesterday the Honourable Leader of the Liberal Party asked me a question in my capacity as Chairman of Management Committee with respect to the question of hotel accommodation for civil servants, and my reply was that it was compiled on the basis of experience and I did not reply to that question in a facetious manner; I meant exactly that, on the basis of our experience, of the experience of our staff, and thus determining the rates charged and so forth. And that was exactly the way in which this information was obtained, by canvassing all departments to determine the names of the hotels most frequently patronized by government employees, and this information is provided, Mr. Speaker, merely as a guide; it's provided as a guide to give the staff some indication of the best rates that are available in the various parts of the province or other cities of Canada.

Now subsequently, the hotels which were not patronized to any extent, or at all, by any of the staff, contacted us and indicated what their rates are and that they'd be happy to do business with us, so their names were added to the list, and this list is being continuously revised and I can assure you, Mr. Speaker, that it provides a very very useful service to the departmental employees in enabling them to determine what the best rates are in the various localities.

Some time ago, Mr. Speaker, the Honourable Member for Sturgeon Creek asked me a question with respect to paying royalty fees for reproduction rights of educational TV programs. Now, the matter of a use of school broadcasts is a rather involved one. The Council of Ministers of Education of Canada has this matter under study and there are to be discussions held very shortly with the CBC and it's expected that these discussions may make it possible to resolve the problems which have recently developed. But essentially, Mr. Speaker, the problem is the proper payment of residual fees to all those who are entitled to them for school broadcasts, and for that matter for other programs that are useable in schools. The CBC sold the reproduction rights to a private concern for all its programs except school broadcasts. By mistake, two school broadcasts were included in the package, but have since been removed, and it's understood that action to recover costs for the re-use of school broadcasts has been discontinued. CBC has indicated that it is not proper for school broadcasts to be taped for distribution to schools and to pupils, and because this matter is of concern to all provinces it will be given careful study and all possible steps will be taken to facilitate the use of school broadcasts by schools.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Fort Rouge.

MRS. TRUEMAN: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Honourable Minister of Finance. Is the netted cash surplus of \$8 million under the Manitoba Hospital Services Plan to be returned to the General Revenues or will it be applied to next year's Estimates of that department?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, I will take that as notice.

Mr. Speaker, while I'm on my feet I would like to reply to a question asked by the Honourable Member for Wolseley the other day. He asked for a financial report on CFI relative to 1971 submitted to the Receiver by Touche, Ross and Company. I can indicate by way of reply that the Receiver files regular reports with the courts and this particular report in question was

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(MR. SCHREYER cont'd.) filed with the courts and therefore is a matter of public record and is available, presumably in the normal way, and that being so I believe my honourable friend has access to the report if he desires.

Also, the Honourable Member for Birtle-Russell asked the other day as to whether there were problems anticipated relative to transportation on Cross Lake under ice conditions as a result of the carrying out of the Lake Winnipeg regulation control works. The reply I have here for my honourable friend, from Manitoba Hydro, is to the effect that the studies that have been conducted would indicate that there will be small fluctuations in lake levels which will have a negligible effect on the ice pattern. Accordingly it is not anticipated that there will be fluctuations of greater magnitude and of a kind that will have an adverse effect on lake transportation requirements. There is of course, my honourable friend should know, the construction of a permanent crossing of the Nelson River right at the inlet into Cross Lake which will provide for the most safe and permanent kind of transportation crossing of that body of water, that is of course the deck that will be built on top of the power house control structure. I hope this answers my honourable friend's question.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Emerson.

MR. GABRIEL GIRARD (Emerson): I'd like to direct a question to the Honourable Minister of Education. I wonder if he could explain why it is that the Rolling River School Division was informed that the general mill rate this year would be 6.7 mills and the rest of Manitoba wasn't.

MR. HANUSCHAK: Informed by whom?

MR. GIRARD: Well, Mr. Speaker, I can't tell you just exactly who might have informed them. However, I submit that their budget was planned on that information . . .

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable gentleman is debating that question. Would he ask the question?

MR. GIRARD: Well, Mr. Speaker, in all due respect I am trying to answer the question asked me by the Minister.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The Honourable Member for Brandon West.

MR. EDWARD MCGILL (Brandon West): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Honourable the Minister of Education, and it relates to the policy of the Brandon school division in respect to students with high academic achievement at the high school level who, under a policy of fairly long standing, have been permitted to leave school early in June so that the teachers could not only award their achievement but also concentrate on those students who were less advanced in their studies. And my question, Mr. Speaker, is to the Minister, and I wish to ask him if he has by letter overruled the practice adopted by the Brandon school division and insisted at the ministerial level that the students remain in school until the end of June.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Education.

MR. HANUSCHAK: Mr. Speaker, the law reads in reverse; the school divisions are subject to our law, not we to a regulation passed by or approved of by a school division.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Order, please. I'm not certain that Hansard or I heard what was being said with all the interruptions. Would the Honourable Minister repeat?

MR. HANUSCHAK: I'd be happy to repeat, Mr. Speaker. I said, in reply to the honourable member, that the law reads in reverse; the school divisions are subject to a law approved by this Legislature and not we of the Department of Education being subject to any decision of a school division or any of their staff.

MR. SPEAKER: The Member for Brandon West - a supplementary.

MR. MCGILL: Yes. Mr. Speaker, in the Minister having taken this position, could I take from that that he feels that it is not a proper procedure to reward academic achievement in this manner and to provide for additional . . . ?

MR. SPEAKER: The question is argumentative. The Honourable Member for Arthur.

MR. J. DOUGLAS WATT (Arthur): Mr. Speaker, I direct a question to the First Minister. I wonder if the First Minister could indicate to the House what position the Government of Manitoba has taken on redistribution of the electoral boundaries for the Federal representation in the House of Commons, and if so, whatever decision they have made, will there be representation at the hearings that are presently being held throughout the Province of Manitoba?

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MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, the matter is one under federal jurisdiction. It does have a bearing, however, on the extent to which this part of the country is represented in the federal Parliament. I have written a letter to the Prime Minister indicating concern at the fact that the formula upon which representation in the Parliament of Canada is based is not being universally followed, and that therefore there is need for a rethinking of the formula and a redrawing of the formula. I have to date not received a reply, but when I do so I may have more information for my honourable friend.

MR. WATT: I want to thank the Minister for his answer. A supplementary question. I would like to ask the Minister if the government supports the municipalities who are organizing to protest these hearings, the fact that rural Manitoba has lost two seats in the House of Commons.

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, the number of seats in the Parliament of Canada is something that has to be determined by formula. The problem is that the formula is not applied consistently as between the various regions of Canada. Having said that, I do not want to give the impression that there should be support for representations that would cause a gross deviation from the principle of representation by population.

MR. WATT: Mr. Speaker, a further supplementary question. Does the First Minister agree with the statements made by the New Democratic Party in Ottawa in 1964, that it was time that the House of Commons got rid of the rural domination and arrogance in the House of Commons in Canada.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, I don't know what year my honourable friend is referring to but it certainly is not post 1965 because, Mr. Speaker, I sat in parliament as a representative of a rural area of Manitoba and was proud to do so, and will be quite prepared to debate with my honourable friend in any rural part of Manitoba whatsoever as to the principle of proper representation in a parliamentary democracy.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Emerson.

MR. GIRARD: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct my question to the Minister of Education in view of the answer to his previous question. Early exemptions for students in Manitoba from Grades 7 to 12 have been a practice over the last few years. Is he suggesting by his answer that that was an illegal practice?

MR. SPEAKER: The question is again argumentative. The Honourable Minister of Education.

MR. HANUSCHAK: Mr. Speaker, as the Honourable Member for Emerson undoubtedly well knows, he and I being members of the same profession, there are regulations passed pursuant to the Public Schools Act and regulations dealing with the question of closing of schools at year-end, and the same regulations apply to all schools in all parts of the province.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Gladstone.

MR. JAMES R. FERGUSON (Gladstone): Mr. Speaker, I'd like to address my question to the Minister of Education also. Because of rural depopulation some small schools will be forced to drop educational programs. Will special consideration over foundation grants be provided to these schools or school divisions?

MR. HANUSCHAK: It has always been the policy of this government and will continue to be so, to provide the most meaningful and best quality education program in all schools in Manitoba at all times.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Minnedosa.

MR. DAVID R. BLAKE (Minnedosa): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is also directed to the Minister of Education. Could he inform the House if the claim to repay some forty some thousand dollars by the Rolling River School Division, by the Department to the Rolling River School Division, was this made as a result of an error made by the officials of the Department of Education?

MR. HANUSCHAK: No, Mr. Speaker.

MR. BLAKE: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Would it therefore be resulting from an error made by the school board administration staff?

MR. HANUSCHAK: An error made by the school division, Mr. Speaker. The Department of Education deals with school divisions not with any individuals of any division.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, the other day the Honourable the Member for Rupertsland

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(MR. SCHREYER cont'd.) asked a question relative to the existence of a development line, as he put it, at the community of Cross Lake in northern Manitoba. I can advise my honourable friend that the development line in question is established at elevation 690. It is a development line which is intended to have no other practical limitation or effect other than to be a guideline to that community as to the level below which it would be inadvisable to construct any permanent structures.

In order to guard against damage due to flooding with a probability of once in 1,000 years frequency, and, Sir, when we come into orders of probability of that kind then it is of course difficult for the layman to comprehend the practicability of that. In any case, let me put it clearly on the record the purpose of that particular elevation guideline is to indicate that on the basis of calculations construction above that development line should be safe from any flooding with the exception of such floods as occur with the frequency of once in 1,000 years. I can also advise the Member for Rupertsland, who had asked earlier, that as a result of Lake Winnipeg regulation the extent of any deviation in the maximum monthly median elevation at Cross Lake will be three inches.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SIDNEY SPIVAK, Q.C. (Leader of the Opposition)(River Heights): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources. Has any agreement yet been reached with Abitibi over the provincial cutting rights?

MR. GREEN: I don't believe so, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Yes, my question is to the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources. I wonder if he can indicate to the House when the present agreement expires.

MR. GREEN: I don't recall the date, Mr. Speaker, but I am willing to take it as notice.

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

MR. EARL McKELLAR (Souris-Killarney): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Education and I refer to your decision at Ninette. Is it the intention of the Minister of Education to overrule the decisions of the school division boards in the future?

MR. HANUSCHAK: Mr. Speaker, at no time have I ever overruled a decision of a school board, any decisions that it was empowered to make. And that certainly did not happen in this instance.

MR. McKELLAR: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to ask a supplementary question. Does he realize that one trustee resigned over the decision he made at Ninette?

MR. SPEAKER: Not pertinent to the rules of this House. The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. HARRY J. ENNS (Lakeside): Mr. Speaker, I direct a question at the Honourable the Minister of Education. By virtue of that last reply is he now prepared to act on the several times repeated request by the Lakeshore Division to commence construction of the school at Lundar?

MR. SPEAKER: Orders of the Day.

MR. ENNS: Answer? None?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Brandon West.

MR. McGILL: Mr. Speaker, my question's to the Honourable the Minister of Education. In respect to the exemption policy in effect at Brandon is he prepared to allow this policy to proceed this year pending a review of the whole question?

