

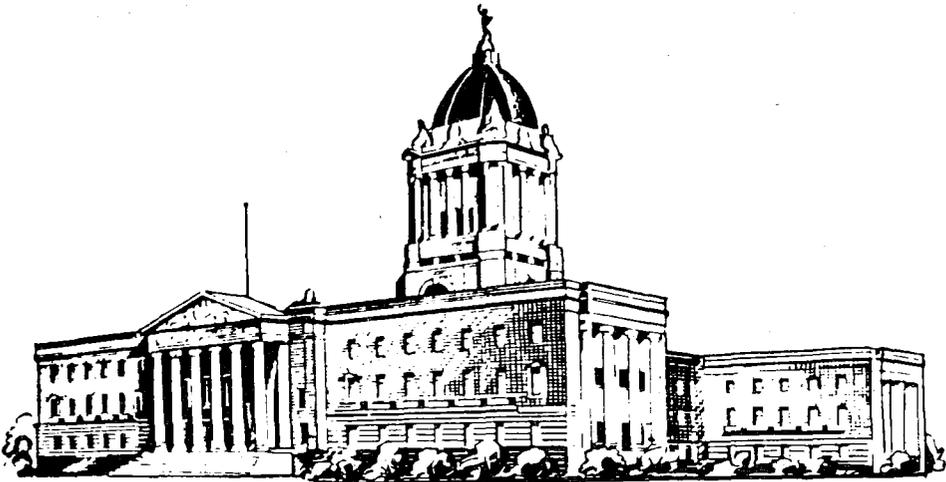


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Opening Prayer by Mr. Speaker.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

MR. SPEAKER: Before we proceed, I should like to direct the attention of the honourable members to the gallery where we have 28 students of Grade 7 and 8 standing of the Emerson school. These students are under the direction of Mr. Thiessen and Mrs. Irving. This school is located in the constituency of the Honourable Member for Emerson. On behalf of all the honourable members of the Legislative Assembly, I welcome you here today.

Presenting Petitions; Reading and Receiving Petitions; Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees; Ministerial Statements and Tabling of Reports; Notices of Motion; Introduction of Bills; Oral Questions. The Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

MR. GORDON E. JOHNSTON (Portage la Prairie): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Premier. It relates to an admission by the Premier that the government decision to build the Flyer Coach Plant in Transcona was based on faulty information. My question is, in view of the fact that the government was acting on faulty information, is there not still time to restudy to see whether or not the expansion of that plant should stay in Morris.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

HON. EDWARD SCHREYER (Premier) (Rossmere): Mr. Speaker, there are two assumptions in the honourable member's question, both of which are incorrect. The first assumption is that the government made the decision as to the location of the particular plant in question. I explained that the decision was taken in the normal way with the advice coming to us very late in terms of the time frame that was involved in making that decision.

Point No. 2, I did not say that the information upon which the decision was taken, namely, the manpower force survey was incorrect. I said that it was my personal impression that the particular labour force survey that emanated from Canada Manpower Morden Office was incorrect in my opinion and that I sent it along to certain persons opposite, as a matter of fact, and to the Mayor of Morris and to others asking for their comments and advice as to whether they regard that particular labour force survey as accurate or not. But at this point in time I cannot say as a matter of fact that that survey is inaccurate. It is my impression that it is.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Mr. Speaker, I address a question to the Minister of Industry and Commerce. Does not the department that the Minister is responsible for, conduct feasibility studies as to where plants should be located, especially when they are receiving MDC funds?

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

HON. LEONARD S. EVANS (Minister of Industry and Commerce) (Brandon East): Well, Mr. Speaker, we have a program available to any company which wishes to take advantage of it where we cost-share in feasibility studies, but the company in question, regardless of ownership, has to apply to have cost-sharing of that feasibility study.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Mr. Speaker, I'll try to be more specific. Relating to the plant at Morris, the bus manufacturing plant at Morris, did the department cause or have undertaken a feasibility study with respect to expansion or moving, and if so, would the Minister tell us what that feasibility study recommended?

MR. EVANS: The Department of Industry and Commerce conducted no such feasibility study.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Did the Manitoba Development Corporation conduct a study before they exerted their influence on the Board of Directors?

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

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, this question is a bit repetitive of one asked a few days ago, and I explained at that time and I'll repeat my statement, that is that the management of Flyer Industries and the Board of Flyer Industries did have considerable studies done in great detail in conjunction with some American engineers with regard to the design of the plant, the design and redesign of the bus to meet American specifications and so on. I can tell you and I can advise the honourable member that a considerable amount of thought and considerable amount of effort was given by the management and staff and Board to the whole question of plant expansion.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rock Lake.

MR. HENRY J. EINARSON (Rock Lake): Mr. Speaker, I direct this question to the Minister of Agriculture. It relates to the provisional Board that he appointed, became effective January 1. My question is, has this provisional board passed an administration by-law to set up the machinery in order that a board be elected from producers?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Agriculture.

HON. SAMUEL USKIW (Minister of Agriculture) (Lac du Bonnet): I wonder if the honourable member would indicate which provisional board he is making reference to?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rock Lake.

MR. EINARSON: The Provisional Board that he appointed to operate the Hog Producers Marketing Board, has this provisional board passed an administration by-law to set-up the machinery to elect a board from producers?

MR. USKIW: Mr. Speaker, I'm not sure at what stage in development they are at at the moment. I want to indicate to members opposite that there are many other irons in the fire which may or may not alter the course of action that will be undertaken. That will be revealed of course in due course, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EINARSON: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question. By regulation how much time is allowed to lapse from January 1 until this is required to be done?

MR. USKIW: As I recall it, Mr. Speaker, and I have to speak purely from memory, I believe that the Board had to initiate some action within a three-month period. So I'm not sure that that did not occur. It doesn't mean that within three months a referendum is held or a vote is held to elect a new Board, but the Board is obligated to move in that direction by some administrative act. I believe it's a three-month period but I'd have to check it to make sure, Mr. Speaker.

MR. EINARSON: A second supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Then do I understand from the Minister's comments that some action has now been taken in this direction by the Provisional Board?

MR. USKIW: If I'm correct in my assumption then I would assume that some action had been taken whatever it may be.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Attorney-General.

HON. A. H. MACKLING Q.C. (Attorney-General) (St. James): Mr. Speaker, I want to correct a report of my remarks in respect to a bill, Bill 79. The Winnipeg Free Press of today's date in an article quotes me as saying "The Manitoba Law Society itself wants the scheme to be mandatory not voluntary on the Society's part," he said. I did not use those words, Mr. Speaker, I was referring to the attitude of Bar Associations that have been reflected in particularly British Columbia, and there has been a similar viewpoint, although I wouldn't be exact in my quotation, in Alberta. I did not suggest that the Benchers of the Manitoba Law Society wanted the scheme to be mandatory. I haven't had an opinion either strongly for or against the scheme. I had indicated that I had extensive dialogue with the Benchers of the Society in respect to it. I'm meeting with my brothers-in-law this weekend and I trust that this misquotation will not cause too much embarrassment.

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

MR. EARL McKELLAR (Souris-Killarney): I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. Would the Minister inform the House whether the Artificial Insemination Board has submitted their final report to him?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Agriculture.

MR. USKIW: Mr. Speaker, the Member for Souris-Killarney should know that a final report is never submitted with a Board that is on-going and ever-functioning.

MR. McKELLAR: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Have there been any recommendations from the Board submitted to your office?

MR. USKIW: No, Mr. Speaker.

MR. McKELLAR: When do you expect to receive recommendations from this particular Board?

MR. USKIW: I presume, Mr. Speaker, when the Board is ready to make some recommendation.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. STEVE PATRICK (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Transportation. Is the Provincial Advisory Council on Transportation, has it completed its work or is it still functioning at the present time?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Highways.

HON. PETER BURTONIAK (Minister of Highways) (Dauphin): Mr. Speaker, here again I'm not quite clear on the question, I didn't get the question.

MR. PATRICK: Is the Provincial Advisory Council on Transportation still functioning at the present time, or has it completed its work?

MR. BURTONIAK: Mr. Speaker, I would think perhaps that question should be asked the Minister of Urban Affairs.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

MR. L. R. (Bud) SHERMAN (Fort Garry): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question to the Minister of Health and Social Development is related to the merger forthcoming later this year of four Winnipeg health institutions. Is the Minister or his Department taking any action to allay the fears of the Children's Hospital of Winnipeg with respect to their representation and participation in that complex?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Health.

HON. RENE E. TOUPIN (Minister of Health and Social Development) (Springfield): Yes, Mr. Speaker, we have had several meetings with the representatives of the Children's Hospital and their points of view are definitely kept in mind.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

MR. SHERMAN: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is the Minister giving consideration to a request for a separate Board of Directors for the Children's Hospital, or a separate sort of health centre, or Children's Hospital Administrative body?

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Speaker, there was a consensus arrived at by the four institutions and that's all I can say at this stage.

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

MR. WILLIAM URUSKI (St. George): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct my question to the Minister of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs. I would like to ask the Minister if he has been made aware of any complaints against any of the participants in the Folklorama festivities this year, and if he has, could he indicate what his position is.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Tourism and Recreation.

HON. LAURENT L. DESJARDINS (Minister of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs) (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, yes, there has been some complaints, I have received letters from certain groups that wanted to prevent other groups in opening a pavilion. I might say that the position of the Department, I'm sure the government is that when it comes to a matter of culture, of multi-culturalism, we are not interested in politics, or religion. I might say that it would be impossible and - first of all, that Folklorama receives grants from us but it's not run by the department and it would be wrong for us to order people to either close their pavilion or to change their names of the pavilion or to prevent them from calling themselves either German, French or Ukrainian, or say that they are Communists and so on -- and I might say that these people that have complained have even talked about demonstrations. They are certainly free to do this but before presenting grants next year, - making grants to Folklorama - if there is trouble we will take another look at it. I would say that these people would certainly hurt their cause if they are not intent in promoting their culture, if this is part of their culture's intolerance we wouldn't be too interested in making further grants. I hope that answers . . .

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. PATRICK: I have a question for the Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce. How much does the government pay directly or indirectly to Thomas Ault for all his services to all the Crown Corporations?

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Order, please. I think I indicated on a number of occasions statistical questions should be given notice of. It would only be a courtesy to do so that we can get correct information back.

MR. PATRICK: I have a question for the Acting Minister of Urban Affairs. Is the Provincial Advisory Council on Transportation, has it completed its work or is it still functioning at the present time?

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

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, I'm not the Acting Minister of Urban Affairs. The Acting Minister of Urban Affairs is not in the House this afternoon.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Labour.

HON. RUSSELL PAULLEY (Minister of Labour)(Transcona): Mr. Speaker, possibly as House Leader I'll take the question of my honourable friend as notice.

MR. PATRICK: I thank the House Leader for taking the question as notice. Perhaps I could give him a supplementary which he could take at the same time. The supplementary is, is John Kent a full paid employee of this Council and has the government adopted any of the policies of this Council to the present time?

MR. PAULLEY: I would be glad, Sir, to take that also as notice.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Riel.

MR. DONALD W. CRAIK: (Riel): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the government can advise us when we can expect the City of Winnipeg Act changes?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Labour.

MR. PAULLEY: In my capacity as House Leader, it's under active consideration. We are hopeful that it will be produced before too long.

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

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Acting Minister of Mines and Natural Resources. It relates to the fishing season for Carp on Lake Manitoba and I would guess other lakes in the province. The season closes on June 30th. I have had representation from a group of fishermen of Delta who would like . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Would the honourable member place his question.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: My question, Mr. Speaker, will the Minister give consideration to extending the Carp fishing season into July?

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

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, this is something that deserves immediate and serious attention. I will endeavour to look into it as quickly as possible and if it is feasible then the season will be extended, depending on the technical advice we get.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

MR. SHERMAN: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs and relates to the distribution of tickets for the Canada Russia hockey game. Does this province have to take its orders and instructions from Hockey Canada on that distribution?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Tourism and Recreation.

MR. DESJARDINS: Mr. Speaker, I'm sure that the province, if my honourable friend is talking about the Provincial Government, does not have to take any orders from anybody outside the province. But I am not quite sure what he's referring to. I know he's talking about this game with the Russians but distribution of tickets might be something that I am not aware of.

MR. SHERMAN: Mr. Speaker, would the Minister undertake to familiarize himself with the proposed ticket distribution plan proposed by Hockey Canada and satisfy himself that it is fair and equitable for the public?

MR. SPEAKER: Orders of the Day. The Honourable Member for Riel.

