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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

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INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

MR. CHAIRMAN: Before we proceed this evening I'd like to draw the attention of the members to the gallery where we have 23 members of the First Kirkfield Iroquois Troop of the Scouts under the direction of Mr. Kacsmar, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Dunlop and Mrs. Campbell. This group is from the constituency of the Honourable Member for Assiniboia. On behalf of all the honourable members I welcome you to the proceedings.

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 80 (a). The Honourable Minister of Labour.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Chairman, in introducing the Estimates for the Department of Labour, I can quite understand the interjections of my honourable friends opposite by the use of the word "pass", because I am convinced that insofar as those opposite, that there hasn't been a segment of the citizens of Manitoba who have been passed by so much by those in opposition as those who produce in the Province of Manitoba, and to me it is quite typical that I hear from my fellow Assembly members opposite the word "pass".

I also note, and I suppose that there is some reason for it, that when we enter into the Estimates of the Department of Labour, I cannot help but notice the absence of the Leader of the Conservative Party, and I temper this by knowing that at the present time my honourable friend, the Leader of the Conservative Party, is incapacitated physically. But I do note, also, the absence of the Leader in this House, if one may say so, of the Liberal Party. From time to time -- (Interjection) -- my honourable friend from Lakeside in his normal verbose, say, where is my leader. My leader, is being represented by his Minister of Labour at the present time and I don't know where my honourable friend, the Member from Lakeside spent the supper hour, but I am here answering for the government; I am here answering for the government as its spokesman in the Department of Labour and I want to say I do regret the absence of members of the opposition who are wont to go on the hustings and act as spokesmen in the interests of labour.

At the offset of my remarks, Mr. Chairman, I want to put on record unequivocally where this party stands in respect of the trade union movement and the employees of Manitoba, because we fully support the principle of collective bargaining in the Province of Manitoba. I suggest, Mr. Chairman, this is . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: . . . The Chair is having difficulty in hearing what the Honourable Minister is saying.

MR. PAULLEY: I want to say and reiterate, despite the interjections by my honourable friends opposite, that this government stands four square behind the principle of collective bargaining between employee and employer in the Province of Manitoba, and I recognize that this is rather peculiar in many jurisdictions. I recognize that while lip service was given to this principle by the previous administration that this government is determined to give to every employee and to every employer legislative permission to give to each the opportunity to sit down around a conference table and to iron out any difficulties that they may have.

You know, Mr. Speaker, it has been said in some quarters that there isn't the right to participate in collective bargaining and I reject that contention. Where the difficulty arises is because so many of our employees in the Province of Manitoba are coerced by their employers. It is a shame that so many of our employees are coerced by their employers which in effect prevents them from taking full participation in the laws that we have in this Province. I am determined, if I may be a little personal, that I am determined that while I happen to be the Minister of Labour in the Province of Manitoba to do whatever I can to make sure that every employee, without prejudice or without coercion, have free rights of collective bargaining.

You know, Mr. Chairman, day after day over my desk as Minister I receive letters from individuals who are prejudiced against because they are deprived of their rights; not legislative rights, they are there, but they are deprived of their rights because of the pressures put upon them, and I want to reiterate that as far as I am concerned, and I think, Mr. Chairman, that every member of this Assembly should adopt the same attitude, that no one in this Province

(MR. PAULLEY cont'd) . . . of ours should be deprived of their rights to associate themselves in organizations for their well-being. The law is there, it is up to us as legislators to see that the law is adhered and the rights and privileges under the law are accorded to each and every employee, and of course to each employer as well in the Province of Manitoba. This is the objective of this government and its Minister of Labour in the Province of Manitoba.

I am pleased, Mr. Chairman, to once again having the privilege of introducing the Estimates of the Department of Labour. I say that to a considerable degree that many of the members of this House have devoted their time for the consideration of the Estimates of the Department. I think this reflects that there is wide interest in the programs and legislation the Department administers, which directly or indirectly concerns most employees and employers in the province and the general public as well.

