

## THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

8:00 o'clock, Friday, July 23, 1971

Opening Prayer by Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Presenting Petitions; Reading and Receiving Petitions; Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees; Ministerial Statements; Tabling of Reports; Notices of Motion; Introduction of Bills; Oral Questions. The Honourable Member for Birtle-Russell.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

MR. HARRY E. GRAHAM (Birtle-Russell): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the absence of the First Minister and the Minister of Labour, I'll direct my question to the Honourable House Leader. Could he indicate if the government has any intention of providing air assistance to the Town of Dauphin in the operation of their airport?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable House Leader.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the honourable member could amplify what he means by air assistance?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Birtle-Russell.

MR. GRAHAM: Mr. Speaker, in way of explanation, the Town of Dauphin is having considerable difficulty in the operation of the Municipal Airport there and I was wondering if the province was willing to provide any assistance to the town in the operation of their airport?

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

HON. LEONARD S. EVANS (Minister of Industry & Commerce) (Brandon East): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I may answer that question, I think it has some bearing on programs in our department. I think a similar question was asked by the honourable members opposite many weeks ago and the answer that I gave at that time, I believe, is the answer that we should give at this time, and that is the provincial government has no policy as such to subsidize the operation of airports.

We have been in communication many weeks ago with people in that area and we made some suggestions to them to help them overcome their particular problem, but it has not been our policy and it is not now our policy to subsidize the operation of airports.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Birtle-Russell.

MR. GRAHAM: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Could the Minister of Industry and Commerce indicate to the House any policies that they have which will provide alternative means for the air industry in Northern Manitoba.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. I would suggest that's a pretty wide-ranging question in respect to policy and one of the rules of our House is that those kind of questions are not asked. The Honourable Member for Birtle-Russell.

MR. GRAHAM: A further supplementary question then, Mr. Speaker. Could the Minister indicate whether it's the intention of the province to change their policy in respect to the Dauphin airport?

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

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, as the honourable member knows, this is a matter of policy which -- if there are changes of policy they shall be announced in due course.

I would refer him to his colleague the Honourable Member from Swan River who asked the same question some weeks ago and I did table -- not the same question, I'm sorry, but asked the question related to the Dauphin air problem and I gave him a copy of a letter in that respect. I'm sorry, if it wasn't the Member from Swan River, it was a member in that vicinity.

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, the Honourable Minister of Mines and Natural Resources took a question as notice on mercury pollution and while I realize he may have had some other activities during the afternoon, I wonder if he has anything to report to the House.

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

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, the Honourable Leader of the Opposition had me under surveillance for the entire afternoon.

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

MR. WALLY JOHANNSON (St. Matthews): Yes, I would like to direct a question to the House Leader. I wonder could he tell us what he's done with the Opposition, it seems to have disappeared.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable House Leader.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, the Law Amendments Committee is continuing its deliberations and in the optimistic hope that they will not be too long, I would like to suggest that the Speaker leave the Chair informally to return at the summons of the members when they are ready to proceed.

MR. SPEAKER: Thank you. I'll be leaving the Chair to return at the will of the Assembly.

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Sitting Resumed

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable the House Leader.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, the proceedings in Law Amendments Committee don't appear to be at a stage where we will be coming back into the House so I would like the House to adjourn until tomorrow morning. I would therefore move, seconded by the Honourable. . .

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. HARRY J. ENNS (Lakeside): Further clarification - when tomorrow morning? The Minister mentioned the House resuming tomorrow.

MR. GREEN: At 9:30.

MR. ENNS: At 9:30? That is the House?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Radisson.

MR. HARRY SHAFRANSKY (Radisson): Mr. Speaker, I'd like to make these changes for the Agricultural Committee. The Member for Flin Flon to take the place of the Member for Winnipeg Centre; the Member for Radisson to take the place of the Member for St. George, this is only until the end of this Session. Also in Municipal Affairs, the Member for St. Vital to take the place of the Member for St. George and the Member for Point Douglas to take the place of the Member for Winnipeg Centre for the remainder of this Session only.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable House Leader.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Finance, that the House do now adjourn.

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