MR. HANUSCHAK: The policy allowed under the regulations will continue this year.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. J. WALLY McKENZIE (Roblin): Mr. Speaker, for clarification from an answer the Honourable the Minister of Education earlier gave to the House, is transportation the responsibility of the Minister or the school divisions?

MR. HANUSCHAK: Well, Mr. Speaker, there is legislation, provincial legislation, and regulations governing transportation, but insofar as the actual physical provision of transportation that certainly is the responsibility of the school division for which the school division receives a grant on a per pupil basis up to a maximum of \$175.00 per student.

MR. McKENZIE: Mr. Speaker, I have another question for the Honourable the Minister of Education. How many thousands of dollars in round figures could have been used for the education, or are used in Manitoba if the government had seen fit to scrap their advertising program regarding the school tax rebate?

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MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: ... 57 on your direct mailing. That was money wasted too if you want to call it a waste.

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

HON. SAMUEL USKIW (Minister of Agriculture) (Lac du Bonnet): Mr. Speaker: I wish to give an answer to a question put to me a few days ago and again yesterday by the Member for Rock Lake, on whether or not the Veterinary Services Commission has given a decision as to the location of a Veterinary Services Clinic in Cypress River. The decision of the commission is negative on that request.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Emerson.

MR. GIRARD: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to direct this one to the Minister of Education. Will there be changes in the OEC grant which is now one grant for every five hundred, or I mean will there be any changes in the now allocation of OEC grants?

MR. HANUSCHAK: Mr. Speaker, I'm sure the honourable member well knows this is a matter of government policy.

MR. GIRARD: Mr. Speaker, in view of the necessity of school divisions to provide their requirements to municipalities on the 15th of March, how soon will school divisions be informed as to changes of grants for this year, which is retroactive to January 1st by the way.

MR. HANUSCHAK: In sufficient time, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

MR. L. R. (Bud) SHERMAN (Fort Garry): On a point of order . . .

MR. HANUSCHAK: Mr. Speaker, if I may, just for the record. In my expression "in sufficient time" those are three words, not two.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

MR. SHERMAN: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, I wonder if it would be possible to get an answer to that question earlier asked by the Honourable Member for . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. That is not a point of order.

MR. SHERMAN: Well the point of order, Mr. Speaker . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Orders of the Day. The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. JACOB M. FROESE (Rhineland): Mr. Speaker, I have two questions that I would like to direct to the Minister of Education. --(Interjection)-- No, not as far as I'm concerned. The question is, are correspondence courses available to all students requesting same in the province?

MR. HANUSCHAK: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

MR. FROESE: The other question is: what is the department's practice for students requesting leaving school prior to legal school leaving age?

MR. HANUSCHAK: I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker, requesting . . . ? Would the honourable member repeat his question?

MR. FROESE: Yes, the question is: what is the department's practice re students requesting leaving school prior to the school leaving age?

MR. HANUSCHAK: The honourable member has asked me a question, I believe it's spelled out either in the Act or the legislation. I'll take the question as notice. There is provision for early withdrawal from school on certain conditions. I can give the honourable member an accurate answer at a later time.

A MEMBER: When it's hopeless like McKenzie.

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

MR. McKELLAR: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct a question to the Minister of Municipal Affairs. Would the Minister inform the House whether Mr. Dutton, General Manager of Auto-pac, is going to New Orleans, Louisiana to make a speech on no-fault insurance . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs. Order, please.

HON. HOWARD R. PAWLEY (Minister of Municipal Affairs)(Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, I'm pleased to announce that because of the very high interest in the Manitoba plan in the United States, that Mr. Dutton has been approached by officials of state governments and otherwise in New Orleans, is going to New Orleans to speak on the plan here at their expense, not Manitoba's expense.

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MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Emerson. Order, please. Would the Honourable Member for Radisson please maintain order? The Honourable Member for Emerson. Order, please.

MR. GIRARD: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to address my question to the Minister of Education. Will the students now registered in the IMPACTE Program qualify for certification at the end of this term?

A MEMBER: Do you like the program?

MR. GIRARD: I don't know yet.

MR. HANUSCHAK: Certainly, Mr. Speaker, the honourable member knows that this is a continuing program and there will be some who may qualify, some who may not.

MR. GIRARD: The type of certificate given, Mr. Speaker, will be the same type of certificate as the . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. I do believe that some of these questions could much better be answered during the Estimates on that particular department. I think we've had a good half hour of all education questions. We've pretty well covered the waterfront. The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. GIRARD: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, is this suggesting that we will not be able to ask questions of education now?

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. I was only suggesting that we are belabouring the point in respect to education when we still haven't come to the Estimates and there shall be ample opportunity to do some of this at that time. They are not pressing questions that will not take time. The Honourable Member for Morris.

MR. JORGENSEN: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Questions asked on the Order Paper, your responsibilities are to determine whether or not they conform with the Rules of the House as to which is a proper or improper question to be asked on the Orders of the Day. The length or the period of time during which those questions are asked is not laid down in our rules, Sir, and with respect I suggest that if there is to be a series of questions asked to a particular Minister, then as long as those questions are in order they should be allowed to be asked.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Speaking to the point raised by the Honourable the Member for Morris, technically speaking, Mr. Speaker, it's true that the question, a whole series of questions on one given subject matter are in order, then the questions naturally under our rules can be asked. My honourable friend the Member for Morris knows, however, that there is, you know, such a circumstance from time to time - it doesn't happen often - where the Speaker in his discretion and good judgment feels that there has been an over-concentration of questions in one particular field to the exclusion of the opportunity for other members to ask questions in other subject matters. Now this has happened. My honourable friend the Member for Morris is one who really ought to - does know it, I'm sure he does, but at this point in time he is not being particularly helpful in sorting things out.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Order, please. Does the Honourable Member for Morris wish to ask a question?

MR. JORGENSEN: Well, Sir, that blatant ejaculation of the First Minister is a direct . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Order, please. I accept both gentlemen's remarks in respect to the point of order. It was my opinion, and only an opinion, and I'm still subject to the House in respect to what your wishes are, but I have felt that sometimes we overemphasize some particular areas. It borders on repetition and that was the only suggestion I was making in respect to the matter of education. Any further questions? The Honourable Member for Emerson.

MR. GIRARD: Yes, I'd like to direct another question to the Minister of Education. I wonder if the Minister is considering the inconvenience he is causing school divisions by not informing them of the grant structure and the general mill rate as set, and he well knows what that is.

MR. SPEAKER: The question is argumentative. The Honourable Member for Rock Lake.

MR. HENRY J. EINARSON (Rock Lake): Mr. Speaker, I direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the answer that he gave me this morning in regards to the Veterinary

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(MR. EINARSON cont'd.) clinic at Cypress River, could he give the reasons why the clinic at Cypress River has been turned down by his department?

MR. USKIW: First let me correct the statement made by the Honourable Member for Rock Lake, and that is that the decision was not made by the department but rather by the Veterinary Services Commission, for which it has responsibility. Now, the reason for that decision is very obvious, Mr. Speaker, in that the purpose of that commission is to make sure that provincial funds are allocated and facilities built in accordance with a plan which would not jeopardize other facilities in neighboring communities, and therefore it's a question of viability related to location.

MR. EINARSON: I have another question for the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Speaker. Is the Minister implying that the Minister is not responsible for the decisions that the Commission might make in this regard?

MR. USKIW: Mr. Speaker, I think the Honourable Member would agree that if I interfered with a decision of the Commission, he would then accuse me of over-ruling your recommendation, so that he can't have it both ways.

MR. EINARSON: Mr. Speaker, I have a third question for the Minister of Agriculture. Could he explain what other facilities that are being interfered with insofar as the decision that was made in turning down the clinic for Cypress River?

MR. USKIW: Well I don't have the full story on it, Mr. Speaker, but I do know - I do know that there is a facility built very recently in the area of Notre Dame; that the facility that was proposed to be built at Cypress River is so close to Notre Dame that it would indeed, at least in the opinion of the Commission, interfere with the Notre Dame operation and therefore render perhaps both unviable.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. FROESE: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would like to address a question to the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture. Does the Provincial Government of Manitoba or his department contribute to the operations, whether in gift or in kind, to the Manitoba Seed Growers Association or the Manitoba Branch of the Canadian Seed Growers Association?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Agriculture.

MR. USKIW: Mr. Speaker, I'm not sure, I'll have to take that question as notice.

MR. FROESE: Just one further question to the same Minister. Does the government contemplate a change in the practice or in its policy of distribution of foundation seed produced at the University of Manitoba?

MR. USKIW: Mr. Speaker I'll have to take that question as notice.

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

MR. WILLIAM URUSKI (St. George): I have a question for the Premier; it's in respect to the questions that were asked of him in the last number of days regarding Lake Winnipeg regulation. Could he confirm or deny whether or not the costs on Lake Winnipeg regulation have increased?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Osborne state his point of order.

MR. IAN TURNBULL (Osborne): It is my understanding that the Member for St. George is an executive assistant to the Premier. I was wondering, Sir, in that case, if his question is in order.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister. Order, please.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, the information that is being asked, is being asked by the honourable member in his capacity as an MLA not as a Legislative Assistant. It's in order that I reply. However if it offends someone for whatever reason, which I can't understand, I won't answer.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Morris.

MR. JORGENSON: I should like to direct my question to the House Leader and ask him if it may be possible that we could set aside a period of time each day so that gentlemen opposite can ask one another questions including members of the Cabinet?

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Order, please. The question is out of order. The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, on a point of privilege, merely asking for equal treatment in this Chamber, I want to take this opportunity to respond to the Member from Morris and tell him that every time he rises to make the point directly or by implication, that members

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(MR. SCHREYER cont'd.) on this side of the House are somehow not entitled to ask questions of the Treasury Bench, I will get up and say that they have as much entitlement to ask questions of the Treasury Bench as honourable members opposite.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Order, please. Order, please. Order, please. I should like to indicate that on that particular point there are 56 members before the Chair and they will all get equal treatment. The Honourable House Leader.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, on the same point of order, I would like to say that perhaps what is occurring is that the back benchers are practising for the day when as, occurred in the province of Alberta, there had to be members of the government caucus put into the opposition to ask questions because there were no opposition . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Order, please. The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Yes on a point of order Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the Premier would make himself accessible to his Legislative Assistant?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: I will make myself, to answer my honourable friend's question, I will make myself accessible to my colleagues if the Honourable Leader of the Opposition will make himself intelligible to his.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Fort Rouge.

MRS. TRUEMAN: Mr. Speaker, . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Order.

MRS. TRUEMAN: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Honourable Minister of Health and Social Development. Is the system of classifying social assistance recipients into employable and unemployable categories being revised?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Health.

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Speaker, this question was asked of the Premier of the province about a week ago and I think his answer was quite clear.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Arthur.

MR. WATT: Mr. Speaker, I have a question, not supplementary, but relating to the question posed by the Member for Rock Lake in regard to the Veterinary Services at Cypress. My question is to the Minister, Mr. Speaker. Was it the decision of the Veterinary Services Commission to construct the Central Veterinary Services Clinic at the University of Manitoba?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Agriculture.

