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# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

Thursday, 28 June, 1984.

Time — 2:00 p.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

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable First Minister.

**HON. H. PAWLEY:** Mr. Speaker, I have a statement. Mr. Speaker, this morning, in Victoria, Premier Bennett of British Columbia released the text of a letter which was sent on June 25th to Prime Minister-designate on behalf of the Western Premiers.

Copies of the letter were released at the same time in Edmonton, Regina, and Winnipeg.

I will table the letter at this time. I believe that honourable members have copies of the letter.

Members will note that copies of the letter have also been sent to the Leader of the National Progressive Conservative Party and to the Leader of the National New Democratic Party, as well as to the other Provincial Premiers.

The letter speaks for itself.

The purpose is to advise the new Prime Minister and the other federal party leaders of some of the main issues which the western provinces have identified as top priorities for discussion after the next election.

These issues include: fiscal, economic and monetary policy; new directions for international trade; transportation; tax incentives for economic development; agriculture, and energy.

In other words, we are saying: These are the key issues which the four Western Premiers believe must be at or near the top of the agenda for a new Federal Government with a genuine interest in expanding, strengthening and stabilizing the economies of the western provinces.

The governments of the western provinces want to co-operate with the Government of Canada in dealing with these issues, and we are suggesting that detailed discussions take place as soon as possible after the upcoming federal election.

At the same time, I want to emphasize that each of our provinces has its own special concerns - some of which are covered by our joint agenda, and some of which are not.

We will be pursuing those concerns with the Federal Government as well - in some cases on a bilateral basis.

An example of a critical issue of special concern for Manitobans is equalization.

Right now, we are threatened with a reduction of over \$70 million in equalization payments next year if the Federal Government doesn't amend its current legislation to extend transitional payments which are set to run out at the end of this fiscal year. We will be

contacting Mr. Turner and the other party leaders directly to ensure they understand our concern about this problem and the need for an early decision.

Along with these issues, it seems certain that all 10 provinces will be interested in seeing an improvement in national consultations on fiscal and economic policy matters.

The joint position of the western provinces is not meant to downgrade the priority that we attach to better national consultations on a wide range of issues. We believe it will continue to be necessary to pursue discussions with the Federal Government on a national basis, on a regional basis, and on a province-by-province basis.

I should add that the Western Premiers decided to send this letter to the Prime Minister-Designate ahead of the swearing-in ceremony to emphasize the importance that we attach to the concerns that are outlined in it. We want to ensure that these concerns are registered clearly in the federal system, and are not overlooked if an election campaign should get under way in the very near future.

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

**MR. G. FILMON:** Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the members of the opposition we thank the Premier for informing us of the initiative taken by the four Western Premiers with respect to the placing forward of their views and concerns to the Prime Minister-Designate.

We appreciate that there are indeed many areas of concern that all western provinces share and that we can achieve, I believe, better recognition and understanding in Ottawa if we operate on a joint basis, if we band together to make our views known collectively and have not only the political concentration of our four provinces working together but also the understanding that there are issues that need to be resolved that are common to many of us particularly in the west.

We particularly recognize the need for additional resources to be shared by the Federal Government with the provinces, an equalization formula and transfer payments and so on. We know that one of the key notes to achieving some degree of satisfaction in that area will be, or course, fostering that spirit of co-operation and that feeling of better national consultation that the Premier referred to here in his communiqué.

We wonder, of course, how the newly established creative scheme of preferred shares that is designed to take federal tax dollars away is going to foster that spirit of co-operation and that attempt at better national consultation. We wonder whether or not the Federal Government will appreciate getting kicked in the pants before it's asked then to be more co-operative and more understanding of the needs and concerns of Manitoba.

So having put that on the record, we thank the Minister for sharing the information with us.

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable Minister of Education.

**HON. M. HEMPHILL:** I have a statement, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, consistent with the efforts of our government to create new employment opportunities for the citizens of this province, I am pleased to announce another training program in the important area of high technology, yet another, yet another.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that the Government of Canada, through its Critical Skills Growth Fund is providing Red River Community College with \$992,000 to assist in the creation of a manufacturing technology training facility at the college.

This new facility will be housed in a part of the college which is now being renovated. With the federal contribution, we will purchase computerized manufacturing and robotics equipment. This will enable us to train new and existing workers in the use of automated machining equipment and computer-directed manufacturing equipment. This facility will serve more than 200 full-time and part-time students this year.

Mr. Speaker, — (Interjection) — . . .

**MR. SPEAKER:** Order please.

**HON. M. HEMPHILL:** Mr. Speaker, this new facility will enable the college to provide the most sophisticated, in-depth technical training in the manufacturing field. We will work closely with private manufacturing firms to provide retraining opportunities for their existing staff as well as courses for their managers, and this is yet another example of government and industry working closely together to improve the skills and competitiveness of our work force. — (Interjection) —

**MR. SPEAKER:** Order please.

**HON. M. HEMPHILL:** Mr. Speaker, Manitoba has worked closely with the Federal Government to make excellent use of the Skills Growth Fund. Because of the quality of our proposals to the Federal Government, we have attracted a total of \$12.5 million from the Skills Growth Fund. That is one of the highest per capita amounts provided from the fund to any of the provinces. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to say that we are the only province giving our post secondary institutions direct access to the Skills Growth Fund to develop new training capacity for the skills that are most needed now and will be most needed in the future.

The benefits to Manitoba of this latest training program are clear, Mr. Speaker. Through ongoing close association with the Manitoba Research Council and the National Research Council through its Institute of Manufacturing Technology, this new facility will provide training that will remain for years to come on the forefront of development in the automated manufacturing field. The long-term effect will be to provide the best in-province training available anywhere in Canada. It will also provide a resource to manufacturers to create long-term jobs for our citizens, Mr. Speaker.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Order please, order please.

The Honourable Member for Morris.

**MR. C. MANNES:** Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'll try to inject the same type of enthusiasm in my reply, Mr. Speaker, as was offered by the Minister of Education.

Mr. Speaker, I must say that we welcome this announcement. It points out a number of things, two which are readily apparent to anybody that listens to or reads the statement. Of course, there's no doubt there's common agreement amongst everybody in the educational field and people within the industrial sense that all tension and most available resources should be directed towards this type of new education thrust within our community colleges. On that basis we can't be at all critical of the statement. As a matter of fact, we would support it.

Mr. Speaker, I find something about the statement particularly interesting, that is whereas we have universities within this province who are waiting for some type of announcement as to their futures, and we have a public school system who is awaiting announcements, the only announcement we can find is one specifically in an area where we all can agree. I think there are large aspects of our whole educational field that are waiting for some announcements which they could laud to some degree also.

I find one particular comment here also, Mr. Speaker, and it's on Page 2, where the Minister says, "This is another example of government and industry working closely together to improve the skills and competitiveness of our workforce."

My comments are two, Mr. Speaker. Firstly, as indicated by the Minister in Estimates, the government in many cases is affording large grants to the industry in the sense of offering to students an area in which they can be trained and an area in which they can gain experience. The government is affording grants within that area.

Secondly, of course, the Minister was in committee this morning with me when we heard a presentation on Bill 22 where all the efforts to work closely together, I think, are probably going to be destroyed by this government pushing through Bill 22.

Mr. Speaker, we thank the Minister for this statement, and we fully endorse its contents.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Notices of Motion . . . Introduction of Bills . . .

## ORAL QUESTIONS

### Assessment Review

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable Member for Virden.

**MR. H. GRAHAM:** Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. My question will be to the Honourable First Minister, and it stems probably from part of his statement where he said that one of the first priorities of this province would be in the field of equalization. I would ask the Honourable First Minister, if equalization should be a priority in this province is the province then prepared to assist the City of Winnipeg financially for the loss in revenue that has been caused by the freeze that has

been placed on assessment by this government and maintained for the last several years?

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

**A MEMBER:** Watch your back, Howard.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Order please.

**HON. H. PAWLEY:** Mr. Speaker, the decision that was arrived at yesterday by the appropriate board dealing with questions of adjustment is one that certainly will be evaluated. There was legislation, in fact I believe it was last year, that was introduced by the appropriate Minister dealing with the question of assessment. The decision yesterday will be considered in light of the legislation and the other material that needs to be weighed in regard to the City of Winnipeg.

**MR. H. GRAHAM:** A supplementary question to the Honourable First Minister. In light of the decision that was made yesterday and the need that has been pointed out so vividly by that report, is the province now prepared to lift the freeze? Also, if they're doing it, will they lift it across the province as well?

**HON. H. PAWLEY:** Mr. Speaker, I think I should first emphasize that it's regrettable that the situation has occurred, and it's occurred because of failure to reassess on the part of the City of Winnipeg over the years. Otherwise, the situation would not now be faced.

Insofar as the question of lifting the freeze, other measures, as I indicated in my response to the first question, there will be the development of the appropriate measures that have to be undertaken. The Minister of Municipal Affairs will be dealing with that, will be making announcements at the appropriate time in regard to steps that will be undertaken.

**MR. H. GRAHAM:** Mr. Speaker, just in case there might be some misunderstanding on the part of the Premier, I don't believe that the city was unwilling to assess, the city was prevented by assessing by the actions of the government.

Mr. Speaker, my final supplementary to the First Minister. Would the First Minister, when they're looking into this problem, also look into the problems that have arisen in other jurisdictions where complete reliance on computerization has probably caused more problems than it has ever solved?

**HON. H. PAWLEY:** Mr. Speaker, I first want to correct what may be a faulty impression on behalf of the honourable member.

First, as I mentioned earlier, the problem arose because of inability or reasons that we don't have time to deal with now, on the part of the city in respect to reassessing over the years, finally ended up with legislation that I believe was introduced in 1980 by the then Conservative Government, and the Member for St. Norbert. Then there was further legislation that has been introduced since then. So let us be clear that the provincial involvement arose as a result of problems that were faced by the City of Winnipeg.

Mr. Speaker, I'm not going to comment in respect to computers because I'm sure that my frustration at times pertaining to the utilization of computers, the mixups, the faulty information, are enough to cause one to tear one's hair out at times. So I would sympathize with the obvious frustration that the Honourable Member for Virden faces in respect to the new modern computer high-tech era that we're living in.

### Board of Revision - cost to city

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

**MR. G. MERCIER:** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Urban Affairs. Could she inform the House as to what the cost will be to the City of Winnipeg as a result of the Board of Revision in terms of lost revenue or revenue which is forced to return to property owners?

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable Minister of Labour.

**HON. M.B. DOLIN:** Mr. Speaker, I don't have that information. I heard Councillor Yanofsky on the radio this morning, as I suppose the Member for St. Norbert did. He happens to be my own councillor in Jefferson Ward, I might add. That's my cross to bear.

At any rate, Councillor Yanofsky was saying that the amount would be made up in taxes, so I don't know whether there will be a loss to the City of Winnipeg. If they make it up in taxes then it won't be lost, they'll have the money. There is an obvious discrepancy in the amount assessed to, let's say, the large shopping centres in the edges of the city and the shopping areas downtown, and that's what he was referring to.

**MR. G. MERCIER:** Well, Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that taxes in the City of Winnipeg have risen dramatically under the NDP compared to the increases under the previous Progressive Conservative Government; in view of the fact that the estimated loss in revenue by Councillor Yanofsky is deemed to be in the area of \$8 million to \$10 million, Mr. Speaker, will the Minister of Urban Affairs make a commitment to reimburse the city for this loss, particularly in view of the willful negligence and delay on the part of the government in dealing with this Weir Report on assessment, and not impose a further burden on the taxpayers as they have done during the course of their first three years in government?

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable First Minister.

**HON. H. PAWLEY:** Mr. Speaker, I sense, as I'm sure you will recognize, the fact that the Member for St. Norbert is attempting to come around with his questions in a slightly different way but certainly with the same intent as the Honourable Member for Virden who was questioning me in respect to this matter earlier.

I've indicated that there will be an announcement at the appropriate time as to any steps that can be taken by the province in order to assist this problem that is presently confronting City Hall. They were conscious

of that. We will be dealing with that. Appropriate announcements will be made at the appropriate time.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I think the Honourable Member for St. Norbert cannot try to some way or other illicit a different kind of answer than the one that has already been provided in the Chamber.

### Assessment Review

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

**MR. G. MERCIER:** Mr. Speaker, in view of the willful negligence and delay and incompetence on the part of this government in dealing with the Weir Report on assessment; and in view of the fact that taxes have gone up on an average assessed home in the City of Winnipeg nearly four times more than they did over a four-year period under a Conservative Government, will the Minister of Urban Affairs commit the government to reimbursing the city for this loss which has been caused solely by them, and not impose a further burden on the taxpayers in the City of Winnipeg?

**MR. SPEAKER:** Order please, order please.

I would ask the honourable member to bear in mind that a question should be for obtaining information and not for making representation.

The Honourable Minister of Labour.

**HON. M.B. DOLIN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was going to say I found that question again rather repetitive and I also find it interesting that the member is, as you say, making representation on behalf of the urban members of our population, and I normally hear them crying for the rural members of our population.

What we are trying to say is that assessment is a province-wide situation, it's a province-wide problem. It needs a province-wide solution. That is what my colleague, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, is working on and it is within that statute that the ability to make changes lies.

When the report is ready, it will be tabled also when we are ready to move with a decision and have all the information upon which to make a decision, my colleague will be presenting that information.

### Manitoba Hydro - back charges

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

**MR. G. FILMON:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Honourable Minister of Energy and Mines and it follows upon another report today of the Manitoba Hydro attempting to collect for a previous improper billing due to their error, wrong classification of a building, where they're attempting to collect well over \$1,000, as I understand, from an individual.

My question to the Minister is, will he have someone in his department or will he himself ask for an investigation into Hydro's billing procedures to find out why there are so many errors and why Hydro insists on collecting improper billings due to their error and adding interest on top?

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

**HON. W. PARASIUK:** Mr. Speaker, I've asked that all of these questions of back billings be looked into with a complete and full report, and there are a number of them. Some of them relate to sales taxes going back 10 years, some of them relate to meters that were judged to be improper, some of them relate to some other areas. I've asked for a complete report on all cases, so that one could then judge.

As I indicated in the House, I certainly am not in favour of back billing going back 5-10 years. It's a matter of looking at what is a sensible policy rather than delving back 10 years.

I'm hoping that report will be done in the near future and then we would act on it.

### Lumber - export of

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable Member for Turtle Mountain.

**MR. B. RANSOM:** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology.

Over the last year or so there has been considerable concern amongst the lumber producers in the United States about alleged subsidization of the production of lumber in Canada and efforts have been made to impose tariffs against such lumber that would work against the interests of Manfor.

In view of the fact that Manfor is continuing to receive a substantial injection of taxpayers' money, has the Minister made any recent direct representation to Ottawa with respect to maintaining the status quo relative to the export of lumber to the United States, or indeed has he made any representation to government in the U.S. on behalf of the lumber industry?

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable Minister of Culture.

**HON. E. KOSTYRA:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There have been representations made by the Government of Manitoba with respect to a number of issues related to the forestry industry. I would have to get the details of those representations, because they were made some time ago, and provide that information subsequent to today for the member.

### Sports Pool

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable Member for River East.

**MR. P. EYLER:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister responsible for Lotteries. Could the Minister tell us whether or not the federal Sports Pool has had any significant impact in the Province of Manitoba?