I listened with a great deal of interest this afternoon to the remarks of the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition, dealing with the matter of succession duties and the likes of that. I listened with a great deal of interest to his participation in that debate and his affirmations that in order that this Province of Manitoba may go forward, that we should be concerned with the income of our citizens, with the production of our industries and I trust and hope that my honourable friend the Leader of the Opposition will take this into consideration when we are dealing with the estimates of the Department of Labour, because after all, Mr. Chairman, what is, what really is meant by productivity if it is not the application of human resources to natural resources in order to produce the wealth of this province.

So I suggest to my honourable friends opposite that the criteria of advancement in this province particularly, is the application of human resources to our natural resources in order to produce the wealth that we feel is required, not only to provide, not only to provide, Mr. Chairman, for assistance for those less fortunate than ourselves, but to provide for the wealth that is necessary to educate our children, to provide for medical and hospital care and the like. I think, Sir, that if we here in the Province of Manitoba only recognize the contribution that the employees, and the employers give to the creation of this wealth, and recognize this partnership, instead of degregating our financial situation in Manitoba, as indeed the Leader of the Opposition attempted to do this afternoon, that if we join hand in hand, we would be making a contribution to the well-being, not only of Manitobans as a whole, but of this great Dominion of Canada as well. And when I talk of employees and employers, in deference to my honourable friend the Member from Arthur, I include the agricultural worker as well, because they can and do make a contribution. But it is the toiler of the soil, it is the toiler of the factory combined that produces the wealth for the well-being of this province, and the present Minister of Agriculture my dear friend, recognizes this. But there is a difference today, is there not; that the Minister of Agriculture today recognizes that fact whereas the Minister of Agriculture in the previous administration did not -- (Interjection) -- So I suggest, Mr. Chairman, that the importance of the programs and legislation within the Department of Labour is well recognized.

I appreciate the interest that members of this Assembly have given in the past and I hope they will once again. This year in the Estimates of the Department you will see honourable friends an increase of over \$400,000, or an increase of 27 percent in the Estimates of the Department of Labour. (Interjection) -- That's right. My honourable friend, the Member for Swan River states that he thought better of me than that, but unlike my honourable friend from Swan River I recognize that in order to do the job it's going to cost more money in order to produce more wealth in the Province of Manitoba, in order even to take care of the increase that my honourable friend from Swan River received in his indemnity last year. -- (Interjection) -- Part? No we did equally as well and all I'm suggesting to my honourable friend from Swan River is that there should be equal treatment between management and labour and I think this is alien and foreign to my honourable friend from Swan River as a result of some of the indications I have received from him in such matters as minimum wages and the likes of that -- (Interjection) -- That's right, that's right, the old pensioner himself who rejected the proposition of the Conservative Party that even a pensioner on \$25,000 should receive relief from school taxes, which I rejected. So I don't want my honourable friend, the Member for Lakeside, Mr. Chairman, to raise that again. Surely his head should be bowed in shame as a result of the proposition of his party. -- (Interjection) -- I would suggest, Mr. Chairman, my honourable friend is perfectly correct because there is no one who's more capable of uttering idiotical nonsensical utterances than my honourable friend from Lakeside.

But apart from that, Mr. Chairman, but apart from that, Mr. Chairman, part of the

(MR. PAULLEY cont'd) . . . increase I refer to is necessary of course to simply meet the increased cost of providing the services we have provided in the past and to provide similar services in respect of a larger labour force and more building and equipment installations in the province. And on this note, Mr. Chairman, how fallacious are the statements emanating from the Official Opposition in this province regarding the labour force in the Province of Manitoba. It is the largest labour force ever in the history of Manitoba, despite the doom and gloom utterances of the likes of the Member for Souris-Killarney. He claimed, Mr. Chairman, just to refer to my honourable friend who is belling now, he claimed that as a result of Autopac our labour force participation of Manitobans would decrease. I say to my honourable friend the labour force in the Province of Manitoba is higher now under this government and goes beyond even the wildest dreams of the Conservative Party when it was in power.

I say, Mr. Chairman, that the Estimates also take into account the fact there will likely be new labour legislation for the department to administer. Under our previous administrations, labour legislation in Manitoba fell back in some respects even to the dark ages before the industrial revolution and it is our hope that with the legislation that we propose that we will pull by the boot straps even support from my honourable friends opposite, because it is our intention to strengthen our enforcement of existing legislation as well as making provision for Legislation and enforcement of new legislation that may be adopted.

