THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA 2:30 o'clock, Friday, May 7th, 1965.

Opening Prayer by Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Presenting Petitions

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HON. DUFF ROBLIN (Premier) (Wolseley): Madam Speaker, before you call the Orders of the Day, I think most members of the House are aware that the Law Amendments Committee is still sitting and desirous to reconvene at once, so what I would suggest under the circumstances is that we should ask you just to leave the Chair. We can then retire to the Law Amendments Committee. If we finish our work there before the customary time of 5:30, we can reconvene in this Chamber you can assume the Chair again. If we don't finish by 5:30 we can meet here anyway and then go through the formal adjournment proceedings. In that case we will be able to make the best use of our time. So that would be the proposed line I would suggest to the House.

MR. RUSSELL PAULLEY (Leader of the New Democratic Party) (Radisson): Madam Speaker, that would be acceptable as far as I am concerned, but I'm wondering whether or not it might be possible for Madam Speaker to introduce the distinguished members that we have in the gallery at the present time. There are a number, as I can observe, of up-and-coming young Manitobans and I'm sure, Madam Speaker, that they would like to receive your welcome before we go to the Committee.

MR. ROBLIN: I think that would be a very sound idea, Madam Speaker.

MR. GILDAS MOLGAT (Leader of the Opposition) (Ste. Rose): We are quite agreeable to that procedure as far as we're concerned, Madam Speaker.

MR. GORDON E. JOHNSTON (Portage la Prairie): Madam Speaker, there are two of us on this side that I know have questions before the Orders of the Day. Would it be proper at this time, or later in the afternoon?

MADAM SPEAKER: I finish introducing the gallery.

I would like to attract your attention to the gallery where there are certain Grade 5 students from Sir John Franklin School under the direction of Mrs. Sundberg and Miss Hersom. This school is situated in the constituency of the Honourable the Provincial Secretary. There are some 30 Grade 12 students from Brandon High School, Minnesota, U.S.A. under the direction of Mr. Bettschen and Mrs. Bock. And also some 16 Grade 12 students from Grafton High School, Minnesota, U.S.A., under the direction of Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Peterson. On behalf of all members of this Legislative Assembly, I welcome you.

The Honourable the Member for Portage la Prairie.

MR. JOHNSTON: Madam Speaker, I would like to address a question to the Minister of Agriculture. There has been a news item in today's paper with respect to the Portage Diversion, and an official of his department estimates that the cost will be 25 percent greater than estimated due to costs having gone up in construction since 1960. My question is: in the Minister's experience, has the cost of the Winnipeg Floodway – earth-moving costs that is – increased by 25 percent since 1960?

HON. GEORGE HUTTON (Minister of Agriculture) (Rockwood-Iberville): That is not an easy question to answer because, although the costs of excavation in the over-all project are within the estimates that were made, there has been quite a definite increase in the cost between the first contract that was let and the latter contracts, so that's all the information I can give you in that respect.

MR. DOUGLAS L. CAMPBELL (Lakeside): Madam Speaker, might I ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture and Conservation a subsequent question dealing with one particular part of the Diversion. Is it true that the work carried on at the outlet end of the Diversion has resulted in an estimate of greatly increased costs in that particular location – that is, in the marsh area?

MR. HUTTON: No.

MR. STEVE PATRICK (Assiniboia): Madam Speaker, before the Orders of the Day, I would like to direct a question to the Honourable Minister of Labour. Does he intend to bring any legislation or amendments to the Labour Relations Act in respect to the vacations to fall in line with the resolution that I still have on the Order Paper, or the report of the latest

(MR. PATRICK cont'd.) recommendations of the Woods Report, Woods Committee Report?

HON. OBIE BAIZ LEY (Minister of Labour) (Osborne): Madam Speaker, they're under consideration.

MR. PATRICK: For this session, Madam Speaker?

MR. MOLGAT: Madam Speaker, I would like to ask a subsequent question -- pardon me.

MR. PATRICK: Madam Speaker, from the conversation I had with some of the people from the Labour, I understand it's my resolution that precludes the Minister from bringing this legislation in. If this is the case, I would like to tell the Members of the House that I'd be quite happy to withdraw my resolution if this is the reason why he can't bring in the legislation.

MR. BAIZLEY: Madam Speaker, I thank the Honourable Member from Assiniboia. His resolution being on the Order Paper was one of the reasons that precluded bringing in amendments to The Labour Relations Act at this time. However, it is too late. You know when the report was received. It has only had preliminary consideration.