MR. USKIW: No, that was a government decision, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Sturgeon Creek.

MR. J. FRANK JOHNSTON (Sturgeon Creek): Thank you Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Education and I would first like to thank him for his answer that he gave me this morning on a previous question I had asked him. I would like to ask the Minister though, if the government, or his department, intends to make representation to the Federal Government on a Private Member's Bill in the Federal House at the present time which would change the Broadcasting Act, allowing the schools to use the CBC programs without paying royalties, the same as the Manitoba Teachers Association, the Manitoba - the Winnipeg School Board and the Manitoba --(Interjection)-- thank you -- School Trustees Association have made representation supporting this bill?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Education.

MR. HANUSCHAK: Yes, I would wish to peruse the Private Member's Bill closely, the one that the honourable member referred to, prior to answering that question.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Emerson.

MR. GIRARD: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct this question to the Minister of Education and ask him if the certificate that will be allocated to IMPACTE students who are in that teacher training program, will be the same certificate as allocated to other teachers in Manitoba?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Education.

MR. HANUSCHAK: If the course of teacher training is that offered to other students, then certainly they would be entitled to the same certificate?

MR. GIRARD: A supplementary question Mr. Speaker, does the Minister know, or does he not know, whether it is the same kind of course as is offered to other training institutions?

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MR. HANUSCHAK: Mr. Speaker, certainly during the first few months, or during the initial stages of the teacher training program, it no doubt would differ from that offered to the student who graduates from high school and continues on to university by reason of the fact that these students may have need for a certain basic training, but the end result of course would be the same, and not only would be the same, but, Mr. Speaker, thereby we would have teachers better trained, better prepared and equipped, to provide a more meaningful education program in the communities of northern Manitoba and in other areas wherein we have a native population.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Mines and Resources.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I took as notice a question asked by the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition. Usually questions taken as notice are not answered until the next day or later, but in view of the length of the question period, Mr. Speaker, it's possible to answer a question taken as notice on the same question period as it was taken. The present agreement with Abitibi expires in June of 1975, that is my present information.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. McKENZIE: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Education. Will there be any expansion of the two grants the \$18.00 per student general grant and the \$12.00 per student textbook grant to the school division?

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The Honourable Minister of Education.

MR. HANUSCHAK: Mr. Speaker, I missed the first grant that the honourable member referred to.

MR. McKENZIE: Mr. Speaker, the \$18.00 per student general grant was the first one, and the \$12.00 per student textbook grant. Will there be any extension of those grants to the school divisions this year?

MR. HANUSCHAK: It's a matter of policy Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. JAMES WALDING (St. Vital): I have a question for the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources. Does the Manitoba Development Corporation have any claim under the receivership action against Cambridge Publishers?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Mines and Resources.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I'll have to take that question as notice.

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

MR. URUSKI: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll re-ask my question since there was a lot of hullabaloo after the first time I -- to the First Minister. I would like him to indicate whether or not the costs on the Lake Winnipeg Regulation have increased as per the rumours that have been floating around?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, as to whether or not the costs have increased relative to -- sort of in accordance with the rumours that have been brought forward relative to the alleged cost increase, the answer is no; there has not been any increase in cost anywhere near the amount of increase alleged by, for example, the Member for Riel yesterday.

The information that has been given me by Manitoba Hydro is that the Lake Winnipeg control works initially estimated in the order of 56, I believe, \$56 million, is now estimated to cost in the order of 65, and the power plant which was initially estimated to be in the order of 100-110 million dollars will be in the order of 120 or 125, so that the project is coming in perhaps in the order of a 10 or 15 percent increase, but it is absolutely ludicrous, absolutely ridiculous, to suggest anything in the order of 70 percent or whatever.

There is, Mr. Speaker, let it be clear, the construction of a power plant of about 150 megawatts capacity at Jenpeg and this power plant, the cost of it has to be looked at in the, in relationship to the costs of building power plants these days, the last ten years, etc.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Osborne.

MR. TURNBULL: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Attorney-General. As there is no legal purpose served by printing the divorces that are declared Absolute, would the Attorney-General undertake to ask the Registrar of Divorces to ask the newspapers not to publish this information as some divorcees are being plagued by nuisance calls that verge on and sometimes are obscene?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Attorney-General.

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HON. A. H. MACKLING, Q. C. (Attorney-General) (St. James): The answer is no.

MR. TURNBULL: Does the Attorney-General not consider that this information which comes from the Registrar of Divorces, even though he may be a federal officer, is not really in the public interest?

MR. MACKLING: I think that, Mr. Speaker, in answer to that, all of the deliberations that are made in open court, in open public court, as a matter of public record and if the news media considers that that is in the interest of the public to be informed, that is their privilege and the Crown will not interfere with it.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Education.

MR. HANUSCHAK: Mr. Speaker, I now have further information with respect to the question put to me by the Honourable Member for Sturgeon Creek, and I believe that if the honourable member had been carefully listening to my reply to his question put to me some days ago, then there would have been no need to put the subsequent question to me. However I think, Mr. Speaker, it does indicate how much behind the times he and his party are because this bill speaks of educational material produced or leased by the CBC to the firm that is in this business and I had indicated that that material had since been recovered from the firm that's been attempting to collect royalty costs.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

MR. SHERMAN: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Health and Social Development. Can the Minister advise the House what completion date the government is shooting for in its study of the costs of dental care for families with children, and of drugs for the chronically ill; what kind of target date for completion is contemplated?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Health.

MR. TOUPIN: As soon as a complete report is possible for presentation to my colleagues in Cabinet.

MR. SHERMAN: Is the study underway at the present time?

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Speaker, part of the study is under way.

MR. SHERMAN: Will the Minister undertake to table the terms of reference for that study?

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Speaker, this for the time being is an internal study; whether this is to be tabled before colleagues in the House is a decision of my colleagues in Cabinet and I.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources, and comes as a result of the answer to the question earlier in connection with Abitibi. I wonder if he can confirm to the Legislature that the government is in renegotiation with Abitibi for the contract which expires in 1975?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Mines.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker I believe I answered that identical question put by the identical person, approximately a week ago.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, I think the answer would show that the question that was put . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Questions please - no debate

MR. SPIVAK: I pose the question again to the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources. In view of the date that has been indicated to the House of June of 1975, I asked him whether the government is now in the process of renegotiating the contracts for provincial cutting rights with Abitibi, or are there new negotiations with Abitibi for additional cutting rights?

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I find it very difficult to answer that question and not mislead. There are existing negotiations with Abitibi with regard to their future position in Manitoba. I do not believe anything is being negotiated which would unilaterally affect their rights to 1975. In the total negotiations, as often occurs, the people decide to amend existing programs as well, but that is not anything which is required by virtue of the negotiations that are carried on, it's my understanding.

MR. SPIVAK: A supplementary question. I wonder if the Minister will confirm that the government is asking for equity with Abitibi as part of the negotiations that are taking place?

MR. GREEN: I surely answered that identical question put by the identical member last

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(MR. GREEN cont'd.) week, when I said the government is --(Interjection)-- my honourable leader says, at the identical hour -- I don't think that they carried us this far last time, but they did carry us quite a ways, that the government is negotiating with Abitibi.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Emerson.

MR. GIRARD: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have a last question for the Minister of Education. I wonder if he would undertake to consider the matter and make a statement on the exemption regulations clarifying exactly what the exemption regulation will be for this coming June because I feel that the students and teachers of St. Norbert and many other areas will be confused on that matter.

MR. HANUSCHAK: Mr. Speaker, if the honourable member is - and on this I am not sure this year - but if he is still a school principal in the school division where he is employed, if he checks with his Superintendent he will find that a very detailed explanatory memorandum went out last fall, very early last fall, September, over the signature of my Deputy Minister, explaining with great precision the regulations governing the closing of schools at year end, and I would recommend it to him for his reading.

MR. GIRARD: This is a supplementary. Would the Minister have the generosity of giving me a copy?

MR. HANUSCHAK: With pleasure, Mr. Speaker, and to anyone else who wishes it.

MR. SPEAKER: Orders of the Day; Address for Papers.

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, I would request that we have the matter transferred for debate when the next occasion arises.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The procedure is that the motion should be presented; if it's accepted there is no debate: if it's not accepted then it may be debated. The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition, that an humble address be voted to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying for copies of all correspondence and contractual agreements among the Manitoba Government, the Manitoba Hog Marketing Board, Burns Food Limited, related to the sale of pork to Japan.

MOTION presented.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Agriculture.

MR. USKIW: Mr. Speaker, I think I shall refuse that request. I thought the member was going to revise the motion.

MR. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, in that event then I suppose our rules call for that, I do now ask for the transfer of the matter until the next occasion then.

MR. SPEAKER: Very well. So ordered. Orders for Return.

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

MR. G. JOHNSTON: I move, seconded by the Member for Assiniboia.

THAT an Order of the House do issue for a return showing:

1. The total number of permanent civil servants, temporary employees and contract staff working for the planning and research branch of the Department of Education as at January 31, 1973, with a breakdown as to the number in each of the above categories.
2. The total of salaries, fees and consulting contracts paid out during the month of January, 1973 to persons working for this branch, with a breakdown as to each of the categories aforementioned in 1. above.
3. The total amount of expense accounts authorized and paid to persons working for this branch during the month of January, 1973.
4. A breakdown as to the total amount in expense accounts paid out during the month of January, 1973 for taxi fares, meal costs and entertainment expenses.
5. Whether receipts or vouchers must be rendered by those working for the branch in submitting their expense accounts and the name of the person who is responsible for authorizing payment of such accounts.

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MOTION presented.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Mines.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, subject to the voluminous amount of information and the time that it will take to compile the Order satisfactorily, it will be accepted.

MR. SPEAKER: Agreed? So ordered. Order for Return by the Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Portage.

THAT an Order of the House do issue for a return showing the following:

1. The amount of revenue produced by Phoenix Data since it began operation as a Crown Corporation.
2. The total amount of operating costs during this period.
3. The amount of revenue accrued from services provided by Phoenix to government departments and the amount of revenue produced by non-government business.
4. The number of persons currently employed by Phoenix Data and the monthly payroll.
5. A detailed accounting of the services currently being provided by Phoenix Data for government operations and a list of private companies currently purchasing the services of Phoenix Data.

MOTION presented.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Mines.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the honourable member is going to insist on a list of private companies currently purchasing the services of Phoenix Data. The number of private companies, if that is the understanding, Mr. Speaker, that is satisfactory; I don't know why internally we have to tell how other people are doing business. If the honourable member says that the Order is now changed to "and the number of private companies currently purchasing the services of Phoenix Data" that will be accepted.

MR. SPEAKER: Agreed? (Agreed) So ordered. The Honourable House Leader.

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MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I would move, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture that

WHEREAS the Report of the Special Committee on the Rules of the House was considered in the Committee of the Whole House and reported without amendment on Thursday, March 8, 1973 -- Excuse me, I wonder if the other members have a copy.