As the Estimates, Mr. Chairman, we have before us show, plans are being made for the implementation of two new programs; 1. The operation of a women's bureau and the administration of a national building code in the province. And I think I should refer to the establishment within the Department of Labour of a women's bureau. My honourable friend the only lazy member of this Assembly, proposed a resolution at the last session for the establishment of a women's bureau. And you know, Mr. Chairman, we accepted the resolution - that's right - we accepted the resolution of the Honourable Member from Fort Rouge; a resolution that had been rejected time after time by the previous Conservative administration, and I think, Mr. Chairman, it would only be fitting and proper for me to say that the Honourable Lady from Fort Rouge was flabbergasted when we accepted her proposition that had been rejected by Conservative administrations. -- (Interjection) -- Oh, there again, Mr. Chairman, the interjections from my honourable unknowledgeable Member for Lakeside. This proposition had on numerous occasions been proposed by the New Democratic Party in Opposition. When the New Democratic Party became the government and the Conservatives became the Opposition we accepted what the Conservatives rejected. So maybe my honourable friend is more at home on his farm in Lakeside there dealing with cattle and the likes of this but he's so totally unknowledgeable of the requirements in the industrial field in Manitoba that I can appreciate and accept his inept interjections.

We, Mr. Chairman, have agreed that there will be a full time director heading a women's bureau with staff as required. When I say that, Mr. Chairman, I realize that the Member for Lakeside or maybe Souris-Killarney or maybe the Member for Assiniboia or Rhineland will stand up and say, all you have done as a government is increase the number of civil servants. I'm prepared -- (Interjection) -- that's correct -- My friend from Arthur says that is correct -- and I'm prepared, I'm prepared as far as the Department of Labour to accept that criticism because we are doing in many fields those requests that were made during the lifetime of the Conservative Party in Manitoba. But, Mr. Chairman, may I say as one who has been around for a wee while, the rejections were not based on the lack of enthusiasm for new programs but they were rejected because philosophically the Conservative Party and government did not agree that there should be such things or organizations as a women's bureau within the Department of Labour. There is the difference, Mr. Chairman, between the two. And of course, saying that and recognizing the Conservative Party as the Official Opposition, or the Opposition, I am not unmindful of the historic position of the Liberal Party in the Province of Manitoba who had an opportunity at one time as a government to introduce programs for the advancement of the working force in Manitoba.

I recall, I recall on a number of occasions while seated opposite that I said that the Liberal Party were doomed to oblivion because of their lack of concern for people of Manitoba. How prophetic I was. And now I understand through the media of the Press that the present leader of the Liberal Party who is seated on a throne outside of this House, is now expressing grave concern for the worker of Manitoba. I guess, Mr. Chairman, it is easy for me or easy for anyone else to say where were you then, but how much easier is it for me to say where are you now? Where you deserve to be, outside, and not even a recognized political party in Manitoba,

(MR. PAULLEY cont'd) . . . and yet on high periodically we see the oracle of the Liberal Party pleading for the rights of labour in the Province of Manitoba. What a travesty of Justice. So I say, Mr. Chairman, history does record from time to time the real facts.

I know my honourable friend the Member for Assiniboia who is professed Liberal will at some stage or other during the consideration of the Estimates of the Department of Labour will stand and say to the government through the Minister of Labour, what have you done, these are your deficiencies, and I accept them. We're not perfect, but closer to perfection than the Liberal government ever was in the Province of Manitoba. I know my honourable friend - - (Interjection) - - no you weren't. And I want to say, Mr. Chairman, I accept the fact that my honourable friend the Member for Assiniboia was not here and as a result of the ineffective approach of the Liberal Party, many of his colleagues fell by the wayside and they are not here at the present time. And I want to say, the bleatings of the present leader of the Liberal Party from outside of this House will not enhance the position of the Liberal Party in the Province of Manitoba.