MR. CRAIK: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the House Leader can advise how many more bills we can expect at this point in addition to the City of Winnipeg Act?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Labour.

MR. PAULLEY: I believe, Mr. Speaker, that there will be no more than eight, there will be some financial bills as my honourable friend will be aware of following the estimates that will be produced. I don't think that there will be any more than about eight bills to be introduced on ordinary business.

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

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Finance. Where is he? I'll redirect the question to the First Minister. In view of the fact that Winnipeg Jets professional hockey team are signing players, some to large salaries, and their domiciles or their residences are in various parts of Canada or the United States, where would these players pay their income tax? Would they pay based on Manitoba rates or would they pay where their residence is?

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The question is one of legal interpretation. I think the honourable member should get himself legal counsel. The Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: If I can simplify the question. People who earn money in Manitoba but are domiciled elsewhere, where should they pay their income tax?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Well I have three points to make in response to the question, Mr. Speaker. The first point being that I believe the circumstance that the honourable member is referring to is much the same as in the case of Members of Parliament and Senators as to where they file their income tax. It is depending on how one wishes to interpret residence. I understand that some Members of Parliament are in the practice of filing it as of residence in Ottawa and others as of residence in their home province; the same with respect to Senators.

The second point is, Mr. Speaker, that I understand that the Honourable Member for Portage will soon have a colleague who is supposed to have some reputation in taxation matters.

MR. SPEAKER: Orders of the Day. The Honourable House Leader.

ROYAL ASSENT

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that His Honour awaits to come in to give the Royal Assent to some bills. Now that we have terminated the question period, I least I believe we have, I wonder if honourable members would kindly just keep quiet until His Honour arrives in the Chamber to give the Royal Assent, and the Sergeant-at-Arms of course goes out to greet the representative of our Queen.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

MR. SPEAKER: May it please Your Honour. The Legislative Assembly, at its present session, passed several Bills, which in the name of the Assembly, I present to Your Honour and to which Bills I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent.

MR. DEPUTY CLERK:

Bill No. 5 - The Succession Duty Act (Manitoba).

Bill No. 6 - The Gift Tax Act (Manitoba).

Bill No. 7 - An Act to amend An Act to provide for the Making of Grants to The Brandon General Hospital.

Bill No. 11 - An Act to amend The Local Authorities Election Act.

Bill No. 14 - An Act to amend The Teachers' Pension Act.

Bill No. 15 - An Act to amend The Summary Convictions Act.

Bill No. 17 - An Act to amend The Income Tax Act (Manitoba).

Bill No. 18 - An Act to amend The Flin Flon Charter.

Bill No. 20 - An Act to amend The Highways Department Act.

Bill No. 24 - The Proceeds of A Contract Disbursement Act, 1972.

Bill No. 25 - An Act to repeal The Manitoba Farm Loans Act.

Bill No. 27 - The Seine River Relocation Act.

Bill No. 30 - An Act to amend The Optometry Act.

Bill No. 31 - An Act for the Relief of Ross Meroslaw Kozak and Arlene Kozak.

Bill No. 33 - An Act to amend An Act to incorporate Co-operative Credit Society of Manitoba Limited.

Bill No. 35 - An Act to amend The Insurance Act.

Bill No. 36 - An Act to amend An Act to incorporate The United Way of Greater Winnipeg.

Bill No. 38 - An Act to amend The Brandon Charter.

Bill No. 43 - The Manitoba Association of School Trustees Act.

Bill No. 44 - An Act to amend The Portage la Prairie Charter.

Bill No. 45 - An Act to amend The Municipal Act (1).

Bill No. 55 - An Act to amend The Income Tax Act (Manitoba) (2).

Bill No. 56 - The Hospital Capital Financing Authority Act.

Bill No. 60 - An Act to incorporate Transcona Country Club.

MR. CLERK: In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Bills.

CONCURRENCE

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable the House Leader.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable the Attorney-General, that the resolutions reported from Committee of Supply be now read a second time and concurred in.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion.

MR. CLERK: Resolved there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$1,178,000 for legislation.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The Honourable Member for Riel.

MR. CRAIK: Mr. Speaker, we're just attempting to get organized here because we were given the understanding, or at least we understood, that we were going to be on bills this afternoon rather than on concurrence. I assume we're going into concurrence here although we're not quite prepared for it. However, we will speak on it and just to get the procedure straight here, I assume we're to speak as the items are called, and first of all we're on the number one item of legislation. I assume then that we're going through the book in the alphabetical order as they appear on the first of the Orders here?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Labour.

MR. PAULLEY: If I may, on the point for my honourable friend. It may be that my honourable friend is a little amazed that I've called concurrences at this particular time notwithstanding what he said was our thought that we may have gone on to something else, but of course my honourable friend would agree with me I'm sure that the Order Paper does call for the resolution dealing with concurrences and that as House Leader it is my responsibility to call the Orders as are desired and it's not my intention of course to preclude any debate on any measure. However it is the responsibility as House Leader for me to see that the process of the government and the affairs of the Province of Manitoba are adhered to and for that reason we now have concurrence resolutions before us.

The point raised by my honourable friend the Member for Riel is a valid one. Every motion - and they will be taken as I understand it in the order that they appear on the Estimate book - are the subject of debate, they are not, in accordance, Mr. Speaker, with our rules, the subject for amendment. But the whole department or section of government is open for debate and criticism as we reach them. I'm sure my honourable friend the Member for Riel realizes this and I agree with him that debate can be long, debate can be short but the precedence will be in the order as they appear in the Estimate book.

MR. CLERK: Resolved there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$2,917,000 for Executive Council.

Resolved there . . .

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Riel.

MR. CRAIK: We do wish to make comment on this. On this particular resolution there was a significant debate on this as we went through in which the First Minister took part and we did go through it in some detail. I think it is timely though to summarize the basic position that the Official Opposition has taken on this resolution, and it pertains primarily to the two Cabinet Committees; One, Planning and Priorities, and the other the Management Committee. Our basic position on this resolution, Mr. Speaker, was that the growth in expenditure in both of these departments was above that which would normally be expected. In fact the rate of growth of expenditures in the number five resolution has had some transfers out of it but in basic terms the growth has been much larger than the growth in general in the other government departments.

The Planning and Priorities Committee by our observation has become a group that has grown beyond its original intent. It was conceived originally to provide only a coordinating authority for the planning of Cabinet and with a very small staff that would not become a staff which interfered and operated within the government departments. However, it has grown to the point where a good deal of this has happened, where there is duplication of effort between this Committee of Cabinet and some operations of the government departments. Therefore we did level significant criticism about the growth of the Planning and Priorities Committee.

With regard to the Management Committee of Cabinet, the growth again has been great. Item six alone shows an increase in budget that is 30 to 35 percent over what it was the previous year. This of course is extremely high as a growth rate for a department and our criticism here again is that the Management Committee of Cabinet at this growth rate has not shown productivity that could be observed.

The total of these comes to over \$2 million, it's close to \$3 million for the operation of the Executive Council plus the Cabinet Committees. We have in the Management Committees, by the First Minister's own statement in the House, a number of things going on which probably could be charged to other departments. He did, for instance, say that in here part of the Management Committee responsibility was in the initiation of operations of Autopac. Well, Mr. Speaker, one can only conclude that if the appropriate people and their budgets were taken out of Management Committee and put into Autopac that we would find an increased cost of Autopac

(MR. CRAIK cont'd) which would reflect itself in automobile premiums, but rather we have people assigned to the Management Committee who draw their pay and their costs from that particular budget and the place where the costs should be assigned do not appear there. So it is with some question that we look at the over-all costs of the Management Committee. If people in the Management Committee are actually doing work for Autopac but being charged to Management Committee I think it's fair to ask how many other people there are in these Cabinet Committees whose costs should be assigned to other more appropriate places such as Manitoba Hydro and the other Crown corporations as well that operate for the government.

So, Mr. Speaker, in conclusion, our basic criticism of the operations of this particular Executive Council budget is that the growth of both the Planning and Priorities Committee and the Management Committee has been far beyond what is commensurate with the returns that have made themselves evident and we can only advise here that our basic position would be that this would be an area where we would strive for significant cost reductions and this we offer as what we feel to be an extremely legitimate critique of the government's main Estimates which it is providing to us for this year.

So with those few remarks, Mr. Speaker, we table our caveat and say that this particular resolution is greater in amount than many of the other departments which have been presented to us and we take our opposition to it.

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

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Mr. Speaker, first of all I would like to speak on a point of order. Is my understanding correct in that the Clerk is going to call out the Resolutions by number or is it going to be done by department? — (Interjection) — Well, I pose the question to the Speaker then that I have and I'm sure other members have motions relating to specific resolutions.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Inkster.

MR. SIDNEY GREEN Q.C. (Inkster): Mr. Speaker, on the point of order I can't refer to the rule number, but the new system is that there are no motions or amendments - but 57 speakers on the department, so that it doesn't harm my honourable friend because any speech that is made can be made on the aspect that he is referring to and of course limited by the number of members he has on one single department he would be able to make speeches on three separate items, but those were the rules as adopted in Rules Committee and in the House. The motion of concurrence in the Estimates of government departments shall be debatable but shall not be subject to co-amendment. There shall only be one motion for each government dealing in the moving of the motion of concurrence and resolutions reported by Committee of Supply. There shall be only one motion for each government department dealing with the total amount of the Estimates in that department. That motion is debatable by every member of the House, but it is not amendable - it's not amendable, so I would hope that my honourable friend can so arrange his affairs that they could get the three items into the speakers on the particular department if that's what he chooses to do - but that was the rule as amended.

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

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Well, Mr. Speaker, I would like to make a motion: While concurring in Resolution No. 2 for the amount of \$770,200, this House regrets that the office of the Provincial Auditor is unable to examine government spending with a view of ascertaining whether or not waste, inefficiency extravagance and even the possibilities of fraud are not reported to the people by way of a report to the members of the Legislature.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The House Leader.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, on the point of order I appreciate the remarks of my honourable friend and the member for Portage la Prairie. And he can say all that he likes including the wording of a motion that he intended or would have liked to have proposed - but in accordance with the rules of the House that we are operating under at the present time it would be out of order for the Chair, Sir, to accept such a motion. It does not deprive the honourable member for saying whatever in the world he likes to say, but our new rules adopted by this House - adopted by this House on April 5th of this year states as indicated by the Honourable Member for Inkster. My Honourable friend has, I believe, Mr. Speaker, forty minutes to develop his proposition - it would be improper to accept or to receive the motions suggested by my honourable friend. If I may, Mr. Speaker, this is not the decision of the government, this is the decision of the House.

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

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Mr. Speaker, in accordance with the rules and the advice I received from my friend the House Leader, I'm now proposing to give the government a little bit of hell. So, Mr. Speaker, while I know it's not in order to refer to other matters on the Order Paper, but I have had a resolution in my name dealing with the duties of the Provincial Auditor. Now the government year by year becomes bigger, the budget becomes larger - this year we're talking about 575 million dollars. There are more programs administered either jointly or independently by the Provincial Government here in Manitoba; and we really do not have what is known in Ottawa as a watch dog, someone who can examine the spending of government after the fact.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, just on a point of order . . .

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The House Leader, on a point of order.

MR. PAULLEY: I'm sorry that it was necessary for me to absent myself for a few moments from my seat in the Assembly. The matter that the Honourable Member for Portage wishes to raise is contained under the first item, namely dealing with legislation - and I understand that fact. But I do think, Mr. Speaker, that the matter of the Provincial Auditor's office which does come under Resolution No. 1 that my honourable friend apparently did not take the advantage of at that time - but I think in all fairness, in all fairness to my honourable friend, that if he has the consent of the House it can only be by consent of the House that we grant him the opportunity of getting it off his chest or making the remarks that he cares to insofar as the Provincial Auditor's office. Let him get it out of his system. We can go back to No. 1, or by leave we can allow him to refer to this in No. 2. I would prefer that by unanimous consent we go back to resolution No. 1, if that is agreeable.

MR. JACOB M. FROESE (Rhineland): Mr. Speaker, on a point of order.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. FROESE: I'm afraid this resolution was never put to a vote, and therefore there was discussion between the Member for Riel and the House Leader, and we never got a chance to speak on it.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Is it agreed that the Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie . . . ? Agreed. The Honourable Member for Souris-Killarney.

