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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

Friday, 25 May, 1984.

Time — 10:00 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER by Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER, Hon. J. Walding: Presenting Petitions . . . Reading and Receiving Petitions . . . Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees . . . Ministerial Statements and Tabling of Reports . . . Notices of Motion . . . Introduction of Bills . . .

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

MR. SPEAKER: Prior to Oral Questions, may I direct the attention of honourable members to the gallery where we have 25 students of Grade 9 standing from the Pierre Radisson School. The students are under the direction of Mrs. Pelletier, and the school is in the constituency of the Honourable Minister of the Environment. On behalf of all of the members, I welcome you here this morning.

ORAL QUESTIONS Motor Coach Industries Ltd.- layoffs

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. G. FILMON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Labour, and it follows upon an announcement today of the impending layoff of 300 workers at the Motor Coach bus plant. My question to the Minister is: has she been informed of this matter, and is she aware of the circumstances and has she looked into the matter as of yet?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Labour.

HON. M.B. DOLIN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to answer that question in two parts. Motor Coach Industries keeps up a fairly regular correspondence with my office on an almost monthly basis, because of the flexibility in their either getting a contract or not getting a contract. That would determine whether they would, in fact, have layoffs or not. They keep us well-informed, I must say, of the possibility of layoff. When it actually does come or doesn't come, of course, then we are informed of that.

As far as the specific case that he is talking about, I will get the letter that they have written to us regarding that particular layoff and share the information with him.

MR. G. FILMON: Mr. Speaker, my question for the Minister is regarding this correspondence that appears to have gone on with her department. When it deals with a matter of such import as the potential layoff of 300 people, how can it be that her Deputy Minister indicated today in an interview that the department received a notice from Motor Coach within the last

week but she couldn't recall what it said? Is the layoff of 300 people not significant and important that it would immediately call to attention and action her Deputy Minister?

HON. M.B. DOLIN: I think if the member, Mr. Speaker, would make himself aware of the situation, the layoff of 300 people, as I understand it, is not occurring all at the same time. Notices are given for a certain number for this week, a certain number of people for three or four weeks down the road and that is in line with The Employment Standards Act. I'm not saying, certainly and wouldn't want it to be interpreted that I was saying, that we are not concerned about this issue. What must be taken into account is the fact that Motor Coach regularly shuts down for four weeks or so during the summer months or during the time of the year when production is really off. That has to be taken into consideration. What also has to be taken in to consideration is that there is, as I have said, regular correspondence from Motor Coach Industries that says on an almost monthly basis, we may have to layoff so many people, 150, 120, 72, whatever it happens to be that they estimate will have to be laid off, in a certain number of weeks according to the balance that is in The Employment Standards Act right now. They let us know this, as I say, on a very regular basis.

To be caught in the hall and questioned about whether a particular letter was received and what it said, one would have to go back to the files and that's exactly what was said to the reporter.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. G. FILMON: Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that the Minister feels that because of the system and that there are various different announcements and that they're taking place - these layoffs over a period of time - it's not a matter that should require urgent attention, can the Minister indicate to me, is she and her Deputy Minister so preoccupied with the new labour law legislation that they're proposing that they are not pursuing, the serious situation of impending layoffs of major employers, they're ignoring everything in favour of the labour law legislation?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister on a point of order.

HON. H. PAWLEY: I would ask you to consider, if you need to peruse Hansard, fine, to consider whether the last statement was indeed a question or a statement or speech.

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. May I remind the honourable member that a question should seek information and not be argumentative.

The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. G. FILMON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The question is very straightforward. Is the Minister and her Deputy so preoccupied with the new labour law legislation that they're proposing to this House, that they don't have time to show concern and to pay attention to an impending layoff of 300 people at Motor Coach Industries?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Government House Leader on a point of order.

HON. A. ANSTETT: Mr. Speaker, I would submit to you, Sir, that the Leader of the Opposition is again breaking the rules with regard to question period. You pointed out, Sir, in response to the Premier's point of order, that the question should seek information. The question was clearly argumentative with regard to the Minister's responsibilities and did not seek any information regarding the administration of that department or anything else under her purview.

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

MR. G. MERCIER: Mr. Speaker, on the point of order raised by the Government House Leader, the question is obviously seeking information with respect to the priorities of this Labour Minister and her responsibilities; clearly in order.

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. The question is clearly out of order.

The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. G. FILMON: Mr. Speaker, then perhaps I can rephrase the question. Does the Minister give a greater priority to bringing forward new labour legislation than she does to protecting the existing jobs for 300 workers at Motor Coach Industries?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Labour.

HON. M.B. DOLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I wish when the Honourable Opposition Leader used news reports as his research, he would use the entire news report, because it certainly does say a little further in the news report, and may I quote that, "Eadie added that 'all along" . . . and I'm quoting, ". . . we have been asking them (Motor Coach officials) if there's any way that we could help' in attempting to avoid large layoffs."

It also goes on to explain, as I have explained, that Motor Coach Industries operates on a contract basis, of course. If they get the contracts, they build the buses. They have had a lot of short-term contracts. They have hired a lot of people. They have hired them for a short term. These are some of the people that are being laid-off now.

We are in constant contact, of course, with a representative of those employees. I think if the member would quote, as I said, and refer to the entire article, he might have a better and broader picture of the issue.

MR. G. FILMON: I wonder if the Minister can indicate whether or not she has determined if layoffs planned by Motor Coach Industries will be affecting their plant

in North Dakota, or whether indeed the layoffs are just occurring here in Manitoba.

HON. M.B. DOLIN: No, Mr. Speaker, I don't have that information, not with me today at any rate.

Labour Law Review Report

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. G. FILMON: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Premier. It follows upon questioning that has gone forward with the Minister of Labour with respect to the White Paper or the Marva Smith Report on Labour Law Reform in this province.

Mr. Speaker, the Marva Smith Committee asked for information and asked for presentations by members of the public. Those were given, and those were presented. A report has been presented to the Minister of Labour, a report that has resulted in a White Paper.

My question to the Premier is: in view of the fact that the public has had input to this commission, in view of the fact that the commission has issued a report upon which a White Paper is based, will he not ask his Minister of Labour to table that report now so that we can overcome some uneasiness in the industrial community of Manitoba, and have the air cleared about what this government's intentions are with respect to labour law reform in this province?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

HON. H. PAWLEY: First, I would like to add some more enlightenment for the Leader of the Opposition in respect to the Motor Coach issue. Some three weeks ago, Mr. Speaker, I had the opportunity to tour the Motor Coach plant and speak to management. At that time, there was an indication of pending layoffs that would take place.

The reason that was given very clearly to me at that time, which might be of interest to the Leader of the Opposition and to all honourable members, is the deregulation that is taking place in the United States of America, as indeed initiated, I understand, by the federal administration in Washington. That deregulation has had a negative impact in respect to a number of the customers of Motor Coach Industries, and has resulted in fact in less orders to Motor Coach Industries. It is hoped that through the process of transition, that indeed can be satisfactorily resolved.

But the Leader of the Opposition might be interested in knowing that there is a negative impact as a result of deregulation on the part of the American Government affecting American customers.

In respect to the latter part of the Leader of the Opposition's question, I thought the White Paper was distributed to all members of the House for the perusal of members of the House. Mr. Speaker, from that White Paper indeed, submissions are being received from labour and business and other interested groups. The legislation that is introduced will relate to the matters within that White Paper, which I understand is in the possession of each member of the Chamber.

MR. G. FILMON: Mr. Speaker, I would like to remind the Premier that there has been negative impact on employers in Manitoba from his government's payroll tax and his government's one-sided labour legislation.

SOME HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. Order please.

MR. G. FILMON: Mr. Speaker, the question for the Premier was not with respect to the tabling of the White Paper. We are well aware that the White Paper has been tabled. The White Paper is based on recommendations of the Marva Smith Commission, which was paid for at public expense, which invited input from the public, and my question to the Premier is: will he ask his Minister of Labour to table that report in the Legislature so that it will clear the air with industrial employers in Manitoba as to what this government's intentions are with respect to new labour legislation?

HON. H. PAWLEY: Mr. Speaker, I was not aware that there is a custom in this House of tabling incomplete reports. I don't know whether the Leader of the Opposition can provide me with examples of any previous administration tabling within the House, within the Legislative Chamber, incomplete reports. This would be a most strange sort of behaviour that I wouldn't be surprised, Mr. Speaker, that the Leader of the Opposition and his colleagues would undertake, but certainly this government does not table incomplete reports.

MR. G. FILMON: Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that during our government's administration, we tabled the reports and indeed interim reports in some cases of the Michener Commission, of the Weir Commission, of the Haig Commission, which were paid for at public expense, which invited input from the public and which involved public representation and ideas; in view of the fact that those reports were tabled and in view of the fact that in some cases interim reports were tabled in those commissions, will the Premier ask his Minister of Labour to table this report now so that it clears the air so that employers in Manitoba know what the intentions of this government are with respect to labour legislation?

HON. H. PAWLEY: Mr. Speaker, you can recall very very well, I'm sure, from your experience in this House some of our experiences in respect to reports. The previous administration, of which the Honourable Leader of the Opposition was a member of the Treasury Bench, I believe, at the very time that a report was edited, some several thousands of copies were later destroyed. We attempted to obtain debate in this Chamber as to why the report was edited, why was the report destroyed?

We knew, Mr. Speaker, it was because someone that indeed was out of favour with the previous administration, Mr. Bateman, had been honoured in that report. That report was destroyed.