The Throne Speech, Mr. Chairman, said that there will be a new Labour Code introduced into this Assembly during this session. I want to reaffirm that that will be done. I confess and I accept the responsibility that as of this particular date it is not before the members of the Assembly, but I want to say to my honourable friends in this House that while it will not be perfect - - (Interjection) - - that's right, it will not be perfect, but it will be so far advanced over what anyone could have conceived that the Conservative Party would have introduced by way of legislation into this House; and, Mr. Chairman, I predict, I predict that on the introduction of the legislation, one of the most vociferous opponents to the legislation will be the Honourable Member for Lakeside. And I appeal to him, Sir, I appeal to him to prove me wrong. I would really love to have the Honourable the Member for Lakeside say to me Mr. Minister, we appreciate your endeavours but you haven't gone far enough, and that day, that day I am prepared to tender my resignation as Minister of Labour in this Assembly and invite my honourable friend the Member for Lakeside to take my place. The day when he turns around and says that the legislation we intend to have legislated for doesn't go far enough.

I give to you my honourable friend the Member for Lakeside that invitation. If you want to get rid of the Minister of Labour, there's no more simple a way that you can do it than to say that I haven't gone far enough in introducing labour legislation for the well-being, not only of labour, of the worker, but the employer and all of the people of Manitoba - - (Interjection) - - yes, even including the farmer of Manitoba. Because we cannot have, Mr. Chairman, in this province, one segment of the community who is prejudiced against, we have to unitedly go forward, and this includes hands across the table between labour, between farmer and between management for the well-being of all of the citizen. My honourable friend the Member for Souris-Killarney, if I heard him correctly, said "never". What a sorrowful statement, what a sorrowful statement that is, Mr. Chairman, when an honourable member of this Assembly rejects a proposition that the hands of labour, farmer and management should not go hand in hand to the betterment of all of the citizens of the Province of Manitoba.

Mr. Chairman, my honourable friends opposite ask me whether I'd like to shake an honest hand. My answer, Mr. Chairman, is definitely yes; if there is one across the other side of the House, I would gladly shake it. The proposition is theirs not mine. But I suggest, Mr. Chairman, that until and unless we recognize that within the boundaries of the Province of Manitoba that we unitedly go together we'll fail separately. All too frequently, all too frequently in the industrial field and other fields as well, we have segmented ourselves and separated ourselves. And I say, too, Mr. Chairman, that I recognize that even in the field of industrial relations there are times when self interests either by labour or by management are directed to self-preservation and self enhancement. I recognize that, I'm sure that honourable members by and large will recognize this, and I reject it and I resent it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I remind the honourable minister he has four minutes.

MR. PAULLEY: Fine. Thanks, Mr. Chairman. I don't think it will take any longer than four minutes for me to try and re-emphasize - - I will repeat it for my honourable friend from Emerson in a couple of sentences. I want the recognition of every member of this Assembly that we can unitedly work in the best interest of all of the citizens of Manitoba by providing adequate ground rules for the provision of adequate collective agreements between management and labour assisted by the members of this Assembly. If we do that, if we do nothing else during this Assembly then we will achieve something that hasn't been done previously

(MR. PAULLEY cont'd) since the date of our birth as a province.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Pembina. I beg your pardon, The Honourable Member for Emerson.

MR. GABRIEL GIRARD (Emerson): Mr. Chairman, firstly I would like to congratulate the Minister on his form and his continued good work in the field of labour. I consider the Minister a great Manitoban; in his own words possibly a little tarnished and progressively more and more tarnished as time goes on. But that is a natural phenomena. I regret, Mr. Chairman, that the Premier is not here tonight to hear the labour debate; however, I have full confidence that he is very concerned about the matter; and although the Attorney-General and the Minister of Agriculture is also absent, I know that at heart they have full confidence in their Minister of Labour and therefore they are happy to leave him at the helm.

Mr. Chairman, I think I speak on behalf of all members of the House when I say that we do all appreciate the Minister of Labour. We like his harmless though constant buzz in the Legislature but we do not disrespect the honourable gentleman. We know that he is making great efforts as a great Manitoban would, in a great number of words. I, the Member from Emerson, sometimes called the insignificant member, the asinine fellow from the rural area, and as I look at my towering power of strength, the Minister of Labour, I all but crumble, Sir, when I have the onerous task of criticizing such a document filled with statistics and important information. As I sat back in my pew and listened to "Hear Ye" Manitobans, I could hardly decide whether it was the responsibilities placed in my direction that made me concentrate on that speech.