MR. McKELLAR: On a point of order here, I was just wondering - I just can't remember twelve months back, but can't each one of us make a speech on any particular subject between resolutions No. 1 and 7 - 1 and 7 - that's the way we did it last year - one speech --(interjection) -- Yeah you're perfectly right - so it doesn't matter what he speaks on, as long as he speaks on 1 to 7, does it.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, order please. My interpretation of the new House Rules that the House adopted, there will be one concurrence motion on each department. Every one of the 56 members in the House may speak for forty minutes, that is my interpretation - on that motion, concurrence motion. And we are now on legislation. The Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Mr. Speaker, it's becoming more difficult to make a righteous and indignant speech after all the friendly advice I have received in the last few minutes from the other side -- (Interjection) -- Right. So I return to my subject, and my contention is that there is no proper method in the Manitoba governmental operation whereby a person is charged with the responsibility of examining the spending of government in an independent unbiased manner - someone who should be beyond the reaches of political pressure. The same as is happening in Ottawa, where Mr. Henderson in a very independent manner can examine any facet of government spending - whether it's National Defence, the Post Office, the governmental departments, Unemployment Insurance Department - any area that he feels that is worthy of investigation by legislation and by law is entitled and charged with that responsibility.

So I say again that here in Manitoba - never mind who is in power or who makes up the government, or who makes up the front bench - we should have an independent person who by legislation and by law can examine the spending after the fact. It's true that we have accountability here; it is not true that we have a person who can point out bad spending or over-spending or mis-appropriation, where money is transferred from one place to another and used not according to the will of the House where everything is passed by majority. I'm not suggesting that there's fraud, or I'm not suggesting that there is really that much wrong on the face of it - but when you're handling \$575 million in one year, there is bound to be inefficiency;

(MR. G. JOHNSTON cont'd) . . . there's bound to be mistakes; and there's bound to be examples of poor spending - and I think it's high time that this House through the government and through the members should appoint a person who will have this responsibility.

I wonder about some of the departments of government, especially some of the new ones that have been set up by this government - and I would like to give you one example. I don't know how many people or what the budget is, but we have a Student Employment Program operation here in Manitoba, and it makes me wonder what's going on in that department when I hear the story that I'm going to relate to you now. There is a young lady 19 years of age. Apparently she in her past has committed a crime, the crime being that her parents were divorced and her mother remarried. This young lady tried to get a job - she had the initiative to go and look for a job. She went to one of the government places in Portage la Prairie and obtained a job. She had that confirmed by letter. A few weeks later she is told no, she has not got that job because her stepfather makes too much money. Now what kind of a country is this, where a government civil servant, a government department does this to people in their personal lives? And who's paying for it? The taxpayers are paying. So that girl committed a crime, eh, of having divorced parents. The next crime was that her mother married someone who is making a good income. And that girl today is walking the streets looking for a job, and she had found a job by her own initiative.

Now why can't an Auditor-General examine these departments and see how they're spending their money, and see what their programs are. No one else can, no one else can - it's a political thing, only the Cabinet has that power to examine and re-evaluate, to examine and re-evaluate departments and branches within the public service. So I'm suggesting to the House that the time is long overdue where we have an independent person hired by legislation and protected by legislation - a person whose approach and training would assist him in examining all facets of the spending of the government.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. FROESE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to join the Member for Portage on the first department. And I would like to bring in some matter that I came across the other day. I have in my hand a copy of Canada Month, and in this particular paper we find an article by Morris C. Shumiatcher, Ph.D. - and the article is: "A modest proposal for a Canadian Bill of Obligation," and this is particular reference to politicians. And he goes on to point out in the preamble some of the obligations that politicians should take on themselves on assuming office as representatives of the people. And under "D" it says as follows - well, I should read part of the preamble first - it refers to the Parliament of Canada here, but it applies equally to the parliament of the province. "The Parliament of Canada affirming that the Canadian Nation is founded upon the principles that acknowledge and advance to society of free men and women and free institutions, and that these depend upon the exercise that all citizens have the right to elect as their representatives to sit in the House of Commons or to be charged with the . . . charge with the . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. I wonder if we could have the small caucuses around the Assembly toned down a bit so I can hear the honourable member who is on the floor. The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. FROESE: Then he goes on to enumerate the responsibilities, but I just want to comment on two of them - and one of them is item B which: "of expressing the will of those, the will of those whom they represent; that we are here to express the will of the people that we represent." And under F - and I think this is very important - I'm quoting: "of husbanding the property that is taken by the processes of taxation and held in trust by the government of Manitoba for the benefit of the province, and of prudently and economically administering the public purse - applying to the task the same care that each of them would bring to the governance of his own personal affairs." Mr. Speaker, I think this points out the very real objective, and that we should apply to give the same attention to the expenditures of government as we do in our own personal matters. And I'm sure that if this was applied that we would give much closer scrutiny to many of the expenditures of government than we are doing - especially to some of the programs that have been of recent years been coming up, we're in my opinion spending money far too freely. I'm referring to the various programs that are being brought in to provide so-called employment - and I take exception to some of the programs that are being brought in, which are in my opinion nonsensical; they don't achieve anything, they're just supposed to occupy people. I think that if we're going to spend money and spend it according to the will of our people back home, then we should put on programs that are meaningful; that bring about

(MR. FROESE cont'd) some achievement ; that will have purpose; and that will have benefits and that would create an asset. I think a lot of the money that we spend on those programs is completely lost, there is nothing to show for it afterwards - and this is what I take exception to very strongly. When we have on this particular item, legislation 1, such resolutions concerning the Provincial Auditor's office and Ombudsman - which the auditor certainly takes in the realm of finance - I think this applied very strongly, and I think we should have reports coming to us as members on some of these programs; whether they're really worthwhile; whether we really achieve something, and what we can show for them. I think if we applied the same principle to spending that we do personally for our own goods and for our own purposes to government, then we would see quite a lot of changes and I'm sure the many millions, the \$575 millions could be reduced very, very drastically and many savings could be brought about.

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

MR. McKELLAR: Mr. Speaker, I'd just like to say a word on this particular department dealing with Legislation and Executive Council. One particular department brought to my attention during the estimates which wasn't debated very much was the Computer Centre and the involvement of the Government in the Computer Programming in the Province of Manitoba. Are we on resolution 2 or resolution 1 to 7, 1 to 7 -- (Interjection) -- 1 to 3, 1 to 7 is it Mr. Speaker ?

MR. SPEAKER: One to three.

MR. McKELLAR: Mr. Speaker, I'm not clear.

MR. SPEAKER: One to three, Legislation.

MR. McKELLAR: One to three. -- (Interjection) -- Yes, I know, I thought we were dealing with 1 to 7. -- (Interjection) -- Okay. Well I have something I want to say there.

On resolution 1 the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Area Conference, the sum of \$47,000.00. I did have the privilege during my fourteen years once to attend a Parliamentary Conference in St. Johns, Newfoundland and I understand that there's a conference in Manitoba this summer. I don't know when - and I know the Speaker is in control of this particular department - but I would just like to say how much I appreciated the privilege of attending that conference that year and that I would hope that each member here during this particular conference, that they would show their respect to the various parliamentarians that come from other parts of Canada and I hope that - if I'm not a member of that conference, and I don't expect I will be, likely, -- (Interjection) -- Yes. Well I don't know, I don't know what privileges I have -- but in any case I remember ten years ago when they were travelling the Province of Manitoba, a dinner was held in Brandon at that particular time and all the members of the Legislature in that particular area attended that particular dinner. I enjoyed that very much. I think that we in Manitoba have something to offer to the various Commonwealth representatives that will be here next month I understand and I hope that everyone of us can go and meet these people. They are a wonderful bunch when you get them all together. It's the one conference that there's very few arguments and you also have the clerks there, of the various assemblies from all across Canada. They in turn help guide the politicians, because they attend more of the conferences than we do. But it does one thing. It makes us realize what an important country we have, makes us realize more the importance of each province that we have in Canada by touring the provinces that we attend. I had the privilege of going to Labrador the other year. I was at Wabash, that was a mine - a steel mine. It was closed down at that time by a strike I remember and it was practically a ghost town when we arrived and a ghost town when we left, but they were having a particular strike, it wasn't the part of the steelworkers . . . the miner, it was caused by a short railroad down in the Province of Quebec that these people went on strike. It caused about, I forget now, 3000 men to be out of work. But I enjoyed that particular tour of the mine, also other parts of Newfoundland. It tasted a lot of good fish there. We in Manitoba have lots of good fish this year I understand and we can show these people some of our Goldeye, maybe, Winnipeg Goldeye that we have in our province.

Now I know that this isn't very interesting maybe to the members but I know that they'll take a great deal of delight out of attending the Conference which will be held in Winnipeg here - in fact, this Assembly right here; if we can get out of this place soon enough I suppose for them to have this conference. That will be our decision.

Mr. Speaker, I wish you well in this Conference, I know you are going to play a very important part in the affairs and the handling of this Conference. I also hope that the Cabinet Ministers that are involved, and they will be involved, and to all members of the Legislature

(MR. McKELLAR cont'd) I hope that they will show the people who come from all parts of Canada, between the House of Commons, the Senate, that we in Manitoba here are the most hospitable people in all of Canada.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Speaker, I just have a few words on the Provincial Auditor's office. While I have no complaints as far as the Provincial Auditor's office itself is concerned I do feel that he should have wider powers and perhaps maybe we should be thinking about considering a post such as the Auditor-General in Ottawa. This is what my colleague from Portage la Prairie has recommended to the House just a few days ago and if one looks at the report of the Provincial Auditor and compares it with the report of the Auditor-General certainly there is no comparison, because I think the Auditor-General in the House of Commons goes into great detail of reporting matters of extravagance, of expenditures that shouldn't have been made and of waste which our Provincial Auditor does not go into that detail at all. He doesn't go into where the money is wasted.

I know that, just briefly I will quote what was stated in the Auditor-General's report in the House of Commons when it was tabled, and I'm quoting: "While nearly \$10 million were fiddled away with what Auditor-General Henderson terms 'non-productive accounts' and other millions maybe hundreds of millions went astray through sloppy bookkeeping and," --(Interjection) -- well in my opinion I think he shouldn't be fired. I believe he is doing the public a service that's my feeling. And I feel that's the reason why the present government here is so afraid of a position or of a person or an office of a public Auditor-General. But he goes on to say where money is wasted, where money is spent.

Just briefly, in a couple of lines he says that "sixty postal frauds accounted for more than \$70,000; however the fraud count in National Defence could have gone much higher had the department not kept a careful count; 509 other claims neither National Defence or the Auditor-General said anything about." And there's a list that you can keep reading for perhaps twenty minutes or more -- (Interjection) -- That's right, that's a good - I'm sure that all the members are familiar and they are aware and remember that there was somebody, was it a horse on a payroll or something? But this is a really detailed complete report, not only of waste but recommendations where money can be saved, where money was spent and it shouldn't have been spent.

As I said, I have no complaints with the present work, the fine work that our Provincial Auditor is doing, but certainly he couldn't have as wide discretion, as wide a power as the Auditor-General in the House of Commons. So I feel that the Provincial Auditor's scope should be much widened and if the government is not prepared to give him that discretionary powers to get the type of report that the public receives from Maxwell Henderson in Ottawa, then the government should seriously consider a post of an Auditor-General in the Province of Manitoba.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Radisson.

MR. HARRY SHAFRANSKY (Radisson): Mr. Speaker, the Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie and the Honourable Member for Rhineland, including the Honourable Member for Assiniboia, seem to be very much taken up with the position of the Provincial Auditor-General. They seem to feel that there is something, at least this is my opinion I get here is that they don't really feel that he is doing a proper job. Briefly -- (Interjection) -- I stated in my opinion as it comes through from some of the members, not so much possibly from the Member for Assiniboia, Mr. Speaker, but there has been that type of a, and I say in my opinion, feeling expressed by the Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie and the Member for Rhineland.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia, point of privilege.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Speaker, on a point of privilege, I ask for a complete retraction of what the honourable member has just said. I said that the Provincial Auditor is doing a fine job and I said it about three or four times that he's doing a fine job, but I feel that he should have wider powers and if he hasn't got the wider powers, consideration should be given to an Auditor-General like they have in the House of Commons, that's what I said.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Radisson.

MR. SHAFRANSKY: Mr. Speaker, I stated in my opinion, I still get that kind of impression because the fact that they do bring the Provincial Auditor-General in question, they seem to create the feeling that he is not doing an adequate job.