THEREFORE, pursuant to the Report of the Committee, the following amendments to the Rules, Orders and Forms of Proceeding of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba be approved and concurred in:

(a) Rule 65 to read as follows -- and Mr. Speaker, I'm hoping that members will not require me to read the rule as listed on the written form -- to be shown in full in Hansard. Is that agreeable to all honourable members or -- I don't mind reading it.

65. (1) Not more than ninety hours shall be allotted to the business of Supply on Estimates, including Main, Supplementary, Interim and Capital in each session.

(2) At the end of ninety hours in Supply, unless the debate has been previously concluded, the Chairman shall interrupt the proceedings and forthwith put every question necessary to dispose of the remaining resolutions.

(3) The Clerk shall indicate daily on the Order Paper the number of hours spent in Supply to date.

(4) Speeches in Committee of Supply, including those of the Ministers, shall be restricted to thirty minutes.

(5) When departmental estimates are being presented by a Minister in Committee of Supply, such officials of the department as are required by the Minister may be admitted to the Legislative Chamber, and shall be permitted to sit at a table placed on the floor of the House in front of the Minister after the first item (Minister's Salary) is passed.

(6) While in the Committee of Supply, the Minister presenting his Estimates shall be permitted to speak from a place in the first row of benches.

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(7) In moving a motion of concurrence in the Resolutions reported from Committee of Supply, there shall be only one motion for each Government Department dealing with the total amount of the Estimates of that Department.

(8) The motion of concurrence in the Estimates of a Government Department shall be debatable, but shall not be subject to amendment.

(b) Rule 88 (4) to read as follows:

(4) A Bill reported from a Committee of the Whole House shall be received and forthwith disposed of, without amendment.

MOTION presented.

MR. SPEAKER: The resolution as read. Are you ready for the question? The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. FROESE: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Member for Assiniboia. that debate be adjourned.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable House Leader.

MR. GREEN: Just on a point of order before this is taken to a vote if necessary. We would like to operate under the new rules. If the member is forcing a postponement of the new rules it will be very difficult for the Estimates to continue in accordance with what has been generally requested as a total change, and I would urge the honourable member to reconsider his motion for adjournment or we will have to -- can it not be debated now or perhaps it'll have to be voted upon.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. FROESE: Well, Mr. Speaker, I will then make a few comments and let the motion go. I had figured on checking through the journals of past years in connection with certain statements that were made because I was rather confused yesterday of certain things, and when I made the motion in committee that Rule 70 be amended, in my opinion in past years we did bring in additional amendments regarding different rules. I recall the one here when we discussed the report that the First Minister and the Member from Morris brought in a matter of the federal rules; rules of the House of Commons were injected into the debate and. . .

MR. SPEAKER: Will the Honourable Member for Morris state his matter of privilege?

MR. JORGENSON: The Member for Rhineland is saying that the First Minister and the Member for Morris brought in those rules. I did no such thing. The record will show that I opposed the introduction of that particular rule.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. FROESE: Thank you. I stand corrected then; I will accept his statement. I just know that the matter of the federal rules were brought in; this is why I wanted to delay the resolution before us so that I would have time to check on this very matter when I did make a statement so that they would be correct, and I felt that yesterday's ruling was indeed not in keeping with past practices; therefore this was my reason for trying to delay the debate on the particular report or resolution before us on concurrence. I do not object to what is contained in the report here, in fact I concur in it, but I feel that there are too many things omitted, too many changes that should have been brought in are not brought in. This is the sore point I have with the report. I feel there are a good number of things that should have been reported on, changes that should have been considered, which are not in the report. I fully support the proposal that we are concurring at the moment.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Labour.

HON. RUSSELL PAULLEY (Minister of Labour and Railway Commissioner of Manitoba) (Transcona): Mr. Speaker, I just rise to place on the record a certain practice of life for the benefit of my honourable friend, the Member for Rhineland. Point No. 1, Mr. Speaker, is that there's nothing to debar the honourable member from attending any of the meetings of the Special Committee on the Rules; it was established last session, it may be again this session, and has been adopted for the last two or three years, to consider the rules of the House. And also there's nothing to prevent, in addition to the attendance of my honourable friend from Rhineland, to making suggestions to the committee of possible changes, and I know that some honourable members who haven't been named members of the committee have attended and made suggestions, and the committee in its deliberations of the rules have on a few occasions that I am aware of, taken into consideration suggestions from members of the House who were not members of the committee. Also, I think it should be stated for the

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(MR. PAULLEY cont'd) purpose of the record, Mr. Speaker, on this occasion, once again that there's nothing to preclude the Honourable Member for Rhineland by a substantive motion to bringing in for the consideration of the House any desired rule change, and so I just want that clearly understood. Mr. Speaker, that the member is not debarred from taking action and he was not debarred from the committee. I understand he was notified on each and every occasion that the committee was meeting.

MOTION carried.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Labour.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources, 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.

MOTION presented and carried. (Honourable Member for Logan in the Chair.)

SUPPLY-MINES AND RESOURCES

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 82(a)(1). The Honourable Member for Flin Flon.

MR. THOMAS BARROW (Flin Flon): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would hope the Member from Lakeside would make an appearance here because I have some nice things to say about him.

Mr. Chairman, I think it's a very big honour for me to stand here today representing the silent majority. As my friend Egon Frech has told me, lampoon this, that I would make a good Minister of the silent majority, and I'll accept that and I'll forgive him for it.

I'd like to say a few statements about the press. It was hard for me. I'd like to compliment Mrs. Billinkoff; her column makes the paper worth ten cents otherwise I'd throw it out. --(Interjections)-- It's worth a dime.

I want to talk about a lot of things in this short time and I'll talk under different parts of the Estimates. I'd like to talk about a watch system and the Minister of Mines I want him to hear this who introduced a labour relationship with the men where they're timed. Every man who would have a stop watch on on him in my plant is very bitter, but if they're going to have this system I'd suggest they follow it up to the top; and I've broken down the salary of the top man at \$50.00 an hour, just as hypothetical but if he goes to the bathroom and spends 15 minutes it cost \$12.50. The same thing seems to apply to in relation.

I was going to talk about the ore expectancy. It's very important to me. The corporation will never declare the true reserves of ore. Of course I've spoken before and I'll just speak briefly. I don't think we're too worried about it now since the Kierans report comes out; they have nothing to worry about it because in ten years they will have nothing to say about it.

I want to reply to the Member from Crescentwood, my colleague. I appreciate his honesty and his frankness- I like that - although I don't agree with all parts of his speech, but I'll get to that later. I want to say, you know, I really an honoured, because I'm a man from the other side of the tracks. We did have a certain amount of prestige; our outhouse had a door on it. I say that since my colleague isn't here in the front seat, pretty expensive, those outhouses.

The Member from Fort Rouge, she came out quite clear; I didn't say much. It's true; I didn't say much, but I've been listening for three years and her feeble bleatings from that side of the House didn't impress me too much. And I'm here in terror. You know, I'm afraid of the Minister of Mines, you say. I'm really afraid of him. I haven't asked him if I could speak today - can I speak, Sid? How ridiculous, you know, how ridiculous can you get? He might be a hurricane to you guys but to us backbenchers he's nothing but a mild breeze. The comparison I think is obvious. Nevertheless I'm happy he's sitting where he is.

But what I want to talk about, and it's very important to me - I feel quite deeply about it - is pollution. Pollution, and I refer to my own constituency, there's a small lake, it's a beautiful little lake; it's right in the centre of the town full of pollutants from the mine; cyanide poison, they dump it in there. kill the frogs, the fishes, everything. It's working its way down Schist Lake Creek into Schist Lake. poisoning that lake, into Athapap, it poisoned that lake, and there's nothing been done about it. Nothing. I'm -- (Interjection)-- We'll get to you later Harry. Just be patient, my boy, just be patient. We'll get to you. Just sit there.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order please. The honourable member will refer to other honourable members in this House by their constituency.

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MR. BARROW: They've been poisoned . . . many years by a profit hungry corporation and ignored by former governments who obviously have received ripoffs to turn a blind eye to the problem.

A MEMBER: You're right on there.

MR. BARROW: Thank you. I'd like to refer to this book, Mr. Chairman, and quote a few paragraphs. Mr. Chairman, I am going to tell you a caucus secret. We have agreed in caucus that the Member from Charleswood is a wit and for the first time we're only half right. --(Interjection)-- You say, be subtle? Where was I before I was so rudely interrupted? --(Interjection)-- Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah, the pollution - that's right. --(Interjection)-- Pardon me? This book, Mr. Chairman, it's a good book, Death of a Child, and was written by a Russian, Pasti . . . what's that name?

A MEMBER: He can't read either.

MR. BARROW: And he presents in dramatic fashion this tragedy that's stalking every American because of the effects of our waterways through sewage and industrial waste - by Justice William Poe Douglas, Supreme Court of the United States. Here's what he says about the book. "One of the most important books you will ever read. It will probably give you sleepless nights and trouble-filled days. If its message is received by enough people it might also save your life. The pollution of our waters through sewage and industrial wastes can very well lead to the extinction of the human race. The author pounds out a scathing indication and does it in such a way that once begun you won't set this book aside until you've read the last line."

In this book, I'll give you a little background, I'm going to quote from it, Mr. Chairman, I hope you have patience with me -- it concerns a little boy, two little boys in a small town in the States living by the side of a river, and this river was polluted by companies, corporations, the whole bit, but in the town was a small factory that manufactured DDT and this gentleman to save time dumped 600 lbs. of cyanide in the river because it was raining and the overflow he thought it was a good idea. The boys had been warned not to play near the river but you know what boys are, eleven years old; they play anyway and it was a hot day. They took off their pants and they had their bathing suits and they went swimming and inhaled of the water. And he died and his mother was bitter. She was vicious. So she thought she'd sue the corporation.

The charge was murder, and here's what happened: "Andy died two months ago. No person murdered him. No disease killed him. No dog bit him," Jessie told me after the funeral. "He came home that afternoon still laughing, said he had gone fishing and swimming, catching turtles and a few animals and birds in the woods by the banks of the river. That same night he was in convulsions. We drove him to hospital. They fought but he died within 24 hours. Every bit of modern knowledge could not help him. They were all stumped because no one could tell us what it was that he died of. After a few weeks of hard work the D.A., making this case a private war, two doctors from the hospital and one local science professor think they've pinned down the blame on a chemical company, charging the General Manager, a Mr. Ronald Cogan, with manslaughter."

Paul knew this chemical company to be owned as a subsidiary of a national enormous company, namely American Chemical Association, or ACA. They have money, power; they employ over 100,000 people, pay millions in taxes, have press agents, lobbyists, PR men, law firms, and a wide assortment of junior and senior executives flanked by a small army of chairmen, directors, major and minor stockholders. Together these general giant octopi, each of them playing the role of a private parasitic suction cup.

This trial had all the appearance of a quixotic mission or a David and Goliath fight. The little people against the big people. Ordeals smashing with typical Hollywood theme of goods guys versus bad guys? What disturbed Paul was not the idea of the fight to come but what of the future man?