I can assure you, Mr. Chairman, that I followed it closely with all interest and I heard the three things that were said. He said, "we are increasing the estimates by 27 percent. He said, "we are going to bring in a labour code," and he repeated that once or twice. And finally he said, "we are instituting a women's bureau, which was already included in the articles to come. We are lavish by spending the great sum of \$25,000 to buy this kind of bureau. Mr. Speaker, I don't suppose that it would be disrespectful to honestly tell the Minister that had he followed the notes written for him very closely he would have been better off because he was wasting a great deal of time in the chaff and the kernels were hard to find.

The Minister says this government is determined to give every employee and every employer an opportunity to sit at the bargaining table and discuss labour matters. I wonder, Mr. Chairman, if the Honourable Minister would agree, that that privilege always existed; and I wonder what great things we are doing today in the Department of Labour to suddenly declare that we are granting this great privilege to all Manitobans; a privilege that was absolutely denied them in the past; and from what I gathered, it must have been denied by the Liberals because the Conservatives found it not too badly.

So many employers coercing their employees says the Honourable Minister of Labour. I wonder if he at that time thought of things like maybe the check-off on the union dues. I wonder if he thought maybe that there was a possibility that at some time there were coercions from the unions on to their employees. I wonder if the Honourable Minister at that time recalled some of the discussions that we have had in the Labour Relations Committee during the past year. Of course I can agree that the Honourable Minister is not kept informed as to all these matters because sometimes the information comes to desk No. 1 instead of desk No. 2, and because the Minister sits on desk No. 1 and the desk No. 2 is occupied by somebody else, he cannot know about all matters in the area of labour.

I wonder, Mr. Speaker, if when the Minister is saying we are assuring the free right of collective bargaining to all Manitobans, I wonder if at that time he thought "are we really that impartial when we say to the business community we are not going to get our material printed at your office because you are not unionized", I wonder, Mr. Chairman, if we really have the kind of impartiality at heart that we profess to have.

The largest labour force in Manitoba, in Manitoba's history. Now that might be so, and I don't deny that that is so, but it is a little bit like the Premier's figures, Mr. Chairman, when he says we have gained X percentage of votes in the by-election. We didn't stop to realize that 50 votes twice over is only an increase of 100 percent. In percentages it sounds all very good. Our labour force, Mr. Speaker, is not a comparatively large labour force, I think we have to admit it. However, in speaking of our labour force and our real good labour relations that have existed over the years, especially now that we have your government in power, I wonder if the Honourable Minister is aware that the greatest number of man hours lost because

(MR. GIRARD cont'd) . . . of strikes was in 1971 - in Manitoba's history?

Says the Minister, "I have said in the past that the Liberals were destined for oblivion". How prophetic I was, says the Minister. Well I can make the same suggestion and I am sure that in time it will come true, Mr. Speaker, and I don't think that that makes anyone that prophetic. May I, however, take a chance and say that unless the Minister of Labour should consider his task very seriously and put his shoulder to the wheel, tackle the problems that exist in Labour, I will predict, Mr. Chairman, that sooner or later, the Honourable Minister is destined for the Senate because he already acts as one. I want it made clear that I said "Senate", not anything else.

We have some comments to offer with regards to particular items in the estimates, Mr. Chairman, but I think that following the procedures that we would like to follow, I would like to reserve those questions for a day that might be a little better, a day during which I might get the answers in abbreviated form, and I would like to defer, Mr. Chairman, to that time. I am sorry to have taken seven minutes to answer the Honourable Minister but I feel that one was worth the other. Thank you.

The Honourable Member for Assiniboia:

MR. STEVE PATRICK (Assiniboia): Mr. Chairman, I will probably not have enough time to complete my remarks on the Estimates but I wish to make some brief remarks at the present time. One thing, it will be quite difficult to deal with labour estimates at this time, and I would have hoped that we would have had the labour code legislation before the House before the Minister's estimates were introduced.