So, Mr. Speaker, I would suggest to the Honourable Leader of the Opposition that he might wish to review the editing and the destruction of reports that took place even after it was finalized under the administration of which he was a member.

MR. G. FILMON: Mr. Speaker, the Premier makes my point that those reports were indeed tabled in this Legislature.

MR. SPEAKER: Question.

MR. G. FILMON: My question, Mr. Speaker, to . . .

SOME HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER: Order please.

The Honourable First Minister on a point of order.

HON. H. PAWLEY: On a point of order, the Government of the Day did not table that report. Those copies, 5,000 reports were destroyed. They were burnt. They were not tabled by that government, Mr. Speaker.

I believe, you, Mr. Speaker, as the Member for St. Vital, after attempts to obtain honourale members' efforts to table the report, finally tabled the report on your own.

MR. SPEAKER: That is an explanation on a point of order.

The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. G. FILMON: Mr. Speaker, . . .

SOME HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER: Order please.

MR. G. FILMON: Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that this Minister of Labour has indicated that the first phase of the Marva Smith Commission hearings has been completed and that the report has been completed in its first phase and given to her, will he ask her to table that report?

SOME HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER: Order please, order please.

I bring to the honourable members' attention, Citation 357(c), which says that a question should not multiply with slight variations a similar question on the same point.

The Honourable Minister of the Environment.

Suppers - churches

HON. G. LECUYER: Thank you, mr. Speaker.

Yesterday I indicated to the Member from Turtle Mountain that I would review a pamphlet on which he was asking questions yesterday.

SOME HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER: Order please.

HON. G. LECUYER: Mr. Speaker, here are copies of the pamphlets, which I shall make available and table for members of the House and members of the press. I want to indicate, Mr. Speaker, that although I find nothing wrong with the pamphlet in terms of providing guidelines for church fowl dinners, I would like to

indicate that had the Member from Turtle Mountain done his research, and for his own edification I would like to indicate that the report in question, which he was making so much fuss about, indicating we were wasting money, creating interference with church functions, was published in October 1980, while Mr. Jorgenson was then Minister of Environment.

SOME HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Oh. oh!

MR. SPEAKER: Order please, order please.
The Honourable Member for Turtle Mountain.

MR. B. RANSOM: Mr. Speaker, a question to the Minister of Environment.

The regulation was passed in November of 1983, governing the establishment of temporary food establishments and this sort of thing. I asked the Minister yesterday if those regulations were going to be applied to churches, for example.

I'll ask the Minister very specifically; will a church, under the new regulations, passed by the NDP in November of 1983, will they require a permit to hold a fowl supper?

HON. G. LECUYER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

If the member also wishes me to reread the script of his comments yesterday, he also spent a great deal of time dealing with this leaflet. In particular, as requiring additional staff to implement, he read from the statement, "as requiring unnecessary expenditures and as well as creating interference with church fowl dinners."

I would also like to indicate, and am willing to table for the record a copy of a letter, which was sent from the Minister of Health to the Member for Turtle Mountain, in which it indicates clearly that the amendments to the act he passed in 1983 have in no way any implication for church fowl dinners. It applies only for permanent established caterers.

MR. B. RANSOM: Mr. Speaker, the specific question to the Minister of the Environment: will a church, for example, have to have a permit under Regulation 204/83 in order to operate a temporary food establishment and to conduct a fowl supper? That's one specific question relating to the regulation passed by the NDP Government in November of 1983.

HON. G. LECUYER: The honourable member doesn't understand any better than he does his research. Mr. Speaker, I answered that just in the previous question, and I indicated that this does not apply to church fowl dinners, unless they have an operation which provides an ongoing catering system, and if that is not the case then they are not required to have a permit system, nor do we have the staff nor the intention to carry on inspections of their operation.

What we will do is carry on inspection of permanent operations, which do catering on an ongoing basis, in order to ensure that their operation in no way can cause health damage or poisoning to the people of Manitoba. So clearly this is not intended as having a direct implication to church fowl dinners and I think I indicated that already.

MR. B. RANSOM: A further supplementary to the Minister, Mr. Speaker. — (Interjection) — I get as many supplementaries as the Speaker chooses to acknowledge to the Minister of Energy and Mines.

Mr. Speaker, can the Minister tell us then, will he be changing the regulation to remove any reference to temporary food establishments? His answer to my question said that it had to be an ongoing permanent event. Will he therefore change the regulation so that there will be no reference to temporary food establishments, which clearly include in the letter of the regulation such things as fowl suppers or booths being operated at a 4-H rally or at some kind of summer event, as clearly included in the regulation as it now reads? So will the Minister change that so that we don't run into more situations that I expect all people in the Legislature would regard as being ridiculous and unnecessary interference in regular practices conducted - (Interjection) - it's a ridiculous pamphlet, absolutely ridiculous

SOME HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER: Order please, order please.
The Honourable Minister for the Environment.

HON. G. LECUYER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

As I indicated once before - I hope the Member for Turtle Mountain is listening so he doesn't have to stand up again in Question Period on this issue - our guidelines, and I see no problems with them in spite of the fact that the member himself, whose government introduced them, seems to see problems with that. We have not heard any problem related to the regulation as is stands now, and as I indicated a while ago, has not, to our knowledge, created any interference with church fowl dinners in the past. These regulations were in place during the fowl dinners last year and presented no difficulties at that time.

I want to point out, for the benefit of the member, that the regulation existed before that. All that happened last year was simply a modification of the regulation, but essentially the regulation is in fact as it was before.

Potash Mines

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Elmwood.

MR. R. DOERN: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct a question to the Minister of Energy and Mines, concerning his announcement that he made yesterday, about two possible potash mines in Manitoba. Isn't it a fact that production may not commence until the 1990's?

MR SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Energy and Mines.

HON. W. PARASIUK: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I'm glad that there are some people in the opposition that have some interest in the potash mine possibility. I thought that they were totally consumed with fowl suppers and, Mr. Speaker, even then they fouled out.

Mr. Speaker, certainly I have said that there would be a very good possibility that a mine could in fact be in operation by 1990. It takes five years to construct a potash mine, so one has to then determine what the markets might be in 1990.

We've had a recession over the last two years, whereby there have been no expansions, even of the mines existing in Saskatchewan. Companies there have received approval to do expansions two-and-one-half, three years ago and they did not proceed with those developments because the market was so bad.

So a lot of the prospects are conditioned by the present market and what the predictions will be with respect to the market three and five years from now.

MR. R. DOERN: Mr. Speaker, to the Minister. Is it true that the Minister is already planning to go to China this fall on a junket to talk about potential potash developments? Isn't this a little bit like taking orders for DeLorean automobiles in advance of production?

HON. W. PARASIUK: Mr. Speaker, yes we are looking at that possibility. I think the people of Manitoba owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to the Deputy Premier, the Member for Osborne. She broke very important ground for the people of Manitoba in terms of trade prospects in China last year and Hong Kong.

Mr. Speaker, we do have the potential of exploring markets in China and other countries, and frankly we're not afraid to go tell the world that Manitoba has a lot to offer.

SOME HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

HON. W. PARASIUK: Mr. Speaker, those are not junkets. We believe that that is wise and judicious use of the taxpayers' money. We would rather do that than build toilets across the street, Mr. Speaker. We believe that we have some competitive advantage.

SOME HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER: Order please.

HON. W. PARASIUK: Mr. Speaker, let me assure you that was not a priority of that government. Mr. Speaker, it reflected the priorities of a particular member and that is clear today that he can't, in fact, go beyond that. But surely, Mr. Speaker, the issue is whether in fact the Government of Manitoba should go out and sell the good qualities of this province and our strengths to try and provide long-term jobs. We are the government that is prepared to do that.

There are people on the other side that attack the Premier, if he goes out of the province, when he comes back with excellent prospects. There are members on the other side who call this type of thing "junkets," Mr. Speaker. I believe the people of Manitoba would like to see a potash development, they would like to see other developments, and they would like to support the government in a constructive manner to make that happen.

MR. R. DOERN: Mr. Speaker, there's an old saying that a junket by any other name is still a junket.

Mr. Speaker, I'd also like to ask the Minister, since this morning he coined the slogan or phrase, "They're sitting on a world-class potash mine." Is he serving notice that the government intends to fight the next provincial election on that slogan?

MR. SPEAKER: Order please, order please.

A question should concern a matter that is within the administrative competence of the government. Would the Honourable Member for Elmwood wish to rephrase his question?

MR. R. DOERN: Mr. Speaker, I simply asked the Minister to confirm that he made that statement, that he used that expression in regard to the potential Russell Potash Mine that, "They are sitting on a world-class potash mine." I'm simply asking him whether in fact that was a precursor with a familiar ring of an election slogan?

HON. W. PARASIUK: I, in fact, did say that the people in the Binscarth-Russell area are sitting on a world-class potash mine and I'm delighted, and I would think the people of Manitoba are delighted.

A MEMBER: Jim Downey is delighted.

HON. W. PARASIUK: Mr. Speaker, I even noticed that some people today on the other side of the House are delighted as well and I'm grateful for that as well. I find that the Member for Elmwood somehow isn't, Mr. Speaker. I mean if your whole approach to life will be negative, then of course when you have good news like that, then you try and twist it into a negative manner.