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable Minister of Health.

**HON. L. DESJARDINS:** Mr. Speaker, I think it is a well-known fact that the Sports Pool Corporation are having

their problems. I understand that they might have to go to Cabinet for \$20 million of the taxpayers' money.

I might add though that I received a call from the Minister responsible for Lotteries in the Province of Ontario, and apparently the provinces have been approached through him by the Federal Government who wish, I think, to renegotiate the agreement they've had with the provinces and discontinue their Sports Pool. This is the latest information that I've had.

### Municipal Hospitals

While I'm on my feet, Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I could answer a question that was asked of me and taken as notice by the Minister of Finance on Monday. By the way, I would like to thank the members from both sides of the House for their concern and good wishes for my health expressed on that day.

The question was dealing with the Municipal Hospitals, and that question was asked by the Honourable Member for Fort Garry. The Municipal Hospitals are owned and run by the City of Winnipeg who have their own board, of course. They are financed by the Manitoba Health Services Commission for both the operating and capital cost. It is not unusual. Many of the rural hospitals also are operated and owned by the municipalities.

Now as far as the capital program that I announced re the Municipal Hospitals, what we have approved is actually the continuation of the architectural plan for a major redevelopment. While full architectural and engineering studies are not yet complete, it is anticipated that the King Edward Hospital will be demolished; the King George and Princess Elizabeth buildings will be renovated for continued use.

Considerable new space will be required to replace the area due to the demolition and renovation. It is anticipated that all services and programs presently provided will continue in the redeveloped facilities. A new, specially designed area for respiratory patients will be provided in the new space.

Finally, the capital cost will be provided by long-term borrowing with repayment to be made from the operating fund provided by the province.

### Energy Bus

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

**MR. H. ENNS:** Mr. Speaker, I direct a question to the Minister of Energy and Mines. It has to do with his Energy Bus that, I understand, is travelling through the province. My question, Mr. Speaker, is that bus on a kind of predetermined schedule, an itinerary, visiting different communities?

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

**HON. W. PARASIUK:** My understanding is that it is on a schedule. I'll certainly take the question as notice and get back to the member with the exact information.

**MR. H. ENNS:** I thank the Minister for that answer. I do request of the Minister a schedule of the

whereabouts of that Energy Bus which would be helpful to some of the communities that could anticipate a visit by the bus and/or other persons that wish to follow up the activities of that bus. I would consider it helpful if the Minister would supply me with that.

**HON. W. PARASIUK:** Mr. Speaker, I think that's a very good suggestion, and I will see that the Energy Bus does inform the communities ahead of time so that people are aware that the Energy Bus will be there.

I do know that the Energy Bus tends to do its audits on a first-come, first-serve basis in terms of people from various communities contacting the department and asking that audits be done in their area. These are collected so that if a trip is made out to Brandon, for example, or Dauphin or some other area like that, that there are a number of jobs to be carried out so that we use the Energy Bus most efficiently when it's in a rural community.

### Motor graders in municipalities

**MR. H. ENNS:** Mr. Speaker, I have a further question to the Minister of Labour. Bill 35 is currently before committee, and I would ask her whether or not she is prepared to give any consideration to municipalities who would like to come to a mutual arrangement with their employers, particularly in their motor graders that is now possible, but may not be possible with the passage of Bill 35.

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable Minister of Labour.

**HON. M.B. DOLIN:** Mr. Speaker, that's a separate item from what is contained in Bill 35 and it is under discussion with the municipalities for possible amendment in the future.

### Seine River School Division - segregation

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable Member for Elmwood.

**MR. R. DOERN:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Education, and ask her whether she has any concern about the recent decision of the Seine River School Division in defeating a resolution which called for an end to the segregation of French and English students in the division.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Order please. The concern of a Minister is not a proper subject for question period. Would the honourable member wish to rephrase his question?

**MR. R. DOERN:** Mr. Speaker, I would then ask the Minister whether the department has a policy or goal of attempting to teach our children to live together and play together in harmony, and whether this isn't best achieved by intermingling and sharing facilities rather than through separation or isolation.

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable Minister of Education.

**HON. M. HEMPHILL:** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

### Status of Women - UIC benefits

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable Minister for Thompson.

**MR. S. ASHTON:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also have a question for the Minister of Education. My question is in regard to the recent decision of the School District of Mystery Lake in Thompson to stop the practice of hiring half-time teachers, because of the marginally higher wage costs related to UIC and other premiums they have to pay. In view of the fact that this will prevent many people from participating in the work force, and in view of the fact that this will have a particularly negative impact on women as indicated by the fact that all the teachers presently affected are women . . .

**MR. SPEAKER:** Question.

**MR. S. ASHTON:** . . . Mr. Speaker, I do have a question. I have a very short preamble. I wish the members would give me the chance to provide that preamble.

I would like to ask the Minister if she could examine in conjunction with the Minister responsible for the Status of Women the present situation in regard to funding, and also whether she could approach the Federal Minister to see if UIC premiums can be changed so they don't discriminate against part-time workers.

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable Minister of Education.

**HON. M. HEMPHILL:** Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the member for both the question and discussing the issue with me a little earlier, because I think it is a matter of fairly serious concern. I want to indicate to him that, yes, I am prepared to look into it and to follow a number of avenues, whatever avenues are open to us. One, I think, is to explore with the Federal Government the UIC benefits, because clearly they do presently discriminate against employees who want to open up positions, have more flexible jobs and employ more people. That surely is a goal of theirs and a goal of ours.

I have also asked Dr. Nicholls, when we're looking at the Ed Finance Review, to provide me with information that tells us what the additional costs are to a school division when they are paying out the UIC payments for two people instead of one that would have them make such a decision in order to save a bit of money. I would like to go on record as saying that I think it's important that we begin to educate people about, while there might be small financial costs, there are tremendous benefits to employing two people and to job-sharing, both to individuals and to the employee.

I want to share with the members of the House the fact that 15 years ago I had the privilege of participating in a work-sharing job in the hospital, and I tell you that they got the most experienced, qualified nurses that they would never have received if they had not had that job-sharing program.

### Children's Aid Society - annual meeting

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

**MR. A. BROWN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Acting Minister of Community Services.

Can the Minister tell me if the Interim Board of the Children's Aid Society of Winnipeg have had their annual meeting?

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable Attorney-General.

**HON. R. PENNER:** Mr. Speaker, I will take a five minute adjournment from the House and find out. No, I will take that as notice; I really don't know.

**MR. A. BROWN:** it is my understanding that, besides staff, there was only two board members present and three members from the community. Now that is shameful attendance.

My question is, can the Minister forward a copy of the report of that meeting, especially the financial report, because it is a multimillion dollar organization; and can the Minister tell me if an audit has been done of that organization?

**HON. R. PENNER:** I will take those questions as notice.

### High Schools - examination results

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable Member for Morris.

**MR. C. MANNES:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I address my question to the Minister of Education.

In view of the standardized examination results observed in Alberta and Saskatchewan high schools over the past month, results which show disappointing levels of achievement on average for thousands of students, I am wondering if the Minister could indicate whether she or staff of her department have been in touch with the Departments of Education in Alberta and British Columbia so as to review and analyze those results from a Manitoba perspective?

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable Minister of Education.

**HON. M. HEMPHILL:** Well, Mr. Speaker, I have had discussions with the Ministers in the other jurisdictions, not recently and not about that particular question, but I do have a concern . . .

**SOME HONOURABLE MEMBERS:** Oh, oh!

**A MEMBER:** Tell us what you did have discussions with.

**HON. M. HEMPHILL:** You got all day?

**A MEMBER:** Everything covers that.

**HON. M. HEMPHILL:** I do have one other thing I would like to say. I have said before, and I am going to continue to say it every time the member opposite tries to make statements or tries to ask questions related to something that is happening in another province's education system and ask me to address them. We are dealing quite ably with what is going on in Manitoba. Please address yourselves to that.

**MR. C. MANNES:** Mr. Speaker, I would love to make a number of statements. I am sure you would rule them all out of order.

Mr. Speaker, I received my information from a newsletter. I am sure the Minister of Education and her department would have access to that long before I do. Whereas the Minister of Education in Alberta has had to upgrade marks so as to prevent a large number of students from failing, I would like to know specifically what the Minister of Education, what objective measures she is bringing into place in this province to measure the standing and the achievement of Manitoba's graduates.

**HON. M. HEMPHILL:** Mr. Speaker, I think it's important to say, and I wouldn't have time to give all the information necessary in question period, but I do think it is important to say that there is lots of information coming from many outside groups, organizations and research institutions that are indicating that Manitoba doesn't have the deficiencies and the problems that other provinces do. Other provinces that are making those massive changes are doing it to keep pace with what is going on in Manitoba and has been for years.

We have a very effective evaluation system and we take responsibility and share it between the provincial government and the school boards, where we measure the courses and the programs and the school boards measure and evaluate the students. It's very successful; we don't need to change it to meet deficiencies in other systems.

### Family Life Program in schools

**MR. C. MANNES:** A final supplementary, Mr. Speaker. In conjunction with the answer just offered by the Minister, can she tell me from where the material came that she is now using, as piloting material, in the sex education aspect of the health curriculum? From where did that curriculum come?

**HON. M. HEMPHILL:** First of all, Mr. Speaker, the section that he is talking about is a Family Life unit, not a unit that contains a unit on sex education.

Secondly, I want to go on record as saying we will take good curriculum and good ideas and good programs from anywhere. I mean, we do not have to invent the wheel ourselves in Manitoba. We are using as a base for developing Manitoba's curriculum the Calgary material . . .

**SOME HONOURABLE MEMBERS:** Oh, oh!

**HON. M. HEMPHILL:** . . . because there are many good features in the Calgary curriculum. However, Mr. Speaker, they are not good enough for Manitoba. There are some good parts to it and we are going to take the good parts and use them, but we are going to delete some that we don't like. We are going to add some parts that aren't there and we are going to revise. In the end, we are going to have one of the best curriculums in the country.

### Burns Plant closure

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable Member for Arthur.

**MR. J. DOWNEY:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology.

Some time ago the Minister committed to do what he could, and his government, there was a commitment to disallow or to do something to stop the closing of the Burns plant in Brandon.

Mr. Speaker, has the Minister been able to delay or to divert the closure of that plant where some 150 people will be laid off?

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable Minister of Culture.

**HON. E. KOSTRYA:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We are continuing to work to try to avert that closure but at the present time, there is no further update to provide.

### Surface Rights Board - firings

**MR. J. DOWNEY:** Mr. Speaker, a question to the Minister of Energy.

During his Estimates, Mr. Speaker, he indicated there would be a decision brought down by the Court of Appeal dealing with Katherine Angel who was charged to have been in a conflict of interest in her sitting on the Surface Rights Board; has that decision been brought down yet?

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

**HON. W. PARASIUK:** I haven't been informed of that, Mr. Speaker, but I will certainly check into it. As far as I can tell, it hasn't.

**MR. J. DOWNEY:** As well, Mr. Speaker, the Minister indicated that he fired three people off the Surface Rights Board to speed up the activities of the board and to give a better service. Can the Minister indicate now how many meetings they have had since the firing of those people; and as well, could he indicate what public notice does the board give, and are the public allowed to sit in and hear the board make their decisions at the hearings?

**HON. W. PARASIUK:** Mr. Speaker, I quite clearly indicated that we had not fired those three people from the board. I thanked them for their service and I was quite surprised that the Member for Arthur would say that we had fired them; in fact, we indicated that we are reducing the size of the board, we are expediting it's processes. My understanding is that they have scheduled meetings that are under way. I certainly will check on the notices given.

I know that the Member for Arthur in my Estimates had asked questions as to the number of meetings. He indicated that they had not had meetings since January of 1984. In checking into that I found that was not so, that they had quite a few meetings since January of 1984. I can get the specifics on that and table that, Mr. Speaker.

### Waterfowl hunting season - dates and times

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable Member for Minnedosa.

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

My question is to the Honourable Minister responsible for Natural Resources. I wonder if he has finalized the dates and the times for the waterfowl hunting season for this fall?

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable Minister of Natural Resources

**HON. A. MACKLING:** Yes, there are proposed dates. They haven't been confirmed finally yet, but certainly I've had meetings with staff and we are looking at specific dates for those seasons.

**MR. D. BLAKE:** Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the Minister might confirm if they're considering mornings-only hunting for ducks, not alone geese, but for the duck population this year.

**HON. A. MACKLING:** There are a number of proposals that would affect the sports hunting in the province, and I don't want to deal with them piecemeal. Certainly there were arguments, strong views, made to me at many of the meetings I held throughout Manitoba urging a consideration for some of those things. I must say a good many of the observations that were made at those meetings seem to make a good deal of sense and, I believe, that a number of them are reflected in the proposals that we will bring forward.

**MR. D. BLAKE:** A final supplementary, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if the Minister is considering a morning-only hunting season for ducks, if he would give a certain amount of lead time that those outfitters that are in the business would have sufficient time to let their clients know of the seasons and the dates because there are quite a number now that have taken deposits for the fall hunting season and it's going to create some problems, not only for the tourists that come up to enjoy it, but for those that are responsible for holding those deposits for paid hunting trips.

**HON. A. MACKLING:** Mr. Speaker, we certainly will consider doing everything we can to give notice. However, it's very difficult to make changes in these seasons without affecting some people, — (Interjection) — and the ducks, of course. I certainly sympathize with the concerns.

I've already met with some people in the industry, and they are quite concerned about some of the proposed changes, and I certainly understand and sympathize with that, but there are going to be some decisions made that will affect the industry and we trust we will have their co-operation.

### Railway crossings - safety of

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable Member for Roblin-Russell.

**MR. W. McKENZIE:** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Honourable Minister of Education.

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to ask the Honourable Minister of Education, while the upgrading of the CNR and the CPR Rail system is under way all across this province, what input does she or the government have into the safety at railway crossings for school buses and students that are utilizing these crossings while these rail systems are being upgraded in our province?

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable Minister of Education.

**HON. M. HEMPHILL:** Mr. Speaker, I'm not sure what the answer is to that question. I'll take it as notice and provide information for the member.

**MR. W. McKENZIE:** Mr. Speaker, I'd like to ask the Honourable Minister if she would be prepared to set up a set of guidelines for local guardians or parents of students or bus drivers or the school divisions as to what procedure they might take to let their concerns be known to the Department of Transport on these crossings? A number of them are considered to be dangerous for the school buses and the students that are riding those buses.

**HON. M. HEMPHILL:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I think I'm prepared to say that if - and I might get some more information later from the member - if this is an issue and it concerns the safety of students, I'm certainly willing to look at it.

### Doctors - refugee status

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

**MR. L. SHERMAN:** Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Honourable Minister of Health.

I would like to ask him what the policy of his department is with respect to refugee doctors in Manitoba; whether, in fact, there is going to be support for a program that would enable some of them to achieve recognition that would provide for licence here and practice in this province, and whether, in fact, there are steps being taken to ensure that there is not a heavy influx of refugee doctors.

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable Minister of Health.

**HON. L. DESJARDINS:** Mr. Speaker, the second part of the question would indicate that the member knows the problem and the danger. Of course, the licensing is done by the College of Physicians and Surgeons who insist on certain examinations.