MADAM SPEAKER: I leave the Chair until

MR. MOLGAT: Madam Speaker, I have further questions before the Orders of the Day, if I may. I'd like to address a question to the Minister, the Provincial Secretary. I asked him yesterday regarding requests for action under Section 359 of The Companies Act in the matter of Stall Lake Mines. I wonder if the Minister is in a position to reply?

HON. MAITLAND B. STEINKOPF, Q.C. (Provincial Secretary) (River Heights): Madam Speaker, we did have a request under this section of The Companies Act that the Honourable Leader of the Opposition refers to.

MR. CAMPBELL: Madam Speaker, on a point of order, I would like to ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour how would the fact that my honourable friend's resolution was on the Order Paper prevent him from bringing in legislation? A point of order, Madam Speaker.

MR. BAIZLEY: Apparently it does that.

MR. CAMPBELL: Madam Speaker, on the point of order, might I ask you if that is correct?

MADAM SPEAKER: believe it does not.

MR. MOLGAT: Madam Speaker, may I address a subsequent question to the Minister, the Provincial Secretary. When he got the request for an investigation into the affairs of Stall Lake Mines Limited, did the Minister act upon that request? Did he advise those who made the request of him as to his decision?

MR. STEINKOPF: Yes, Madam Speaker.

MR. T. P. HILLHOUSE, Q.C. (Selkirk): Madam Speaker, I'd like to direct a further question to the Honourable Minister of Labour. Would it be true to say that the government was waiting on the Woods Report before bringing in that legislation on certification?

MR. BAIZLEY: It is that.

MR. MOLGAT: Madam Speaker, a subsequent question to the Provincial Secretary. His answer was "yes". Meaning that he did have an investigation, did proceed with one, or refused an investigation?

MR. STEINKOPF: Madam Speaker, I believe the question was: had I taken action or had I advised the people; and I say yes, I had taken action.

MR. MOLGAT: My information, Madam Speaker, is that the people who made the request were not advised. I understand that the Minister was attended upon by a representative for some of the shareholders of Stall Lake Mines and that he was asked to proceed with an investigation. He indicated that he would reply the following day, which was February 4th, 1964, and that no reply was made.

MADAM SPEAKER: I leave the Chair until after the adjournment of the Law Amendments Committee, when we will again meet in this House.

MR. ROBLIN: I move, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce, that the House do now adjourn.

MADAM SPEAKER presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried and the House adjourned until 8:00 o'clock Friday evening.

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HON. DUFF ROBLIN (Premier) (Wolseley): Madam Speaker, I imagine -- I know there are a few items to be tabled in answer to Returns which I think we should proceed with, then there may be questions, and after that I would propose the same procedure that we followed this afternoon if that's agreeable to the House. So with that line of thought, I table a Return to an Address No. 13 on the motion of the Honourable Member for Radisson.

HON. STERLING R. LYON, Q.C. (Minister of Mines and Natural Resources) (Fort Garry): Madam Speaker, I'd like to lay on the Table of the House a reply to questions made by the Honourable the Member for Brokenhead.

HON. GEORGE HUTTON (Minister of Agriculture) (Rockwood-Iberville): Madam Speaker, I'd like to lay on the Table a Return to an Order of the House No. 69 on a motion of the Honourable Member for Gladstone for the Honourable Member for St. George

HON. MAITLAND B. STEINKOPF, Q.C. (Provincial Secretary) (River Heights): Madam Speaker, I'd like to lay on the Table of the House a Return to an Order of the House No. 8, on the motion of the Honourable Member from Ste. Rose, the Leader of the Opposition; No. 28, a Return to an Order of the House on a motion of the Honourable Member for Assiniboia; No. 61, on a motion of the Honourable Member from St. George; and No. 58, on a motion of the Honourable Member from Brokenhead.

MR. ROBLIN: Madam Speaker, I would now propose that unless there are questions that members would like answered that you should leave the Chair and we follow the same procedure as we did this afternoon, although this time perhaps it would be better to have the bell rung when we're ready to come back in the House so that all will know.

MADAM SPEAKER: I leave the Chair until the Law Amendments Committee adjourns.

MR. ROBLIN: Madam Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce, that the House do now adjourn.

MADAM SPEAKER presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried and the House adjourned until 9:30 Saturday morning.