Briefly, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to mention the differences and similarities. The Provincial Auditor performs a pre-audit of expenditures and the Minister of Finance has gone over it and it seems that it is necessary to mention some of these points again. The Auditor-General

(MR. SHAFRANSKY cont'd) of Canada does not perform a pre-audit. The Federal Financial Administration Act lists certain findings which must be included in the annual report. Less specific terms are used in the Provincial Act to describe the content of the annual report. This would seem to provide greater flexibility to the Provincial Auditor insofar as determining the type of observations which will be included in the report. Although both Federal and Provincial legislation provide powers to report on other matters not specifically mentioned elsewhere in the legislation, there appears to be considerable latitude in the interpretation application of the authority. The Federal Auditor-General interprets section 61 (1) of the Federal Financial Administration Act literally as authority to examine and report on all aspects of government activity. The Provincial Auditor appears to have adopted a much narrower interpretation and confined his report particularly to financial functions.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I have drawn up a comparison between the Auditor-General of Canada and the Provincial Auditor of Manitoba and some of the aspects which bear comparison and similarity. Appointments: Appointed by Governor-in-Council, that's the Auditor-General of Canada. Provincial Auditor appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council. Tenure: holds office during good behaviour until age 65 but is removable by the Governor-General on the address of the Senate and House of Commons.

Provincial Auditor: Holds office during good behaviour; may be removed from office or suspended by a two-third majority vote of Assembly. If Legislature is not sitting, may be suspended for cause by committee consisting of President of Executive Council and Leaders of Opposition parties. Salary: Auditor-General of Canada paid salary of \$30,000 per annum; Provincial Auditor, salary fixed by Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council; salary shall not be reduced except on resolution of Assembly.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I will go on to the scope of audit. Auditor-General of Canada shall examine in such manner as he may deem necessary the accounts relating to Consolidated Revenue Fund and to Public Property to ascertain whether (a) accounts have been properly kept, (b) all public money has been fully accounted for, (c) money has been expended for the purpose for which it was appropriated by Parliament.

Now in the case of the Provincial Auditor. The scope of audit is similar to the Federal and the (a) (b) and (c) in all cases similar to the Federal and of course deals with those monies which have been appropriated by the Legislature. It also goes on, Auditor-General of Canada: essential records are maintained and rules and procedures applied sufficient to safeguard and control public property. Provincial Auditor, similar to Federal. Shall examine and certify in accordance with the outcome of his examination the several statements required to be included in the Public Accounts - that's the Federal one. Provincial Auditor, similar to the Federal.

It also goes on - a fact which I mention in the Provincial Auditor - pre-audit prior to payment: (a) satisfy himself that every account requisitioned for payment is in accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant to which the account relates; (b) satisfies himself that every account has been examined and certified correct by the department concerned; (c) certificate of Provincial Auditor required in order to make payment of public money. Section 11 (3) provides authority for Minister responsible for Financial Administration Act to make payment where Provincial Auditor refuses to pass the requisition for payment. And the reports - the Auditor-General of Canada submits it to the House of Commons; Provincial Auditor to the Legislative Assembly annually.

The Auditor-General submits reports to the President of the Treasury Board in cases where it appears that public money has been improperly retained by any person. In the case of the Provincial Auditor, reports to the Legislative Assembly annually, and at least once each year to the Minister's concerning the audits of their respective departments.

Content of Report: Auditor-General of Canada shall call attention to every case in which he has observed that, (a) any officer or employee has wilfully or negligently omitted to collect or receive any money belonging to Canada. In the case of the Provincial Auditor, shall make an annual report to the Assembly -- (Interjection) -- No I'm reading the comparison notes the Honourable Member for Winnipeg Centre. Auditor-General of Canada shall call attention to every case in which he has observed that, (b) any money, public money, was not duly accounted for and paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund. In the case of the Provincial Auditor, shall make an annual report to the Assembly and does not make specific mention; (c) the Auditor-General of Canada shall call attention to every case in which he has observed that any appropriation was exceeded or was applied to a purpose or in a manner not authorized by parliament.

(MR. SHAFRANSKY cont'd). . . . Provincial Auditor - shall make an annual report to the Assembly. In a case it all comes in with the annual report.

I shall go on with the Auditor-General of Canada and refer to those particular points of the Provincial Auditor, (d) The Auditor-General of Canada shall call attention to every case in which he has observed that an expenditure was not authorized or was not properly vouched for or certified. The Provincial Auditor shall make an annual report to the Assembly as to all cheques, the issue of which he refused to certify, getting date and the amount.

The Auditor-General of Canada shall call attention to every case in which he has observed that there has been a deficiency or loss to the fraud, default or mistake of any person. The Provincial Auditor shall make an annual report to the Assembly through the Public Accounts and;

(f) The Auditor-General of Canada shall call attention to every case in which he has observed that a special warrant authorized the payment of any money. In the case of Provincial Auditor, shall make an annual report to the Assembly as to all special warrants.

And it goes on to add, that the Auditor-General of Canada shall call attention to any other case that the Auditor-General considers should be brought to the notice of the House of Commons. In the case of the Provincial Auditor, he shall make an annual report as to such matters as he desires to bring to the attention of the Assembly, and shall make an annual report to the Assembly as to his examination of accounts and receipts in payments of public monies, as to his examination of the balance sheet and related schedules shown in the Public Accounts and ends up with; (e) shall make an annual report to the Assembly as to any important change in the extent or character of any examination made by him.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Portage has already spoken.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Would the member permit a question?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Portage.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Does the member, would he agree that if we had the same type of an auditor with the same legislation that exists in Ottawa that the CFI shambles would never have happened. Would he agree?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Radisson.

MR. SHAFRANSKY: . . . believe that the way that the MDC was set up, the way it was being operated where it did not require a Provincial Auditor possibly had it been set up originally with the Provincial Auditor would never have happened. It is only my understanding since the Provincial Auditor was set up to look into the accounts that the attention was drawn to and therefore finding that there were some things that weren't just right, had it been done that way from the beginning, possibly would not have had the problems.

MR. SPEAKER: Concurrence in Section 1.

MR. CLERK: Resolved there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$2,917,000 for Executive Council.

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

MR. McKELLAR: Yes. Mr. Speaker, I want to say a word on this particular department, more especially Computer Centre. We all know the government has gone into the computer business, they bought a new computer last year, and one of the reasons why I'm speaking is that out at the Motor Vehicle Branch more computers had to be set up to look after the operation of Autopac. And when we were debating the particular matter, it was mentioned to us here - we were told that no agreement on costs of operation of this particular computer, and also the Motor Vehicle Branch had been assessed on Autopac yet.

It's my concern as a taxpayer why the government should be involved in this extra computer at all. We are told that government was going to go out and have to look for custom business and if they did that they'd be in competition with other computer companies, the City of Winnipeg and the Province of Manitoba. In my opinion it's not right and proper. If the government had sufficient business to warrant a new computer, I'm all in favour of it. But the computer was bought as speculation; they would try to find government work and try to find custom work to meet the needs of this computer. One of the things that bothers me is if Autopac wanted to get into business why didn't they put their computers in their own building? Why should one department of government - and I'd be safe in saying, Mr. Speaker, that we'll never ever find out the true costs of the operation of Autopac - for the simple reason that it can be funnelled through other government departments. And this is one of the government departments, along with Highways Department, that will be paying the cost of Autopac in the Province of Manitoba -

(MR. McKELLAR cont'd) the administration costs. I'm sure as I'm standing here, the Province of Saskatchewan have never been able to locate the true costs of their insurance scheme because other departments have contributed to the cost of their particular insurance scheme. Now if we want to get into the computer business to the extent where the cost of operations have gone up by close to 50 percent, I want to know why this extra cost is needed - 579,000 for salaries - up to \$796,000 - practically 50 percent increase in one year. Has government expanded that much in one year, or is all this going for Autopac?

Mr. Speaker, the Planning Committee and the Management Committee, this particular department of the Executive Council have also expanded. And also when you look through various departments you always find money set aside for planning of each various department, especially in the department over here - in Health and Social Development. They've got a great Planning Committee. They've got one here that's involving salaries - \$237,000 for salaries in the Planning and Priorities Committee. Other salaries here in Management Committee \$985,000.

Mr. Speaker, is that the way to run the province or are we supposed to try and look at the cost of government? One of the greatest expansions of government has been in the Executive Council and in this building you can see it, every day you walk through it. Years ago when I first came in here, Mr. Speaker, practically every government department was in this building. Now all we got is the Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Assistant Deputy Ministers and Planning and Priority Committee and Management Committee. That's all that's left here. And pretty soon I suppose even the Deputy Ministers will be moving out of this building because there won't be sufficient room for all of them.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I just want to express my concern in the various departments that are under the Executive Council Department.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Speaker, I just have one point to raise but I see the First Minister is not here - under the Executive Council - but I do wish to raise the point that the honourable member who spoke a minute ago. It has come to my attention and I would hope that some of the government members would answer it. We know that there's a large computer centre at the Norquay Building, there's one at the University, some of the other Community Colleges got one and it has been brought to my attention that the new computer that the government has just acquired from Symbionics has got a large enough capacity to service the four governments in Western Canada and it's only operating at some 25 percent or less capacity.

I pursued this question I believe before the Orders of the Day and I did not get an answer and I wish that somebody on the government side would be prepared to answer this question. Is the Symbionics Computer Centre large and has a capacity to service the whole of Western Canada - government departments of Western Canada, is this correct or not? It seems to me the government certainly can co-ordinate their computer program in a much better way than has happened. I know they took over the Symbionics because it was the thing to do because I guess Symbionics went bankrupt and the government was left with it, but are they going to utilize it and is it proper to take over anything when you're going to have 25 percent utilization? I feel could not the existing IBM computer be replaced say with a terminal connecting into another computer with some savings and through a program of that nature the government can save perhaps a considerable amount of money. I'm sure that even the other Community Colleges and the other Universities in the province, each one will want a large computer of their own, but is there not a way that these Colleges or Universities can connect into this large computer that the government has just acquired? Because if it has the capacity that we're told it has then surely we're not utilizing it - I said 25 percent - my colleague on the left says that it's 20 percent and I believe that this is a waste of considerable amount of money if that's all that we're utilizing this computer centre or computer. I'm not saying that we shouldn't use it, but surely we should be able to plug into it from the other colleges, the other community colleges and the government departments as well instead of acquiring more and more computers. I wish that somebody on the government side would be able to answer these questions.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Winnipeg Centre. The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. J. R. (BUD) BOYCE (Winnipeg Centre): Excuse me, Mr. Speaker, I'm sorry.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. If the honourable members wish to speak, would they rise so I can identify them. The Honourable Member for Winnipeg Centre.

MR. BOYCE: Mr. Speaker, in response to the question of the Member for Assiniboia,

(MR. BOYCE cont'd) his two questions, one, about the present utilization of the old Symbionics facility; and two, about the estimated capacity of it. The Minister is in the House and perhaps he can correct me if I'm wrong but as his Assistant as I understand it with reference to your capacity question that somebody has offered the opinion that it could perhaps be developed to do the total computing work of four governments. That is only true if you accept something comparable that you can say that, you know, human beings can hold up 10,000 pounds, you know, how many human beings does it take to hold up the 10,000 pounds. A CDC 6500 has a capacity to be added to, this is true, but how many components or how many human beings do you want to add to the system to support a total system. So there is a present day capacity and there is a future capacity. When you're saying four government's computing requirements, you're talking about adding components to it which is capable of being done but at the present time that is not true.

Relative to his utilization, you must realize that when the company went into an insolvency position there was a slowdown so at the present time there is a building back up again, and if they have at this present time reached 25 percent of their capacity in a build-up campaign I would suggest at this time it's a reasonable development along the line to full utilization.

As far as tying other components of the government's requirements into that CDC 6500, this would be a matter of policy and internal operation of the government and doubtless decisions will be made as we progress.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. FROESE: Mr. Speaker, I won't be long but I must express great dissatisfaction and protest that the front benches are empty on the government side. Here we're discussing the Estimates of the government, of the Minister's department and they don't even bother to be in the House. This is ridiculous. This didn't happen under the previous government. Never has it happened before under another administration. Now we find we're discussing the Estimates, the final conclusive motions and they don't even bother to be in the House. The front benches are empty except for the Attorney-General. The second row is empty for except two Ministers.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Would the honourable member address himself to the resolution.

MR. FROESE: This is part of the resolution. We're expending monies under this particular department and I'm sure that we can effect savings but they don't care to be in the House even to discuss the matters that should be of importance. We were told on an earlier occasion that one of the official, a senior . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please.

MR. MACKLING: Mr. Speaker, point of order.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Attorney-General on a point of order. Would he state it.

MR. MACKLING: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order because there is certainly innuendo and inference that the honourable member makes. He's casting aspersions on members of the Cabinet not being here. Various members of the Cabinet are on government business at this very moment and that requires them to be outside of the House and the honourable member should understand that they can't be in the House all the time. For him to lecture is unbecoming of him.