Now, as far as we provided this year so many residents, and we've asked the university and the hospitals to take so many of these residents to help some of these refugees. As we know, there is a surplus of doctors in certain centres, especially the GPs, in certain centres and it is very difficult to have people go in the area where they might be needed the most, in the rural part of the province and also in the North. If they do, they stay a very short time and then they're back in the city in many instances.

Now, also we do not want inferior teachers and certainly not at the expense of our Canadians and

Manitoban doctors also or student doctors. This is something that we're looking at, we're providing for it, but we're very careful and very aware of the possibility of having an influx of people from other countries, and certainly a shortage of Canadian and Manitoban boys and girls who are ready to take Medicine.

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

Well, given the fact that internship positions in Manitoba have been limited in recent years, and with some good reason, Mr. Speaker; and given the fact that there is recognition on both sides of the House that an unacceptable influx would create great difficulties, is the Minister saying that those 10 or 12 refugee doctors, who are firmly established as Manitoba residents, will be supported by a provincial program that will permit them to serve their internships and become properly qualified?

**HON. L. DESJARDINS:** I'm certainly not saying that 10 or 12, that's not what I'm saying at all, it might be more than 2 or 3. I'm talking about the future, I'm not talking about those that are in the system now because this is a question of its own that concern us, the question of residents. Every resident, especially if you have a surplus of doctors, and every resident that you have is quite costly and is costing the Manitoba Health Services Commission an awful lot of money also. So certainly, there's nothing like the 10 and 12.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Order please. The time for Oral Questions has expired.

### ORDERS OF THE DAY COMMITTEE CHANGES

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable Member for Riel.

**MRS. D. DODICK:** I have a Committee change, Mr. Speaker, on Statutory Regulations and Orders, the Member for Concordia substituting for the Member for Brandon East; and Ellice for Lac du Bonnet. On Industrial Relations, the Member for The Pas substituting for the Member for Interlake.

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

**MR. H. ENNS:** Mr. Speaker, I, too, would like to make some Committee changes: Mr. Filmon to be replaced by Mr. Mercier; and Mr. Nordman to be replaced by Mr. Sherman on Statutory Regulations and Orders. The first Committee being Industrial Relations.

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable Acting Government House Leader.

**HON. L. DESJARDINS:** Mr. Speaker, before moving that we go into Committee, I would like to advise the House that it would be the intention to deal with the remaining Main Supply items and, also, with the Capital Supply. The Estimates, I think that we had started Manitoba Jobs Fund, continue with that, and then Canada-Manitoba Enabling Vote, Emergency Interest Rate, and Flood Control Emergency Expenditures.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to move, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Finance, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

**MOTION presented and carried** and the House resolved itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty with the Honourable Member for River East in the Chair for the Jobs Fund.

### SUPPLY - JOBS FUND

**MR. CHAIRMAN, P. EYLER:** Committee, come to order. We are considering the Estimates of the Manitoba Jobs Fund, Item 1.(a)(1).

The Member for Minnedosa.

**MR. D. BLAKE:** I'm getting ready, Mr. Chairman.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** Mr. Minister.

**HON. E. KOSTYRA:** When we last met on this item there was a question raised to me by the Member for Lakeside. I said I would provide some specific figures for him on the information and advertising expenditures. They are as follows: \$693,000 for media placement which was time and space; \$327,000 for production costs; \$130,000 for signs and collator material; \$20,000 for public relation fees; and \$60,000 for market research.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** The Member for Morris.

**MR. C. MANNES:** Mr. Chairman, I don't know if this is the appropriate time to ask the question I'm planning to. If it isn't I'm sure the Minister will tell me. I'd like to ask whether or not the new Community Assets Program as announced a month or two ago - whether it falls under this area. Does it?

**HON. E. KOSTYRA:** Yes.

**MR. C. MANNES:** I'm wondering if the Minister could provide for us some of the detailed application forms, maybe he has, I haven't had any fall into my possession, because I have constituents who have heard about this particular program but yet haven't been able to find any information directly, or has this information been filed at municipal offices?

**HON. E. KOSTYRA:** Mr. Chairman, I believe copies were given I know by the Minister directly responsible, the Minister of Employment Services and Economic Security, to the Member for Gladstone. Copies have been mailed out, or are in the process of being mailed out, to all municipalities in the province, to all community organizations that are on the mailing list, and I know that's fairly extensive from my involvement this year. I'll send a copy over for the member and if he wishes additional copies, we can provide them for him, plus they're available through all the regional offices of the Department of Employment Services and Economic Security, through their Employment Services offices in

various regions of the province. I'll send a copy over and if he wishes more we can provide more, but they are in the process of being mailed out.

**MR. C. MANNES:** Can the Minister tell me when the deadline is for application, and probably more importantly, what criteria will be used for selecting between the various applicants?

**HON. E. KOSTYRA:** The deadline for applications is to the end of August 31, 1984. I could read into the record all of the criteria. It's all spelled out in the application and I'll send it over for him. There's two major categories. One is for community organizations which can apply for grants up to 50 percent of the total project costs to a maximum of \$75,000 per project. There is provision for grants above that in exceptional circumstances. There is a municipal component that is available for specific projects in the area of bridge replacement and for fire hall replacement, but all that is in here and I'll send it over.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** The Member for Minnedosa.

**MR. D. BLAKE:** Mr. Chairman, just while we're on that, the Minister might be able to give me a little more information. The application forms have arrived. I know one from my community has been filled in and delivered personally to the Minister responsible. But could he give me some idea of the time frame that's going to be required to make decisions on them, because in the particular case that I refer to, the tenders have been let and they have until the 15th of July, I believe, to accept the tender. Now they may be able to get a small extension on that tender if they could have some indication of whether their application was going to be approved or not. I realize that may depend on the number of applications you get.

**HON. E. KOSTYRA:** As I indicated the deadline for applications was the end of August. We would expect that we can, as we get into summer a bit, get into some approval so we can take advantage of what we hope will be a good summer. That would be dependent on the volume of applications.

Last year we were a bit slower in getting the program moving - it was the first year mind you - but there was such an overwhelming number of applications. But I would expect before too long into the summer that there will be some application approvals being granted.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** Item 1.(a)(1)- the Member for Thompson.

**MR. S. ASHTON:** Yes, I had some questions in regard to the Youth Programs. I'm wondering if it would be appropriate to raise it at this time or when there's another item which might be more appropriate?

Just briefly, Mr. Chairman, I know it's an area of concern generally to many people given the fact that youth unemployment has tended to be far higher than the unemployment rate of the population as a whole. Particular concern has been that unemployment appears to be structural in a sense that even given as the recent improvement in the overall economy there

seems to be a tendency for the youth unemployment rate to remain rather high.

I'd like to ask the Minister what thrust there will be? What he anticipates in terms of youth unemployment and also whether there might be consideration of making a more broad thrust which would go beyond traditional government programs, to encourage some of the rather innovative schemes that have been developed in other jurisdictions, particularly in Europe, with labour and management coming up with agreements that encourage such things as early retirement, flexible work arrangements, combinations of training and employment programs, and other things which do attempt to deal with the structural nature of the problem.

**HON. E. KOSTYRA:** As the member may be aware there has been one approved announced project to date with respect to youth and that was Careerstart'84.

There is a number of other programs that are being reviewed right at the present time in terms of youth, particularly looking at a program that was very successful last year, one which was a bit of a pilot project last year, the Engineering Graduate Students Program, where the Jobs Fund in concert with private sector assisted graduates from the engineering faculty.

Right at the present time the Minister responsible for this segment of the Jobs Fund activity is reviewing a number of programs to expand that kind of program so that we can facilitate help, students coming out of our colleges and university to break into the job market; because we have a rather difficult situation right now with respect to youth unemployment and it's caused in part, not totally but in part, due to the fact that because of the large levels of unemployment we've had generally - and that is now decreasing - that employers are looking for people with greater experience because a good number of them are on the job market and there's also some migration into the province.

So those two factors compound the problem for people coming right out of school, out of university or colleges, because they don't have the kind of experience that other people in the job market may have. So we're looking at programs to assist in that transition from the schools, universities, colleges, into the workplaces. I would expect within the next short while to have some specific projects in that regard.

I might also add that the Northern Youth Core Program was expanded this year for our youth in our Northern remote communities.

**MR. S. ASHTON:** I'm wondering in particular whether we might not look at consulting with both business and labour. I know in my own area, we had a situation recently where both Inco and the union seemed to agree that there was a need to restrict overtime and, if at all possible, to encourage further employment. I think general attitudes seem to be changing in that regard. People are looking more and more seriously at the need to get over these structural problems and get young people involved in the system, because of the severe impediments they do face in terms of lack of experience.

I'm wondering if we might not be looking at some direct consultation with business and labour, even

encouraging individual unions and companies to bring in provisions in their collective agreements to encourage early retirement, perhaps combined with bringing in young people to the work force, because that might be an additional way of getting young people involved in the workforce.

**HON. E. KOSTYRA:** This is a bit out of range of the issue before us. Those issues might be better addressed to the Minister of Labour, though I would add that there is a consultative process in place with labour and business under the stewardship of the Minister of Business Development and Tourism. I'm sure he would be willing to raise that issue with that consultative group.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** The Member for Lakeside.

**MR. H. ENNS:** Mr. Chairman, we'd had an opportunity when last this committee sat to deal for some period with the Jobs Fund. The Minister did give us some additional information with respect to staff. It would be our intention to move this item along, and get into the questions of Emergency Interest Rate Relief and Flood Control Emergency Expenditures part of the Estimates and then of course, deal with the Capital Supply Motion at this same committee. Mr. Chairman, unless other colleagues have further comments to make with respect to the Manitoba Jobs Fund, I am prepared to allow this item to pass.

Pardon me. My colleague, the Member for Turtle Mountain, wishes to . . .

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** The Member for Turtle Mountain.

**MR. B. RANSOM:** I would just like to ask a fairly general question here, Mr. Chairman. I note as I walk back and forth from my apartment on Kennedy Street to the building here that the boulevards are not being cut. The brome grass is out in head. Next year, when this dies, I'm sure they are going to have a prairie fire problem in the city, nevertheless, very unsightly. The work's not being done, as I understand it, because the city doesn't have the funds to do it.

I'm wondering whether, in principle, it would not be better for that type of work to be paying a wage that's perhaps two-thirds or one-half of what is being paid now. I understand that people are being paid \$9 to \$11, that sort of thing, to mow grass. Now I know, my own son is employed on a project with the University of Manitoba. They're paying \$5.75 an hour. I know that a lot of people who work for that are extremely happy to have that employment.

It seems to me that in this sort of situation, things are getting simply out of proportion. We could have those boulevards mowed. We could have more people working and earning some job experience if the wage structure wasn't so high. I know this isn't specifically related to this situation, but does the Minister care to offer any kind of comment on that?

**HON. E. KOSTYRA:** Even though it's not related to the item before us, I'm willing to offer comment on that. The specific situation that the member raises is being addressed by, as I understand it, the City of Winnipeg Council. It's their responsibility, and they have

recently decided that they are going to employ people to do that work so that the boulevards aren't unsightly in the inner city or what was the former City of Winnipeg prior to unification.

If there is any concern with respect to the wage that is paid for that work, that is something that the city decides either if it's something that is covered through their collective agreement in concert with the union or if it's outside of the collective agreement, I presume the city would set the rate as they see fit, provided it is apt or exceeds the minimum wage laws in the province.

**MR. B. RANSOM:** Does the province have anybody hired to cut the grass on the boulevard in the front on the province's property? The Minister gestures as though this is a silly question. — (Interjection) — My colleague says the thing is a mess. Yes, it is a mess.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** Order please.

The Honourable Minister of Culture on a point of order.

**HON. E. KOSTYRA:** I did not make a gesture, Mr. Chairman, that I thought the question was silly. I was making a gesture, how do I know? I don't have responsibility for Government Services . . .

**A MEMBER:** Ask Pete, your colleague.

**HON. E. KOSTYRA:** . . . that was a gesture. I was not making light of his question. If he likes, I will take that question as notice and find out from the Minister of Government Services whether or not we have people employed to do that function.

**MR. B. RANSOM:** Mr. Chairman, the Minister of Government Services is here and, I believe under the Jobs Fund before, there have been other Ministers answer questions. My question would be, is the government accepting the responsibility, first of all, for cutting the grass on boulevards in front on the provincial property? If they are, are they hiring people under the Jobs Fund to do that, because some of it looks like it hasn't been cut for a long time? It's very insightfully. In fact, I even wonder about the grounds of the building, how often they are being cut, and whether the Minister has got some Careerstart people working on that sort of thing, creating some jobs.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** The Minister of Government Services.

**A MEMBER:** Just walk around it. The place looks terrible.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** Order please, order please.  
The Minister of Government Services.

**HON. A. ADAM:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I believe that the grounds have been very well kept. In the last couple of weeks, we've had some problems with excessive rain. We have had to use pumps to pump out some of the lawns around the Legislature, particularly at Government House. We have had to pump water from the grounds itself. I believe, as late

as yesterday or the day before, there was still water on the east side of the building where the bushes are seeded.

Specifically responding to Kennedy Street, I believe the Member for Turtle Mountain was inquiring about the maintenance of the Kennedy Street boulevard. Kennedy Street is, of course, a city street; we maintain Memorial Boulevard which is a provincial boulevard. That is maintained by the province. I believe the member is asking whether or not we should take over from the city the maintenance of the boulevard where it fronts on government property. Maybe we should be looking at that. I could take that as notice and review it.

We do have people hired; we have students hired during the summer months within the greenhouse and to work on the lawn; there are three, I believe. I would have to verify that, but I believe there are three summer students that are working this year. Some are working as part of their studies. There are one or two that are working as part of their training in their studies. So I would take that as notice and review it, and see whether or not we should be taking over the boulevards, at least, around the government facilities.

**MR. B. RANSOM:** I would like to know from the Minister how much they're paying the students who are working to cut the grass here. I would just like to say to the Minister that I like to feel proud of the grounds around here and the general area because when I go to Victoria or to Toronto and go to the legislative grounds in other provinces, they always look clean and manicured, something that people can be proud of.

I must say to the Minister, Mr. Chairman, that if you take a walk out right now and walk around the grounds on this Legislature, you will find that the grass is six inches tall, there are weeds on the grounds of this Legislature that are, without a word, five feet tall and there is garbage through the trees, through the shrubs, and yet the government is talking about creating employment. People are unemployed. Why can't he just look after the grounds a little better and he might employ one or two people to do it at a reasonable wage rate?

**HON. A. ADAM:** I just answered a previous question that there were one or two students that are working here as part of their studies. They take on-the-job training and they are working here.

As far as the rate pay scale, I will have to take that as notice. I don't particularly look at the rate of pay for summer students. It would be the regular pay that is established through the students hiring program or Careerstart, or whatever it is, from the Minister of income and security. But I will take that question as notice if he wishes, and also take under advisement his complaints about the grounds.

We have had complaints from members opposite about pigeons, but this is the first time, Mr. Chairman, that we have had anybody talk about the grass. I think that the grounds are reasonably well kept, considering the amount of rain that we have had in the last while. When I came out this morning there was a stack of grass piled up ready to be removed here, about this high. So the work is ongoing and I am sure that we have some of the best gardeners available anywhere

and I think they know more about handling the lawns than I do, and probably the Member for Turtle Mountain.

**MR. B. RANSOM:** Will the Minister agree to come with me, right now, and we will go out and we will have a look at the grounds and I will point out to him what I mean, that these grounds are not something that Manitobans could be proud of; will he do that?