We are lucky we are sitting on two world-dass potash mines in Manitoba, and I think that's wonderful. Mr. Speaker, we will try and develop the potash potential. We'll certainly try and develop the oil industry to its fullest potential. We certainly want to do that with Hydro. We want to do that with all the strengths of this province, because we believe, unlike many others, that this province does have a great future. Mr. Speaker, we will ensure that that takes place and we have always said that there has to be a balanced approach to the economy.

That's why, Mr. Speaker, we developed a Jobs Fund so that we could have — (Interjection) — That's right, so that we could have jobs being created during a period of recession, that we can now use that Jobs Fund as a very good instrument in working with the private sector now that the recovery is taking place. We look for small scale jobs; we've done it with energy conservation; we've done it with agricultural development; we've done it with community assets; we've done with forestry, Mr. Speaker. We have a balanced approach to development, the only province in this country that has that approach. We are the most successful province in the country in that respect, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Order please, order please.

For a Minister to turn an answer to a question into a speech, however brief, would be an abuse of the rules of Question Period.

The Honourable Member for The Pas.

Permit re herbicide spraying

MR. H. HARAPIAK: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of the Environment.

The Manfor Resources and Manitoba Forestry Resources in The Pas were seeking a permit to carry out some experimental herbicide spray programs and I understand that the Department of Natural Resources, on the advice of the departmental department, have not granted the permit. Can the Minister of Environment clarify to the House on what grounds they would not issue the permit to spray?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister for the Environment.

HON. G. LECUYER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to thank the Member for The Pas for giving me advice of the question. I can understand that this is a matter of concern for both Manfor and the people of The Pas.

Mr. Speaker, the herbicide in question that was to be used was Valpar, which is presently not registered for aerial spraying, although it has received designation from Agriculture Canada for research purposes. The officials in my department requested some basic information with respect to the general research design and the environmental monitoring that would be taking place. The department also required sufficient notice in order to monitor the application in the field and since neither ManFor or Dupont were able to provide, either the information or the notice required, the department recommended that the spraying not proceed.

But I want to add, Mr. Speaker, that my staff was prepared and is still prepared to monitor the test, if the appropriate information is forthcoming and if sufficient notice is provided.

MR. H. HARAPIAK: A supplementary question to the Minister. Would the Minister clarify to the House and the residents of The Pas if this Valpar is safe for spraying?

HON. G. LECUYER: Mr. Speaker, I would not go so far as to indicate whether it is safe or unsafe. What I would say, Mr. Speaker, is that any chemical introduced to the environment has some risks obviously attached to it.

Prior to full registration, all chemicals go through extensive testing. This particular chemical, although it has a research designation, has not at this point in time, gone through the full testing program. Therefore, the risks associated may be somewhat higher than any other chemical which has been fully tested. Under the circumstances, it was felt that the ability of our department to conduct ongoing parallel monitoring certainly would be justified.

Further checks into weather information from The Pas, at the time the spraying was to take place, indicates that the wind velocity exceeded 10 kilometres per hour throughout last weekend. Therefore, the spray operation, at any rate, could not have been conducted according to the indications, as applicable to this particular chemical.

Burns plant closure

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Arthur.

MR. J. DOWNEY: Mr. Speaker, I would like to revert back to what is a major concern of the opposition, and

that's the massive layoffs and the numbers of plant closings or proposed closings. I have a question to the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Speaker.

In view of the fact that the Chairman of the Manitoba Hog Commission has indicated In the Annual Report of the Manitoba Hog Commission that competition from U.S. packers gives them a 40-percent advantage over the Manitoba packing industry or the Canadian packing industry, and that will further push downward the prices to hog producers, will he make representation to his Minister of Labour to get involved and pay attention to what is happening in the kinds of charges that are being placed on industry in Manitoba, not only by labour but all affected costs such as the payroll tax and implications such as that? Will he make representation to the Minister of Labour, and have her involved in the discussions in the Burns closing or the proposed Burns closing and all other matters relating to agriculture?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Agriculture.

HON. B. URUSKI: Mr. Speaker, I want to assure the honourable member and everyone in Manitoba that my colleagues and myself and all members of Cabinet here work as a team, not like honourable members on the opposite side, Sir. We are all involved and all concerned about the situation dealing with Burns.

The matter that the honourable member raises about wage differentials between Canadian packing house agreements and what has happened over the last number of years in the United States is not a new phenomenon. It is true that over the last several years, south of the border, wage rates, as a result of shutdowns and massive closures and total use of federal legislation under the bankruptcy provisions, the packing house industry was able to basically cut the wages of U.S. workers in half. As a result, there is a great differential between the wage package here in Canada and that south of the border.

But to suggest, as the honourable member has, to say that in terms of doing business in Manitoba is somewhat higher than anywhere else in this country, Mr. Speaker, is ludicrous. The fact of the matter is that Manitoba is, in terms of labour stability for the packing house industries, probably the best province in this country where a packing house industry and any food processing industry has in terms of labour stability.

We have dedicated workers. We have good workers in this province, Mr. Speaker, and the matter of cost in those should be negotiated at the wage table, at the bargaining table. That's what we have urged that the company do, Sir.

Labour legislation

MR. J. DOWNEY: Mr. Speaker, I would suggest that rather than working like a team, it appears more like the crew on the Titanic.

Mr. Speaker, I have a question to the Minister of Labour. In view of the fact that in the same letter from the Chairman of the Manitoba Hog Producers Marketing Board, he has indicated that another concern is proposed legislation from labour law reform in Manitoba. "If enacted, this could further hinder

development of our industry, particularly the packing house industry in Manitoba."

In view of those concerns and those comments, Mr. Speaker, and the former question to the Minister that there is pressure to press the price of Manitoba Hog Producers' product down, will she reconsider the move to forward legislation that is further going to discourage the development in the agricultural and packing house industry in Manitoba? Will she take a serious, responsible position and hold that legislation or, in fact if anything, make it easier to employ people in Manitoba, not prohibit employment?

Mr. Speaker, if she doesn't understand the question, will she reconsider her position of moving forward with legislation that will, in fact, discourage the employment of people in Manitoba and industry? Will she reconsider legislation that she is proposing?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Labour.

HON. M.B. DOLIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The reason that the question seems difficult to respond to is that I have not heard from that particular group with regard to labour legislation, nor was it presented to me by their representatives who, I presume, would be in the Chamber of Commerce. When they met with me, with my colleagues, that particular issue was not raised.

I don't find anything in the White Paper that discourages employment. In fact, what the suggestions in that discussion paper relate to are harmonious relationships and, therefore, greater productivity and greater harmony in the workplace. That is exactly what we are trying to achieve.

MR. J. DOWNEY: In view of the information that the Minister has just received and the concerns, Mr. Speaker, will the Minister of Labour invite the Chairman of the Manitoba Hog Producers Marketing Board in, to discuss his concerns with her on this particular legislation?

HON. M.B. DOLIN: Certainly, Mr. Speaker, the office of the Department of Labour, the Minister's Office is open to all who wish to make comment. There have been public invitations, private invitations. If there needs to be an invitation in this House to the Chair of the Hog Marketing Board, then I will certainly repeat that. Anyone who wishes to comment on the discussion paper has been urged to do so.

We have made calls. You can check with the secretarial staff to the number of calls that they made encouraging people, who had not yet made appointments, to do so. We certainly have gone out of our way, I believe, as a government to receive every possible comment that anyone would wish to make with regard to this legislation.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Agriculture.

HON. B. URUSKI: Mr. Speaker, further to the information that my colleague provided with respect to meetings with the Chairman of the Hog Marketing Board, I meet regularly with the members of all the

marketing boards. Certainly the member is reading much more into that comment than is there in my discussions with him.

Mr. Speaker, the honourable member, if they are suggesting that we should have a situation in terms of labour relations in Manitoba, as they do in British Columbia, let them say so. Let them get on the public platform and say, "We want a B.C. situation in Manitoba. We don't want situations that we have worker stability and industrial stability. We want chaos, we want harm to our labour relations." That's what the honourable member is preaching here, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Arthur.

MR. J. DOWNEY: Mr. Speaker, to the Minister of Agriculture.

Does he want to continue to see the packing house industry closed down? Does he want to continue to see 300 people laid off at the bus plants? Is that the kind of Manitoba he wants where there aren't any job opportunities?

MR. SPEAKER: Question.

MR. J. DOWNEY: They are questions, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Order please, order please.

Question period is a time for seeking information, not for giving it, or for beginning debates. The time for Oral Questions has expired.

ORDERS OF THE DAY INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

MR. SPEAKER: May I refer the attention of honourable members to the gallery where we have 25 students of Grade 9 standing of the Murdoch Mackay School. They are under the direction of Miss Trush, and the school is in the constituency of the Honourable Minister for Energy and Mines.

There are 100 students of Grade 9 standing from the Edward Schreyer School under the direction of Mr. Shmidt. The school is in the constituency of the Honourable Minister for Tourism.

On behalf of all of the members, I welcome you here this morning.

MOTIONS OF CONDOLENCE

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

HON. H. PAWLEY: Mr. Speaker, it has been mutually agreed between House Leaders that we would have a number of Condolence Motions this morning.

With that in view, I would like to move, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Energy and Mines

THAT this House convey to the family of the late Andrew Russell Paulley, who served as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, its sincere sympathy in their bereavement and its appreciation of his devotion to duty in a useful life of active community and public service; and that Mr. Speaker be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the family.