Mr. Chairman, I have always taken the Honourable Minister very seriously in the House on every occasion that he has introduced the estimates, and today I can't say the same because I believe that he has given us a lot of chaff and really I couldn't follow what new legislation the Minister had in mind. He was talking about what happened 30 years ago, 25 years ago, and indicated to us that he was the only member that believed in the principle of collective bargaining. I don't believe that anyone in this House at the present time is not committed and does not believe that the working man can best improve and protect his interests through strong democratic and responsible trade unions. I am sure that this kind of argument is long past, and I am very disappointed that the Minister would take the time to say that the people in the Opposition do not believe in unions, in democratic unions. These arguments are quite old and I was disappointed.

I believe that I am just as much committed to self-regulating trade unions as the Minister is, and as the members of his government. I believe that they should be strong because they can't bargain on the same basis with management if they are weak; and for the Minister to take all his time and say that it's only the members of his Party that believe in self-regulating, democratic and responsible trade unions - - I believe that all trade unions or most of them, I should say all, in fact, are responsible, because they are responsible to their members and they are responsible to society. They are self-regulating and that's the way it should be - - To say that nobody else believes in this House, only the members of the Government, I reject that completely, Mr. Chairman, and I cannot accept that.

The Minister has indicated that he has done tremendously for the working man, and perhaps he has tried to when he was on this side of the House. But, Mr. Chairman, I would like to indicate to him and I hope he would be listening, I had to prod him along and urge the Minister to get cracking. At no time did the Minister when he was on this side ever have a Resolution before the House that after five years of service there should be three weeks vacation with pay. At no time did the Minister put in Resolution form that the employees should get paid for statutory holidays. At no time did he put in Resolution form that the ceiling under Workmen's Compensation should be increased. At no time did he put into Resolution form that there should be a national building code, and I did. To say that he has done these things and I have waited for him to introduce that. He didn't introduce it the first few years he was in office. I asked him the first year he became Minister of Labour to bring in a labour code; this is his fourth session, the third year and it is not here, and I don't know what he is waiting for, if he is not capable or able to do it. I believe that perhaps he is getting some heat from some of the labour people and he had to put on a show for us here. I understand even the Minister or the President of the Manitoba Federation of Labour has been giving him some heat of lately and this is perhaps why the Minister gave us the kind of presentation that he did.

I recollect quite well, Mr. Chairman, that a few years ago in 1965 I presented a proposal to this House that the Labour Board be empowered to deal with certification problems, with

(MR. PATRICK cont'd) . . . matters, and to be able to investigate immediately. Subsequently, I believe it was six months later or a year later the Woods Committee made the same recommendation and the former government put it into legislation. So to tell the House that nobody believes in democratic unions and nobody believed in labour matters on this side except the members on that side, is nonsense, Mr. Chairman.

I would like to deal with a few specifics, Mr. Chairman, and one is I would like to deal just briefly with Workmen's Compensation. To me it is the most glaring injustice in compensation that the wife with children is better off when her husband is alive than when he has died. The Minister has not taken any action in this area. Surely he increased the compensation a little bit the last session, but when the husband is around, even is incapacitated he can do some chores around the house, looking after children when the mother is shopping or when she is working. When the husband dies the compensation goes down while she has to work and I'm sure that all the members are aware that a man, a person permanently and totally disabled through injury is entitled to a maximum of 75 percent of his salary for a total maximum of earnings with a ceiling of \$8000.00. If he has made let's assume, \$800.00 a month, he would be entitled to compensation of \$500.00 if he is entitled to the 75 percent compensation. But what happens if the husband dies? Mr. Chairman, the widow was not responsible for the industrial accident. She will only receive \$120.00, and, Mr. Chairman, this is an injustice. In my opinion, the wife should receive the same salary as her husband received, the same salary. The Minister I've said has already presented his estimates four times, three years as the Minister, he has made very little progress in that area. So -- (Interjection) -- I didn't hear you. So, Mr. Chairman, I know that some would say that she can get a job. Sometimes she is not trained for any job. She may be at the age that she would not be able to take a job and this is an area that the Minister has done very little, very little. There was a very serious accident in Transcona a week Saturday, industrial accident. The man was only 50 years of age and I understand through no reason of his own he lost his life. Now the widow will be entitled to receive \$120.00 and in my opinion, Mr. Chairman, she should be entitled to much more. I would say at least, at least 50 percent to what the husband would have been entitled if he would have been totally disabled, and in my opinion I think it would be a progressive step to allow at least 50 percent, but in my opinion I think she should receive as much as the husband has received through the Workmen's Compensation. I know that she will also receive \$50.00 or \$45.00 for children under ten and \$50.00 for children between ten and sixteen, but if you calculate it to what the husband would have received if he would have been totally disabled, it's a very small amount. She still has the same bills to pay; she still has the same rent to pay, the same tax bill, the same fuel bill, the same light bill, and the same overhead to carry the overhead of her household. And in my opinion the Minister has not, not done his homework in this area.