This is the start of the trial, gentlemen, and then we'll go on and quote from this page - it's quite interesting. This lawyer's working alone against the corporation and he says, PGs working in immaculate suits pouring this deadly junk and poison into rivers, into the air they themselves drink and breathe. They can't tell me they don't know. I'm beginning to feel they belong to the lowest level of the human species. They hold the key to our future, to our lives today or tomorrow, they hold all that knowledge in their heads, the average guy in

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(MR. BARROW cont'd) the street trusts - yes trusts - this professive looking bunch of irresponsible bastards telling you I'm a scientist. I discover the secrets of nature, it is none of my business how it is used. Maybe that's just why we're in trouble. The people on top refuse to shoulder the responsibility demanded by their positions. I say they are criminals. all of them. a bunch of stupid peacocks. preening around and showing off their fat salaries while they spend most of their time, most of their intellect, most of their education building instruments of war or fouling our lives up with deadly products, dammit, dammit, if they don't start yelling who else can. Another part of the trial, gentlemen, and this is more interesting to you, I have no wish to bore you . . .

A MEMBER: It's not boring.

MR. BARROW: Not boring, thank you . . . And he's going on, what makes a criminal, and he describes it quite well. But is a man labelled a criminal only when he commits what we call a direct crime or an indirect one for that matter? You can drive in the city at 35 miles per hour in a 30 mile zone and you will be handed a ticket and accused of a criminal offence, but if you set up a chemical factory and dump even cyanide into a river. kill wild-life, fish, life, vegetation and maybe people, you can't even hand him a one dollar parking fine.

Another part of the trial, gentlemen, and this affects everyone I think. Maybe your child or yours, his, hers, may want to play along the river. Who should be missed ladies and gentlemen, a little girl or maybe even yourselves. You must find this man guilty of manslaughter. You must prove to all that it is a crime to endanger the lives of others no matter how you endanger it. Let him go free and he will continue his deadly work, all the red and black 200 industries, 29 communities, 10 million people, 3 million cars, they will all keep pouring poisons in the water, in the air, until most of us end up dying like this child, speechless, sweating, shivering in an oxygen tent somewhere in some hospital room. All I can add is if he is not found guilty tomorrow may be your turn to suffer the death of that innocent child."

There's lot more. Mr. Chairman, but I think I've proved my point of what happens. What intrigued me is these gentlemen with the \$300 suits, the . . . , nice people; they belong to lodges, they belong to the curling clubs, they donate -- they'll give your kid an apple on Halloween on one hand and on the other hand they'll--(Interjection)-- Right. The same situation exists in Flin Flon, Mr. Speaker.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please. The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. FROESE: Would the honourable member permit a question? I would like to know what report he was reading from.

MR. BARROW: I'll answer the question later, Mr. Froese. Honourable Member for Rhineland. My etiquette is not of the best. The same situation exists in Flin Flon, Mr. Speaker. These gentlemen have poured poisons into Ross Lake, destroyed all water life, bugs, frogs, what have you, fish, no compassions whatsoever, and they have been fortunate, Mr. Chairman, the damage has not been greater. They've only succeeded in breaking all the laws of nature and destroyed miles of beautiful waterways and it hasn't bothered them a little bit. But the same thing could happen here that happened in this book. And how would you class these gentlemen? The Member from Minnedosa, honourable gentlemen. Well if they're honourable gentlemen I'm glad I'm not.

I'm calling on my colleague the Honourable Minister of Mines to solve this problem quickly as he solved the problem of safety. Safety in mines. Listen to this Harry it's for you, The former Minister of Mines had every opportunity to introduce safety in the mining area and he fluffed it .--(Interjection)-- The Member for Lakeside.

A MEMBER: No!

MR. BARROW: Sure he did. When he was approached by labour, my people, he stated, and I'll quote; "I'm not interested in safety, I'm concerned about production." That's what he said.

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

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside on a point of privilege.

MR. ENNS: The Honourable Member from Flin Flon to whom I listened to with some interest, has on several occasions deliberately and willfully attributed statements to me for which he has absolutely no proof statements that have never been made in that context and

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(MR. ENNS cont'd). . . . I would ask him before he further brings deliberate distortions and lies into the public record that he indicate to the House and to me on what basis he reads this kind of distortion into the record. Either I would assume that he has something that he can refer to that I have said publicly in the record of the Hansard of this House or that he has some transcript, some verbatim transcript at a public meeting that I said this, but such an obvious ploy on the part of the Member from Barrow is really not doing him any credit and I'm certainly not concerned about it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I think the point is well taken. The Honourable Member for Flin Flon.

MR. BARROW: Mr. Chairman, I have seven representatives of labour who will appear and swear on a Bible that high that you said this. And I could get 20 more. . .

MR. ENNS: That's fine. Mr. Chairman, my only question, that he brings in those seven members of labour and the stack of Bibles and make them swear that high as to that attestation.

MR. BARROW: Mr. Speaker, during my career, and it hasn't been an easy one, I spent 18 years in the coal mines, the coal fields of Springhill, Nova Scotia, and those mines were infested with rats and those rats had more courage, more guts, more principle than the Honourable Member from Lakeside. --(Interjection)--I'm not finished yet Harry.

A MEMBER: There certainly is a point beyond which . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please. I would ask the honourable member to withdraw that remark please.

MR. BARROW: You'll get your chance later of putting . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please. I would ask the honourable member to withdraw that remark.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Chairman, I certainly think that the remarks should be withdrawn, but when we talk limits I would ask the honourable member to examine their limits in terms of what the Member for Birtle-Russell said about members of this side of the House with regard to their respective war veterans. I agree that the remark goes beyond the bounds of parliamentary privilege and I would urge the honourable member to use language which is more acceptable. But when we talk about limits I would ask honourable members to read the remarks that were made by the Member for Birtle-Russell.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Flin Flon .

MR. BARROW: Mr. Chairman, I will withdraw the remark but I won't withdraw the meaning. Well let me put it another way -- I'll withdraw it, Mr. Chairman. I'll sum it up in one brief sentence. My people, union people agree unanimously that the former Labour Minister, or Minister of Mines and Natural Resources proved to be as useless as tits on a bull.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please.

MR. BARROW: Mr. Chairman, I am going to give you a little quotation here and it applies today and I'll finish up this brief speech. Like the Member from Ste. Rose says I don't talk very much. And it says this: "By degrees it has come to pass that working men have been surrendered, isolated and helpless to the hardheartedness of employers and the greed of unchecked competition. Some opportune remedy must be found quickly for the misery and wretchedness pressing so unjustly for the majority of the working class." Who quoted this, Mr. Chairman? Was it quoted this year, last year? No. Pope Leo XIII in 1891 and things haven't changed much since. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Pembina.

MR. GEORGE HENDERSON (Pembina): Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I'm glad to see that the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources is going ahead with the flooding of Southern Indian Lake. Naturally I'm very disappointed that he's not doing it a higher level. I had the opportunity of being down in the States this winter and I went through the Hoover Dam site which I presume he's familiar with and after he went through there you could go in and see a film and I believe they had quite a bit of controversy at that time, but the fishing and mining and other things improved after the flooding of the area and I feel that many people that are so concerned about the environment and ecology are just looking at it from one side and are thinking that there could be no benefits and I think they're overemphasizing this. Professors

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(MR. HENDERSON cont'd). . . . in particular seem to come out so strong against it but these very same professors have no intention of doing without hydro or gasoline or electric heat and light and all these other things, so I just wonder how people can expect to have it both ways.

And when you're talking about the ecology and the Member from Flin Flon was talking about pollution, I think it's agreed amongst all people that there isn't a cleaner way of getting power than by water, by water which is a natural resource. This is why I'm puzzled as to why we aren't going higher. I haven't been able to see through it and I have a feeling that they're making a terrible mistake, but it's probably gone to the stage where we can't retract and I suppose there isn't too much use complaining about it any more except I'll always feel that the people of Manitoba are being cheated in this respect.

As to the Leader of the Liberal Party and some of his remarks, I've heard him mentioning again and again now this last few days about selling power to the United States. What's wrong with selling power? What is wrong with selling power I'd like to ask the Leader of the Liberal Party. I think it's darn good business and I'm just disappointed that we hadn't gone ahead with this here diversion long ago and were selling lots of power so as we could do things that you want to do in the province and reduce taxes and other things that you have. And he talked about studies and I'm just shocked to see the number of studies that was presented up until that time that he doesn't seem to be aware of. I know there comes a point when you have to separate the economics of the thing out from the economic point of view and from the environment point of view but I still think the wrong decision is being made when you are regulating Lake Winnipeg to help for hydro purposes. Now maybe the regulation of Winnipeg can be justified on recreation benefits or possibly on wildlife although it might be just as damaging on them but when you think of the money that's being spent, and this morning we were told it's less than what was quoted before but it went up 15 percent in a year, and I can't see that you can sell enough power off the regulating of Lake Winnipeg to make the interest on the debt. And I wondering, and I wish the Minister would answer this sometime, if the regulation of Lake Winnipeg, the total cost in connection with this is charged against Hydro only, which means that the people of Manitoba, the rural people of Manitoba, because Winnipeg has its own Hydro system - are really going to be paying for the regulation of Lake Winnipeg when it probably may turn out to be more for tourist or recreation benefit.

And another point that I'd like to make is when they were talking about it, the Premier said that one foot on Lake Winnipeg was as effective as so many feet on Southern Indian Lake. Now it sounded like a very effective statement at the time but it's one of those that's misleading to my opinion, because when you work on Southern Indian Lake you're putting up a dam which is diverting water, which is a continual flow and an additional amount that will go one way, which is just -- it's a complete addition and it's something that was going another way, and so I don't see why he talks about what one foot on Lake Winnipeg meant according to Southern Indian Lake, because I can't see that the regulating of Lake Winnipeg is adding any water. Now nobody can argue that it's adding water. It can't be argued on that basis. But when you talk about Southern Indian Lake you are talking about the principle of damming and diverting water which is a different thing, which means a lot of water can keep coming, and it keeps coming all the time. It isn't like in Lake Winnipeg where it runs out.

Another thing I would like to bring up to the Minister is whatever became of all the PFRA programs that we used to have years ago. We used to have the stock watering dams for livestock and dugouts and this was a very good program for people in the livestock business and for western people in general. It was one of the better programs I think that's come out, and I haven't seen any stock watering dams going in in this last while. I don't know whether the agreements have been renewed, and this is a good program, and I have to think of the McEachern Dam in particular, this is just east of Carman, where they have been working on a project since 1968 -- it seemed to have pretty high priority even at that time -- and I've been in several times with the Development Corporation and I don't know how many others, people from the different councils, and we always get a real good hearing, but we don't get no action. Now I find out it's gone on down to Ottawa now, but my gosh how long does it take to get something done that really means something to farm people? You know, you're so concerned with being the Minister of Mines, and I'm referring to your head, that

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(MR. HENDERSON cont'd). . . . you seem to lose out on some of the things that are affecting the ordinary people and their way of making a living.