MOTION presented.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

HON. H. PAWLEY: Mr. Speaker, indeed the timing of this motion coincides with a Memorial Service that will be held this afternoon at 1:00 o'clock, in memory of the late Andrew Russell Paulley, who served in this House for many years, who made a substantial contribution to the public interest in the Province of Manitoba, first as a school trustee, then later as Mayor of the City of Transcona, then later as a Member of the Legislature for the Constituency of Transcona; then subsequent to that, as leader of the New Democratic Party in the Province of Manitoba and following that of course, as Minister of Labour under the Government of Premier Ed Schreyer, 1969 to 1977.

Mr. Speaker, Russ or Buzz Paulley, as we affectionately remembered him, was an avid participator in sports in his early life, various service organizations and also was quite involved in his church. His deep and compassionate understanding of people, his sensitivity to people, particularly those in need, was demonstrated not only in this House by the many compassionate speeches that he gave on matters of importance, but also, Mr. Speaker, often in very personal ways.

Recently I had the opportunity to tour the Transcona area with the Minister of Energy and Mines, amongst others, and in fact found that Russ Paulley was very much recalled, and recalled with deep affection.

I had just a little personal situation I would like to relate to you that demonstrated the sensitivity and the understanding and the feeling of Russ Paulley.

Shortly after Russ Paulley's retirement in 1977, he approached me with a request. He had a personal set of statutes, of course, that each Member of the Legislature receives. No longer being a member of this Chamber, he had no further use for those statutes. He was concerned that those statutes be put to use, but they be put to use by one that would be in financial need, that would not be able to purchase their own set. He asked and obtained from me, the name of a law student that would be able to use those statutes, that was having financial difficulty in completing his studies and would be able to make use of those statutes.

Russ Paulley was one that was known as a firey speaker, and we all recall his very passionate rhetoric in this Chamber, when he spoke with deep conviction, and all members can recall the instances in which Russ Paulley spoke with deep principle, because to Russ Paulley, politics was not simply holding office. It was simply not the process of seeking election and reelection. Politics was the process of standing for principle, for conviction and ensuring that that principle and that conviction would be translated into policies, meaningful policies that would benefit fellow humankind. I believe, Mr. Speaker, it was for that reason we sensed in Russ Paulley, that repeated demonstration by way of his firey oratory in this House and his compassion. in fact that was his motivating force that compelled him throughout his years of service in the political arena.

Also Russ Paulley had quite a sense of wit and humour at times. I was not in the Chamber at the time but my colleague, the Minister of Health, recalls the time when

apparently the House sat until 4:30, 5:00 o'clock in the morning and Russ Paulley never liked those very, very early morning sittings. I can recall that very well, in 1976 and 1977, when there were some very early sittings and the sun was rising. But apparently, during the administration of the former Premier, Duff Roblin, there was an occasion about 5:00 a.m., I gather, when Russ Paulley with his wit, but also with a message, entered the House and sat in his seat with a nightcap on. He was giving his own message, in his own way, to members of the Chamber.

Russ Paulley was very close to his wife, Mary, and Mary is remembered as well by us this morning, because Mary passed away in January this year. I remember speaking to Russ Paulley the evening before Mary's funeral. That brought to an end, In this mortal life, a very close affection and togetherness that had existed between two individuals, when Mary passed away.

She was a supporter, a worker at Russ Paulley's side throughout his many years. She shared with him, what are very much the burdens of office through those many years, shared with him the hardship, the sadness and also of course the joys that come with public service.

Russ or "Buzz" as I refer to that we affectionately recall, died on May 19th of this year. Russ Paulley has left a record, a legacy, he has left his imprint on the Province of Manitoba, in the history of the Province of Manitoba. He will be long recalled as one that contributed in a meaningful and very significant way to the better well-being of Manitobans.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

HON. W. PARASIUK: Mr. Speaker, in seconding this Motion of Condolence, I would like to say some words about my predecessor in the Transcona constituency, Russ Paulley. Although this is a Motion of Condolence, really it should be done in the spirit of a celebration of his life and a thanksgiving for his contribution to humanity.

Russ Paulley was a Transcona institution, I believe a Manitoba institution as well and it's hard to believe that he's gone. He had 25 years of service in this Legislature, and there are very few who match that record. When you think of a quarter-of-a-century of public service in the Legislature, there has been a tremendous commitment by an individual to this institution of democracy.

He preceded his public service in the Legislature with service within the community at the school trustee level and as a Mayor of the Town at that time of Transcona. He was very involved in community activity. He was heavily involved in the Anglican Church; he was a charter member of the Kinsmen; he was involved with the Masons; he was involved with the Legion in Transcona. He believed very strongly in those community institutions, and he believed very strongly in the strength of the community and the equality of people within that community.

Here in the Legislature, he had been around for so long that when one recollects the constituencies that he served, it seems as if he almost served half of the Province of Manitoba. He was Member for Kildonan-

Transcona in his early days, and I believe that constituency stretched right across the river.

He was also Member for Radisson, and I believe that when he was Member for Radisson that constituency took in almost the entire east side of the river for Winnipeg.

Latterly, he served just the constituency name of Transcona, but he went through that transition of the city growing, and certainly the city growing on the east side. We witnessed that transition in the Community of Transcona, which went from a community of about 6,000 close-knit people related to the railroad. Russ was a CNR foreman who knew that institution very well. During his time, Transcona grew from 6,000 people to 27,000 people, and that was a tremendous period of transition which, in fact, he guided us through.

At a party level he also, I think, guided the party that I belong to through a period of transition as well. He began sitting in this Legislature as a member of the CCF. He then became Leader of the CCF and guided us through that transition when it became the New Democratic Party. When he began sitting, the New Democratic Party, or the CCF, was the third party in this Legislature. When he retired, the New Democratic

Party was the Government of Manitoba.

So we went through those transitions, that he guided us through, having served as leader of that party through a very pivotal period. So those transitions were ones that he guided us through in a party sense. I believe he also guided Manitobans through some interesting transition as well. If one had to reflect on his contributions as part of the government, I think one would have to look back in terms of highlights on the labour legislation that he brought in: on the updating of Workers' Compensation benefits; and on the introduction of workplace safety and health legislation. I know those were very dear to his heart.

Russ Paulley was a worker, he believed in the rights of workers. In a sense, Russ Paulley was a little guy with a big heart who believed in fighting for the little guy. He did so with a great deal of passion, but also with humour. I think that a word to describe him would be that he was irascible. There was always a bit of a mischievous glint in his eye and you never knew whether he was going to talk in a humorous vein, or whether he was going to bombast you with some firey rhetoric. and sometimes he combined the two. But he always kept that sense of humour right to the end, even when he was in hospital and quite ill. He had this glint in his eye and you didn't know where the shoe would fall when he spoke.

Although we're talking about Russ Paulley and his contributions, I certainly want to pay tribute to the contributions of Mary Paulley, both within the community of Transcona and to the larger community of Manitoba. I think she was known to those people who served with Russ at that time in the Legislature. She was such a strong support that frankly when she passed away a few months ago, although Russ had gone through a lot of medical adversity over a number of years, I believe that in large part that will to live left him when his beloved Mary passed away.

I think we also have to acknowledge the contribution and support of his family, his daughters Diane and Lynda. I think we in public life know, as possibly many other don't, the demands that public life places upon us, and the extent to which we have to sacrifice our private lives, and in a sense sacrifice our families in order to carry out public functions, which we can only do with their support. Sometimes a politician's life is not the most respected life. People think it's at times possibly a cushy type of a job, when in fact when you get into it it is a very demanding one in terms of time, and I would think that if one had to determine the thing that politicians lose most is their private time. I think that often is a price that the family has to pay, and I think they paid it, and they paid their dues in terms of in that way contributing to the betterment of Manitoba.

So I think it's important that we recognize the family and we thank them for their sacrifice, while at the same time rejoicing and thanksgiving at the contributions to the betterment of society in Manitoba, and I believe Canada, that Russ Paulley has made during his long and distinguished career.

Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Mr. Speaker, I wish to associate myself personally with the sentiments about the late Russ Paulley just offered by the Honourable First Minister, and the Honourable Minister of Mines and Energy. On behalf of my colleagues, Sir, I wish to associate the Progressive Conservative Caucus with this Motion of Condolence.

In that connection, Mr. Speaker, I would take a moment or two at this juncture to offer my own valedictory to this long time and distinguished Manitoba public servant and leader in Manitoba public life, now no longer among us.

Russ Paulley was a partisan politician obviously, as am, and we operated on opposing sides of the political battlefield in this province. In fact, for several years in the 1970's, while Russ Pauliey was the Minister of Labour in Premier Schreyer's administration, I was Labour Critic for my caucus here on this opposition side of the House. As a consequence, Sir, he and I were of necessity, pitted against each other very frequently in what I think could be described, and I'm sure he would describe it from time-to-time, as having been vigorous debate.

But in the best traditions of free and responsible democratic politics, Russ and I were friends and we enjoyed each other's respect. I have no hesitation in saying to you, Sir, and to the late Russ Paulley's party colleagues opposite that it was in very large part, the spirit, the nature and the wisdom of the man. Russ Paulley, that made that possible. He was able to reduce the heat and fire of battle, the partisanship of debate to that level of humanity and human understanding which was a strong thread in his nature and his personality, to bring us down to earth again and to make us friends again. He taught me a great deal. I feel I've personally learned a considerable amount about life from my experience as Labour Critic when Russ Paulley was Minister of Labour.