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

MR. FROESE: Mr. Speaker, I certainly don't accept what the Attorney-General has to say because we are dealing with government business and when it's business that concerns their department they should be here right in this Chamber and in their chairs and not somewhere else. Otherwise the government should postpone this part of the business of the House until they are here, because they should be here to listen to what we have to say on this side in connection with the expenditures that are being made.

On a previous occasion we were told that one of the senior officials of the Finance Department, most likely coming under Planning or one of the other Committees here, that he is commuting back and forth to Toronto. Is this still the case? Are we still spending hundreds of dollars travelling expenses for these people who should be Manitoba citizens in the first place? Why do we have to get out-of-province people serving in that capacity when we have people unemployed in Manitoba who can fulfill those positions here. And here we employ people from other provinces, spend the taxpayers' money who have to earn it very hard. Some of the people in Manitoba, you should see them working, how they have to work for their dollar, then have to pay it in taxes and here we squander it. We provide the taxi fares, we provide the plane fares

(MR. FROESE cont'd) for these people to travel back and forth across Canada at their expense. I take great exception to it, and especially to the Ministers of the Crown not being in their seats when we're discussing their Estimates.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Attorney-General.

MR. MACKLING: Mr. Speaker, I'm going to be addressing my remarks on Administration. I would like to say to the Honourable Member from Rhineland, you know there are many many stories told about the attitude of Cabinet Ministers towards their role in office and how they spend money and how they perform. And whether you reflect on Mr. Gaglardi, and you know his pursuits in British Columbia by private aircraft, and how the Prime Minister of that country flies and how he goes --(Interjection)-- the honourable member made his speech, now he can listen to me. And how the Honourable the Prime Minister of Canada flits back and forth in his Jet Star. Eh? --(Interjection)-- Just a moment. And the arrangement . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, order. I should like to indicate that our rules indicate each honourable gentleman is entitled to 40 minutes. I should particularly like to indicate that those honourable members who are itching and want to exhaust some of their feelings who want to ventilate their emotions, that I shall give everyone the opportunity to say his little bit or his great bit. But in the meantime when a member is on the floor I think they should extend the courtesy to listen to him, and if they don't desire to listen at least give me the courtesy so that I can hear him without a lot of interference. The Honourable Attorney-General.

MR. MACKLING: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Speaker, . . .

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia on a point of order.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Speaker, the Member for Rhineland was talking -- in the resolution he was talking about a member of the Management Committee flying from here to his home residence somewhere in Toronto or Montreal . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Would the honourable member state his point of order.

MR. PATRICK: That's my point of order. While the Attorney-General is talking about somebody else completely that's not relevant in the Estimates at all.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Order, please. In respect to relevancy I have always indicated I must allow a great amount of latitude in order that freedom of speech shall exist in this Assembly. The Honourable Attorney-General. The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. HARRY J. ENNS (Lakeside): I appreciate the comments that you just made with respect to relevancy but I assure you that neither the expenses or travelling expenses of Mr. Gaglardi nor the Prime Minister are to be found in these expenses that we are seeking concurrence at this particular time. Whereas those expenses reported by the Honourable Member for Rhineland . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order. Order, please. The honourable member is debating the point. The Honourable Attorney-General.

MR. MACKLING: Mr. Speaker, the Honourable Member for Rhineland went on at some length ranting about the absence of some of my colleagues from the House at this present moment and I want to draw to his attention the fact that honourable members of this Legislature are required to attend meetings from time to time in this building and outside of the building on government business. He's aware of that. He's aware of the changes in the rules in parliament where they're lucky during the question period to have one Minister of the Cabinet there to answer questions. Now for the honourable member --(Interjection)-- Well there he is. I'm going to put it on the record, Mr. Speaker. The honourable member is ranting from his seat and it's not very much more intelligible than when he is standing on his feet. The honourable member just wants to make a noise and he's entitled to make all the noise he wants, but it again is at the taxpayers' expense.

Mr. Speaker, this government has spent more time and more of the Cabinet Ministers have spent more time in the House than I'm sure honourable members will reflect have been spent in days past. We have been in this House for day in and day out and committee meetings day in and day out, and you'll find that the Cabinet Ministers are here and available. And the honourable member whenever he's wanted to see me, or whenever he's wanted to see any one of my colleagues about any matter has not had to look very far. For the honourable member to say that there isn't diligence in respect to the government business is casting aspersions on my colleagues that is really uncalled for on his part.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rhineland on a point of order.

MR. FROESE: Mr. Speaker, my point of order is that I did not cast aspersions wrongfully because when we discuss the Estimates the Ministers are required to be in their seats -- of the particular department.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Attorney-General.

MR. MACKLING: Mr. Speaker, the honourable member says that on the concurrence motion all of the Ministers have to be in their seats and that's nonsense. We've listened, Mr. Speaker, to the rantings and ravings of the Honourable Member from Rhineland on every department that is being considered in the concurrences, including this item that we have under consideration now ...

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Does the Honourable Member for Rhineland have a point of order?

MR. FROESE: On a point of order. I never spoke on the Minister of Tourism's Estimates.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Order, please. Does the Honourable Member for Assiniboia have a point of order?

MR. PATRICK: On the same point of order, I believe that ...

MR. SPEAKER: There was no point of order.

MR. PATRICK: ... every member in this House has a right to speak on every estimate in every department.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Attorney-General.

MR. MACKLING: Mr. Speaker, for the edification of the Honourable Member from Assiniboia, who needs a good deal of edification, I did not intimate that it wasn't the right, and the obligation, of every member of this House to busy himself as frequently as he can and diligently examine the estimates of every department and evidence his interest therein. But I think that the observations that have been made by the Honourable Member from Assiniboia and the Honourable Member from Rhineland in respect to the department under consideration -- and the other departments -- has been found wanting.

For the Honourable Member from Rhineland to expect that members on this side of the House have to listen to his same speech on this department six times over with interest is beyond the reasonable understanding and apprehension of anyone. Now here we have the honourable member trying to interrupt again ...

MR. FROESE: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order. The Minister is making a false statement. I never spoke six times.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Attorney-General.

MR. MACKLING: Well, Mr. Speaker, here we have the honourable member interrupting again and I don't mind their interrupting because it indicates the sensitivity they have when they're exposed to their duplicity, because the honourable member says he didn't speak on all of the estimates. He rose -- oh -- there was some error. The Chairman of the Estimates Committee has just pointed out that the Honourable Member from Rhineland didn't miss a department. He spoke on the Estimates of the Department of Tourism and Recreation. Now the honourable member says that it's our obligation to sit here and listen to their beratings on this department as well as all of the others. --(Interjection)-- I know it's good for our soul but it's not essential. It is not an essential prerequisite that we listen to his monetary theories, his evaluations of what is good and proper and in the best interests of the people of Manitoba, on every single aspect that he chooses to lecture us on.

So I suggest, Mr. Speaker, that we move on to the next resolution and ignore the honourable member's remarks.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Sturgeon Creek.

MR. FRANK JOHNSTON (Sturgeon Creek): Mr. Speaker, I just want to speak briefly on this particular section. I might say that it is rather disappointing to find that the Attorney-General now has become very warped from the point of view that he thinks it's terrible that somebody should get up and speak on concurrence estimates when it's in our rules to do so, and I certainly don't ...

MR. SPEAKER: Would the Honourable Attorney-General state his point.

MR. MACKLING: Mr. Speaker, the honourable member is saying that I said it was terrible for any honourable member to get up and speak in the estimates. If the honourable member was listening with both of his ears he would have heard me saying far to the contrary, that it was the obligation of every member to participate fully and I did not indicate what he's saying at all.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Sturgeon Creek.

MR. F. JOHNSTON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Well we'll just carry on with what I was about to say regarding the one item in the estimates of concurrence, the Management Committee. There is a \$401,000 increase in this particular department and 302 of it -- 400,000 and 302 of it is all under Salaries of Management Committee. The Premier when he was presenting these estimates certainly seemed to have some excuses for the expansion of Management Committee on the basis that this government seems to be doing more and more. --(Interjection)-- Do you want me to repeat it? --(Interjection)-- Well, Mr. Speaker, if it's all right, the request for me speaking is that the Premier, while presenting these estimates, seemed to state the cause of the increase of \$302,000 is because this government is doing so much more and needing so many more people in the Management Committee to take care of the affairs of the province. And I tell you that there aren't that many more people in Manitoba. We certainly haven't seen the results of all this work other than large spendings of money by this Management Committee.

Mr. Speaker, I didn't really -- when speaking before and the Attorney-General was very annoyed -- it did seem to me though whether he's -- I agree with his point of order, he did not say that people didn't have the right to speak, but he seemed to think that it was rather bad or something wrong with the Member from Rhineland making a statement that the Ministers weren't in the House while we were working on these estimates.

When I left this House today there was no announcement, Sir, that we were going into concurrence and if the House Leader intends to call concurrence he should have the courtesy to do it when the Ministers are here. Maybe they are on business but they're not here when the House Leader called concurrence. And answers to these \$302,000 items should be able to be asked again, otherwise we shouldn't have concurrence. Now they are not here, there's really no argument about it. I don't see them and the House Leader calls concurrence and nobody knew a thing about it and so here we are trying to discuss and ask questions to people with blank faces. Mind you, you can see the backs of the chairs most of the time when they are there but they're very blank at the present time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Labour.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, I cannot let pass the challenge or the remarks of the Honourable Member for Sturgeon Creek. There is one thing, Mr. Speaker, I would suggest that is different with the present administration than that that was so with the previous administration, in that this administration -- and in particular the Cabinet Ministers of this administration -- can answer for the whole of the operation of the Government of the Province of Manitoba, that we do work together as a team, and that we do know what is going on, unlike the previous administration.

The Honourable Member for Sturgeon Creek regrets the fact that the Premier is not here in order to answer questions pertaining to increases insofar as the Management Committee of Cabinet is concerned. My honourable friend has not had -- and I doubt whether he ever will have -- the opportunity of being a member of any Committee of Cabinet because that administration or that political party will never ever again I prophesy become the administration of this province. I think that it would be well, Mr. Speaker, just in the realm of fantasy, if the Honourable the Member for Sturgeon Creek would visualize himself as a member of a team called Cabinet so that he may have some understanding of what is going on. I say "fantasy" because of course it will be fantasy. My honourable friend will never in my opinion and in my prophesy ever be --(Interjection)-- That's right. It's a long time. Yes, my honourable friend from Lakeside would like to have this item passed so that either he as the acting Leader of the Conservative Party in the House this afternoon does not have to listen to what I have to say. My honourable friend from Sturgeon Creek objected, objected to the absence of my Premier and my Leader; the Honourable Member for Lakeside I'm sure will be prepared to state this afternoon as to why his Leader, the Leader of the Opposition is absent. I would suggest, Mr. Speaker, that the absence of my Leader is on more important business than that of the Leader of the Opposition.

Now then when we get down to the question ...

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Order! Order! The Honourable Minister of Labour.

MR. PAULLEY: I didn't hear the mumbling or the rumbling of the Honourable Member for Lakeside ... the acting ...

MR. SPEAKER: Order.

MR. PAULLEY: ... I presume he's the acting and I guess if I was to be unfair to my

(MR. PAULLEY cont'd) honourable friend the Member for Lakeside I would say that possibly he's the acting up Leader of the Opposition this afternoon, because it doesn't seem to me that he is knowledgeable of how government operates --(Interjection)-- No I don't give a continental whether there's one member in the press gallery or whether there's a hundred members in the press gallery. They never ever worry me. They may worry my honourable friend, Mr. Speaker, the Member for Sturgeon Creek because he constantly plays to them. I don't, I don't give a continental. I'm more concerned with the operation of the Government of Manitoba than I am to playing to the press. Of course, Mr. Speaker, this is foreign to the --(Interjection)-- what I did last night? I don't know. What happened last night? --(Interjection)-- On TV? What happened on TV? I haven't got time to watch TV.