And another spot in my constituency that I think the people are in the right, is where we have what you call the area of Lizard Lake. Everybody practically in that area signed a petition wanting a control structure put in on that area. I'm talking about a control structure because the way it's been, there's been some people closing off where there's a runway, and some have been digging it out, and the truth of it is that if there would be a control structure put in there the water could be held back in the spring at the time when the heavy flow is on and when it's flooding land and then the control structure could let this water go later on and it would run in the river bottom and wouldn't be causing flooding and damage; and this way there would be literally thousands and thousands of tons of hay and acres and acres of pasture that could be used which by holding the water back on it the way it has been they haven't been able to get on it for years, and these people are just losing an awful lot of money. And really what this would take would really be a good control bridge with regulation on -- properly regulated as to who would open the structures --(Interjection)-- Pardon?

MR. GREEN: Would the member repeat the name of the lake?

MR. HENDERSON: This is on Lizard Lake.

MR. GREEN: Lizard Lake?

MR. HENDERSON: Yes. And of course we've been talking about the Pembina Dam, and I understand there's something going on again. I only hope that our department would take the initiative and not be always waiting for the States to do something, and it just seems as if they show so little concern that it's just one way of completely avoiding the issue.

In his earlier remarks he talked about corridors to Crown Corporations and hunting and I have to agree with him on this. I don't believe that anybody should be able to stop anybody from hunting on Crown lands, but I think I have to say that I disagree very strongly with the people having hunting rights on private land unless they are leased by the private owner, because I think if you own your place you surely can run your own place and be your own boss. Now I don't say that you should be able to stop people from using Crown lands behind, that you shouldn't have a corridor, but as to, shall we say, ever thinking of going any further than that, I certainly think that's wrong, because these people that love all the ducks and the geese and that, it's too darn bad that they didn't have some of their crops in the surrounding area eaten up and be at a loss and have fellows that are shooting, driving across their swaths and so on.

I think possibly that your department is very large. I know you are a very efficient Minister and very capable. I don't want to downgrade you on your ability by any means, it's the way your thinking goes in a lot of ways I certainly have to differ with, but it really seems to me that you're so concerned with having government Crown corporations and other Crown corporations; you've been fighting in Unicity and you've been involved in Economical Development, and here's another release here where it says, "Mr. Schreyer said that transferring responsibility for the Manitoba Development Corporation Act and the associated Community Economic Development Fund Act from Industry and Commerce, Mr. Len Evans to Mr. Green, will effectively place reporting for all Crown Corporations under one Minister. Mr. Green already has responsibilities for enterprises established under the Manitoba Natural Resources Development Act." Now I know how active you are, not only in this but I know you are right up on the top in the whole works-- you and a few others are the king pins over on that side and there's no doubt about it --but I actually feel that as a Minister regarding the rural areas, that you're putting too much emphasis on the other and forgetting about them. Thank you.

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MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Rock Lake.

MR. EINARSON: Well, Mr. Chairman, first of all I'd like to congratulate the Minister for being reinstated in the front benches to the government. I didn't think that he would remain out very long but as some have said he is a very astute politician and when he weathered the storm on the last session and saw fit to come back into the ranks of the Cabinet, it appeared to me that it was the kind of political motivation that I suppose, if I were in his shoes and that same situation was confronted with me, I would probably do the same thing.

A MEMBER: Never.

MR. EINARSON: However, I do want to say, Mr. Chairman, that the Department of Mines and Resources is a department that is very important to the people of the Province of Manitoba and there has been much discussion in regards to Crown Corporations, as my colleague has just mentioned here. The concern, and I think I'll deal with this first, is the Kierans Report and as it affects the mining industry and as I asked the Minister a question the other day, as far as the mineral rights that are owned by farmers in the province, whether they would not be affected as the policy that it appears to be, namely the repatriation of the mining industry within ten years. And this is an area that I was very concerned about, and I can't help but feel, Mr. Chairman, the key word as we discuss many matters pertaining to this government, I cannot help but feel that that key word is "takeover".

A MEMBER: Takeover it is.

MR. EINARSON: Takeover of a good deal of the rights that should be left in the hands of individuals, citizens of this province, decisions made by people rather than the state making decisions for them. I fully realize, Mr. Chairman, that governments do have to take responsibility in certain areas but it concerns me very very much as to the road that this government is following insofar as the economics of our province is concerned.

Now, Mr. Chairman, to get to some of the basic problems that I find in my area of the Province of Manitoba, namely, the lakes that we have in our area. Rock Lake is one of them that is I think known to a lot of people in Manitoba because we have facilities there, both private and public, whereby people from say the City of Winnipeg and other areas, can go out on weekends and enjoy themselves, get away from that hustle and bustle of the city life and I know that as the Minister indicated when I asked a question about Rock Lake, he referred to the Minister of Tourism and Recreation and the effect that I got from that was that he is now becoming more responsible for what is happening at such places as Rock Lake and Pelican Lake. And I want to say, Mr. Chairman, that I recall when we were on that side of the House I represented the area where Pelican Lake is situated and at that time it was back in '68, '67, '68, the Pembina River did not flow into Pelican Lake. We made some changes there that was no great cost to the taxpayers of this province, whereby the flow of the Pembina River was diverted back into Pelican Lake. I want to say, Mr. Chairman, that as soon as this government took office one of the first things the Minister did was to well that river shed, stop the water from flowing into Pelican Lake which I think was a very grave error. I don't know why he did it, Mr. Chairman; I have some ideas but no proof. Well it's been suggested to me, Mr. Chairman, that one or two citizens from the City of Winnipeg seemed to have greater influence on the Minister than the regards for the people of the entire community out at Ninette - - (Interjections) - - You know I have never been able to really find out, but this is what I'm - the information that I have.

There's another area Mr. Chairman I think that is important, and here I want to make a suggestion to the Minister, and here I want to make a suggestion to the Minister, and he has received applications to this effect, in regards to the damage done by wildlife on crops for farmers. I think that probably the Act could be amended or the regulation part could be changed, and when we talk about damage of crops by wildlife such as ducks and what have you, there is another area, another problem, that farmers have had this past year and that is the damage of sunflower crops by blackbirds, and I think that the Minister, if I may suggest to him, that that regulation could be very simply changed by adding the blackbirds into the list of birds, migratory birds that damage crops; and I think this would facilitate the assistance to those farmers who have had losses in that category.

There's another area, Mr. Chairman, that falls under the purview, I think, of the Minister, while he does say that this is federal jurisdiction, and that is - - and I want to say that I

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(MR. EINARSON cont'd) think this is an issue that is far more important probably than he realizes because he's responsible for the management of wildlife throughout the province -- it relates to the night lighting of our wildlife, and I'm informed by Mr. Chretien, who is the Minister responsible in Ottawa, that if anyone is found night lighting on private property or lands other than Crown lands, they can be dealt with by the provincial jurisdiction. But the Minister has said, and I threw this question out to him last year in the last session, in which he stated that it was the responsibility of the Federal Government. I want to say, Mr. Chairman, that to make sure that I was representing my constituency to the fullest -- I have one reservation at Swan Lake. I appeared before their council and I put this question to them, because there was a lot of ill feelings that were created, because of the publicity that was given both in regards to the white man and our Indian folks. Some of the publicity that was bandied about in the press was just not justified and as a result, it caused hard feelings amongst both the white people and our Indian residents, and I asked the band council, the administrator, if they would agree that if a law was passed to forbid night lighting of wildlife by all citizens of the province, and they answered me, Mr. Chairman, in the affirmative. So I have the assurances of all of my people that if this were done it would certainly help to solve a real problem not only in my part of the -- my constituency, but in many other constituencies in rural Manitoba.

Now, Mr. Chairman, getting back to Rock Lake again, and the people of my area I think have a very valid argument, because as my colleague said from Pembina that the inaction of this government while they are prepared to meet with groups, and I know that there's a commission set up in that area, nothing has been done to date; and they also argue that when we were on that side of the House, and we did use it as a pilot project in treating algae in the water of Rock Lake; and I think to refresh my memory, Mr. Chairman, possibly the Minister could indicate was it two years that he did it, or more?

MR. GREEN: But we did it, several years I believe.

MR. HENDERSON: Well, Mr. Chairman, that service has now ceased. They are not getting any -- they did not last year, I can say that. There was no treatment made in the lake last year. And the thing is, Mr. Chairman, that we have many people coming across the line to do fishing, to hunt, and there is revenue for the government in this area. And I feel that if the department is not prepared to give any assistance to that area, to facilitating the Lake, or spend any money insofar as correcting the water level so that it can be made to improve insofar as the resort area is concerned, and they feel that if the government is going to be prepared to accept the revenues that are forthcoming from the people coming across the line then they should be prepared to share some of that with the people of that part of the province. I think, Mr. Chairman, those are some of the things that I have to say and raising insofar as the estimates of the Mines and Resources are concerned.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Mines and Natural Resources.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, just so that we don't get too many people having to be responded to, I think I can take a few minutes to respond to some of the things that have been said then we'll deal with the others and I'll deal with the gentlemen who are in the House and withhold my remarks until the other gentlemen who have spoken come back, that is the Member for Riel and the Member for Pembina.

With regard to Rock Lake, Mr. Speaker, and I'll start from the Honourable Member for Rock Lake's remarks. The honourable member knows full well that the copper sulphate algae program was a pilot program started by the administration of the Conservative government. It started it as a pilot program and made it quite clear that it does not accept responsibility, provincial responsibility, for treating that lake; that if it were to have to do this it would have to accept provincial responsibility for treating all similar circumstances in the Provinces of Manitoba, and that this would be a provincial cost that it could not bear -- and I am merely agreeing with the position that was taken by the administration of which the honourable member was a supporter and backbencher. We are not doing anything different with regard to that situation. And, Mr. Speaker, it's not because it's the Conservatives who set that position; it's not because it's they who set it that I agree with them; on the other hand it's not because they set it that I disagree with them; it happens to be a sensible position. If the area is not declared a provincial park and therefore subject to total provincial consideration, then it is like any other area in the Province of Manitoba, and it's interesting that the Member for Rock Lake who makes a case for Rock Lake, and that's perfectly legitimate, that's what a member

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(MR. GREEN cont'd) for a constituency should do. But it's interesting, Mr. Speaker, that he has talked about Rock Lake, that he has not said that there should be a provincial policy whereby all lakes in this condition should be paid for provincially. And, Mr. Speaker, that to me represents a very selfish position because if he'd have said the other, if he had said that this should be done all over, then at least it would make some sense; but to come in and say that it should be done for Rock Lake because it started as a pilot in Rock Lake and that there are some American tourists visiting Rock Lake and therefore moneys go to the Provincial Government and the Provincial Government should therefore buy copper sulphate for Rock Lake; that to me is an indefensible position. I would suggest to you that the majority of money spent by those American tourists is spent in the immediate vicinity of Rock Lake and that the people in those areas get the greatest benefit of it as it is, and I think that's as it should be.