Those were contentious times in terms of labour politics in this province. Among other major and frequently bitter confrontations, we experienced the

strike of service workers at the University of Manitoba, the Griffin Steel strike and the highly controversial new Manitoba Labour Relations Act. But Russ Paulley knew what life was all about. He knew that labour confrontations are serious, and he knew that partisan political debate is legitimate and necessary. But he also knew that these things have to be kept in their perspective, and that they should not be permitted to subdue or suffocate that fundamental bond of humanity, of fraternity that exists or should exist between one human being and another. So he made it possible for friendship to prevail, notwithstanding the difficulties one encounters from time-to-time in political battle.

We had another bond, and that's already been mentioned by the Minister of Energy and Mines and the First Minister. We had another bond, Russ Paulley and I, and that was the Anglican Church, Sir. Russ was a pillar of the Anglican Church. I am proud to say, as many of my colleagues in this Chamber know, that I come from an Anglican Church family and background and we, Russ and I, frequently enjoyed our discussions about the present, the past and the contentious future of the church in general, and the Anglican Church in particular.

Much has been said already about Russ's wife, Mary. We all know of her strengths and how much sustenance she gave Russ, and how strong a supporter she was in the Anglican Church and in her community.

But I would conclude, Sir, by saying that the enduring quality about Russ Paulley that I remember is that he was fun. Russ Paulley was fun. His great passion was this theatre, this platform, this arena. When he came into his seat on the front benches and when he rose to speak, MLA's on all sides of the House listened, participated, because Russ enjoyed heckling and he gave back much better than he was forced to receive on frequent occasions. He enjoyed the hecklings and the MLA's, all of us, not only listened and participated, but we enjoyed the occasions.

I recall very few occasions, Mr. Speaker, when Russ Paulley was speaking that weren't fun. I guess the only ones that weren't fun was when he was levelling deserved tongue-lashings at the Labour Critic of the opposition. Otherwise, it was always an occasion of political enjoyment to be in the House during a Russ Paulley speech.

Mr. Speaker, Will Rogers once said, "I never met a man I didn't like." I think Russ Paulley probably said it first, and I think he lived that way. So as a comrade in this Legislature, as one political foe to a worthy political foe no longer among us, I wish to say that Russ Paulley was a kind, fellow human being and he will be sorely missed by us on this side of the political spectrum in Manitoba, as well as his colleagues on his own side of that spectrum. I say to Russ Paulley today, farewell old friend, and thank you for the opportunity of knowing you.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister for the Environment.

HON. G. LECUYER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I too would like to add a few brief words in the memory of a long-time member of this Chamber, of 25 years indeed. During those 25 years for four of those years, 1958 to 1962, he represented the constituency of Radisson, of course. At that time, the boundaries were not as they are today, but still much or if not all of the constituency that I represent today was part of that constituency of Radisson of those days.

I personally did not know Russ Paulley well, having not at any time been a member of this Legislature while he was a member. I can, on the other hand, recall having visited the Legislature at one time, during which period of time he stood up and spoke for a while. I can definitely understand what is meant when people refer to him as being a fiery speaker, flamboyant, one who spoke with a lot of vigour and certainly had strong principles and principles that went towards all people, but especially towards the workers for whom he held an undying commitment throughout his life. The debate and question at that time had to do with the labour legislation, and I recall that he spoke, of course, with certainly a great deal of vigour and belief and conviction at that time.

My first meeting with Russ Paulley occurred shortly after my nomination as a candidate for our party in the constituency of Radisson. I had been told that one of the things I should do early would be to sit down and chat with Russ Paulley, whose residence was just a few hundred feet away from the boundary of my constituency. I called him one evening and told him that I would like to spend a few moments talking to him, and he welcomed me. So after spending a little bit of time doing some door-to-door visiting that evening, as dusk came I ambled onto his residence. He was sitting on the steps waiting for me.

Together we smoked quite a few cigarettes and, as one journalist remarked, you didn't have to ask for advice, you got it anyway. I definitely did. As I recall him mentioning to me many times I, as a rookie, could benefit and I did indeed benefit from numerous advice that he gave me that evening.

When he talked, I can readily understand what the Minister of Energy and Mines was referring to a while ago when he referred to the spark in his eye. That spark, I don't think, ever left him probably until his last breath. I suppose this was only the second time that I really spent some time talking to him. That was two weeks ago when he was in the hospital, at which time he was certainly under a great deal of pain but his mind was sharp as a whip, and the humour which has been referred to had to be characteristic of him.

I know that the Premier was there, and he chided the Premier for still not knowing how to spell his name and things of that nature. He still referred to me as the rookie. He was calling me by my pseudonym which very few people knew, and I'm sure nobody in this House, but which he knew and still remembered on his hospital bed. As I say, this is in the last couple of weeks, although it was very clear that his hour was drawing near.

So I definitely want to honour his memory and, in the name of my colleagues and all of Manitobans, definitely wish to recognize and thank him for all his years of dedication in public life as a trustee, as a mayor, as a long-time member of this Legislature, and in his community, as a member of many service clubs and organizations, as an ardent sports enthusiast. I read somewhere that he not only was a participant and an ardent participant in the sport of soccer, but was

also a long-time coach and trainer of that activity, and that his team of Transcona was once taken to the championship while he was the trainer.

So to his memory and to his long years, from his early working days in the shops of Transcona to his final days in the hospital having, as a young working man, dedicated himself into the union movement in the shops of Transcona and until his retirement when he still kept on - I understand he was a member of the Transcona Museum Society. He went on to join a horticultural society. He was a member of the Senior Citizens' Legion in Transcona. So from the very beginning to the very end, his life was very active, was totally devoted for his fellowman in a very unselfish way. For that, we all thank him, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Minnedosa.

MR. D. BLAKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I just want to associate myself with the Condolence Motion to the family of A.R. Russ Paulley, the MLA for Transcona, not only on a personal basis but from a former Premier of this province, Mr. Walter Weir, who called me last evening and was unable to be with us in the loges today for the Condolence Motion and unable to attend the memorial service. So he asked me if I would join his name in the Condolence Motion to the family.

Although Russ and Walter were political adversaries for many many years, they were good friends. It was recalled on numerous occasions when they were together during the heat of election campaigns when Buzz would be out in western Manitoba campaigning on behalf of his party that he served and fought for so hard, he would call Walter and say, I don't really think I am going to do too much damage out here, Walter, so why don't we meet at your cottage and enjoy a little fellowship for awhile before I go back to the city. They had very many pleasant times together.

Buzz Paulley served his party and the people of Manitoba well, and he will be long remembered for that. Those that knew him on a personal basis, he will long be remembered for that.

Russ Paulley was a Freemason, and I had the privilege and the enjoyment of sitting in lodge with him and enjoying fellowship on many many occasions because, as has been said by my colleague, the Member for Fort Garry, he was one who was able to put aside some of the party politics and join in good fellowship, and was a delight to be with on occasions outside of the political cut and thrust of this Chamber that sometimes got pretty heated.

So, Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to associate myself with the Condolence Motion to the family but, as has been said eloquently by so many speakers before me, he served his party and the Province of Manitoba well, and will long be remembered.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Natural Resources.

HON. A. MACKLING: Mr. Speaker, I want to briefly join in the remarks of colleagues on both sides of this House in respect to Buzz Paulley. I join in agreeing with

everything that has been said on both sides of the House, which I think is one time when we have an opportunity to indicate, as Buzz would, that while we may debate in this House with vigour, with heat, with ferocity at times to defend the principles we espouse, we should not fight as individuals. Fight on issues, on principles, but not as individuals.

He set an example for everyone in this Legislature in the way he reflected that concept of this House. As members have indicated, he knew how to continue to be friends with people whose principles he opposed.

Mr. Speaker, he set a fine example in other ways. He used to like to recall one of the turning points in his life. The First Minister and I had something to do with making his decision to seek the leadership of the CCF in the province. He was a sitting member at that time, and Lloyd Stinson had been defeated in the election. It reflects the courage of Buzz Paulley and, I suppose the audacity of the Premier and I, that we would approach someone who was ill in hospital and ask him to take on such an onerous responsibility. But Buzz accepted that challenge.

He was someone that had fought a long fight with illness. He set an example there, Mr. Speaker. Life wasn't easy for Buzz, but he sat in this House and, as my colleague, the present Member for Transcona pointed out, sat through some of the long hours, some of the occasions when we went into the late nights and the early mornings. Even though there were times when he rebelled at the onerous life of a member of the Legislature, he never did lose his sense of humour. He set such a fine example of dedication despite illness; despite the heat of the Chamber, he had love for his political enemies. He had genuine love.

Mr. Speaker, I join with the remarks about his beloved spouse, Mary.

Buzz was a man who had the common touch and never lost it. He was a man close to all people. He was one that stood for justice, saw in government and the rule of law and order and through the parliamentary system, a way to create a better society for all of us. He worked for that. He fought for that. He loved his province. He made a great contribution to this province. For all of that, we wish him well.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. G. FILMON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to add my very brief, but nevertheless sincere words of condolence to the members of Russ Paulley's family, in recognizing and saluting the memory of a former party leader in this Chamber, the Leader of the CCF, later the New Democratic Party in Manitoba.

Although I didn't know him well, we met on a number of occasions at social events, when I was a member of City Council, and he was a Minister in the government of the province. I found him at all times to be very down to earth, friendly and dedicated and an effective public servant.

Of course, his 25 years spent in this Chamber and his years as Mayor of Transcona, a member of the school board, have been spoken to and about, and indicate his dedication to public life in our province.