MR. SPEAKER: I wonder if the Honourable Minister could address himself to the Executive Council. Thank you.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, you're so correct, you're so correct that we are dealing with Resolution No. 2, the Executive Council. And I happen to be a member of the Executive Council; I also happen to have had the honour and the privilege of being a member of the Cabinet Committee of Management formerly called the Treasury Board of the Province of Manitoba and I know a little bit about how they operate. I know the functions that they have to perform. And I do know --(Interjection)-- Oh here's this "hear, hear". And maybe he shouldn't be and he won't be after the next election here here -- that --(Interjection)-- You know what I mean. My honourable friend knows fully well what I mean when I say he says hear, hear. He won't be here here as a result of the next --(Interjection)-- I say you won't be here here in this whole Assembly and I predict it and I'll -- no, it would be improper for me, Mr. Speaker, to make a wager even though one of his colleagues wants to wager on Sundays. But apart from all of that, the point raised by the Honourable Member for Sturgeon Creek dealt with an increase of \$302,000 of expenditures within the Management Committee of Cabinet. We are far more concerned in this government with expenditures in the operation of government than any government ever has been, --(Interjection)-- what's that my darling? --(Interjection)-- No I'm not serious in "my darling" but sometime you know even a male has to be affectionate or at least give the semblance of recognition to the female sex despite the Human Rights Commission under the aegis of my friend the Attorney-General. And I recognize, I do recognize that it is historical that there is a difference between male and female.

But, Mr. Speaker, the point that I want to make is that the increase of the \$302,000 referred to by the Member for Sturgeon Creek is in order to provide better service to the people of Manitoba, to be able to keep a closer watch on the purse strings of the Province of Manitoba after due consideration. This is the reason for the increase of the \$302,000.00. And if my honourable friend would take a look at the total increase, in the whole of the Executive Council appropriation, it is not any more than the normal increase in salary appropriation and the likes of that, but emphasis being on the proper expenditure of monies of the people of the Province of Manitoba.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rock Lake.

MR. EINARSON: Mr. Speaker, I don't want to delay the procedures here too long but having listened to some of the comments here this afternoon I thought I should like to add a few words to this debate. I think the subject that we are discussing here this afternoon, at this time, when we talk about an increase of \$352,400 insofar as the Management Committee alone is concerned, I think concerns every taxpayer in this province. You know there's that term that has been used, Mr. Speaker, over the years, and I don't suppose it will ever leave us in politics. It has been mentioned that parties do some pork barrelling insofar as finding jobs, spending the taxpayers' money.

Mr. Speaker, I can't think of a better time to use that quotation than in this particular section right here when we talk about an increase of almost, well not too far off a half a million dollars, when you talk about salaries alone in Management Committee, which I agree with the Speaker is an important part, but to me, I can't help but feel if there was ever pork barrelling, we've got it right here in this particular section.

The Minister of Labour he talks about those of us on this side have no knowledge of what it's all about when we talk about Management Committee in government as it relates to the individual Ministers of the departments. And I want to say to him from my short experience, Management Committee does play an important role in government, the most powerful instrument in government; and I want to say to the Minister of Labour, that insofar as his own

(MR. EINARSON cont'd) department is concerned, if he wants something, he wants money for his department he's got to have it okayed by the Management Committee otherwise he doesn't get it. So I want to say, Mr. Speaker, that I have some appreciation of what this is all about in reply to the Minister of Labour of the comments he's just made.

But, Mr. Speaker, I want to relate this tremendous increase in salary in Management Committee as it relates to the effectiveness of what this government has been doing over the past two years, and I want to say, Mr. Speaker, I have had some personal problems and I have sympathized with some individual Ministers - and I'm not going to mention any one of them - but I have sympathized with some individual Ministers when Management Committee has made an okay on a certain project and something has gone wrong somewhere down the line where the Minister didn't have the support in this government.

As a result of having said that, Mr. Speaker, I think it's the most fantastic waste of the taxpayers' money. And there's been mention here of some of these people who are on Management Committee don't even live in this province, they may fly to Montreal, or they may fly to Toronto. How much time do they spend here in a week when they are dealing with problems -- those who are in Management Committee hold one of the most responsible jobs within government. And also how many more people are on Management Committee as opposed to when the Conservative Party were in power?

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if my honourable friend would permit a question? Will he name one member of Management Committee of Cabinet?

MR. EINARSON: Pardon?

MR. PAULLEY: Will you name one member of Management Committee of Cabinet who does not reside here? He made the accusation, I want him to clarify it.

MR. EINARSON: I'm talking, Mr. Speaker, about the Management Committee.

MR. SPEAKER: Order. Order please. The Honourable Minister is debating with the honourable member. Would the Honourable Minister ask his question.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, my question to my honourable friend is will he name -- (Interjection)-- of course he doesn't have to, but he made the accusation. I want my honourable friend, Mr. Speaker, to name the member of the Management Committee who commutes outside of Manitoba? He made the accusation, I didn't.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rock Lake.

MR. EINARSON: I think, Mr. Speaker, the record will probably show I sort of put it in the form of question - is there any member of Management Committee who commutes? I'll suggest, Mr. Speaker, then I'll throw the question to the Minister of Labour. Does Dr. Weldon, is he resident in Manitoba.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, Dr. Weldon is not a member of the Management Committee of Cabinet.

A MEMBER: He was.

MR. PAULLEY: He was not - he never . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Order, please. Order, please. Order, please. Order, please. I realize it's Friday afternoon, we have one hour to go and --(Interjection)-- Order, please. Order, please. I wonder if we could get some co-operation from all the honourable members and conduct the business of this House instead of shouting at each other back and forth. I do believe the Honourable Member for Rock Lake had the floor. I should like to remind him that he cannot ask a question of a previous speaker, for the simple reason that the other speaker cannot speak again; he has already exhausted his time. The Honourable Member for Rock Lake.

MR. EINARSON: Well, Mr. Speaker, I will certainly co-operate with you in this respect and merely say that I am concerned about the expenditures that this government is putting forth insofar as this aspect of the department is concerned and I want to, Mr. Speaker, register my protest because I don't think that we have had satisfactory answers when we dealt with the estimates clause by clause.

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

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, it's not my intention to make any lengthy speech but I am very -- if you wish I can make a lengthy speech.

Mr. Speaker, there's obviously a misconception in the minds of some of the members opposite you know, and let's get the records straight. First of all he talks about the Management Committee of Cabinet and the expenditures of the Management Committee of Cabinet. First of all let me say that the Management Committee of Cabinet is just what it says - it's made up of Cabinet Ministers. It could be three, four, five, any number you choose. They are members of the Executive Council of the Province of Manitoba. They are members of this Assembly. Surely you're not talking about them, what you are talking about -- because their salaries are not included here anyway -- what you're talking about obviously and by reference to the figures is to the Secretariat of the Management Committee. You're talking about the staff that services the Management Committee of Cabinet. That's fine. Okay, let's get that straight.

So I would like to indicate, Mr. Speaker, that the staff of the Secretariat of the Management Committee, to my knowledge, and I don't have the statistics here, I think probably 95 percent of the staff of the Management Secretariat that is servicing the Government of Manitoba today was the same staff that was servicing the honourable members opposite when they formed the government of this province. The Secretary of the Management Committee of Cabinet is the same secretary who's been in that job for many a year.

MR. SPEAKER: Order. I should like to indicate to the Honourable Member for Lakeside that he will have an opportunity to speak. The next time he interrupts I am afraid I shall have to ask him not to with a little more severity. The Honourable Minister.

MR. EVANS: And to make the record very clear and to clear up the misconceptions that obviously exist in the minds of the honourable members opposite, the bulk of the staff, the bulk of the Secretariat are people who were and have been in the employ of the Civil Service of Manitoba for years and years and years. Now there obviously is a bit of turnover but I can say categorically from my knowledge that everyone of these members are residents of the Province of Manitoba, probably most of them were born here. But let me, having said that I would hasten to add that it's no sin to have been born in some other province or anywhere on the face of this good earth of ours, that's no sin really is it?

But the other point, I find it incredible, honourable members opposite, they raise questions about expenditure of welfare payments. They raise questions about education expenditures. They raise questions about grants to this organization. They raise questions about the growing expenditures in some other field of government activity, and on and on and on. You know, you're spending too much here or you're spending too much there. As the Honourable House Leader pointed out, this is the one area in government that serves as the watchdog. It's a built-in watchdog of government spending. Now the Honourable Member from Swan River laughs. The honourable member - never mind - the Honourable Member from Swan River, the Honourable Member from Fort Garry have never been in government and they should talk to the Honourable Member from Riel who was in government and who can tell you from his experience, he'll tell you from his experience that day to day, week to week expenditures, month to month expenditures, in fact the budget before it even comes here is scrutinized by the Secretariat. This one secretariat, this one built-in watchdog that we want to expand by adding a few people, a few competent people to make sure that the dollars of the taxpayers of Manitoba are being spent as efficiently and as prudently as possible. The one area, Mr. Speaker, that we think that deserves the support of every member of this House. You know, particularly those who are so concerned about our various programs, our various new programs which do involve some money. But the one area, the one single area of government - the one staff in government whose job it is to question every ruddy dollar that's spent, rosy dollar --(Interjection)-- blinking, I said ruddy dollar -- every dollar that is spent, no matter what it is ...

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

MR. G. JOHNSTON: What was the opinion of the Management Committee on the \$7,200,00 junket on the Lord Selkirk by the Department of Welfare officials.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. As I have indicated on many occasions, questions of clarification may be asked providing they were contained in the debate. The Honourable Minister.

MR. EVANS: Well, you know, Mr. Speaker, if it wasn't out of order I could answer that question, because one of the things this Management Committee has to do, if the government is holding any conference and requires certain expenditure money, it wants to make sure that for

(MR. EVANS cont'd) that dollar spent that we're getting the best return on that particular dollar.

We want to make sure that if we have to hire a group of consultants to study water control in some area of the province to build a Pembina dam, if we ever want to build a Pembina dam or we ever -- if we want to construct for instance a government building in, let us say in the City of Portage la Prairie, it is the function of this Secretariat to look and make sure that the deals, the contracts, etc, the price of land, the cost of construction - all of these items are checked. Here is your built-in watchdog. And surely the Honourable Member for Rhineland, of all the people who is so concerned about spending money, should not - surely this is the one item, in fact he should get up on his feet and say we want more money there, we want more people there, we want more built in checks and balances about government spending. That's what he should be doing.

MR. FROESE: Mr. Speaker, I think I could do better than that whole committee.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Order, please. Again I must remind members it's irregular to interrupt that way. The Honourable Minister.

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, the House Leader was so right, too, when he said that all members of Cabinet are concerned about the Executive Council because we are all members of the Executive Council and we've all had experience I think with practically no exception, to serving on both of these two - there are only two committees of Cabinet - and we've all had experience in one way or other in varying degrees, varying amounts of times on both committees and we are familiar with the staff and we are very concerned that the staff that we have is not excessive staff. But on the other hand when you say, you know, you shouldn't increase the size of the staff of the Management Committee Secretariat, gentlemen you are suggesting false economy, nothing but false economy. And if you want to cut your nose off to spite your face, go ahead and do it, but I say you really don't know what you're talking about when you criticise this particular item. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for La Verendrye.

MR. LEONARD A. BARKMAN (La Verendrye): I wonder, Mr. Speaker, if the Honourable Minister who just spoke, I cannot quite, unless I have my figures mixed up, he says that it is definitely a known fact that 95 percent of the former staff is still with the present staff. I can't figure this out when the First Minister approximately a month ago gave us the figure, a staff of 64 in 1971 and in 1972 a staff of 84; that does not really relate to the same 95 percent does it?

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

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, I don't know whether I didn't hear the Honourable First Minister and the Honourable Member for La Verendrye hasn't explained whether that particular figure related to all the Secretariat staff of both committees including the Executive Council clerical staff, I think that's what he was referring to. But we're talking and I've been talking about one element of the staff, one section of the staff, the Management Secretariat, and I'd like to take it - now that you challenge me - I think it may be 98 percent not 95 percent. There has really been very little change.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

MR. SHERMAN: Mr. Speaker, the mathematics, the question that the Honourable Member for La Verendrye just raised also leads into another interesting area of mathematics which was interjected a moment ago in an informal way by my colleague the Member for Lakeside in reference to the Minister's remark that 95 percent of the members of the Secretariat were there before and serviced the former administration. The conclusion therefore must be that the other five percent is responsible for the \$300,000 increase in salaries and that's a pretty attractive rate of remuneration for those five percent obviously. --(Interjection)-- Yes, I have heard of raises, but I haven't experienced them with anything like the degree of size and scope and attractiveness - they're being made available apparently to members of the Secretariat and other quasi government agencies that are serving this government in its administrative role.