So I'm not, Mr. Speaker, suggesting that this not be considered on a total provincial basis. But I want those honourable members who talk so much about people standing on their own feet and the government not supporting them, and the government not interfering in the affairs of municipalities, and the government not going into municipalities with money programs, that they should talk that way consistently, because now when it comes to supporting a drain in an area, such as the Honourable Member for Rhineland frequently comes up with, he ceases to be a free enterpriser; he ceases to talk about rugged individualism; he ceases to say that the farmer whose land is wet is the man who should pay for getting that water off his land; he now says that that wet farmer's land is a matter of our collective responsibility, because what is good for that farmer is good for the total Province of Manitoba. And I agree with him, I agree with him, and that is why we have a drainage program which says that all of the people of Manitoba, including the people in Inkster constituency, are going to pay money for the purpose of seeing to it that farm lands are drained. If that is so simple a concept, then why is it so difficult a concept for the honourable members to accept the fact that when somebody is sick, instead of having water on his land, that when somebody is sick it is equally a collective responsibility for the people of Manitoba to get together, pay money for the purpose of aiding that sick person because it is to the benefit of us all.

Why is this so easy for the honourable members to talk about collective provincial responsibilities to help the lake in Rock Lake and not have collective responsibility for helping the education of an individual in the Province of Manitoba. And I would wish that the honourable member when he is talking about his Rock Lake, the dearest thing to his particular heart, as it should be, that he merely thinks beyond Rock Lake and say whether he thinks this is a provincial policy that we should buy copper sulphate and treat every lake in Manitoba on the basis of a pilot project which was commenced in Rock Lake. And look, Mr. Speaker, what the community refuses to do on its own, at least that's what the Member for Rock Lake has suggested, that this vigorous community in mid-southern Manitoba says that despite the fact that the Provincial Government has hired its professional staff, has done research, has hired the administration, has purchased the materials, has gone in there and helped them with the program, that after that has been done for them at collective expense, they are unwilling to pay for the copper sulphate, which may amount to -- what is it? Is it \$10,000 a year, I think I'm using a high figure; I believe it's 5,000; I can't see the -- (Interjections) -- Yes, Mr. Speaker, that community which wants to stand on its own feet, and which wants to be ruggedly individualistic, as is the Member for Rock Lake, says that if we'll not treat the lake and pay \$5,000 for the materials to put into it, after all of the province, including the people in my constituency, which I don't begrudge them one bit, have paid thousands of dollars to show them that they could do that for themselves and do it well. Mr. Speaker, so much for rugged individualism, the ideology of the Member for Rock Lake. It seems to me that in this case I am defending rugged individualism.

The honourable member says that night light is a problem that we have refused to be involved in; that night lighting is a matter that we have refused to be involved in. Mr. Speaker, if I said that, which I doubt, then I would have to hastily withdraw and say that that is not the case, that we are certainly involved in night lighting; that we are certainly involved in night lighting whether it's conducted by white men or Indians; and what disturbs me, Mr. Speaker, is that I get letters from people who say that I was sleeping in my bed last night and I heard some sneaky Indians outside shooting off their rifles and hunting at night. Well, Mr. Speaker, how did this person sleeping in his bed know that there were Indians outside night

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(MR. GREEN cont'd) lighting? And that is the assumption that everybody who night lights is an Indian. Well I want to tell my honourable friend that there are many people who night light who are not Indians; that night lighting is a general problem and the people who are treating it as an Indian problem do an injustice to the Indian people. We have dealt with night lighting whether it is done by Indian people or white people; if it is done on private land the same rules apply to Indian people as applied to white people, and I believe that the only qualification is that the Supreme Court of Canada has said that Indian people hunting for food on lands to which they have access are not governed by provincial regulations. If the honourable member wants to argue with the Supreme Court of Canada, I am suggesting to you that the Supreme Court, which is supposed to be the fountain of judicial wisdom in this country, has said that Indian people on land to which they have access hunting for food are not governed by provincial hunting regulations, and that is the only thing that we can not interfere with. If they are not hunting for food they come under the same law. It makes it difficult to get a conviction, I agree; but if they are not within that qualification then they are under provincial jurisdiction.

The honourable Member says that the Indians themselves are willing to undo this qualification that applies to them; he says that some band in his area passed that. I would suggest that he get that band to communicate with the Manitoba Indian Brotherhood; get the Manitoba Indian Brotherhood to communicate with Mr. Chretien in Ottawa, and I am sure that if the Manitoba Indian Brotherhood told Mr. Chretien that they want that qualification removed, it would be removed, and it would have nothing to do with the Province of Manitoba. You ask me how we feel about it personally, I am suggesting to you that we feel that this is one of those areas which the Indian people feel that they have an advantage on, and on which they wish to deal with not in such a way as the province would take away their rights. They are using that particular advantage for the purpose of discussing the matter with Ottawa; what will ultimately occur, I do not know. Naturally it would be preferable to the people of Manitoba if all its citizens were governed by the same law with regard to wildlife, we would prefer that. On the other hand it is a right which the Indians have by virtue of the Indian Act and how that right is modified is something that's ultimately going to have to occur between the Indians and the Government of Canada.

The Member for Rock Lake mentioned blackbirds coming under the compensation program. I am going to have to deal further with the compensation program because the Member for Lakeside asked some very pertinent and good questions on the subject. The Compensation Program that presently exists is made up provincially of the payments that are made by hunters and the hunting certificates and Federally by a contribution which has been advanced by the Federal Government. It applies to only certain birds so far as the Federal Government is concerned; and applies provincially to birds which are the subject of hunting, if they correspond to the federal species. I don't think blackbirds come into that category. In other words, I don't think we can use that money for dealing with compensation for crop damage that occurred by virtue of blackbirds. Again I see that the Honourable Member for Rock Lake is adopting socialism as his philosophy. He believes that if a farmer is damaged by blackbirds, that it's not his individual responsibility to pay for it, that it is the collective responsibility of the people of Manitoba to help that individual farmer who was damaged by blackbirds. - - (Interjections) - - No, that is not a socialist position. - - (Interjection) - - Well the fact is, Mr. Speaker, that the honourable member is merely stating that when you pay taxes that you collectively collect the money, you collectively pay, that you collectively therefore benefit. I suggest to you that that is the principle of socialism, that there will be collective revenues, and that there will be collective entitlements to the receipt of that revenue. And if the honourable member is now moving towards the ideology of socialism insofar as it affects blackbirds I would see that his thinking that there is at least a crack in his individualistic armour when it comes to damage caused by blackbirds. Can't he see that if it comes to educating people, if it comes to feeding people who are starving, if it comes to treating people who have health problems, if it comes to treating people who have dental problems, then of course that is not socialism. But there shall be blackbird socialism in Manitoba as far as the Honourable Member for Rock Lake is concerned.

Now I think that a far more significant statement, and I think that it's quite natural that somewhere in between that redistribution of the school divisions there's a former Minister of

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(MR. GREEN cont'd) Mines phrases a good question with regard to the Compensation Program, and that is, how much money is in it, how much has been paid out - - where are we? A note was presented to me this morning by the staff which had those figures exactly, and which I'm having some difficulty locating. I wonder if the honourable member would give me a minute. Yes, here I am. In this respect Mr. Speaker, I think that he has a proper question because I think that we may be - - and just looking at these figures, that we may be slow in making payments out of that Compensation Fund. I don't think that's serious because I think that it was expected that it would grow up for the purpose of doing things, but I think that certainly in the fall of 1973 we had better have much more massive programs than we have had in the past. The receipts starting in 1970 and '71 were 128,000 - - and I'll just give you the round figures if you don't mind - - in '71-'72, 133,000; in 1973, 144,000; and then there lure crop recoveries of roughly \$957,000 in '71-'72; \$2,700 in '73. The expenditures in 1970 and 1971, we spent departmentally \$60,000 for lure crop purchases but it was not taken out of the Fund, that was to sort of get the Fund off the ground; it was an advance provincially, not specifically by the Fund receipts, in order to have the Fund build up prior to receiving money. In '71-'72 there were \$46,000 spent on lure crops; to February 28, 1973 there was another 51,000 spent on lure crops; so there was a total of 98,000, and I'm leaving off again the other figures, I'm rounding it at 98,000 spent on lure crops. This year there was a Compensation Program gone into in conjunction with the Federal Government on which there could have, I suppose, been a contingent claim of \$100,000, but the compensation claims to date, Mr. Speaker, are very small, they're surprisingly small in my mind, they are I believe approximately \$7,000 and that's possibly an indication that we can do much more in the area of compensation in the following year. The balance in the Fund as of February 28, 1973 is \$312,000.00. I would think that the Fund has now reached those figures that the department had hoped that they would reach in order to deal with both the lure crops end of the program and the greater compensation end of the program, but I must warn the Member for Rock Lake that I don't think it is a fair charge on these moneys which is hunter certificate payment to deal with blackbirds, I don't think that is a - - and I may be showing some lack of knowledge here, I don't think that that is an animal which is in the hunting area - - (Interjection) - - Pardon me? It's a "boird". Well a "boird" is an animal, so are you and I, but yeah - - in any event if there is a compensation program to deal with blackbirds and it doesn't properly fall into the hunting category then of course it would have to come out of General Revenue.

A MEMBER: You've heard the song of the blackbird. "Blackbird bye-bye."

MR. GREEN: However, I believe that the Member for Lakeside raises a proper question and one which should put the department on its toes, which I would think that the honourable member who was the Minister of the department, would be very helpful in that respect, and Mr. Speaker, it's always an argument that I make with private enterprisers who say that, "well government has no competition and that people are - there's no inducement to make governments move." I say that every day for what has been six months of the year there is people on the other side of the House who are entitled to ask publicly what I am doing; I have got to be able to provide them with answers; and every single one of these people is working to get me out of my present job. Now I wonder what private enterprise manager is under similar competition and on the spot as much as a Minister of the Crown?

A MEMBER: . . . program, Man at the Top. Wednesday nights.

MR. GREEN: Man at the top. Well, Mr. Speaker, all I'm indicating is that I think that the kind of question that the Member for Lakeside raised is an indication that governments cannot be merely static in what they are doing because there is much greater pressure on governments to do their job by virtue of the parliamentary democratic system than there is on any similar private enterprise field. And I thank the honourable member for bringing these figures to the attention of the House because it's he who has done it rather than myself. I would not even had them directly in my attention had he not asked the question that he put which is, I repeat, a very good question.

Now, Mr. Speaker, the Member for Rock Lake and the Member for Lakeside asked with regard to the Kierans Report and the government making a clear statement on its mining policy. Mr. Speaker, I don't think that the mining industry in Manitoba has any doubt as to what the present position of this government is, that there has never been any clearer state of affairs as between the government and the mining industry than there has been in the past

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(MR. GREEN cont'd) several years. And I would suggest that if you doubt this you can speak to the people in the industry. There has been constant consultation, constant clarifying of positions, not always agreement. As a matter of fact I would think that the times that there were agreement were less than the times that there was disagreement. But as to whether there was knowledge, or understanding, or clarification, I would suggest that none of the industries has ever suggested that they don't know what the government is doing. They don't know what the government's position is with regard to this report that has now been presented. And, Mr. Speaker, there's no government that has ever been able to assure an industry that future policy is something which they can depend on. Because, Mr. Speaker, if a government tried to do that, and this too has been made clear to the mining industry, it may be that the Member for Wolseley, the Leader of the Liberal Party who says that we should tax the mining industry as much as we want, you know, and how much do we want? My position is that I want it all. So he says, tax them as much as we want, tax them as much as we want and don't bother going ahead and doing anything in that regard. Well, Mr. Speaker, I can't tell the mining industry, I can't assure them, although I can give them a pretty good prediction, that the Leader of the Liberal Party will not be the Premier of Manitoba six months from now or a year from now or two years. . .