His efforts at organizing and building the New Democratic Party have been noted and properly

acknowledged in the media. His efforts on behalf of labour in Manitoba, in translating his ideas and experiences as a railway employee into legislative initiatives have been properly recognized.

His achievements will be remembered well, and will be a lasting source of pride to the members of his family who survive him. As Leader of our party, I wish to be associated with the many expressions of condolence that have been put forward today, and in the news media in recent times, to members of his family.

MR. SPEAKER: Would members please rise for a moment of silence to show their support for the motion?

(A moment of silence was observed) INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

MR. SPEAKER: Before proceeding, may I direct the attention of honourable members to the gallery. We have 61 students of Grade 5 standing from the New Era School, under the direction of Mr. Tardiff and Mrs. Smeltz. The school is in the constituency of the Honourable Minister of Employment Services.

There are 45 students of Grade 6 standing from the Ramah Elementary School, under the direction of Mrs. Sigesmund. The school is in the constituency of the Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

On behalf of all of the members, I welcome you here this morning.

MOTIONS OF CONDOLENCE

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

HON. H. PAWLEY: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honorable Attorney-General

THAT this House convey to the family of the late Joseph Russell (Bud) Boyce, who served as a member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, its sincere sympathy in their bereavement and its appreciation of his devotion to duty in a useful life of active community and public service; and that Mr. Speaker be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the family.

MOTION presented.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

HON. H. PAWLEY: Mr. Speaker, I, and many members of this House, will recall Bud Boyce who served in this Chamber as a Member of the Legislature for the Constituency of Winnipeg Centre from 1969 to 1977. In earlier years Bud Boyce had served as an educator; he had served in other various areas, including that of being a veteran of the Royal Canadian Navy and, in latter times, as a management consultant. In fact, I recall, it must have been, Mr. Speaker, within a week or 10 days of Bud Boyce's death that Bud Boyce visited this Chamber. Some of us had an opportunity to say a few words to him on that occasion. It came as a shock, I think, to each and every one of us of the announcement of his death.

Bud Boyce was one who had very very strong conviction and I can recall very well, as I think other honourable members can recall, Bud getting up in his place and speaking with tremendous vigour. Also Bud Boyce was not a speaker who you had any difficulty in hearing in this Chamber, his voice would rise to great heights, because of the passion that Bud Boyce felt in respect to those particular principles that were very close to him.

Bud Boyce particularly felt very very strong about issues of individual rights, about issues pertaining to the Constitution, about matters pertaining to the treatment of alcoholics and the role of the Manitoba Alcoholism Commission. He felt very concerned in respect to those that had strayed from their path in life, and who found themselves in a situation of having to be dealt with by the correctional authorities. Bud Boyce, as we recall, served as Minister of Corrections during the period of the Schreyer administration and served well in that capacity.

There was another side of Bud Boyce in a personal way that I would like to mention this morning. I was not aware of this, Mr. Speaker, until the funeral service for Bud Boyce which you also attended, in which a colleague of Bud Boyce mentioned the number of foster children that Bud Boyce welcomed into his home over the space of a number of years, and how Bud and his wife, June, had helped to raise those foster children.

At the funeral service, I had the opportunity to speak to one of those foster children who looked upon Bud Boyce as Dad, because in the time when that youngster required help most, Bud Boyce at a sacrifice to himself took that youngster into his home, and gave that youngster help, maturely, spiritually, at a time when that youngster required that assistance most. I guess that is why Bud Boyce served us a period of time as a school counsellor, because of his interest in young people, in working with young people, in helping young people.

At that same service, Mr. Speaker, I'm sure you noted - I did - the fact that church at the corner of Preston and Home was packed full; people were standing. They were from all levels of society; there were those that exercise power in society; there were those that had little power in society; there were rich; there were poor. They were simply individuals that Bud Boyce had made contact with during his life, people of different political persuasions, people there to pay their respect because Bud Boyce had meant a great deal to them in their lives.

Though at times there were differences of view in different areas, Bud Boyce never permitted that to cloud his personal relationship, never allowed that to interfere in his companionship with those that he respected and appreciated.

Bud Boyce died on March the 16th of this year, and that was only a few days before his 60th birthday and, as I mentioned, just a few days after he visited us in this Chamber. Bud Boyce also had a - I mentioned earlier with Mary Paulley - tremendous ally throughout his life, and that was June. In fact, June was Bud Boyce's campaign manager and campaign co-ordinator. Everywhere Bud was, June was. So I take this opportunity, Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the members of this House, to extend to June, to Bud Boyce's family, our sincere condolences on this occasion.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Attorney-General.

HON. R. PENNER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Although I'd had some contact and acquaintanceship with Bud Boyce prior to 1972, it wasn't until I became Chairperson of Legal Aid, and subsequently Bud became the Minister of Corrections, that our acquaintanceship took on a particular focus and that was a mutual interest in that particular and regrettably intractable problem as it appears in so many instances. There was nothing that bothered Bud more than, although he was Minister of Corrections, the kind of resources which society could muster to in fact make that term "Corrections" a meaningful one would never be adequate. The problem, particularly given that his jurisdiction was with respect to provincial institutions hence short-term residents of these correctional institutions, was seeing so little that could be done. That bothered him. It bothered him not in a formal institutional sense, but as a human being, because as it has come out in the remarks of the First Minister, he was a man with a great deal of soul, a great deal of feeling. We had many discussions about this particular problem, and that came through time and time again, and he is to be honoured and respected: not for what he did and he did much in a difficult area. but for how he approached that very, very difficult problem. I suppose there's no portfolio more difficult to administer in government than that of Minister of Corrections, but that didn't daunt Bud Boyce, it just challenged him.

My other contact, again I think, speaks much for the man who we honour today and that was during the 1981 election campaign, when Bud bearing the banner of the Progressive Party campaigned for election in Fort Rouge. I was a candidate, and what was particularly noteworthy, indeed let me say tangentially, this was true of all of the candidates in that particular constituency, but pre-eminently of Bud, was the courtesy, the way in which he addressed issues and never dealt with personalities. There was never a mean word or innuendo that came from the mouth of Bud Boyce when he came to the all-candidate meetings in various parts of the constituency. As I say, that was fortunately characteristic of others as well, but Bud was the catalyst that led us to take that kind of stance and address issues and that made those mettings, I think, kind of a benchmark for what campaign meetings might well be in elections where you seek to form an electorate.

In this brief tribute to Bud Boyce, who I knew and at all times respected, I add my condolences to June and the family, I now understand how an extended family indeed it was, and I take pride in the fact that I had these albeit too brief associations with him.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. G. FILMON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I wish to join the Premier and all members of this Chamber in expressing regret and sadness at the passing of Bud Boyce, a former colleague in the Legislature, and particularly to pass along sincere and heartfelt condolences to his wife June and their six

children and seven grandchildren, and of course his many friends and relatives who remember him well.

Bud was a member of this Assembly when I was first elected and although we were on opposite sides of the House, he welcomed me warmly and was always friendly to me as a newcomer, offered advice, told me a bit about the workings of the House in the early days that I was here and the things to watch out for and things to know and understand. Certainly there were many quiet times during long evening debates when we would step aside and have a cup of coffee and maybe even a chat, and he seemed to be genuinely interested in my thoughts and views and ideas as a newcomer to this Assembly.

In debate, he demonstrated a strong commitment, of course, to his views and his principles and particularly, as has been mentioned by the Premier, with respect to protection of individual rights and liberties in the Constitution and the debate and discussion that was going on at that particular time. He demonstrated that conviction by disagreeing, sometimes publicly, with his own party and his own caucus colleagues on certain of these issues, but nevertheless I think he was always regarded by everyone as being a conscientious, decent and honourable person throughout his service in this Assembly.

I suppose that he brought to the workings of government, his background as an educator, his experience in serving on various public bodies, the Alcoholism Foundation, of course being one that has been mentioned, his service in the Second World War, on behalf of his country. All of these things shaped his broad and well-rounded view on issues.

He'll be well remembered, fondly recalled for his contribution to public life and sadly missed by those who knew him.

On behalf of my colleagues on this side of the House, we certainly wish to extend our sincere condolences to his wife, June, and all members of his family.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Arthur.

MR. J. DOWNEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I too, want to join in the extending of sympathies to the family of Bud Boyce, and join in the condolence motion. I think in my term of office, as a member of this Assembly, that I did have several opportunities, as my leader has indicated, to discuss in a personal way different issues with Bud. I found him extremely sincere and as well a very emotional person who had a deep feeling for everything that he was a part of, and demonstrated in that way in something in which I give a person credit for, that he did have those kinds of deep feelings and strong emotions.

I do have, as well, another little association with him, or because of the fact that Bud was a former graduate of the Agricultural Department the University of Manitoba, I believe, and had a degree in Agriculture, I had that in common with him as well, and we could talk on the level of two people who have had the same educational background; he being degree, I being diploma, but still a part of the same community. I enjoyed that as well and felt, as a new member, that he did have a reasonably good understanding of rural and urban issues, and I feel it's important that that's

the kind of mix and understanding that's brought into this Assembly.

With those comments, Mr. Speaker, I as well want to extend my sympathies and condolences to the wife and family of Bud Boyce.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Agriculture.

HON. B. URUSKI: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I wish to rise and to associate myself with this condolence motion to the family of Bud; to June and to his daughter, Rorie, and to members of his family.