Mr. Speaker, nobody objects to a watchdog. The Minister of Industry and Commerce has referred to the fact that the Management Committee Secretariat and the Management Committee itself is the watchdog of spending, the watchdog of spending by the Executive Council. That is absolute nonsense in the strict parliamentary sense, Mr. Speaker. The watchdog of government spending, the watchdog of the operations, fiscal and otherwise of the Executive Council is the Opposition and it's all well and good for the Minister and his colleagues to try to justify the expansion and the increase of expense in this area by saying this is a watchdog role. But the

(MR. SHERMAN cont'd) basic watchdog role is this one and I ask the Minister this, even allowing, even allowing him to have a watchdog around the offices of the Cabinet, who is to watch the watchdog? Who is to say that the watchdog doesn't need some watching? --(Interjection)-- And that's why we're on our feet on this side of the House because the watchdog employed by this government obviously does need a tremendous amount of watching when the expenses can go up as much as they've gone in this particular area. The Minister of Industry and Commerce says members on this side of the House have asked questions about this, they've asked questions that, they've asked questions about everything. Well that's an eloquent testimonial to our role in this Chamber. I say thank heaven for that.

I'm glad and the Minister should be glad and the people of Manitoba can certainly be glad that we are asking all those questions, because this is where the dollar bills have to be accounted for. And we say that this spending is unnecessary; we have said from the outset that the spending program of this government could be reduced and should be reduced by 10 percent and it could start right here in the quasi official, quasi public service role that is performed by agencies of government such as this one. It could start right here, that's where the reduction in spending, the reduction in expansion should begin, and the purpose of the questions that the Minister refers to from this side of the House has been precisely that - to slash that kind of growth, to stop it now, to slash that spending and put some sense back into the government spending program. If it can't start here where an Advisory Committee, a watchdog committee has produced an increase in spending on the part of this government by this amount, by the kind of size that we're faced with here, if it can't start here, then it can't start anywhere. We've had enough and the taxpayers of Manitoba have had enough of that kind of increase and the Minister can't justify it on the grounds that it's being provided -- it's a kind of operational ability being provided a watchdog, because it's a bone that's being tossed to a watchdog and the watchdog doesn't need all those bones.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Winnipeg Centre.

MR. BOYCE: It seems a little strange that . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The honourable member has spoken on this item, I believe.

MR. CLERK: Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$16,262,900 for Agriculture.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Riel.

MR. CRAIK: Yes. Mr. Speaker, I think it is a pretty serious matter on the Department of Agriculture when we do not have the Minister in his Chair, and this point has been raised earlier in the day . . .

MR. PAULLEY: . . . raising a point of order, I want to point out to him . . .

MR. CRAIK: . . . as indeed I did a moment . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The honourable member was not raising a point of order, he was speaking to the Estimates. The Honourable Member for Riel.

MR. CRAIK: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Member for Swan River, that the House adjourn.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion lost.

A MEMBER: Pardon me.

MR. SPEAKER: In my opinion the motion is lost.

MR. CRAIK: Ayes and nays, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Call in the members.

Order, please. The motion before the House is a motion to adjourn the House.

A STANDING VOTE was taken, the result being as follows:

YEAS: Messrs. Barkman, Bilton, Borowski, Craik, Einarson, Enns, Ferguson, Froese, Henderson, F. Johnston, McGill, McKellar, Moug, Sherman and Mrs. Trueman.

NAYS: Messrs. Adam, Barrow, Boyce, Burtniak, Desjardins, Doern, Evans, Gonick, Gottfried, Green, Jenkins, Johannson, G. Johnston, McBryde, Mackling, Malinowski, Paulley, Petursson, Schreyer, Shafransky, Toupin, Turnbull, Uskiw, Uruski and Walding.

MR. CLERK: Yeas, 15; Nays, 25.

MR. SPEAKER declared the motion lost.

MR. SPEAKER: Agricultural concurrence.

MR. CLERK: Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$11,682,100 for Attorney-General.

MR. JAMES H. BILTON (Swan River): Oh, Attorney-General.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Order, please. We're on Resolution 4 now, the Attorney-General. The Honourable Member for Swan River wish to speak on it?

MR. BILTON: Mr. Speaker, before this item is passed, in spite of what has gone on this afternoon, which disappoints me greatly - and there were members wishing to speak on Agriculture, but however that's gone by. I want to say, Mr. Speaker, I wonder why the haste that we're experiencing today in this very very important matter. A good deal of interesting discussion has gone on this afternoon pointing out the weakness of our current situation; and surely, Sir, if this sort of thing is going to be maintained, I believe the rules committee have a problem in developing some situation in order that this sort of thing, that is concurrence, can be approached in a more rational manner.

Mr. Speaker, with regard to this item under discussion, I was unable to receive satisfaction to my suggestions - which was perhaps at the time a recommendation that a better effort be made to intensify the program of training and appointing special constables to Indian and Metis areas in the remote parts of our province. You will recall, Sir, that at the time the Estimates were being examined I emphasized this problem, and nowhere do I see or did I hear any response to what I thought was a suggestion well worthwhile. I realize, Mr. Speaker, that an effort is being made by the government in training these men at the moment but I don't think they're attaching the importance to the matter that it rightfully deserves. I say this with conviction, Mr. Speaker, because the people themselves in my own area appealed to me in no uncertain terms to bring it on the floor of the House and this I did. And in the amount of money that is being allotted to the Attorney-General's department, it seems to me that in a two million dollar increase over the year before, that somehow or other this situation can be taken much more seriously.

I feel too, Mr. Speaker, that the remote areas that I'm speaking of - and they're not quite as remote as further north - they're not getting the police protection that they should have. I have a letter here before me where liquor is being referred to, and in fact my correspondent indicated that a child was being offered for sale in order to buy more liquor. I have word too, Mr. Speaker, of wanton behaviour by those under the influence; of damaging public property and creating havoc amongst people, in many cases being unable to defend themselves. I'm quite aware of the fact that insofar as the cost factor is concerned and personnel are concerned, there are some 14 men - Swan River - and they're located in Swan River - but on call weekends or what have you, they have to drive 60, 70, 80 miles to the point of crime or where the call is being made. And this I feel should be improved, improved to this extent that that number of men might be spread out into this 250 square-mile constituency with many small towns, villages and three Indian Reserves to a better advantage in order that these people might get the protection that they're entitled to.

I brought the message no less than on three occasions during this session. I even mentioned it during the Minister of Northern Affairs' Estimates asking for his co-operation to use his influence in order to expedite, encourage and develop the program I'm attempting to relate to you.

I was rather disappointed, Mr. Speaker, that we did not get more information on the confrontation at Headingley Jail. The Attorney-General told us that there would not be a report made to the House, and that of course is his privilege and he has a right to make that statement. But I feel that we as representatives of the people, Mr. Speaker, might be taken into his confidence as to the situation there and if there is a reason, a smoldering reason as to why that situation erupted - and important as it may be, or unimportant as it may be, the damage to property. What concerns me in situations such as that, Mr. Speaker, is that people may be maimed, and worse still may even be killed in the performance of their duty in bringing peace amongst men who for one reason or other have taken leave of themselves.

When dealing with the Estimates, Mr. Speaker, I suggested that first offenders be taken from the environment and transferred to the open spaces of the province. It is probably being done on a small scale, but I haven't heard of it. During the Estimates I explained what I knew of and asked the Attorney-General if he would continue the effort that I witnessed in the Duck Mountains - and certainly for the goodwill and the well-being of first offenders, or second offenders if you like. As I said at the time, Mr. Speaker, the work they could do could be

(MR. BILTON cont'd) useful to the province, it would be better for their mentality and nothing but good could come of it. I am sorry to say - again referring to this amount of money that has been allocated to the Attorney-General, with an increase of \$2 million over last year - that nowhere was I able to sense that there was any intention or any concerted intention to do what I was suggesting.

Not too long ago, Mr. Speaker, - whilst we've been in session at Headingley Jail - two guards were convicted for taking upon themselves the right to dispose of public property. Again I say, Mr. Speaker, does this suggest that there is a smouldering of unrest of the officials in that jail - and if that is the case, it's bound, it's bound to find itself in the inmates and nothing but trouble can be expected.

I can't help but think, Mr. Speaker, if that's been allowed to go on for a couple of years or twelve months, that there appears to be some laxity in the administrative capabilities of those responsible for that institution. I don't say that with malice. I say it with intent, Mr. Speaker, that in an institution of that kind there must not be the slightest bit of looseness insofar as the institution is concerned, in the general maintenance of good conduct. Public monies, Mr. Speaker, and public properties are involved - and the province I humbly suggest to you, Sir, cannot afford to have carelessness and lack of promptness in action in the public interest, not only of the welfare of the public purse, but in the welfare of the people of the province of Manitoba. And more important, Mr. Speaker, in the well-being of men that are contained in that institution for their own good and society's good. Nowhere should there be laxness or carelessness that can bring on something we experienced not too long ago, the consequences of which, Mr. Speaker, could have been disastrous. It's all very well for us to sit back and look at the TV and see the action and read what happened in the newspapers, but only the men that are responsible on the grounds realize the seriousness of such a situation.

Fortunately there was no life lost, Mr. Speaker, but there can be a next time and a next time - and throughout the North American continent society has been plagued with uprisings in institutions of this kind. I would hope and I would trust that the Attorney-General in his wisdom will see to it that nothing is left undone to correct any situation that may take place in the institution itself, and that he will see to it that the staff at all costs and in all spheres of endeavour in the institution are properly selected people to do a properly selected job. And surely out of it all, wrong doers or those that have committed an offense against society will accept with appreciation what the people of Manitoba are endeavouring to do. And of course, with the habitual criminal, he has to be tolerated because there are many hundreds of them across Canada who have been in and out of jails and penitentiaries all their lives, and will continue to do so - but even those people, Mr. Speaker, should have that human touch and should have that human understanding . . .

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

MR. SCHREYER: Well, my point of order is now redundant. The honourable member has completed his remarks. I just know that the Member for Swan River is one who always intends to obey the rules and it strikes me that his address having to do with corrections really is improperly delivered on the Estimates of this department. The member nods his head. The important thing I suppose is that he has given us the benefit of his views - and has done so.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Swan River.

MR. BILTON: I thank the Honourable First Minister, and I appreciate what he has said. I have noted him do the same thing on occasion - and it's not my intention to rise on the Estimates under which that item will take place. So I was taking advantage of the opportunity, so he'll only have to listen to me once. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Well, Mr. Speaker, I only have one matter to bring up under the Attorney-General's department and that is the method by which the legal society - and I guess the Attorney-General himself and the Department have found a very ingenious way to finance legal aid for people in need of such aid. It seems to me that sometimes when someone goes to attack a group - and no matter how nice a way - they usually start out by saying, some of my best friends are lawyers, in this case - some of my best friends are lawyers. But I'm amazed at the legal fraternity in the ingenious manner in which they have got someone else to pay fees to them to protect people who are in need of a lawyer and can't afford it themselves.

So what is happening - and here we are now going to make it the law. We are going to take the interest of monies that belong to someone - for years the banks took the money, you

(MR. G. JOHNSTON cont'd) might almost call it stealing - although probably they would tell you by way of an explanation, that they didn't have computers in those days and they couldn't compute the interest.

MR. SPEAKER: The Attorney-General on a point of order. Will you state the point of order ?

MR. MACKLING: There is nothing in the Estimates of the Attorney-General's department dealing with the subject matter, the precise subject matter that the honourable member is dealing with - but there is a bill before the House, and he will have an opportunity to debate on that bill.

MR. SPEAKER: The point is well taken. The Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Well, Mr. Speaker, I don't wish to have you become cross at me at this late hour in the week - but I'm talking about the method through which people have their legal aid financed; and it's being given the blessings, I understand, by the Attorney-General. I'm objecting to the method that the government has taken in this regard to finance the helping of one group at the expense of another group - not at the general expense, but at the expense of a group of people - and I do object, Mr. Speaker, when I see for years and years people with modest estates; small amounts of money; a few thousands of dollars, not tens of thousands of dollars - money is placed in trust, and there's no interest. I'm sure the banks would say the reason was because the money went in and out so quickly that it was hard to compute interest. So the banks had the use of the money, but the well-off people with large amounts of money wouldn't put up with that for one moment. They had their money held in trust in a method by which they received the interest which was rightfully due to them. So now we have a case where the government's going to give its blessing, where they are going to take the interest from small estates which previously the banks kept. Now the government's going to get their hands on this money and use it to finance the paying of lawyers to defend people who haven't the money or the means to hire a lawyer for themselves.