**HON. A. ADAM:** Mr. Chairman, for the third time, I said I would review his comments. He said, would you look after the boulevards and see whether we should cut the grass? For the third time, I said I will take it under advisement.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** 1.(a)(1) - the Member for Lakeside.

**MR. H. ENNS:** Just prior to that but on a similar subject and, really, I would ask the Minister to take note of some of the comments that were made in this Chamber on Bill 35, and I am seriously recommending to the Minister responsible for the Jobs Fund, creating jobs, particularly in that category of young people - 18 to 24, 16 to 25 - where we have admittedly, and that's the problem that we have, it's not germane to this province; it's a problem that we have across this country.

Some of the comments that my colleague, the Member for La Verendrye put on the record earlier in a question period, the difficulties of where an employer had received authorization for a Careerstart Program, was going to hire the youngster at what I consider, and I think what the Minister would consider, to be a reasonable rate of pay for a student - \$6.50, \$7.00 an hour cannot be called unfair wages - but then find themselves trapped in the bureaucracy of the Department of Labour that calls for that particular job to pay \$13.50 or \$14.00 an hour.

I think he should, to gain a greater measure of success through his program and quite frankly, Mr. Chairman, to get a better bang out of the bucks that he's got, the \$40 million or \$50 million that we are passing now.

I address the First Minister, we have a problem in this area in terms of providing jobs for youngsters, for students, at what I am sure would be acceptable wages, anywhere from \$5, \$6, \$7, \$8 an hour . . .

**A MEMBER:** Minimum.

**MR. H. ENNS:** We are not talking minimum wages even.

**A MEMBER:** Why not?

**MR. H. ENNS:** I think the Minister has a unique opportunity to be able to come to us, when next we meet a year from now, and say that because of some persuasion on his part with his colleague the Minister of Labour, because of some flexibility on the part of his administrators with respect to the Jobs Fund, he has been able to employ 2,000 or 3,000 extra students.

Mr. Chairman, that's really all that I have to say and I am prepared to pass his Estimates on this item.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** 1.(a)(1)—pass; 1.(a)(2)—pass; 1.(b)(1)—pass; 1.(b)(2)—pass; 1.(c)(1)—pass; 1.(c)(2)—pass.

Resolution No. 146: Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$91,200,000 for the Manitoba Jobs Fund for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1985—pass.

### SUPPLY - CANADA-MANITOBA ENABLING VOTE

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** The Canada-Manitoba Enabling Vote - Item 1.(a) - Mr. Minister.

**HON. E. KOSTYRA:** First, just by way of explanation, this is similar to what has been in place for the last number of years. It contains amounts that are equal to only 20 percent of the total projected expenditures. The remaining 80 percent is identified in the printed Expenditure Estimates of those departments affected by the 10 agreements that are listed in the Enabling Vote. The listing of those are as in the Estimates.

That's about all I need to give by way of general explanation.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** The Member for Arthur.

**MR. J. DOWNEY:** Mr. Chairman, I have a couple of concerns in this area. I know that under the Enabling Vote, the Value-Added Crops Production Agreement, under our government when we signed the agreement, there were some fairly major drainage projects that were included . . .

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** Order please. The Member for Lakeside on a point of order.

**MR. H. ENNS:** I beg your indulgence to intrude. Yes, it is on a point of order. I simply ask, perhaps, the Minister responsible that we can deal with these items reasonably expeditiously if we could have one or two specific Ministers available to us. I don't know if the Minister of Agriculture is available. We are now obviously wanting to talk about specific agricultural programs. This is an all encompassing vote - Tourism, Industrial Development - we have the Minister of Energy here.

So I am just suggesting to you, Mr. Chairman, that it would be helpful if we had, for the consideration of these Estimates, a few more Ministers available to us.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** The Minister of Culture.

**HON. E. KOSTYRA:** In response to the concern from the Member for Lakeside, we have asked to get the Minister of Agriculture.

I would just remind the members, I don't think it needs reminding, but this only represents 20 percent of the vote. The 80 percent is in the departmental Estimates and I would presume would have been dealt with at that time, but we will endeavour to get whatever other Ministers are available here to answer any questions.

On some of the other items, I might be able to provide some information even with the lack of the particular Minister here, but I am afraid on this one I would not be able to.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** The Member for Arthur.

**MR. J. DOWNEY:** Mr. Chairman, I would like to just point out - I can put it on the record - I would like the Minister here, however, he can read it and respond back because the question can be answered shortly if he gets the information.

The point I want to make is, the question is that there were funds available during our term of office to do some drainage projects. Since our Estimates have gone through, we've seen excessive rains and we have seen a lot of difficulty develop in some of the different communities. I know particularly of one in the Minister's own constituency, this may be not have been within the Enabling Vote, but I know that there were some drainage projects that were.

I just asked him, for example, if Camper Drain in the Ashern area was one of the projects that was started under the federal-provincial agreement. If not, it probably could have been a provincial-only project that had been started or the land purchased under, and that's the answer that I would like. I know that it was cut out during the first year of office of this particular government.

Will all the projects that were started under this Enabling Vote, particularly dealing with drainage, be completed? Again, the Minister can get back with that information to me. I do make special reference to the one on the Camper Drain that I've had calls on that was frozen by this government and if, in fact, it was. I want to know why it was frozen and why it wasn't carried out because it was federal-provincial money. The Minister can respond when he has a chance to look at the Hansard.

**HON. E. KOSTYRA:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I will bring those questions to the attention of the Minister as soon as possible and ask that he reply in the House if the House is still sitting, if not, in writing to the member.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** The Member for Lakeside.

**MR. H. ENNS:** Mr. Chairman, perhaps the Minister can remind me - I should probably know as a former member of Treasury Board - we're dealing with the total resolution here of some \$11,243,500.00. Is my understanding correct? Does this voted authority have to be granted every year? My question really is, do these funds lapse? In other words, if the 20 percent that this encompasses is not dedicated, is not spent, does the Minister of Finance, as is the usual wont of Ministers of Finance at the end of a fiscal year, lapse these funds and they then have to be revoted in each succeeding year?

**HON. E. KOSTYRA:** Yes, they do indeed lapse and have to be revoted if there's a need for them in a subsequent year.

**MR. H. ENNS:** Mr. Chairman, through you to the Minister, the purpose of my question is, to the Minister's knowledge can he indicate or give us any general impression of the stage of government planning with respect to these programs - I'm taking them in toto - does he feel reasonably optimistic that the bulk of the \$11,243,500 will be expended in this year's programming?

**HON. E. KOSTYRA:** Yes, I would think that close to that figure will be expended, particularly in view of the process we went through in Estimates.

The other factor is that most of these agreements are ongoing agreements. There are only a small number that are new or renewed agreements, so they are programs that are in their latter phases or middle phases so they are, in essence, worked up at a level that would see expenditures flowing on a fairly extensive basis and probably very close to the total amount.

I think that the member also has to remember that the first call on the expenditures is those which are contained in the department and once those are expended, then the call is on the Enabling Vote. So, in some cases, this has a higher lapsing factor than departmental Estimates.

**MR. H. ENNS:** Well, Mr. Chairman, I think it's becoming obvious to the Minister that with his permission, we're dealing with the subject matter as one expropriation and we'll ask some general questions with the eight or nine items covered under this resolution.

I have a particular question - perhaps my colleague from St. Norbert may wish to deal with more extensively - and that has to do with the Winnipeg Core Area Development Agreement.

Mr. Chairman, we have noted, of course, the leaving of the Manager of the Winnipeg Core Area Development Agreement. I would seek from the Minister some report as to the status, if you like - again in a general way - of the Winnipeg Core Area Agreement. Is there a problem there that needs addressing? I say this with the knowledge and experience, that in some of these instances programs are started with all due enthusiasm, the co-operation of the different jurisdictions involved, in this case the Government of Canada, the Government of Manitoba and the City Government. However, in its second or third or fourth year of the program, it tends to bog down and the desired results are not always achieved.

The Minister is fully familiar with the urban area of the City of Winnipeg. I would look to him for some comments with respect to the Winnipeg Core Area Agreement.

**HON. E. KOSTYRA:** I think it's probably indicative of the stage that agreement is in with the Estimates that are before us. You will note there is a significant increase in the Enabling Vote in this area, some \$736,000 or 30 percent increase, and that's because the amount of activity and the amount of money flowing under that agreement has increased. That agreement was a five-year agreement and did not specifically outline the amounts of money that would flow each year. It was based on how the projects were moving.

As I understand the present status of the Core Area Initiative Agreement, most programs are under way — (Interjection) — Mr. Chairman, do you want to rule on exhibits in the Chamber? Most of the programs are in place and operating. I think the departure, as I understand it again, of the core area manager was not related to the success or perceived lack of success of the program due to the fact that he had another opportunity elsewhere that he wanted to pursue in his career. So, I think it is moving along and many of the projects are being implemented, most of them are.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** The Member for Turtle Mountain.

**MR. B. RANSOM:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, on behalf of the task force that just had a tour of the grounds to determine what's happening out there, you can see that I was understating the case when I said that some weeds were five feet high. Actually, there are some that are at least six. We determined that they seemed to be somewhat understaffed, but they are working for a very reasonable wage, about \$4 an hour, and we're told that he is actually working last year for \$80 a month less than he was working the year before. He says if he stays here long enough, he'll be working for nothing.

**MR. H. ENNS:** I thank my colleague for taking hold of the situation with respect to the grounds of this building and I trust the Minister will be duly motivated to take the necessary action.

Coming back to the Enabling Vote, Mr. Chairman, that we are currently considering. It's my understanding - I appreciate the Minister of Agriculture's not being present - that the special ARDA Agreement that's still listed in this appropriation is primarily or if not totally directed to the Native communities and/or the Metis Federation of Manitoba. Can somebody confirm that that is the case?

If not, I would like to be apprised of what other special ARDA programs are available to Manitobans and the nature of them? My understanding is that the special ARDA programs currently still in use in Manitoba apply specifically to the Métis Federation and to perhaps people of Native background.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** The Minister of Co-operative Affairs.

**HON. J. COWAN:** Yes, I'm speaking mostly, Mr. Chairperson, from recollection of what the agreement was when I had responsibility for the portfolio of Northern Affairs. I understand that a new agreement has been recently signed and it is my impression that it is on the same basis that it was previously, but I could stand corrected in that I haven't seen the new agreement and I'm speaking personally as to what is contained within it, but that is my understanding.

It is directed toward employment in Northern communities, and certainly there is a high population of Native ancestry in those communities, but it is not restricted to those of Native ancestry, although I would imagine, as a matter of fact I can say fairly well for certain, that the largest percentage of those, and a very large percentage, a significant majority, are of Native ancestry, those who are participating in the program.

It is not directed toward any one organization, such as, the Manitoba Metis Federation or the Manitoba Keewatinow Okemakanac, the MKO, but in fact does involve individuals who might belong to those organizations as part of their other activities. Certainly I don't think that it is directed exclusively to them.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** The Member for Lakeside.

**MR. H. ENNS:** Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the Chairman of the Treasury Board's comments. I would simply put on the record, and ask him, I'm sure he agrees that

the program ought not to be exclusive, because in situations or in regions of the province where these kinds of programs have application, although perhaps by far the majority of them may be directed at the Metis community or the Native community, there are always others in that community that find themselves under similar circumstances that require the assistance of a Special ARDA Program.

I understand, some of that assistance is in Housing, for instance, in the Northern communities; that ought to be the case. I simply put on the record, the Minister could not tell me definitively whether or not the programs are exclusively directed to Metis and Indian communities. If the Minister wishes to take that as notice, or if he can tell me now that is not the case, I'd be happy.

**HON. J. COWAN:** Actually I believe the program is directed toward economic development in regions where disparate conditions exist. In this particular instance, and it's similar to the ARDA programs that are available in other jurisdictions, in other provinces, but in this particular instance it's directed toward Northern Native communities for the most part, remote communities, of which the substantial percentage of residents are of Native ancestry, but there are those who live within those communities who are not of Native ancestry, and I would not know at present why they would not be able to participate in the program if they met the other criteria.

So I think I can fairly definitively say that it is not exclusive to those of Native ancestry, but it certainly is targeted to assist those in those communities who are primarily of Native ancestry in the development of economic opportunities that had not previously existed for them.

For that reason, I recommend the program to the members opposite. I know that, when they were in government, they involved themselves in administering the program and developing the program and entering into the negotiations on that program. So they, too, at that time must have felt that it was providing a fair service. I don't believe that there have been major changes in the way in which it is operated or organized in the past four years.

**MR. H. ENNS:** Pass.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** (1.(a) to 1.(k) were each read and passed).

Resolution No. 143: Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$11,243,500 for the Canada-Manitoba Enabling Vote for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1985—pass.

### **SUPPLY - EMERGENCY INTEREST RATE RELIEF**

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** Emergency Interest Rate Relief Program, Item 1.— the Member for Arthur.

**MR. J. DOWNEY:** Mr. Chairman, I have a question or two of the Minister, particularly when they have made so much to-do about the support under the Interest Rate Relief. I'm extremely concerned again about, Mr.

Chairman, the reports that have come out about the increase in bankruptcies in Manitoba agriculture for the first quarter of this year being up well over 50 percent. I would say, is evidence, that the Interest Rate Relief Program is not working, that the policies of this government are not working.

We are now seeing, Mr. Chairman, the lowering of grain prices by the Canadian Wheat Board, the first of the year; we are now seeing the lowering of other grain prices that the farmers are dependent upon; we are seeing the closing of a packing house industry in Manitoba that would give some market stability. We are in a strike with some of the major packing houses, and on the verge of a strike for some of the packing house industry which will have an impact, or could have an impact on the markets that are available for the agricultural community. We are seeing a very real threat, Mr. Chairman, of an increase of interest rates again to our users of capital within the farm community.

I'm sorry to say, Mr. Chairman, it's not a very bright picture, not a very bright picture at all. The record of this government is there. The clouds on the horizon are extremely dark for anyone that's in that particular industry. I ask the Minister if he is going to make any major changes, or has he got any other policies that he'll be introducing, to use this particular capital to stop the continued erosion, the continued bankruptcies that are taking place within the farm community because evidently the programs, the actions that he has taken, and he is so proud of patting himself on the back about, aren't working.

I throw the question at the Minister. I would hope that he could give us some kind of commitment that he would take a hold of it in a major way. As I told him recently, there is a Ministers of Agriculture meeting coming up this next month in Winnipeg and I'm sure that it is contingent upon him to bring before this national meeting the real issue of agriculture, and deal with it with his counterparts from other provinces. Hopefully, there is someone going to be placed at the national level that has a little better understanding of some of the problems of the farmers.

The combination of the present Minister of Agriculture and the one we have, both in Ottawa and Manitoba, leaves the farmers in this province pretty hard pressed

**A MEMBER:** We haven't one in Ottawa right now.

**MR. J. DOWNEY:** . . . that's right, we have none in Ottawa. I would hope, and the question is very direct. Has the Minister any other programs? Has he got any ideas as to how this whole thing can be turned around, because the programs he has have failed?

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** The Minister of Agriculture.