I guess Elaine and I knew Bud, not only as a member in the House, but we had several occasions to enjoy company with June and Bud, whether it be at Hecla Island or whether it be on a week's vacation after a parliamentary conference in Nova Scotia, in which we shared a week together, renting a car and travelling through Prince Edward Island, and visiting his home province of New Brunswick and visiting some of his relatives in St. John's.

I would like to say having known Bud certainly left a mark on my life, in the way that he was able to, as with other colleagues, but particularly Bud, that he would not carry a grudge. Bud was prepared to forgive, no matter how deeply he may have been hurt or whatever was bothering him. I think to many people he was, I guess even to myself at times, not one that was readily understood as to where he was coming from or what he was saving. But his sincerity and his deep concern for his fellow-man and for all in society, and the work that he had done with our young people. with the full support of June and his family, that he will long be remembered in Manitoba's history as truly being one that tried to do what he could for the least in our midst. I'm certainly pleased to associate myself with this Condolence Motion.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Elmwood.

MR. R. DOERN: Mr. Speaker, I am, like many other members in this Chamber, one who had a long association with Bud Boyce, both in caucus and in Cabinet. I remember very well his frequent references to and his love of the subject of philosophy, of a famous trip that he made to Greece, to study with the Greek thinker and architect, and so on, Doxiadis and his many references to that man and his work.

All of us are aware of his affiliation with and his love of the Salvation Army which was a major part of his life. A number of us attended the Memorial Service held in the Salvation Army Building, I believe possibly in his former constituency.

Bud could be difficult on occasion, but he enjoyed a laugh and he enjoyed the company of people. He, like others, found it difficult and then impossible to complete his political life within the New Democratic Party. He along with others formed the new Progressive Party of Manitoba. He was fond of making a statement that could in fact be described as his political epitaph. He said, "I joined the New Democratic Party to fight big business and I left the NDP to fight big labour."

I recall speaking to him not too long ago in this Chamber about his life and his current interests. Bud

was blessed with a very lovely wife, June, who is known to many of us in this Chamber and with a number of good friends. He will be long remembered.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

MR. L. SHERMAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I wish to associate myself personally with the sentiments expressed by those speakers on both sides of the Chamber who have preceded me in paying tribute to the late Bud Boyce and his family. I wish to associate myself personally, and also on behalf of my colleagues, with my leader, with the Motion of Condolence.

Sir, I think the best illustration of the nature and character of Bud Boyce for me occurred in respect to an occasion and incident during the 1970's, to which the previous speaker, the Member for Elmwood, referred. It was an occasion on which Bud Boyce was visiting Greece. I recall very well, Sir, that he sent postcards to a number of us. Bud Boyce was on one side of the House, my colleagues and I were obviously on the other side, but we got postcards from Bud. I don't mean a single postcard to the caucus, I mean individual postcards that he took the time to stop and write and send to us. That reflected the kind of friendship that he enjoyed and that we enjoyed with him, the kind of community of friendship that extended right around the Chamber, where Bud Boyce was concerned.

As has been mentioned, one of Bud's keenest interests was the Salvation Army, but one of his keenest interests and commitments, too, Sir, was his commitment to serve and to lead in the battle against discouragement of alcoholism and chemical dependency and the damage that that does to human lives. Bud toiled long and valiantly in that vineyard. One of his great passions and interest was the Alcoholism Foundation of Manitoba, as a consequence, and the work of that foundation.

I well remember when I was Minister of Health and Bud was one of the critics for Health, Community Services and Corrections on the NDP Opposition side of the House, that his questioning was very intensive and very detailed when it came to the section of the Estimates having to do with the Alcoholism Foundation. He knew that field well, Sir, he was determined that foundation be supported and sustained and reinforced wherever possible. He was determined that the job it did be carried on and carried on well, and that any Minister occupying the office of Minister of Health, had to measure up to a very devoted and very serious level of stewardship, where the AFM was concerned.

Those represent probably my keenest professional and political memories of Bud Boyce and they reflect for me the nature of the man, as a public servant, as an elected representative of the people. Socially I remember him as a good friend. As has been said by previous speakers, he was someone who enjoyed fellowship and comradeship, regardless of partisan association. One could always enjoy a social time, and/ or a conversation, and/or a chance meeting with Bud Boyce.

He was a spokesman for the ordinary man. Certainly he did not stand on ceremony. He didn't like stuffed shirts or pomposity and that was one of the most endearing qualities about him. At the same time, as the Member for Elmwood has mentioned, he appreciated and respected scholarship. He had a great love for scholarship and philosophy and his affinity for that subject was reflected in many of the speeches he made in this House. Many of them were peppered with philosophical references and influences.

So he made a great contribution inside and outside this Chamber and he made a great contribution as a friend, to those of us who knew him. He will be well remembered for that. Like others, who served with him in this Chamber during the 1970's and the early 1980's, Mr. Speaker, I appreciated that opportunity and I shall miss him.

I join very sincerely in the Motion of Condolence to his widow, June, and to other members of his family.

MR. SPEAKER: Would members please rise for a moment of silence to show their support for the motion?

(A moment of silence was observed.) INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

MR. SPEAKER: Before proceeding, may I direct the attention of honourable members to the gallery, where we have 25 students of Grade 5 standing from the Hamiota Elementary School. They are under the direction of Miss Irwin, and the school is in the constituency of the Honourable Member for Virden.

On behalf of all the members, I welcome you here this morning.

MOTIONS OF CONDOLENCE

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

HON. H. PAWLEY: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Government Services

THAT this House convey to the family of the late Dr. Stanley W. Fox, who served as a member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, its sincere sympathy in their bereavement and its appreciation of his devotion to duty in a useful life of active community and public service; and that Mr. Speaker be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the family.

MOTION presented.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

HON. H. PAWLEY: Mr. Speaker, I certainly will be interested if there is anyone in the Chamber that did know the late Dr. Fox. He did serve in this Chamber for three terms as a Social Credit Member for the constituency of Gilbert Plains, 1936, and was re-elected in two succeeding general elections in 1941 and 1945.

In the early 1950's, I understand that Dr. Fox left Manitoba to practise medicine in South Dakota, and served as a medical consultant and adviser to government organizations in that state.

Dr. Fox died on March the 22nd of this year.

I would like to just spend a moment or two, Mr. Speaker, not having known the late Dr. Fox, in thinking insofar as the background of the times in which Dr. Fox was elected as a Social Credit member, in Gilbert Plains, 1936, it was a time certainly during the depth of the depression, a time in which there was a great deal of popular protest in Western Canada, much of that popular protest directed towards banking institutions and the monetary system. I can't help, Mr. Speaker, but think that indeed I would have, though disagreeing basically with many of the policies that Dr. Fox might have very well stood for, but admiring Dr. Fox because he was moved by the poverty obviously, the inhumanity that existed in 1936 in the depth of that depression; the fact that there was so much poverty in the midst of plenty during a period of time, as well, in which he served as a medical practitioner in an area of Manitoba where he must have experienced a great deal of that poverty.

I am certain Dr. Fox reached out to embrace a political program that he felt in his own sincerity would come to grips with that deplorable state of affairs in 1936. I am sure he was moved by the presence at that time of Dr. Aberhardt in the Province of Alberta. In fact, it would only be a matter of a few years prior to that that Aberhardt and the Social Credit would have swept to power in the Province of Alberta, very much as a direct reaction to the conditions in the 1930's.

So here we have a medical doctor serving for three terms, a Social Crediter by inspiration, obviously serving as a minority of possibly one, two or three at the most in this House, speaking against that which he must have felt was so obviously wrong for the society of his time.

So not having known Dr. Fox, one can recognize by the very time of his election, by the circumstances during that period of time, by a political view that no member in this House is affiliated with, that Dr. Fox must have certainly been an individual that felt very strongly, one that felt with very deep conviction that there were answers. Dr. Fox must have been one that would not rest content until he, to the best of his abilities, could attempt to provide some of those answers to those very grievous and painful and difficult times in 1936 and on.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Government Services.

HON. A. ADAM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In rising to second the motion to express sympathy and condolence to the family of Dr. Stanley W. Fox, I do so not only as a member of this Legislature in the memory of a former member, who was a member of this august Chamber, but also as a member of a neighbouring constituency of Ste. Rose. He represented Gilbert Plains for a number of years, and was born - I believe he was from the Balmoral area. He was born in Balmoral, and graduated at the University of Manitoba Medical Faculty, and practised medicine here for 21 years.

I want to reiterate the comments made by the Premier in that Mr. Fox, Stanley Fox, chose to seek elections on behalf of the Social Credit Party. As an older members of this Assembly and having gone through that period of time and remembering very vividly

conditions that existed then, I can't help but feel that Dr. Fox was searching for new answers. He was searching for new ways to address the problems that were being faced by citizens of that era.

There is no doubt that we may all have our different approaches to addressing our problems. We have in this Chamber different approaches. I think that whichever party that we represent, I think we are all searching for the same answer. It's just a question of how it should be done, and which road should you follow to achieve those goals. I have no doubt in my mind that is one of the ideals that Dr. Fox was searching, is to find the best way to resolve the problems that he saw that were a problem to the people in those years.

I have no hesitation to expressing my sincere condolences to the family of Dr. Fox.

Thank you very much.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. G. FILMON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise not only to associate members of the opposition with the motion of condolence to the family of Dr. Stanley W. Fox, but to provide perhaps an insight and some personal glimpses of Dr. Fox's life, which have been provided for me by the Member for Roblin-Russell, who had taken the opportunity to speak with the family or at least friends in Gilbert Plains who knew the late Dr. Fox. Of course, the Member for Roblin-Russell represents in this House much of the area that had been represented by Dr. Fox during his term of service.