A MEMBER: Or ever.

MR. GREEN: . . . and when he is the Leader of the Government of Manitoba, if that hypothetical situation would arise, I can't assure them that he won't tax them everything that they've got, which appears to be his policy. Well, Mr. Speaker, he says if we want the money, you know, and I have no hesitation about wanting money; I would like to get as much wealth for the people of Manitoba from the industry as I could. I say that in saying that I would like to recognize what are the proper rights of the industry, the proper right of the people. But the Member for Wolseley says you have to recognize those things, take whatever you want. And I suppose if you take 20 million, why not take 30 million, and if you take 30, why not take 40. So I can't assure Mr. Kane, I can't assure Don Munn, I can't assure the other mining people in the Province of Manitoba that the people, although I make a pretty good prediction that they won't fall for that kind of nonsense, but I can't assure them that the Leader of the Liberal Party will not someday be the Premier of the Province of Manitoba, in which case he will not take them over but he will tax everything that they've got. Now there's nobody who can give that type of assurance. Even the Member for Lakeside couldn't give that type of assurance.

But I have continually explained, I have continually - - (Interjection) - - Mr. Speaker, the honourable member says it's a distortion, he would like to have, he would like to have the people of Manitoba believe, he would like to have the people of Manitoba believe that if he were the Premier he would get the money that the New Democrats want from the mining industry by merely taxing for it, letting them take the investment, then make the risk, and in other words his policy is; you make, I'll take. That's his policy. Now that appears to be what the Honourable Member for Wolseley thinks is a responsible position. I'll tell you something, Sherritt-Gordon wouldn't be happy with that position; Inco would not be happy with that position . . .

A MEMBER: Neither would I.

MR. GREEN: . . . and the honourable member, Mr. Speaker, if he wouldn't be happy with that position then he shouldn't advance it, because I think that if he does that on numerous occasions. He says, I am going to take this position because it sounds like a good position, I am not happy with it, but I'll take it anyway, because it appears to be a good thing to say under the circumstances - - (Interjection) - - The honourable member says no. I will remind the honourable member some day if he keeps denying it of something that he said to that effect on an informal discussion about how one can say that I said this, and I'll say something else if I have to; I'll remind the honourable member in the presence of witnesses how this was said. But nevertheless I want to go back to that, I want to go to his immediate reaction to the Kierans Report and his reaction was, if you want that kind of money all you've got to do is tax for it. That is a complete - - we are talking about the kind of money that Kierans said is available from the mining industry. And he said, Mr. Speaker, his clear implication was, if you want that why take the risk, just take the money. Don't take the risk, just take the money. That was his presentation to the people of Manitoba was that you could have it every which way. You've got no risk and all the money. I've never, Mr. Speaker, said that to the industry. I've never said that to the industry, nor do I consider that to be a responsible position.

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A MEMBER: No it isn't.

MR. GREEN: And I'm glad that the honourable member now says that his position was irresponsible. I am going to, Mr. Speaker, read what I said in Saskatoon to the mining industry which is a precis of what I have said in each of the meetings that I've had to them, what I've said in this House, and what I have said since - - when I was in the Opposition, very much the same, you know.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. ENNS: Not wishing to interrupt the Minister but could he indicate that what he's about to tell us, did he say these things after the publication of the Kierans Report to any of the mining . . .

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I said this on October 24, 1972 before Mr. Speaker, I had any knowledge of what would be contained in the Kierans Report - - (Interjection) - - before I had any knowledge of what would be contained in the - - and I said it, Mr. Speaker, to the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy at Saskatoon which is essentially the representatives of the industry.

"The strategy of the Manitoba Government with regard to the development of its mineral resources is relatively simple. It can best be compared to what the strategy of any private mining company would be with regard to the mineral claims which it is now holding under lease. I am certain that a private mining company holding mineral leases would first of all want to retain its lease lands on condition most favorable to itself.

"Secondly, it would want to have the flexibility to develop those lands as and when it chose to do so as determined by its other holdings and its costs of proceeding.

"Thirdly, it would like to proceed with mining development on the best terms possible with payment of as small amount of taxes as it could get away with.

"These observations are not made in criticism of the mining companies policy. They amount to good common business sense. That first of all they'd want to keep as much land as they could; secondly, they'd want to develop it as and when they saw fit; and thirdly, they'd like to keep as much money as they could and give away as little as they could." Which I am entirely in agreement with. I would like to keep as much as we can and give away as little as we can and that's what I said and meant what I said when I'd like to have it all. - - (Interjection) - -

The honourable member says I am selfish, yes. I regard every penny that I can keep for the people of the Province of Manitoba as being my principal responsibility in public life. The more I can keep for the province and the people who are in the province, the better I am off. And I suggest to you, Mr. Speaker, that when the honourable member says that that is very selfish that he is regarding it, he is regarding it as a criticism of the mining companies. I want you to make it clear that I did not regard it as a criticism. I say that it is perfectly consistent with good business practice for the mining companies to want to pay as little taxes as possible. As a matter of fact I would say to you that given the mining companies' interest they would not only want to pay as little taxes as possible but if they could induce some government to give them money for coming in rather than taxing that that would also be in their interest; and some governments have suggested that and have done it, not with regard to mining companies but with certain forestry developments.

For years it would be that for some reason or other governments have managed their affairs so as to facilitate the interests of the private mining companies. They have permitted the leasing and holding of mineral rights on relatively attractive terms to the mining company. They have done little to place stringent requirements on the development of dormant mining leases and they have bent over backwards to reduce taxation and to provide special concessions to the mining industry. It should be obvious that policies of this kind dovetail exactly with the policies of private mining companies, that's easy leasing, easy taxation, and no requirement for development. They make good sound business sense for the mining companies but make very bad business sense from the point of view of the government.

The Manitoba government has decided to follow the example - - and I want the Member for Lakeside who wants this clarification, I will give it to him - - the Manitoba government has decided to follow the example of the private mining companies. It is presently holding in trust for the people of Manitoba a substantial acreage of unstaked potential mining property; like

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(MR. GREEN cont'd) the mining companies it will try to retain control of this potential source of mineral wealth. By retaining control of this source of mineral wealth it will hope to have maximum flexibility in deciding as to when and under what circumstances it will be developed. In the development of these mining potentials, it will hope to retain as much of the returns for the people of Manitoba and pay as little as possible to other persons. Very selfish, yes. We want to do exactly what they do; we want to retain as much as we can and pay as little as possible to other people. This is good sound business sense and we appreciate the example of the private mining companies who have shown us the way.

The manner in which the policy of Manitoba has been implemented has been very simple.

1. We have stopped the automatic renewal of mining leases and will not resume same until we are satisfied that the holders of the leases are not merely preserving their possession of same without engaging in any productive work.

2. We are engaging in a policy of taxation whereby Manitoba will not enter into an option competition of giving tax concessions or incentives to match the highest bidder. And,

3. We are now investing exploration funds on behalf of the people on their own property in the hope of realizing the totality of the potential returns rather than the tax collectors' share.

And that's what I mean when I say I want the whole thing. If we can develop, explore and develop a mine and get Inco's share instead of the Government of Manitoba's tax share, I will be more satisfied. Apparently the Member for Wolseley says that it would be preferable to have a policy whereby Inco gets 80 million and we get 4 million rather than we get 84 million - that's his concern.

Now, Mr. Speaker, it would appear - I said further - it would appear that for many years the provincial jurisdictions in Canada have been vying with one another for the purpose of trying to lure industrial mining development to their province. The result has been that the provinces have become the spokesmen for the mining interests in obtaining tax concessions and tax incentives from the Federal Government. For many years the annual Mine Ministers' Conference joined with the mining industry in asking for Federal Government concessions. Fortunately this practice has discontinued. I would indicate that it was discontinued because we did not go along with it.

However in my view this is not enough. What is needed is not a discontinuance of the former practice but a complete reversal of the former practice. It is in the interests of the people that the provinces get together and ask that the Federal Government increase, rather than decrease, the taxation of mining companies and that the provinces should then see to it that any implemented increases should be maintained with no province breaking ranks in the hope of luring employment.

What then will be the answer to those who hold up the scare of reduced activity including exploration and producing mines. There is only one answer and that is for the province to commit themselves to continuing the level of productivity not by incentives but by public investment, to pick up any threatened slack resulting from the implementation of a fair system of taxation. This strategy is being attempted to some extent in the Province of Quebec and in the Province of Manitoba, and in my view is the only sensible strategy in the long run. The Manitoba mineral resources . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please. The time allotted to the Minister has expired.

MR. GREEN: I have two sentences.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Leave? (Leave) Proceed.

MR. GREEN: The Manitoba Mineral Resources Limited is in its infancy and has a relatively small exploration budget. Its potential however is very great and is moreover a vital counterpart to any policy of tax integrity - - and I use that word advisedly - - on the part of the government with relation to the private mining sector. - - (Interjection) - -

Mr. Speaker, I have no hesitation in tabling the document.

Tax integrity means that if you say you can tax you also say that there will be no reduced activity by virtue of that taxation. And if the honourable member says that he can tax what he wants he is by corollary saying that he's prepared to go into the field, and if he's going into the field he's going into it, as I said before, for the whole works, and he's prepared to take the same risks as the mining company, which I say that the public has to do, that the public cannot adopt a posture of you make and we'll take. That that is an indefensible confiscatory policy and that the policy that we have enunciated makes far more sense. And I say that the honourable

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(MR. GREEN cont'd) member said that you can increase taxation and lead the people of Manitoba to believe that he can get from the mining companies any amounts that he wants, then he is by corollary saying that if there is to be no reduced activity, he's going to have to take the public into the industry, which I said two years ago, and I said that every citizen in Manitoba is the shareholder in a mining exploration company to the extent of 50 cents a year, 50 cents last year, 50 cents this year, 50 cents next year, and maybe more if we come to the Legislature and say that there is need for more exploration funds. And then if we find, Mr. Speaker, if we were to find one mine, not a big mine, not an Inco, not a Hudson Bay, not a Sherritt-Gordon, maybe the one the size of Falconbridge in Clark Lake. Mr. Speaker, if you found one, then I would say that it would be a very difficult thing for a politician to refuse what Eric Kierans says in his report. Not only would it make good sense for the province to be the only explorer, but the public would say why are you letting other people do this, and the Member for Wolseley, the Leader of the Liberal Party, when someone was saying that hunters or somebody is charging money for hunting rights, I read his statement and he said, "What right has the Minister of Mines got to let Americans come here and take away resources belonging to the people of Manitoba?" He's talking about a deer. How about copper, how about zinc, how about nickel, how about tantalum? . . . you make that statement? "What right says the Minister of Mines has the right to let Americans come here and remove resources that belong to the people of the Province of Manitoba." That's what he said, Mr. Speaker.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please. The hour being 12:30, I'm leaving the Chair to return at 2:30 this afternoon.