**HON. B. URUSKI:** Mr. Chairman, you know the member quotes selectively - and I want to deal with the selectivity of the statistics that he uses for the first quarter on bankruptcies of this year - just add another month, Mr. Chairman, to those statistics in comparing Manitoba with Saskatchewan and Alberta, and they're turning right around. It is a sad commentary on our entire economy and our entire national situation in this country.

I think the first thing that really should happen, Mr. Chairman - and I see the National Conservative Party has finally done an about-turn on the whole question of interest rates - I wish that the provincial Tories would have done that when they were in office. They are now condemning the Canadian policy of raising interest rates in this country to an all-time high - to do what? - to protect the Canadian dollar.

Mr. Chairman, we are protecting the Canadian dollar. We can protect it to the point where many of us will all be bankrupt, and that is a bankrupt policy, Mr. Chairman. It is a policy of supporting high interest rates that those members opposite now in this Chamber are saying, it's a bad policy. I am very pleased, Sir, that they have now changed their minds and realize that a high interest rate policy is bad for this country, is bad for everyone in the economy from the farmers down through all the workers.

I want to give the honourable member some statistics. Yes, Mr. Chairman, January to May, '83 over '84. Manitoba '84 statistics, 30 bankruptcies; '83, 24 bankruptcies, a 25 percent increase. Saskatchewan '84, 25; '83, 18, a 39 percent increase.

**A MEMBER:** How can you justify bankruptcies?

**HON. B. URUSKI:** Well, Mr. Chairman, I'm not justifying anything. I'm only pointing out the selectivity with which the honourable member is using those statistics.

Alberta 33 in '84; 19 in '83 - a 74 percent increase in bankruptcies. I'm just pointing out that the problem goes far beyond the Manitoba borders, and goes far beyond the last two years, Sir.

Mr. Chairman, is there a failure in the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan with the increases of 39 percent in bankruptcies, and Alberta an increase of 74 percent in bankruptcies for the same period that Manitoba's bankruptcies were 25 percent?

Mr. Chairman, we should be pressing the Federal Government for fundamental changes in the Western Grain Stabilization Plan so that there's individual income support far beyond the minuscule changes that they're making now for political purposes to have a payout to Western Canada. Those fundamental changes should have been made years ago as were recommended by my colleague, the former Minister of Agriculture, the Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology.

We will be reviewing our programming but, Sir, \$14 million of interest rate relief to home-owners, small businesses and farmers is no small amount. You can just imagine the amount of bankruptcy that there would have been had there not been the kind of financial support that this program has assisted. It has assisted us in working out other programs with the farm community to try and give them the advice and the expertise and the renegotiations - many of whom we've assisted in renegotiating their finances with institutions to try and get them through a very difficult period of time.

But I agree with the way the interest rates are climbing now, Mr. Chairman, we are very concerned and we will have to re-evaluate all our programs. But to suggest that this program was of no meaning, flies in the face of all the assistance that was provided, much of which was in his own constituency, after telling us that there

are no such farmers in Manitoba, that no one will be helped when the bulk of the assistance has gone to members opposite in their ridings.

**MR. C. MANNES:** Mr. Chairman, I'm wondering if the Minister can indicate whether this Interest Rate Relief Program, and I believe it's in three phases, in three areas, whether or not it has a sunset date, whether it's to be completed sometime in the future. If it isn't can he give us some indication as to the share of funds he will be receiving from the Minister of Finance who has now \$150 million of extra funding, and he indicated supportive arguments to Bill No. 27, that a fair amount of that would be directed towards agriculture loaning.

My question is, will this program continue? Secondly, will it be eligible for funding that has come forth by way of the issuing of preferred shares? Thirdly, to what degree?

**HON. B. URUSKI:** Mr. Chairman, I'm very pleased that the honourable members opposite are interested in moves that we have made. It's just that they didn't give us very much credit for writing down and saving Manitoba farmers \$18 million of high interest loans. Sir, that whole area will be reviewed and when all the details are known we will be looking and reviewing our various policies and the amounts of funding that might be available. That is a new area that has not yet been determined as to how much, when. That will have to be completed and there will be a discussion and analysis by all my colleagues, not just by myself.

The Interest Rate Relief Program, as the member knows, the deadline for applications ended with the second year. People who are on the program will continue to reapply if they're eligible for the second year benefits it will continue until the time. In other words people who applied up until December 31, 1983 in fact have two years if they're eligible on the program. The program will continue for that duration.

**MR. H. ENNS:** I just want to point out to the Minister and indeed to the First Minister, Mr. Chairman, that we're not that unreasonable that we don't understand that the interest rate problems in this country aren't all on the shoulders of this Premier, on this Minister. We know the difficulties and we experience them among our constituents every day, every weekend that we go back to them. But, Mr. Chairman, it all stems from the fact that what the Premier affixed his signature to at the time of the '81 election, when he said no Manitobans will lose their homes or farms due to high interest. Mr. Chairman, if they had said, we will do all we can to assist; if they had said, we will try to mitigate the harsh economic circumstances that we're faced with, the Minister and his government would not be facing the kind of arguments we're putting up.

But, Mr. Chairman, I suggest that when persons aspire to responsible positions, that of government and that of Ministers of Agriculture, not just say that in the heat of a campaign speech, not just to say that in somebody's kitchen in order to maybe gain favour with that particular voter. No, Sir, but to distribute that in printed and written form with the leader of that party's signature affixed to it stating the bald fact that no farmer, no small business will lose their enterprise because of high interest rates.

Mr. Chairman, that is what continues to exercise us on this question on this side of the House and we have every reason to be. I would hope that it would be a lesson to honourable members opposite about the kind of material they distribute in future elections.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** Item 1.—pass.

Resolution No. 144: Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$4,900,000 for Emergency Interest Rate Relief, for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March 1985—pass.

Flood Control and Emergency Expenditures, Item 1.—the Member for Arthur.

**MR. J. DOWNEY:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is where the Premier and his Minister are not going to get off as easily. I think that we are in a time when we have a particular group of people in society who are not being looked after by this First Minister and the Minister of Agriculture. I have been continually getting calls from the Minister's own constituency not by one, not by two, but by many of his constituents who are saying they are left hung out to drown by this government.

Mr. Chairman, we look at this appropriation of some \$1 million - and I'll read to the Minister so he can talk to his constituents. It's Flood Control and Emergency Expenditures, and what does it say? "Provides for expenditures related to flooding and other natural disasters. Includes municipal flood grants, departmental flood expenditures, Manitoba Disaster Assistance Board and other related expenditures."

Mr. Chairman, the Minister talks about the turnaround of the farm economy and the fact that the statistics will be better. I was told this morning by a constituent of his that if some action isn't taken by the Provincial Government that there will be an additional 11 farmers disappear out of the Riverton area because there isn't any assistance by his government, Mr. Chairman, 11 more farmers to go because of harsh economic disasters.

Let us take time, Mr. Chairman, to thank the Mennonite Central who have some compassion, who took action to help that group of people. I think we should take our hats off to them because they realized the need that was there by that community.

That should be evidence enough for this Premier, for this Minister of Agriculture, that there should be action taken by the government. It isn't, Mr. Chairman, in every case because one or two farmers are hurt, this has happened for some three to five years now, year after year. I believe it's time that the Minister took the lead because he's got money in place to do this, such as the Saskatchewan Government did with certain municipalities that were flooded out. There was an acreage payment put in place the first of this week to help a few communities that were hurt because of high water. The longer term, Mr. Chairman, is a drainage program or project that can assist those people.

He refers to crop insurance, Mr. Chairman. Well, let me tell you, the people in that community are not going to get enough out of crop insurance to keep them in business, and he can't use the example that the flooded basements can be helped because there isn't any insurance available. There is insurance available for

coverage for basements that have got water in them, Mr. Chairman. Sure there is crop insurance for crops that are drowned, but not enough in specific cases, Mr. Chairman, that's what we are asking for, in fact, he has money available. There are people who are in need and are going to go broke, Mr. Chairman, are going to leave the scene because they are not getting assistance from this community.

In fact, Mr. Chairman, I was told the Premier and the Minister are actually now ignoring any calls that are coming from that particular area, that they are ignoring their own constituents in the Interlake area. — (Interjection) — Well, Mr. Chairman, I am telling you the Minister has got \$1 million dollars in Disaster Flood Assistance.

What happened during our term of office, Mr. Chairman? We had a flood in the Red River — (Interjection) — Yes, we had a flood in the Red River and took action to help those farmers and those people in the Red River and other communities.

**A MEMBER:** Last year we had a drought.

**MR. J. DOWNEY:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, and we had a major drought. What did we do? We put \$40 million in an emergency program. Those are the kinds of things that cost a lot of money.

These particular farmers, and I make suggestions about the ones in the Riverton area, and there is definitely need there; I am sure in the Ashern area; in the Camper Drain area where Mr. . . .

**A MEMBER:** Dog Lake.

**MR. J. DOWNEY:** Dog Lake, whatever it is, Mr. Chairman - the Minister is familiar with it - there are two areas there. The Elie area, I can tell you, Mr. Chairman, I drove through there right after the storm, and I continue to drive through there, there are some cases can be made for specific help there, I am sure.

Again, Mr. Chairman, I plead with the Minister of Agriculture to consider the emergency in the southwest area where there is certainly a crisis situation with the grasshopper outbreak.

It is time for the government to realize that you don't stand in the Legislature and make grandiose speeches about you're assessing the problem, you are looking at it, that you are going to talk to the Federal Government. Mr. Chairman, what the people in these situations want is an assurance that there is a Minister, or a member of the government, that is aware of and actually doing something about it, to either request federal assistance to help them or putting in place some of this \$1 million. There is money here, Mr. Chairman.

I ask the Minister if he won't again go back to his Cabinet colleagues, because of money that's already being voted here. We are voting for a million dollars. There aren't, in great numbers of people, that many. I say 11 farmers going broke. What is there? Can the Minister tell us? Are there 50 farmers? Are there 50 farmers that are being hurt? I would say probably in that neighbourhood with extreme flooding?

Let's use the money that we are voting for them; let's not put up a bureaucratic system that disallows them to get the monies that are being voted; let us

not make excuses, Mr. Premier, for those people who are in desperate need. I would say, if the Premier were serious about being the soft-hearted kind of a person that he pretends to be, that he would take immediate action, that he would go to the Riverton area and say, yes - Saskatchewan has set an example, they are going to pay some \$10 an acre for flood assistance, or X-number of dollars, I think that's what it is - that we will pay on the same lines and we will go to Ottawa to have them match the money that we are putting up. Yes, we'll go to Ottawa and we will match that money. It's not as if you are providing assistance to some 20,000 farmers in Manitoba. The numbers are small and the situation has been identified and supported by the Mennonite Central as a disaster.

Mr. Chairman, how much more demonstration does the Minister need? Eleven more farmers to leave the Riverton area because of lack of action on his behalf and there is money voted. Do I have to read it to him again? It's on Page 139 in the Estimate book, \$1 million.

**MR. H. ENNS:** That's just a token amount, we put \$40 million in when we . . .

**MR. J. DOWNEY:** I have indicated that we put \$40 million into an emergency program. So it's not, Mr. Chairman, as if it's going to run the province in a deficit, in fact, it may not take more than what is allowed in this particular vote, but I would hope when the problem is there, it's been identified, that the government would take action to spend some of that money, and not set up a bureaucratic system that will prevent them from getting to it, because what more message does the Minister of Agriculture need when his own backyard is screaming out for help, saying, we are in bad need of some immediate relief, we are in need of some longer-term drainage projects which will help in the longer term. It's not as if it would be an annual output of money if the government moved now on a short-term basis to help them with a cashflow and, in the longer term, worked on some drainage projects which would in the end alleviate their problem.

I am not hollering for every farmer, Mr. Chairman. I am hollering for a few people who I think deserve the kind of help that this Minister is asking us to vote funds for. I am going to commit my colleagues, I am sure that there isn't going to be a one-person vote against this emergency fund.

**MR. H. ENNS:** Not one.

**MR. J. DOWNEY:** Not a one-person vote against this emergency fund to help the people, such as, the Mennonite Central who have taken their own money and their own time to help that group of people. Surely, there is a little compassion, or are they going to let me, Mr. Chairman, leave this Chamber thinking and telling the people of Manitoba that the Pawley Government is hard and calloused; hard and calloused, Mr. Chairman? Well, I have no other alternative but to leave with that impression and go to the Riverton area, and go to the Ashern area, and go to the Elie area and say this government really doesn't care. They really don't care. They can give you lots of lip service and swing their hands but there is no support.

Mr. Chairman, there is just one other point I want to make in this particular area and that deals with the grasshopper situation which I have been pressing this Minister for. Last year there was a problem that could have, I think, helped to control them. We now have a major grasshopper outbreak from the United States boundary right through every municipality in my constituency right into the Virden constituency, and it is no small area at this particular point. There are hundreds of acres, Mr. Chairman, that they have infested; they have infested pastures, hay lands, and are taking off some of the spring crops.

Mr. Chairman, the Minister in his answer the other day said, well, we can't take the responsibility for such things as beetles in rapeseed and that type of thing; I am not asking for that. The beetles in rapeseed, Mr. Chairman, when a farmer decides to grow rapeseed he knows that he'll have a beetle problem; he knows that he will have to spend money on the beetle control. That's a given, Mr. Chairman, and I am not asking for control of flea beetles in rapeseed or those other insects that come along.

Mr. Chairman, the Minister mentions caterpillars and cankerworms, if there is a major outbreak. The elm disease, we have programs to help with the elm disease. When the mosquito outbreak comes, and I know that it's a matter of life or limb when those programs are introduced for mosquitoes, there is a massive spraying program. Last year, my constituents had a hard time figuring out why there was a big B-52 Bomber - no, it wasn't a B-52. What was that?

**MR. H. ENNS:** Well, it was pretty close.

**MR. J. DOWNEY:** Pretty close. I have to apologize, Mr. Chairman. We do have B-52 Bombers flying over and thank God we do. They are working out of the Minot Air Force Base and they are giving us protection; something that this country hasn't got to protect its citizens, but our good neighbours to the south have and they do some training over our area. So we don't get too nervous when we see some of the large planes. But there was a large plane spraying mosquitoes and I know that it was a decision that most people support that it had to take place and it was to protect lives.

Mr. Chairman, I don't think that the grasshopper problem should be overlooked by this Minister. If he does not take action and expand, and I say this in all sincerity, if he were to provide some assistance on the purchase of chemical to farmers that there would be a massive take-on of spraying and it would, in fact, shrink the problem, not allow it to enlarge. The Minister has money being voted here and I again go back. I think, in particular, it's these kinds of situations that action should come from this Minister.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** The Honourable Minister of Finance.

**HON. V. SCHROEDER:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As the member knows, this appropriation has traditionally been a \$1 million amount in the Estimates to cover compensation given out, not by the Department of Agriculture, but by the Manitoba Disaster Assistance Board in accordance with the federal-provincial formula and so on.

The member makes note of the fact that the Federal and Provincial Governments should be assisting when there are disasters and so on. I point out to him that in this year, the Federal and Provincial Governments expect to pay out in the neighbourhood of \$17 million in agricultural relief. Just on the Crop Insurance Program alone, it's going to be subsidized to the extent of \$17 million by the Federal and Provincial Governments together.

So, this \$1 million, let's not spend it too often. We're going to spend it on the ice storm; we're going to spend it on floods; we're going to spend it on other natural disasters. There's certainly no question that we will spend it. Let's not leave on the record the impression, first of all, that government is not prepared to do something for people suffering from disasters.