The Member for Roblin-Russell had hoped to be able to personally present these remarks, but unfortunately due to an illness in his immediate family is unable to. So I wish to place on the record some of the information which friends have provided with respect to Dr. Fox.

It has been, of course, noted of his service in this Legislature between 1936 and 1949, as well of his later practice of medicine in Pierre, South Dakota, and his appointment as a medical consultant to the Social Security Department and medical adviser to the Welfare Department in that state.

Later, it is my understanding that he retired to Oceanside, California, at which time his first wife passed away. He then remarried a former school classmate from Manitoba who he had known, and they later moved to Edmonton, Alberta.

Dr. Fox was apparently, during his time of residence in the Gilbert Plains area, a very hard-working medical practitioner who was described as being very hard on himself. He was a person who served the community's health care needs seven days a week, 24-hours-a-day, but he still seemed to have time to participate in many community activities. Apparently an avid hunter, sportsman of all sorts, he excelled as a curler and a golfer.

Dr. Fox and his family were extremely popular in the community of Gilbert Plains, which was really what brought about his entrance into the public arena at an elected level. He was pressed upon by his many friends and people who knew and respected him well. He, therefore, ran for the Social Credit Party in 1936.

The late Dr. Fox will be long remembered by his numerous friends and former neighbours in the Gilbert

Plains community and many others across Manitoba and Canada. He was an excellent medical doctor, skilful politician and an outstanding Manitoban, a fine gentleman.

So I wish to join with the Premier and all members of the Legislature in supporting the Motion of Condolence, and extending our sincere condolences to all members of his family.

MR. SPEAKER: Would members please rise for a moment of silence to show their support for the motion?

(A moment of silence was observed.)

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

HON. H. PAWLEY: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Interlake

THAT this House convey to the family of the late James Frederick Anderson, who served as a member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, its sincere sympathy in their bereavement and its appreciation of his devotion to duty in a useful life of active community and public service; and that Mr. Speaker be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the family.

MOTION presented.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

HON. H. PAWLEY: Mr. Speaker, the late Mr. Anderson served as a member of the Legislature for the constituency of Fairford, which represents a major portion of the constituency of the Interlake, and served in that constituency from 1949 to 1958. He was also, interestingly, re-elected after his election, once by acclamation. I haven't known very many instances where members have been so fortunate as to be re-elected by way of acclamation, so I think it indicates something about the individual and his obvious popularity that no one saw fit to run against Mr. Anderson after his first term in office, for his second term, he was re-elected by acclamation. He was re-elected in the 1953 general election as well as a Liberal Progressive member representing the constituency of Fairford.

Mr. Anderson was a municipal administrator, a school trustee. He served on the Ashern Hospital Board, and was President of the Manitoba Hospital Organization.

I can recall Mr. Anderson as a lawyer. In fact, when I was practising in the Stonewall-Selkirk area, I had some contact with Mr. Anderson from time to time as he was serving at that time in Ashern. I remember once visiting Mr. Anderson's office. It was a very crowded office, the walls, of course, lined with statutes and law books. His desk was very much littered with files and papers. I can also recall that whenever one had a matter in Law dealing with someone that lived in the Ashern area, you could be sure 99 times out of a 100, James Anderson would be acting as the lawyer for the resident of Ashern and community, which again I think demonstrates the respect that Jim Anderson had in the Ashern area.

People went to Jim Anderson, and there were a number of things I remember about his work. First, he was well-known as one that charged in a very minimal way. Secondly, he was a real general practitioner, and I believe - the Member for Interlake will know better than I in this respect - but I seem to recall that he was not just a lawyer to his clients, but was one that his clients confided in, personal problems, family problems. He was there as kind of a person that the entire community of Ashern looked up to. When they were in trouble, they would go and talk to Jim Anderson. Whether it was a legal matter or non-legal matter, Jim Anderson was really very much an institution in Ashern.

So Jim Anderson served and served well in this Chamber, served his province well during an important period of the history of Manitoba, served as a Liberal member. Not too many members, I'm sure, in this Chamber knew Jim Anderson, but certainly those that did, and particularly those in his community of Ashern, remembered a service well done, not only as a member of the Legislature, but also as a community worker in Ashern.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Agriculture.

HON. B. URUSKI: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

It is an honour for myself to stand with the Premier in seconding this motion of condolence to Mayme Anderson and her family on this condolence motion on the passing of her husband Jim.

Although I did not know Mr. Anderson while he was a member in this House, in fact, I was born the year he started practice in the Ashern area so that one can readily see some of the age differential, but I did have occasion to meet and work with Jim Anderson as the MLA for the area. I can certainly concur in the comments made by the Premier about Jim Anderson being an institution, and anyone who needed advice, whether it be legal or otherwise, Jim was there and in his own quiet, modest way and be able to attempt to give the best advice possible. Advice, I guess there are others that would bull ahead and confront, he would try to deal with a person's situation in as least a confrontive way as possible, but yet get the job done. He was not one to be shouting from the rooftops, he was quiet and modest and very effective in his community. It's probably very clear why he was, in 1949, re-elected by acclamation. He was, as I understand, Whip of the Liberal Party while he was a member in this House and I'm sure, in his own quiet way, made sure that members performed and were in their places, as difficult as the job of a Whip is, in his guiet way I'm sure that he made his presence be known in his own caucus.

Looking back through some of the records I can see why, and he truly represented his constituents in that part of the province, the Fairford, north of Ashern area, part of the constituency which was later dissolved by redistribution and went into the St. George Constituency and was represented later in '58 by Mr. Elman Guttormson, whom I had the pleasure of knowing, who sat in the House just prior to myself. That area had a lot of small farmers and the debates we've had in this House recently about cream producers, a lot of them were cream producers. There were motions by members opposite, and independent members in the House, to conduct a plebiscite on the colouring of margarine in the Province of Manitoba and Jim Anderson was one

of those, and other members from that area said, "No way, w do not want any colouring of margarine at all in the Province of Manitoba, because it affects our constituents." He truly did represent on some of those issues the feelings of his constituents here.

I knew Jim Anderson while he was practicing law and on the hospital board and we did have a number of years of fairly close relationship while the Lakeshore District Health Board was in its evolutionary stages and the workings toward the rebuilding of the Ashern Hospital and the rebuilding of the Personal Care Home there in Ashern, as well as other discussions and other work in the Gypsumville area and in the Eriksdale and Lundar area, Jim was on the board during those years. I did have several occasions in which I visited he and his wife and had the pleasure of her company, although I did not know his family at all. I am pleased to pay tribute to a gentleman who served the northwestern part of the Interlake, I believe, faithfully for over 40 years in public office, whether it be in private legal profession or in this Chamber, and certainly will be well remembered. This condolence and our sincere best wishes to the family go out with the best intentions that we can provide for them. I wish the very best to his wife. Mayme and their two sons Ted and his wife Aria, his other son William and daughter Linda, and as well a daughter Betsy and her husband Ross. I'm pleased to second this condolence motion.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Charleswood.

HON. S. LYON: Mr. Speaker, Jim Anderson retired from the Legislature in the general election in which I was elected. I did see him in action in the House, however, from a vantage point in the Gallery and I subscribe to what has been said, particularly by the Minister of Agriculture, that he was a very quiet and modest man who was extremely effective in the House.

He had a long association with his community, the Interlake, Ashern in particular, although he had been born and raised in the Oakville area. I came to know him in the '50s when I was travelling on the country circuit as a Crown Attorney with the Attorney-General's department and Jim Anderson was, as has been described, a well-known solicitor in that area, well beloved by everybody. He was not a man who showed up regularly in court, that was not his forte, he did the solicitor's work for a wide range of that community and he was a counsellor to people in the highest and best sense of that word.

I spoke recently with his leader, former Premier, Douglas Campbell, about Jim Anderson and he confirmed precisely what we have heard today about this man. He was quiet, he was courteous, he was held in extremely high regard by all who knew him. Mr. Campbell told me that Jim Anderson had been the Chairman of Committees in the House, which is the equivalent today of the Deputy Speaker, and he said he was probably one of the most effective Chairman of Committees that he had seen because he showed those qualities which are so rare in humankind, but so invaluable in that position. Great patience and courtesy. He said Jim Anderson could get business through the Committee of the House when other styles, with which all of us are familiar, would not have worked at all.

He was, in my knowledge of him, and the recollection and knowledge of the First Minister and the Minister of Agriculture who have spoken today, and certainly in the recollection of Former Premier Campbell, a gentle man in the highest sense of that term and word, served his province well.

On behalf of my leader and my colleagues in the Official Opposition, we wish to join in this tribute to him and to extend our sincere condolences to his widow and to the members of the family.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. H. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, it was not my privilege to know Mr. Anderson, but I would simply like to associate the Interlake constituency of Lakeside, of which I am the present member, with the condolence motion before

us and with all the words that have just been spoken and put on the record.

MR. SPEAKER: Would members please rise for a moment of silence to show their support for the motion.

(A moment of silence was observed.)

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Government House Leader.

HON. A. ANSTETT: Mr. Speaker, I would move, seconded by the Member for Lakeside, that the House do now adjourn.

MOTION presented and carried. and the House adjourned and stands adjourned until 2:00 p.m., Monday afternoon.