That doesn't make it right. The banks - when you borrow money from a bank on a day by day basis, they can compute that interest in a split second and charge you - and charge you; so should they be able to compute the interest that they owe on trust accounts, whether it's for two days or two months. So I'm surprised that the government that many times has said that they're for the poorer person and the modest income person and so on, would allow this to happen. If there was an injustice, why not correct the injustice. If you are going to finance legal aid, why not finance it from the general revenue of the province, not from the group of people who have small estates - the widow or the spouse who is having a small amount transferred on to a member of the family or whatever. And I really fail to see how this could happen - well, it's legalizing robbery, that's what it is. It's legalizing it. You're taking somebody's money, the interest on somebody's money - \$500,000 a year I am told, the amount - and you are going to use it for a purpose. Why doesn't that money be returned to the people who it belongs to? -- (Interjection)-- Well, you can pass a law to take the money, I'm sure you can - it's a Federal law, banking is a Federal matter. With computers today, there's no excuse in the world for banks not paying the legal amount of interest, whether it's on deposit for one day or one month or one week. If you owe the bank for one extra day, or one extra month you pay - you pay them - so why do we say, well it happened before, so now we've found a way of getting our hands on that interest, and we're going to use it for a particular purpose. Morally it's not right and I'm surprised that government would take this approach.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Thompson.

MR. JOSEPH P. BOROWSKI (Thompson): Mr. Speaker, I have a few words to say on the Attorney-General's department. I would much prefer to speak on the Censorship Bill and get it over with, but unfortunately we won't have that opportunity. But there are several items of importance here, that I think many people are concerned with, and that is the double standard that's being practised by the government regarding prosecutions.

Before I get into that, Mr. Speaker, I would like to deal with the Chief Inspector's annual report, the Liquor Control Act. I noticed on Page 6 that in 1971 a total of 20,795 inspections were carried out by that department, which included not just regular businesses but trains and planes. And to show you, Mr. Speaker, how concerned they are in Manitoba, they even have a refractometer - this is a machine that can test the alcohol strength and they use this to see to it that the customer isn't getting gypped. And that's pretty commendable, Mr. Speaker, and I wouldn't even bother mentioning this if there was - if one didn't see the Attorney-General in

(MR. BOROWSKI cont'd) other areas taking a completely different attitude.

Liquor seizures, there was 6,653 liquor seizures under the Act. The first few pages, Mr. Speaker, indicate that this government is treating liquor like it was the greatest scourge that ever afflicted mankind - much greater than heroin or marijuana or any of the other drugs; or highway safety which kills so many people, certainly a lot more than alcohol. And it's really amazing, reading this report, Mr. Speaker - and I recommend to the members of the House to read the report to show with what enthusiasm and diligence the Attorney-General and his department go after those who violate the liquor laws. But isn't it strange, Mr. Speaker, in other areas that fall under the Attorney-General like theatres, and smut that's being shown in them - where's our laws for these people? We have the same type of laws, we have a Board and we have, I believe, one inspector. Mr. Speaker, has anybody in this House - does anybody in this House recall the last time a theatre owner was inspected and brought in to court and fined - does anybody remember such an occasion?

On Page 18, Mr. Speaker, there is suspension of licenses, and it gives you three pages of suspensions of licences of hotels - six of them are serviced to juveniles - now, Mr. Speaker, anybody can make a mistake. I know some deliberately do; but some are honest mistakes - their penalty for that mistake, the violation of that law was a three-day closure of the hotel; in one case it was closed for four months. And, Mr. Speaker, where are the laws, where is our Attorney-General in his enforcement when it comes to the theatres in Manitoba? Do we have two types of law; one for the guy who sells booze and one for the guy who makes several thousand percent peddling smut. And where's the law, Mr. Speaker, for those who wreck public property, as in the case of Headingley jail. We had a case here the other day of a man at Elphinstone, who had been broken into fifteen times - and in desperation, because he can't get protection from the police that he pays a great deal of money for, he took the law into his own hands; took the shotgun and captured three of them - captured four of them, and when one of the break-in artists was escaping, he fired and hit her in the leg, I believe. You know what this government did to him? They hauled him into court like a common criminal and fined him \$10,000.

Last year - yes and those guys at Headingley broke the law too, but it doesn't seem to bother this government; because 18 prisoners did \$10,000 worth of damage and wrecked the prison, there seems to be no law for them - the phony double standard that's practised by this government --(Interjection)-- Knowing you, I will not permit a question.

Mr. Speaker, I am not permitting a question. Last year we had a businessman defending his business in Winnipeg. He was robbed three times and he surprised another break-in artist - and I don't recall if he fired a gun or not, but he was hauled into court; he was hauled into court and charged for having an offensive weapon, or discharging an offensive weapon. I don't recall the case. I remembered I offered to pay the fine for him if the magistrate fined him. In this case the magistrate had more sense and more consistency than this government, and he allowed the man to go away scot free.

But I am asking you, Sir, and I'm asking the Attorney-General and this government, what kind of standards can the people of Manitoba expect when 18 people wreck a jail - public funds which I understand cost \$10,000 - and not a finger is lifted, not a finger is lifted by this government. They are waiting for some phony report that I understand the government had for two weeks - but they didn't wait for a report on the Elphinstone case. It didn't take them very long to haul the businessman into jail or into court because he was protecting his property - for which the Attorney-General is responsible.

Also in the Headingley jail, Mr. Speaker, we pay guards a great deal of money - we train them to carry out certain functions. I visited the jail after the riot and spoke to some of the guards, and of course they wouldn't speak - because they say, if you want to speak off the record, Mr. Borowski, we will speak. If it's official, we can't tell you anything. We have a job to think about.

Well I've received anonymous telephone calls, Mr. Speaker, that the guards are terrified; they walk down the corridors and they're spat upon, and they're called every filthy name in the book. It's a big joke, because they know the prisoners know that they can do anything in that place and the Attorney-General's going to back them up, instead of backing up the guards. We pay these people money, I think they're entitled to protection and consideration from this government, not the other way around. Instead of protecting criminals, they should be protecting the people that we hire to protect the citizens, and I condemn the Attorney-General for that kind of an action.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Attorney-General.

MR. MACKLING: Well, Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that it is 20 after 5 o'clock and the House Leader may be inclined to adjourn at 5:30, I'll start with the remarks of the Honourable Member from Thompson which were intemperately aimed at me personally, I think in part, and generally in respect to the role of the Department for which I'm responsible. Now he accused this government and this Attorney-General of having a double standard. I reject that sort of intemperate, belligerent attack out of hand. It is true that we are concerned about crime, about the overindulgence of alcohol and that is manifest in the report that he referred to. We are also concerned with the escalation of violence in our society, and people who resort to the use of weapons in society are going to escalate the use of weapons in society. If I can I'm going to play my part in trying to maintain that the use of weapons, the use of guns, the use of knives, the use of violent technique is de-escalated in our society rather than escalated. I don't believe that there should be more and more people carrying guns to protect themselves. I believe that we should be able to protect ourselves - I think we should be able to protect ourselves through understandings and laws that are respected in society without having to resort to the barbarism of violence.

Now the honourable member suggests that the Attorney-General's Department is wrong in prosecuting charges against a merchant. Well I want the facts -- I can't comment too far on the case, Mr. Speaker, because I have a respect for the court and I have a respect for the individual who's involved who has a defence counsel and who may wish to appeal the sentence. But let me go this far, to just recall the evidence that appeared in the newspapers. There were a number of juveniles that had been apprehended in the store; one was fleeing, running out of the door; there was no danger to the merchant that there would be some violent result to his person. He wasn't in danger of his life, or that there would be any harm done to his person. Would any reasonable person in society suggest that under those circumstances someone ought to take a weapon and shoot at someone who is fleeing? Now is the Attorney-General's Department, is society wrong in suggesting that one ought not to attempt to maim another person unless your life is in danger? --(Interjection)-- Well, that's the suggestion that comes from the honourable member. --(Interjection)-- Now he's suggesting that it was wrong to prosecute this gentleman, wrong to prosecute this gentleman and I suggest that as long as I'm Attorney-General anyone who resorts to violence when violence is unnecessary will be prosecuted. --(Interjection)

Now the honourable member is continuing to rant from his seat, and I'll certainly let him do that. Now he says that the Attorney-General's Department is in possession of a report. Well, I haven't seen the report. The honourable member knows me and if he doesn't respect my word, let him keep on ranting and saying those things. But I say to this House that I have not seen that report; the honourable member has been told that by me; he doesn't believe me; and therefore my respect for him is that much diminished, because he rants and raves in this House to that effect. I've said in this House, and I've said it and I repeat it today - that if on the basis of the report that I received there are recommendations that certain persons should be prosecuted, they will be prosecuted. --(Interjection)-- Well I can hear again utterances - hogwash from my rear - from the member who sits behind me - not from my rear. And that is disrespect for --(Interjection)-- I'm quite certain. But let me indicate to honourable members that the admonition, Mr. Speaker, of hogwash ...

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. I can't hear the honourable member when he turns away. I indicated to the Honourable Attorney-General that I can't hear him when he turns away.

MR. MACKLING: Well I'll turn this way, Mr. Speaker, and I'll repeat again that the words "hogwash" came from the Honourable Member from Thompson. --(Interjection)-- Well now he says he really meant that it was b. s. , Mr. Speaker, and you know I take his address for what it's worth.

Mr. Speaker, the honourable member says that we indulge in a double standard - we prosecute those who over indulge in alcohol, or that purvey alcohol under unreasonable circumstances - and we don't prosecute those who peddle smut. I would like the honourable member to turn and look at the pages of the Criminal Code of Canada, and reflect on the criminal reports of Canada, and find where any other province in the Dominion of Canada has prosecuted so successfully the purveyors of smut in Canada. That means that the honourable member doesn't know what he's talking about, Mr. Speaker. The fact of the matter is, Mr. Speaker, as I've told the honourable member personally, privately and publicly, my law officers indicate to me that on the basis of the provisions of the Amusements Act as it's now provided, we cannot

(MR. MACKLING cont'd) successfully prosecute either a theatre or a juvenile for an offence of a juvenile attending one of those so-called smut movies when really they ought not to be allowed to enter those premises. And I've indicated publicly, Mr. Speaker, also my complete distaste for the kind of degrading, degenerative attitudes that seem to prevail on the part of those who want to commercialize smut. --(Interjection)--

Now I get all sorts of rough advice in this Chamber from the Honourable Member from Thompson, and from some of the honourable members opposite. They have an opportunity to argue this when this bill comes before this House - and let's hear what their attitudes are. But, Mr. Speaker, let me make it clear that we have in this department - and I personally haven't shied from the responsibility that is ours in dealing with this - and the honourable member knows that we took one movie theater to court. It was a precedent breaking situation - but the honourable member continues to insinuate that we're prepared to do nothing and have what he calls a phony double standard - and I suggest to you, Mr. Speaker, that his arguments were phony. Now if I have leave to continue - or I'll speak later.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether or not this might be the occasion to call the adjournment of the House - and in calling for the adjournment of the House it will not preclude the Honourable the Attorney-General for continuing dissertation at the next time we meet. It is always in order to move the adjournment of the House - it's a beautiful weekend, let us enjoy ourselves - so therefore I move, seconded by the Honourable the Minister for Public Works, that the House do now adjourn.

MR. SHERMAN: . . . the government - the House Leader would be kind enough to indicate to us what the order of business is likely to be after Orders of the Day, or on Orders of the Day on Monday.

MR. PAULLEY: . . . as prescribed in the document that will be before us the next time we meet.

MR. SHERMAN: Mr. Speaker, could I ask the government House Leader whether we will be on concurrences or on bills?

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, really why I said what I did is because each session is a separate session; we will go through the routine procedures, the oral question period, and if it will meet the convenience - and I want to accommodate the convenience of all members of the Assembly - that we go into concurrence, then I'm quite prepared to call that order of business first, in order to accommodate my honourable friend. But we do have, oh quiet - but we do have a proper procedure that we have to go through when each sitting is a separate sitting. I give my assurance to my honourable friend the Member for Fort Garry that I will consider very seriously the continuation of concurrence the next time we meet.

MR. SPEAKER: On the point of procedure, is the Honourable House Leader meeting on Monday at 10? Or is there a committee?

MR. PAULLEY: No, Mr. Speaker, I believe the notices have been given out that there will be a meeting on Monday morning of Economic Development; there will be a meeting on Tuesday of Public Utilities; there will be a meeting on Law Amendments on Thursday; there will be a meeting of the House, however, at 10 o'clock on Wednesday.

I told - Mr. Speaker, my honourable friend is listening with closed ears. He knows that the committees will meet in the morning; the House cannot meet in the morning because of that - we will be meeting at 2:30 Monday.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Labour moved a motion, but his seconder has disappeared.

A MEMBER: The Attorney-General.

MR. PAULLEY: You're right, Mr. Speaker . . .

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried and the House adjourned until 2:30 Monday afternoon.