Secondly, let's also not leave the impression that this \$1 million is all that we are prepared to put out for agriculture between the Federal and Provincial Governments. I'm not talking about other programs. I'm just talking about crop protection, \$17 million this year. So, that's 17 times as much as what the member was asking for here, if he was asking to spend every penny of this program here. — (Interjection) — It has to be taxed for in this year, Mr. Chairman, and a \$17 million input is \$17 million whether it was here some other time or not. That is something that the public should be aware of.

That's another area that the member mentions and that is the matter of the Mennonite Central Committee. The Mennonite Central Committee is a very fine organization which has a mandate which is quite different from that of government. They can choose a geographical area, as they have frequently in the past. A few years ago, there was damage in another part of the province - they chose that area. What they're not responsible for is a program that treats every taxpayer in the province in a similar fashion. This was the difficulty that we had. We would love to have gotten involved, but we also recognized in looking at that problem at Riverton, that we would then be in a position where it would be unfair to some other farmer in a similar circumstance in another geographical part of this province.

We talked with MCC about it and I've talked with a number of their people. They understand the difficulty government had. They would have preferred the money. Of course, they would have, but they also understood they couldn't make a commitment to come in at the amount for other farmers in similar circumstances. They had a specific program. We're very happy that they went to the effort of helping those farmers. Of course, we're providing it in many other ways and not, unfortunately, in that particular program.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** The Member for St. Norbert.

**MR. G. MERCIER:** Mr. Chairman, I'd like to speak for a moment with respect to the plight in which so many home-owners in the City of Winnipeg presently find themselves. With all due respect to the government, I don't deny that perhaps they do intend eventually to participate in assisting people whose homes have been flooded.

As I understand the situation, Mr. Chairman, certain material and evidence particularly of rainfall in the city,

was presented to the Provincial Government on Monday of this week; evidence that showed that on June 6th, June 16th, and then the the third rainfall, there was clear evidence that the amount of rain that fell upon the city was at least of a magnitude of a maximum storm expected once every 25 years, and three of those fell upon the city within the short space of less than two weeks.

In many areas of the city, the rainfall was up to a maximum storm expected once in every 80 years. There's no question, Mr. Chairman, that the city has suffered severe rainfall, extraordinary rainfall over very short periods of time which exacerbated the problem.

Now, Mr. Chairman, that evidence has been supplied to the Provincial Government and there's clear evidence that there have been a severe number of flooded basements throughout the city. Yet the city has been requested to obtain through newspaper surveys and telephone surveys more detailed information.

At the same time, the Federal Minister has indicated in a statement which I heard on the radio made in the House of Commons, that they were anxious to proceed and to receive and accept the application from the province.

I'm just concerned, Mr. Chairman, that a great deal of delay has been introduced into providing home-owners some financial relief in this situation. We're shortly into the month of July and August when many people in the city take their summer vacations and leave the city and they're caught with all of this damage in their basements, and they have not been told what the rules will be for compensation, not been told what records they have to keep, what photographs of the damage that they have to keep. I think this kind of information has to be given to the citizens of the city who have suffered this damage just as immediately as possible, Mr. Chairman.

I'm very concerned with the delay that has gone on to date. I would ask the Minister of Urban Affairs whether or not the province could at least put out tomorrow or Saturday, before the weekend, some information that would indicate what type of evidence will be required by home-owners to supply when the application by the city to declare a disaster in the city has been approved and the Federal and Provincial Governments have approved of that action and agreed to participate financially.

It is extremely important to the individual home-owners caught in the situation that they have to know what information will be required eventually in the application forms. There should be steps taken, I think, in the interim to establish the board. It takes the city two weeks to supply this information; it will come to the province; there'll be another delay, making decisions; then it will go to the Federal Government; there'll be another delay.

We could be talking quite easily a month's delay before home-owners know whether or not they will be compensated. Some interim steps should be taken by the government immediately in terms of indicating what information will be required so that people caught in this plight will be able to prepare their application forms for compensation. I think some administrative structure should be set in place immediately, so that again there is not further delay.

After all of the expected delay, I would think that it may very well be at least up to four weeks before any

indication is given to home-owners from the government.

**HON. V. SCHROEDER:** Mr. Chairman, procedures will be identical to what they have been in the past. People deal with the city. You certainly haven't put that kind of a proposal forward. None of the rural members made that kind of a ridiculous suggestion when it came to the ice storm. You deal with your municipality and the municipality deals with the province.

Here we are having the Member for St. Norbert suggesting that we should rush off to Ottawa - to do what? - to have Winnipeg declared a disaster area, which does what? And it doesn't matter. That will not pay anybody two cents . . .

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** Order please.

**HON. V. SCHROEDER:** We're saying let's find out what the damages are and then we will proceed. To say now, well, it's a disaster area, but we don't know whom to pay is not going to increase payments or hurry them up by two seconds. What do you want to do, take \$1 million and stand on Main Street and pass it out to passersby? That is the most ludicrous suggestion I've ever heard of.

The city - and we met with the city the other day - didn't even suggest to us that we, without knowing numbers declare a disaster area, do all these wonderful things. They recognize that what you do is, you find out what the problems are and then you solve them. That's what we will do. — (Interjection) — It's not Big Brother knowing best. We have an agreement that says exactly how the costs will be shared and that's how they will be shared. We can't send a cheque until we know what the costs are. We've asked them to tell us what the costs are. That is only logical.

But to say that we've got this wonderful disaster area which is a term that we don't need - all we need to have is more damages, as I understand it, than \$1 per taxpayer in order for that formula to click into place. Once that has happened, and we don't know what the damages are today, neither does the Member for St. Norbert.

Now to have someone say, well, we will pay without it . . .

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** Order please.

**HON. V. SCHROEDER:** . . . we have an administrative setup. These people don't seem to understand what's happening.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** Item 1.—pass.

Resolution No. 145: Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$1,000,000 for Flood Control and Emergency Expenditures for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1985—pass.

## SUPPLY - CAPITAL SUPPLY (2)

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** Capital Supply to Capital Authority Requirements for Non-Budgetary Programs. Any discussion?

The Member for Turtle Mountain.

**MR. B. RANSOM:** We've got \$243 million here, Mr. Chairman, that we are being asked to pass. Do you suppose that it would be too much to ask the Minister for a little explanation about how the money's going to be used?

**HON. V. SCHROEDER:** I think that's a most reasonable question. I would expect that the Ministers in charge of the various Crown corporations who are obtaining funds here ought to be asked to come in to make statements. If we have a minute, we could get them in.

**MR. B. RANSOM:** Mr. Chairman, perhaps while we're waiting, the Minister could indicate to us what he plans to do with the money raised through the issue of preferred shares that were just handled last week. How does he plan to pass that money on to farmers or home-owners or whatever?

**HON. V. SCHROEDER:** Mr. Chairman, we are looking at ways of providing through MHCC some of those funds for the agricultural community. We're also looking at, through the Manitoba Housing & Renewal Corporation, passing some of those funds on in the area of home building and possibly the rental market. We haven't fixed numbers on it. They would obviously be within the numbers - we have authority under The Loans Acts that will be and have been approved in the past.

**MR. B. RANSOM:** Would the expectation be, through the Manitoba Agricultural Credit Corporation, for instance, that some of this Capital Authority of \$37,284,000 might be raised through the sale of the preferred shares and that it would be advanced then on the basis of the 9.25 percent plus the administrative charge?

**HON. V. SCHROEDER:** That is what I am hoping to be able to do, yes.

**MR. B. RANSOM:** Are there going to be any restrictions on that, or will that be an amount of money that's available through the Agricultural Credit Corporation until it's expired, until the money is all taken up, and we then expect interest rates to go back up to whatever the Canadian borrowing rate is? Has the Minister given any consideration to passing on the interest rate that he gets in Switzerland, for instance, on the Swiss francs? There was discussion of that earlier in the Department of Agriculture Estimates. Would they be prepared to pass on that kind of interest rate to the farmers?

**HON. V. SCHROEDER:** Mr. Chairman, as the member knows, that's quite a different proposition. With this particular money, we would be able to at least put it into a pool with other money and average out interest rates to whatever it is. If it's Canadian money, we know with certainty what the interest rates are.

When you get to foreign currency, that's a different story altogether. I would certainly not be prepared on the part of the government to accept the exchange risks and give all of the benefits over to any particular community in the province because, as the member

knows, sometimes these 6 percent rates turn out to be higher than Canadian rates. Sometimes they turn out to be much lower than Canadian rates. I wouldn't want to put us in a position where we were basically subsidizing without having consciously made the decision to subsidize.

I should point out as well that, in terms of funds from this issue, the issue had a share warrant tied to it. Of course it need not be, but there may be, depending on what interest rates do next year, a further approximately \$200 million coming from that source next year.

**MR. B. RANSOM:** What's the difference in the cost to the taxpayer whether that money is advanced through Agricultural Credit Corporation or whether it goes into General Revenue, and the value of the currency changes and we end up paying a higher rate than we otherwise would have paid? What's the difference to the taxpayer?

**HON. V. SCHROEDER:** The difference to the taxpayer very clearly is that we're not lending money out to anybody else at 6 percent. If we were to lend money out from this fund at 6 percent and lose money on it, then that would mean we would have a higher deficit than we would have had, had we lent it out at the rates at which we currently do lend it out. That's the big difference to the deficit.

We don't calculate our cost of money at that kind of a rate, overall. We expect that it will be closer in the long run - not in the short run - to the Canadian average. Of course, as the member knows, our biggest exchange losses have been not with Swiss francs but with United States dollars.

**MR. B. RANSOM:** I'm just interested though, Mr. Chairman, in knowing what's the difference to the taxpayers if there's a loan of 100 million Swiss francs and it goes into covering government programs, and the interest rates change, the taxpayers are going to end up picking up the difference. What's the difference whether it is going in there and the benefits are being spread, or whether it goes into the Agricultural Credit Corporation and the benefits are being concentrated but the costs are still being spread?

**HON. V. SCHROEDER:** Put it this way. With our 9.25 percent money plus costs, we have a fixed cost. We know when we pass it on to taxpayers that is not costing us something. We know when we start out that it's going to, in all likelihood, cost us something more than 6 percent here. So we would know in the beginning that we were subsidizing an operation using this source.

If the member were to say he wants us to lend it out to people in Swiss francs, that would be different. Then they would be taking the risk. They would be getting the advantage of the low interest rates. They would be taking the risk on it. It would be, I think, irresponsible of us to be passing on funds to people where we know that we are going to be subsidizing at an unknown rate. We say that we'll lend it to them in Canadian dollars at the best Canadian rates we can possibly get, and I don't think that anybody out there says that that's unfair. The notion of us knocking rates in half and taking it out of General Revenue is one that, I think, we can't afford.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** Order please. The hour is 4:30, time for Private Members' Hour.  
Call in the Speaker.

The Chairman reported upon the Committee's deliberations to Mr. Speaker and requested leave to sit again.

## IN SESSION

**MR. SPEAKER:** Order please. The time being 4:30 and Private Members' Hour, the acting Government House Leader.

**HON. A. MACKLING:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I think there's an understanding that we would forego Private Members' Hour in order to complete the business of Committee and I ask leave, therefore, to do that.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Does the Honourable Minister have leave? (Agreed)

That being the case, the House will continue in Committee.

The Honourable Member for River East.

## SUPPLY - CAPITAL SUPPLY (2) Cont'd

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** Committee come to order.  
The Member for Turtle Mountain.

**MR. B. RANSOM:** Mr. Chairman, what we just heard from the Minister of Finance was that we couldn't advance this money to the Agricultural Credit Corporation because it's too risky; they would run the risk of there being a subsidy. Why doesn't the Minister then, when he announces one of these borrowings and announces that it's such a favourable rate, whether sometimes it's down the range of 5 or 6 percent when the borrowing rate in Canada would be at least twice that; why doesn't the Minister say in his release then that there is a great degree of risk involved in this loan and the end result may be that we pay a substantially higher rate of interest.

Every time the Minister announces one of these loans out there, people in the country, people who read that, say if the Minister can borrow money for that, why can't he pass it on for that? They don't understand what the Minister has just told us that there is a substantial risk involved here. The risk is too great for the Minister to take to actually pass that money on to the Agricultural Credit Corporation, for example, at whatever rate he borrows it. Will he at least then, when he makes these statements, put that little rider in that there is a greater degree of risk involved with these borrowings than there is with borrowing Canadian dollars and, therefore, he's not able to pass on what seems like an excellent bargain to people out there who are having to pay 14 percent, 15 percent on their loans?

**HON. V. SCHROEDER:** Mr. Chairman, the words "favourable rate of interest" have been off my press releases for, I believe, two years. They were being written by the same people who wrote the press releases for Sterling Lyon who always had that phraseology about a favourable rate of interest. I agree with him that was

not a proper thing to do. I've got a number of the press releases from Sterling Lyon saying precisely that. I've taken that off.

Unfortunately, Sterling Lyon was borrowing in the United States where we're getting hammered right against the wall with the exchange rate changes — (Interjection) — You borrowed in 1978 from Switzerland, we basically came off with a 0 percent interest, but you stopped borrowing in Switzerland, went to the United States instead where the rates have turned against us since then and we're getting hammered like crazy because you wanted to make a point about the fact that Mr. Cherniack was borrowing off-shore. That has cost the taxpayers of Manitoba many millions of dollars.

I agree with the member that people should be aware that there is a risk involved in borrowing in foreign currencies. Whether it's Swiss francs for United States dollars, there's a risk involved.

Now we always made clear, I believe, when we borrow in foreign currencies, that it has to be repaid in foreign currencies. Maybe we should look at making it more clear because certainly we don't expect when we're doing the borrowing that we're going to get such great bargains overall. This is what our financial experts who have spent many years in the department - not the politicians; we're listening to the advice of our financial experts - tell us that if you do this on a continual basis, you'll lose on some, you'll gain on others and you'll probably come out a little bit ahead. That's why we're doing what we're doing. We're following the advice of our experts.

**MR. B. RANSOM:** Is this whole 37,284,000 for the Agricultural Credit Corporation going to be raised through the preferred share issue?

**HON. V. SCHROEDER:** That decision hasn't yet been made. I'm hoping that as much as possible, if it can be raised in that fashion.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** The Member for Arthur.

**MR. J. DOWNEY:** Mr. Chairman, I guess we're not taking these in any particular order. Do you want to deal with them in a specific order as they appear?

My question, Mr. Chairman, to the Minister of either Finance or Agriculture, the Beef Stabilization Fund, the request is some \$6 million. Is this going to be sufficient to support the beef industry in the coming year? I'm waiting for the Minister to make an announcement on the support level that'll be introduced the 1st of July, but which initially . . . Well, the answer to the Minister, the Commission make the announcement, the Minister has to be accountable for it.

The \$6 million for beef stabilization only, I ask him if it'll be sufficient. It would appear from what we're seeing happening that maybe it won't be. Was the total amount of money last year expended in this particular appropriation? I again go back - it could mean a substantial increase in premiums to the producer or where is it at? Is \$6 million enough? Is there not any money going to be needed for the Manitoba Hog Producers Stabilization Program?

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** The Minister of Agriculture.

**HON. B. URUSKI:** Mr. Chairman, I believe that the stabilization plan, I can't answer the question whether all the funding was used up from the Capital funding that was made available from last year. I'd have to just check those notes.

We believe, and our advice is in terms of market conditions, in terms of changes in support premiums and the like, that this amount of money may be adequate, we believe it will be adequate for the year.

**MR. J. DOWNEY:** Mr. Chairman, could the Minister give any indication now whether the support level for the beef industry will be increased? He says the Commission will be making it. He, I'm sure, has had some discussions with them. Will it be increased? He indicates that it will be sufficient for the Beef Stabilization Fund. He did not answer the question dealing with the Hog Stabilization Program. Where is he getting his funds for that program?

**HON. B. URUSKI:** Mr. Chairman, I believe there was an interim bill passed by the House which made provisions for the hog plan. Both those amounts were estimated, and they are estimates, to the best of the ability in the terms of forecasting, and one surely can't totally forecast what will occur. But in terms of our staff's forecasts, the amounts should be adequate for both programs, and in terms of support levels I believe that announcement will be made on or about July 1, which either will be made tomorrow or the beginning of next week in terms of new support changes and premiums and dealing with that program.

**MR. B. RANSOM:** Perhaps the Minister responsible for the Manitoba Hydro would like to give a brief explanation of what the Capital is required for . . .

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** The Minister of Energy.

**HON. W. PARASIUK:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, the major items are mitigation works, 4,000,683,000; interest costs to date plus some expenditure on some engineering work on Limestone Generating Station, \$20,924,000; there's Great Falls Generating Station and Rehabilitation - \$4,818,000; the tail end of the work on the Seven Sisters Generating Station Rehabilitation - \$287,000; HVDC conversion Bi-pole, Stage 2 and Stage 3 - \$55 million - this is the existing Bi-pole, it's the one at the other end, it's at Heday; MANDAN project studies - \$2,564,000; Gillam Service Centre - \$1,218,000; fire protection projects - \$7,024,000; an item called domestic items, which is, in a sense, your capital improvement to your distribution system - \$47 million; and a category of Other \$372,000.00.

The total of the Gross Capital Program for Hydro is \$145,500,000 less internally generated funds of \$25,900,000.00.

The Gross Capital Authority required for 1984-85 is \$119,600,000.00. The uncommitted Capital Authority available as of April 1984 was \$73,730,000; and the 1984-85 net requirements to be voted are \$45,870,000.00.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** The Member for Turtle Mountain.

**MR. B. RANSOM:** I assume that the money is still being advanced to Hydro on the basis of Canadian

borrowing rates; that the stabilization payment is still in place, the act is still in place.

The Minister of Finance has from time-to-time indicated when we stated that a certain interest rate might be in place, for instance, 13 percent or 14 percent. The Minister indicated that it wouldn't necessarily be that way, and I believe he was saying that because of the possibility of borrowing in other currencies where the rates are lower. But it's my understanding that unless that act is changed then wherever the government borrows money, and whatever rate they borrow it at, it is going to be advanced to Hydro as though it was a Canadian borrowing. Now if my understanding is wrong perhaps the Minister would correct me, and if it isn't wrong is there any inclination, any expectation on the government's part that they're going to repeal that legislation so that Hydro would once again be exposed to whatever risks or benefits might flow from borrowing foreign exchange.

**HON. W. PARASIUK:** Yes, the situation exists as the Member for Turtle Mountain described, and the question of financing is a matter that the Minister of Finance will have to look at. I'm not sure whether, in fact, there would be any changes involved with respect to the present system of financing, but that would be something that would have to be looked at. I expect that might be being looked at right now, but I say that there isn't any inclination to change it, but I would think that the long-term financial requirements of the province are always being assessed.

**MR. B. RANSOM:** Well, then I would just point out that following upon the discussion that we just had about not advancing money to the Agricultural Credit Corporation at those lower rates that exist at the time of the borrowing, then following that same reasoning, that we would not expect the government to be advancing money to Hydro at those lower rates and not acknowledging the risk that's entailed in borrowing in foreign exchange. In any case, for the moment, then the act is still in place, and all money lent to Hydro is done on the basis of Canadian interest rates and that will stay in place for the foreseeable future.

**HON. W. PARASIUK:** As I say, for the foreseeable future, I couldn't project beyond that.

**MR. B. RANSOM:** Since the Minister for the Manitoba Telephone System isn't here, and neither is the Minister responsible for Forestry Resources, perhaps I could ask the Minister of Energy and Mines some questions about Manfor.

I wonder if the Minister would undertake to find out, to follow up on some questions that I asked the Minister of Northern Affairs last week about some road construction work that is being done in the Thompson area where there's seven miles of road being constructed by Manfor. They are renting two pieces of equipment from a contractor from The Pas, even though equipment is available in Thompson that could do the work.

We were told by the Minister of Northern Affairs that equipment has been hired, apparently on an hourly basis, untendered from this company, and this is a

practice that's been going on for some 10 years. So I think it's important to know what kind of rate they're paying for that equipment; how the rate is determined; and indeed what's the size of the payments that have been made to this contractor, say, over the period of 10 years, if it's being done on an untendered basis because I think it's incumbent on us, as representatives of the taxpayers, to try and be sure that we're getting value.

I know, from being Minister of Natural Resources, and I think the Minister of Natural Resources knows, that there is a very strong tendency within the system that once they find an operator that they get along with and get a reasonable job from that their tendency is to continue to hire that operator at an hourly rate and not give anyone else a chance to do any work, even though they may come along and say - look I'll do that for 10 percent less, or 20 percent less. I know that when I was Minister of Natural Resources I found out that there were anywhere up to a couple of hundred thousand dollars of work that was being let on an untendered basis, and we put some additional restrictions on that so that it had to be authorized higher up.

So could I get the commitment from the Minister, without having to go through filing an Order for Return and so on because the House is coming to a conclusion, that we can get some answers to that particular situation.

**HON. W. PARASIUK:** I don't know what commitment the Minister responsible for Manfor made. I'll certainly take the question as notice and pass it on to the Minister responsible for Manfor and I would assume that he would deal with it by getting back to the Member for Turtle Mountain.

**MR. B. RANSOM:** Will the Minister of Energy and Mines at least give his recommendation to the Minister of Northern Affairs that he provide that kind of information. I know I'm interested and I'm sure the Member for Thompson is interested in it as well, and we'd like to know.

**HON. W. PARASIUK:** In fact I intended to do that.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** Capital Supply (2) - the Honourable Member for Turtle Mountain.

**MR. B. RANSOM:** Well, can we have just a bit of explanation, Mr. Chairman. There's 25 million here from the Manitoba Telephone System; there's 58 million for Manitoba Housing and Renewal. The Minister responsible for that is here, could he just give us a few words about how that money is intended to be used, and how much money he expects to have from the preferred share borrowing, and how does he intend to use that low interest money?

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** The Minister of Housing.

**HON. J. BUCKLASCHUK:** Yes, if the member will just give me few minutes I'll get the information.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** The Member for Lakeside.

**MR. H. ENNS:** Well, Mr. Chairman, I guess it just never really pays off to be courteous or polite to members opposite you know. I, you know, belatedly have to I suppose acknowledge that and learn that lesson. I indicated earlier, you know, when we were dealing with the other matters, and that is the reason, it's not by accident that we have grouped these particular expropriations together. The Enabling Vote, the Jobs Fund, and Interest Relief Program, and now the Capital Supply bill, in the hope that we recognize the responsibilities that individual Ministers have from time to time, but one would hope, Mr. Chairman, that either a designated Minister would have been equipped or briefed to answer even the most rudimentary questions that one could expect that would be put to members of the government when dealing with these large sums of money.

I just put on the record that the government is showing less than courtesy and less than their fair measure of responsibility with respect to their stewardship of these funds. I appeal through you, Mr. Chairman, that it is our intention to deal with these matters.

We are talking about, in this instance, \$243 million; \$40 million in other expropriations, \$50 million in the Jobs Fund, \$1 million in the Flood Relief Program and \$11 million in the Interest Rate Relief Program. These are significant numbers of dollars that we are either borrowing on behalf of the Manitoba taxpayers who will have to repay that money, and the least we can expect from this government is that they give us the courtesy and be present or at least designate somebody to be present to respond to those questions.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** The Minister of Culture.

**HON. E. KOSTYRA:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do apologize on behalf of some of my colleagues for the fact they are not here. The Minister responsible for the Manitoba Telephone System, the Minister of Business Development and Tourism did have to leave for a meeting. He did provide me with information with respect to items that may have related to other matters in his area and, unfortunately, did not provide me with the information with regard to the Manitoba Telephone System. If there are specific questions in that area, I will get that for the member as soon as possible, as I know the Minister would be willing to provide that information.

In terms of the Jobs Fund Loan Authority, we have that information and if there are specific questions on that, I would be prepared to respond to it.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** The Member for Turtle Mountain.

**MR. B. RANSOM:** Well, the Minister of Energy and Mines gave us a brief rundown of the Capital Program of Manitoba Hydro. Can we not have a quick rundown on the Capital Program for Manitoba Telephone System?

I have a couple of questions too that I will give to the Minister who can report here for Manitoba Forestry Resources Ltd. This \$14 million that is being asked for, I am interested in knowing whether that is going to go by way of a grant in the upgrading of the plant? Is this going to be equity? How is this going to be used?

Because, as I understand it now for Manfor, Manfor essentially has no debt any more. The government's money is all in equity. I would be interested in knowing just exactly how that \$14 million is going to be handled.

Also, for the Minister of Energy and Mines, maybe he could indicate to us just how the \$7 million for Manitoba Mineral Resources is going to be used?

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** The Minister of Energy and Mines.

**HON. W. PARASIUK:** I can give him the information on the Manitoba Mineral Resources Ltd.- \$3,262,000 is required for acquisition of Tanco shares. This is our share of payment required for Tanco, for MMR.

Capital acquisition is \$17,000; administration is \$231,000.00. Mining Operations: Tanco - \$230,000; Trout Lake has a return of \$463,000.00. The voluntary joint ventures are \$1,365,000, the wholly-owned exploration operations are \$1,811,000, mandatory participation is \$499,000, which is a sub-total of \$7,052,000.00. There is a contingency for additional joint venture or wholly-owned exploration operations of \$1,810,000, which leads to a 1984-85 gross capital program of \$8,862,000 less internally generated funds of \$1,800,000.00. The gross capital authority required for '84-85 is \$7,062,000.00.

Now I can give you the Telephones if you would like.

**MR. B. RANSOM:** Perhaps just so we don't break this off right here, what's the \$3 million having to do with Tanco shares? Was that some option of additional shares?

My recollection is rather foggy about those shares, but I am rather surprised to hear of \$3 million going into shares right now.

**HON. W. PARASIUK:** I would have to get the specifics on that because I have looked through it but I can't remember specifically on that. I think it's all partners' contributions because the mine has not been operating. I don't think it relates to a loss per se, but I will check on the specifics on that and I would relay it back to the Member for Turtle Mountain. I can't remember the specifics on it and I don't have it in the material I have.

**MR. B. RANSOM:** Well, I would be very interested in knowing that then, because it is an indication there that perhaps there is being more capital having to be put up for the same number of shares then, and retaining the same portion of ownership.

Did the Minister catch my questions about Manitoba Forestry Resources Ltd. and how that \$14 million is being used now that Manfor has no debt any more? It's all equity. Is this money going to be used as a capital grant to the company to do the upgrading, or is the government simply going to buy more preferred shares from the corporation, or is it going to buy more common shares? How is that money going to actually flow into Manfor?

**HON. W. PARASIUK:** I would have to take that question as notice and get the information back to the Member for Turtle Mountain in terms of the exact way in which finance is dealing with this with respect to Manfor.

**MR. B. RANSOM:** I guess then, Mr. Chairman, what we will have to do because, quite frankly, the

government is ill-prepared to deal with providing the answers we want. We will have to place some of our questions on the record here and the government will have to provide them before we can pass the bill, pass second or third reading, at least, because really we just should not be asked to deal with this size of expenditure without having some detail as to how it's going to be used.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** The Minister of Housing.

**HON. J. BUCKLASCHUK:** I now have the information that the Member for Turtle Mountain requested with respect to the \$58 million in the Jobs Fund. There are about eight or nine different components to this. The figure of \$58 million, as I indicated, there were nine or 10 components.

The Rental Incentives Program, which will be \$28,400,000; In-Fill Housing - that's a continuation of the previously announced Core Area Program - \$3,750,000; Buy and Renovate - we are looking at \$6,250,000.00. That program is currently being reviewed and, hopefully, will be reinitiated within a matter of a week or two; Logan Redevelopment - \$750,000.00.

The Non-Profit Housing - this is a figure of \$20,250,000.00. As you may recall, about a month or so ago, I announced a three-year program. This represents the first year of the three-year program. The province puts up 100 percent of the capital project cost with ongoing contributions in the future years from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. That figure was \$20,250,000.00.

Rural and Northern, we have a figure of \$3.43 million. This represents 25 percent of total Capital costs for 200 units to be committed in 1984-85. The Critical Home Repair Program, \$2 million which represents the costs associated with loans to low-income families, a portion of which will be repayable and a portion which will be forgiven over time and normally over a five-year period; and a figure of \$8.665 million for Land Purchase and Development. Now this can be broken down into three different areas: Meadows West, \$1.5 million; repayments, \$5.165 million; and other land, \$2 million. Now that represents a total of \$73.495 million less \$15 million which had been provided for previously, for a sum of \$58.495 million.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** The Member for Turtle Mountain.

**MR. B. RANSOM:** Mr. Chairman, just a question to the Minister of Government Services while I think of it here. Following upon our little tour of the grounds this afternoon and in view of the all the money that we're borrowing here, has the Minister got enough money to be able to hire an appropriate amount of staff to help with the maintenance of the grounds, especially in view of the Royal Visit?

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** The Minister of Government Services.

**HON. A. ADAM:** Thank you. I appreciate the opportunity to be able to respond to our little task force this afternoon. As a result of the heavy rains that we've had, staff in the last week or so have been trying to cope with the excess water that we've had on the

grounds. There were some problems also in the Government House where we had to do some pumping. We've been pumping out the yards. In fact, they were pumping when we went out this afternoon.

We have, I believe, sufficient staff. However, Mr. Chairman, we have undertaken a major gardening on the government grounds. An English garden is being put in place and, hopefully, it will be ready for the visit of Her Majesty the Queen.

At this time of the year, the beginning of June, they do bring out their flowers from the greenhouses and put them into the flower gardens throughout the area on Memorial Boulevard around the grounds, etc. As a result of these, it's kind of a busy period, but once they have the flower beds all in place - and they have been working quite extensively on the English garden on the grounds of the Government House - once they're caught up with that, they'll be able to get at those few areas that we have seen. Once they dry out, of course, they would have to dry out, they would not be able to get in there until the soil dries out because the underbrush has all been cleaned out this spring and this is a new growth, because of all the rain.

The question was raised about cutting the boulevards on city property. We did cut them once this year. However, I understand that the city is going to take over that responsibility again. That's why they're not doing it, because the city has decided to go ahead with cutting of the boulevards. That's my understanding. I haven't been able to talk to the supervisor, the head gardener or the head lawnkeeper. But my understanding is that the city is going to be doing their boulevards as they have in the past, but we did cut them once this summer.

Of course, with all the rain that we've had, it is difficult for the staff to go in there with machinery and trample all the grass. The dirt comes up through the grass when they start cutting into it, so they have to wait till there's some moisture evaporation before they can get back on track.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** The Member for La Verendrye.

**MR. R. BANMAN:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I know we're dealing with large sums of money and we're dealing with some very interesting other subject matter but you know, every once in a while, you get down to the grass roots of things, as my colleague for Lakeside puts it. One of the difficulties we've had, and I say to the Minister, your Department of Tourism has got a Destination Manitoba plan which is spending all kinds of money trying to help people create tourist attractions.

I would suggest to the Minister, knowing how many people go through this building, that this is one of the largest tourist attractions we have in Manitoba. Mr. Chairman, I say too, without laying the blame on the Minister, but the type of weed that we see standing in the corner six-and-a-half feet tall is evidence of what kind of shape these grounds are in. The Member for Turtle Mountain has very very aptly described the problems.

I say to the Minister, please put some more staff on. We talked to the young fellow out there, and he admitted freely that they just didn't have enough people around to handle the whole job. So what I'm saying to the

Minister, this Legislative Building with the boulevards around it should be a show-piece. It should be a show-piece, because it is a big tourist attraction in this province.

Mr. Chairman, I just say to the Minister that he should do everything within his power to see that this place is kept so that all Manitobans when they drive by here see that the lawn is manicured, that when we drive past the legislative grounds and see the golden boy up there that we all sort of puff up our chests with pride and say, what a wonderful place that really is!

Mr. Chairman, the sad part today when we see these six-and-a-half foot weeds growing, we actually want to hide when we drive by, because we are not proud of this facility. So, Mr. Chairman, I implore the Minister to allow us the opportunity to be proud of this facility. So go to it. Do your work. Hire some more students to cut the grass. Not only will you be helping some students get a job, but you'll make this whole legislative grounds look a lot better.

**SOME HONOURABLE MEMBERS:** Oh, oh!

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** Order please.

The Minister of Energy and Mines.

**HON. W. PARASIUK:** Some questions were asked regarding the Manitoba Telephone System breakdown, and I could provide that. The money would be as follows: buildings, \$4.615 million; central office equipment for switching and facilities, switching is 26.834 million, facilities is 22.47 million; outside plant is 24.538 million; station would be 17.244 million for apparatus, 13.895 million for connections; 4.977 million for large business communications systems; 3.156 million for general equipment; 4.694 million for other projects, for a total gross capital program for 1984-85 of \$122 million less internally-generated funds of \$85.2 million. Gross capital authority required for 1984-85 is \$36.8 million. Uncommitted capital authority available as of April, 1984, was \$11.7 million for a 1984-85 net requirement to be voted of \$25.1 million.

I can give some information for the Co-operative Loans and Loan Guarantee Board. You have a gross capital program of \$1.5 million, gross capital authority required 1984-85 is \$1.5 million. There's uncommitted capital authority available of \$1 million leaving a net requirement to be voted of \$500,000.00. This authority is being requested in anticipation of the demand which may be generated as the Department of Co-operative Development implements a revitalization plan with respect to co-operative development.

Then, with respect to the Horse Racing Commission, the capital requirement is \$400,000, and the loan funds would be provided to the Horse Racing Commission to enable the upgrading of the infrastructure of Assiniboia Downs. It is anticipated that the loan would be repayable if the Downs were sold.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** The Member for Turtle Mountain.

**MR. B. RANSOM:** Can the Minister responsible for Housing indicate how much outstanding authority there is for MHRC that presently has not been used?

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** The Minister of Housing.

**HON. J. BUCKLASCHUK:** I believe that I do have that figure here. By outstanding authority you mean what?

**MR. B. RANSOM:** Mr. Chairman, that's for Housing. For the Minister, it's just authority that's been passed before and hasn't been used yet. — (Interjection) — Right and asking for more.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** Order please.

Capital Supply (2).

The Member for Turtle Mountain.

**MR. B. RANSOM:** Could we just get a word from the Minister of Agriculture then about the \$7 million that he wants for the Water Services Board? Could we get a word about how the \$41 million is going to be used for the Jobs Fund? Well, the general question is how is it going to be used? Is it loaned money or what?

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** The Minister of Agriculture.

**HON. B. URUSKI:** Mr. Chairman, in terms of the Water Services Board, the 7 million that is required, the gross capital requirement of the loans under the works that will be constructed this year, \$10,650,000.00. They are the largest projects - I'll give you the two largest ones because there is about 20 projects - the largest of which is Flin Flon and Winkler; Flin Flon at \$2 million, Winkler at \$1.4. Then, going down with Steinbach \$800,000; Snow Lake \$700,000 and so on. There's Cartwright, Altona, East St. Paul, Fisher Branch, Flin Flon, Gimli, Minitonas, Ochre River. Those are just some.

I'll go through the entire list: Minitonas; Oak River; Ochre River; Sandy Lake; Ste. Rose; St. Jean; Stonewall; Stony Mountain; Steinbach; Snow Lake; Teulon; Winkler; Winnipeg Beach; Winnipegosis; Water Treatment Plant upgrading in Russell, Ste. Rose, Hamiota, and St. Jean. Total project costs under the loan of \$10.65 million of which \$3.650 million is available in uncommitted capital authority and net requirement of \$7 million under this program.

**MR. B. RANSOM:** Is there additional money going into the Water Services Board through the Jobs Fund, additional capital authority over and above this 7 million?

**HON. B. URUSKI:** No, there will not be any additional capital authority under the Jobs Fund. There is under the Jobs Fund the direct grants, additional amount of \$2 million to increase the provincial contribution of direct assistance from 3 million to 5 million, the additional \$2 million of grants under the Jobs Fund. I'd have to check my records just to double check. I've got my notes here and the Honourable Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology can answer the questions and I'll just double check the book.

**MR. B. RANSOM:** On that point then, of approximately \$2 million going into grants, a question to the Minister responsible for the Jobs Fund, does that come out of the budgetary authority for the Jobs Fund?

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** The Minister of Culture.

**HON. E. KOSTYRA:** Yes, that is out of the budgetary authority.

In terms of the general question with respect to the Jobs Fund Loan Authority, the loan authority that's available for the Jobs Fund here is \$41 million. There was under Loan Act (1) \$39 million and there was outstanding from the previous Loan Act in 1983, \$38 million.

In terms of the \$41 million that is under this bill, there is \$28 million set aside in the Housing Urban Development Human Resources sector. There's \$8,300,000 in the Community and Capital Assets, of which \$735,000 is needed for the Brandon Fire College and the rest is unspecified. The business development area, there is a total of \$4 million including \$500,000 for the Churchill Hydro line, \$2 million for the Venture Capital Program, and an additional 1.5 unallocated in terms of the Business Development section of the Jobs Fund.

**MR. B. RANSOM:** You say 38 million from last year hadn't flowed?

**HON. E. KOSTYRA:** Well, there was \$38.8 million in carryover from the 1983 Act. Do you want that detail?

**MR. B. RANSOM:** No, that's all right.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** The Minister of Agriculture.

**HON. B. URUSKI:** Mr. Chairman, for the Honourable Member for Turtle Mountain, the capital requirements for the Jobs Fund programs are contained within this loan bill, within the 7 million that we are speaking about now. The Capital Supply Bill covers the projects that will be done as part of the \$2 million additional budgetary authority under the Jobs Fund and the Capital Authority is part of that 7 million.

**MR. B. RANSOM:** Just one quick question then. On the information from the Minister responsible for the Jobs Funds, on that 38 million of outstanding authority, does that mean then that out of 200 million Jobs Funds last year, that, in fact, at the end of the year there was still 38 million of that that had not been required to be expended. I'm assuming there have been commitments made against it, but that the money actually had not been expended.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** The Minister of Culture.

**HON. E. KOSTYRA:** Yes, that's correct. As an example, there was 4.7 million under the CHEC Energy Program that were commitments, but did not flow by year end, but the actual carryover in terms of the loan was \$38.8 million.

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** Capital Supply (2).

Resolve that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum exceeding \$243,033,000 for Capital Supply, Schedule A, for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1985—pass.

That concludes the Estimates for Supply.

Committee Rise.

Call in the Speaker.

## IN SESSION

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable Member for River East.

**MR. P. EYLER:** Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Member for The Pas, that the report of the Committee be received.

**MOTION presented and carried.**

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable Government House Leader.

**HON. A. ANSTETT:** Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Minister of Finance that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into a committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

**MOTION presented and carried** and the House resolved itself into a committee to consider of the Ways and Means of raising of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, with the Honourable Member for River East in the Chair.

## COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS

### MAIN SUPPLY

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** Committee come to order. We are considering the Ways and Means for Main Supply.

Resolved that towards making good certain sums of money granted to Her Majesty for the public service of the province, for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1985, the sum of \$3,188,848,400, be granted out of the Consolidated Fund—pass.

### CAPITAL SUPPLY

**MR. CHAIRMAN:** Capital Supply (2). Resolved that towards making good certain sums of money for Capital purposes, the sum of \$243,330,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Fund—pass.

**HON. A. ANSTETT:** Committee rise.

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

## IN SESSION

The Chairman reported upon the Committee's deliberations to Mr. Speaker and requested leave to sit again.

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable Member for River East.

**MR. P. EYLER:** Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Member for St. Johns, that the report of the committee be received.

**MOTION presented and carried.**

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable Minister of Finance.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

**HON. V. SCHROEDER** introduced Bill No. 30, An Act for Granting to Her Majesty Certain Sums of Money for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 1985, and to Authorize Commitments to Expend Additional Money in Subsequent Years and to Authorize the Borrowing of Funds to Provide for Cash Requirements of the Government, by leave; ordered for second reading immediately; and Bill No. 3, An Act to Authorize the Expenditure of Money for Capital Purposes and Authorize the Borrowing of the Same, by leave; ordered for second reading immediately.

## SECOND READING

### BILL NO. 30 - THE APPROPRIATION ACT, 1984

**HON. V. SCHROEDER** presented, by leave, Bill No. 30, An Act for Granting to Her Majesty Certain Sums of Money for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 1985, and to Authorize Commitments to Expend Additional Money in Subsequent Years and to Authorize the Borrowing of Funds to Provide for Cash Requirements of the Government, for Second Reading.

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable Minister of Finance.

**HON. V. SCHROEDER:** Mr. Speaker, as members are aware, this bill is intended to provide expenditure authority for the amounts shown in the Main Estimates of Expenditure for the current year which have already been reviewed in Committee of Supply. While the bill is similar to previous appropriation acts, there are some differences. I can explain on a clause-by-clause basis when the bill reaches committee stage if members require.

**QUESTION put, MOTION carried.**

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable Minister of Finance.

**HON. V. SCHROEDER** presented, by leave, Bill No. 3, An Act to Authorize the Expenditure of Money for Capital Purposes and Authorize the Borrowing of the Same (2), The Loan Act, 1984 (2), for second reading.

**MOTION presented.**

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable Minister of Finance.

**HON. V. SCHROEDER:** I don't seem to have my notes handy. However, the bill provides, of course, for power to borrow and expend. There is additional borrowing authority designated in Schedule A to raise up to \$100 million by way of loan on the credit of the government. There is some reference to the effect of raising money for the Manitoba Jobs Fund and, of course, the authority for the expenditure of borrowing by Crown corporations, and the limits which there are on the borrowing, the use of the money required.

**QUESTION put, MOTION carried.**

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable Government House Leader.

**HON. A. ANSTETT:** Mr. Speaker, if there is leave to sit beyond the normal hour of adjournment for a few minutes and an inclination to do so, I am prepared to call the Report Stage amendments that have been distributed with respect to Bill No. 9 and Bill No. 18.

**MR. SPEAKER:** Does the Honourable Minister have leave to suspend the normal time? (Agreed)

Leave having been granted, the Honourable Government House Leader.

## REPORT STAGE

### BILL NO. 9 - AN ACT TO AMEND THE LIQUOR CONTROL ACT

**HON. A. ANSTETT:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would then ask leave on behalf of the Attorney-General to move:

THAT Bill No. 9, An Act to amend The Liquor Control Act be amended by adding thereto immediately after Section 5 thereof as printed the following section: Subsec. 133(3) am.

5.1 Subsection 133(3) of the Act is amended by striking out the word "thirteen" in the 3rd line thereof, and substituting therefor the figures "14".

Mr. Speaker, I believe I neglected to designate a seconder. I'll designate the Attorney-General on his arrival.

**QUESTION put on the amendment and carried.**

**QUESTION put on the bill and carried.**

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable Government House Leader.

**HON. A. ANSTETT:** Mr. Speaker, I would again ask for leave to move the amendment shown in the name of the Honourable Minister of Business Development and Tourism with regard to Bill No. 18. (Agreed)

I would move, seconded by the Honourable Attorney-General:

THAT Section 17 of Bill 18, The Statute Law Amendment Act (1984), be amended by adding thereto, at the end thereof, the following subsection: Subsection 77(4) and (5) added.

17(8) Section 77 of the Act is amended by adding thereto, at the end thereof, the following subsections: Refund after 23.33 years as MLA.

77(4) Where, at any time, a member has contributed in respect of 23.33 years during which he was actually a member of the assembly, and has, in addition thereto, contributed in respect of additional remuneration paid to the member, the government shall refund to the member, from and out of The Consolidated Fund, without further or other appropriation by the Legislature, the aggregate of the contributions made under this Part by the member in respect of additional remuneration paid to the member together with interest thereon calculated in accordance with and at the rate set out in subsection (1). Refund of certain contributions on retirement.

77(5) Where, at the time a member ceases to be a member, he is eligible to receive a pension under this

Part, if the member has accumulated, for the purposes of the formula set out in subsection 70(1), with any increases thereto calculated under section 71, more years of service than are required to provide the maximum pension to the member as restricted by subsection 70(2), and the member has made contributions under this part in respect to additional remuneration, the government shall refund to the member, from and out of The Consolidated Fund, without further or other legislative appropriation by the Legislature, any contributions made by the member in respect of the additional remuneration paid to the member for such number of numerical years or parts thereof, being the most recent for which the member received additional remuneration in respect of which he made contributions, as would result, on being removed from the calculations required to calculate the member's pension plan under this Part, and the member's pension plan being not less than the maximum pension as restricted by subsection 70(2), together with the interest thereon calculated in accordance with and at the rate set out in subsection (1).

Mr. Speaker, Her Honour, having been advised of the subject matter of this amendment, recommends it to the House.

**QUESTION put on the amendment and carried.**

**QUESTION put on the motion and carried.**

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable Government House Leader.

**HON. A. ANSTETT:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There was an additional amendment distributed this afternoon that was not on report stage, if I have leave to also proceed with this. (Agreed).

I would move, Sir, seconded by the Minister of Finance:

THAT the proposed subsection 66.4(2) of The Legislative Assembly Act as set out in subsection 17(3) of Bill 18, The Statute Law Amendment Act (1984), be amended by striking out the word "noted" in the 2nd line, last line thereof, and substituting therefor, the word "voted."

**QUESTION put on the amendment and carried.**

**QUESTION put on the amended bill and carried.**

**MR. SPEAKER:** The Honourable Government House Leader.

**HON. A. ANSTETT:** Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Attorney-General, that the House do now adjourn.

**MOTION presented and carried** and the House adjourned and stands adjourned until 10:00 a.m. tomorrow (Friday).