The other point I have asked on occasion before that I think that there are still problems in respect to Workmen's Compensation, and I have suggested that I believe that the Attorney-General should appoint an independent legal adviser for people appealing the decisions of the Compensation Board. It's expensive for any one person to hire a lawyer and it's difficult for a person just to go and appear before the Labour Board. They feel that they haven't got the same communication as they would have with an independent legal adviser. So that's the other area that I would like to talk . . .

Mr. Chairman, last year the labour growth in this province was nil, was nil. From 371,000 to 373, and the average labour force was 371,000. This year you have the growth, labour growth of 8,000. What happens to the rest of people of some 25,000 that go in the labour force every year? What has happened to them? They must have left the province or gone somewhere else. So with all the satisfaction that the Minister takes . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please. The hour being 9:00 o'clock, the last hour of every day being Private Members' Hour. Committee rise and report. Call in the Speaker.

IN SESSION

MR. JENKINS: Mr. Speaker, the Committee of Supply has adopted certain resolutions and has directed me to report the same and asks leave to sit again.

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

MR. JENKINS: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Ste. Rose, that the report of the Committee be received.

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILL

MR. SPEAKER: This being Private Members' Hour, the first item is Private Bills on the Order Paper.

On the proposed motion of the Honourable Member for Souris-Killarney. The Honourable Member for Souris-Killarney.

MR. McKELLAR presented Bill No. 7, an Act to amend An Act to provide for the Making of Grants to The Brandon General Hospital, for second reading.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion.

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

MR. McKELLAR: Mr. Speaker, in 1968 a bill was passed in the Legislature setting out certain formulas for grants by the City of Brandon, the Rural Municipality of Cornwallis, the Rural Municipality of Elton and the Rural Municipality of Whitehead. Since that time changes of boundaries have taken place in the Municipalities of Brandon, Elton and Cornwallis. It is necessary that the grants be changed and I'd like to advise on the increase. In the City of Brandon it is \$791, 920 to \$1, 159, 228; in Cornwallis the grant formula has been decreased from \$111, 200 down to \$70, 118; in the Municipality of Elton it increased from \$67, 200 up to \$71, 607 and the Municipality of Whitehead from \$21, 680 up to \$29, 047.00. The purpose of these grants are to pay for the 20 percent share of the new Assiniboine Hospital, which is an extension of the Brandon General Hospital, and I think this pretty well explains this bill and I understand the hospital now is presently under construction.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Winnipeg Centre.

MR. J. R. (BUD) BOYCE (Winnipeg Centre): Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Member for Crescentwood, that debate be adjourned.

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' RESOLUTIONS

MR. SPEAKER: Proposed resolutions. On the proposed resolution of the Honourable Member for Brandon West. The Honourable Member for Brandon West.

MR. McGILL: Mr. Speaker, I would ask leave of the House at this time to have this resolution withdrawn from the Order Paper.

MR. SPEAKER: Agreed? (Agreed) Permission granted.

On the proposed motion of the Honourable Member for Souris-Killarney. The Honourable Member for Souris-Killarney.

MR. McKELLAR: Mr. Speaker, I'd like the permission of the House to have this resolution withdrawn. I'm putting it back into the House tomorrow in a little different form.

MR. SPEAKER: Agreed? (Agreed)

On the proposed motion of the Honourable Member for Roblin. The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. J. WALLY McKENZIE (Roblin): Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Brandon West,

WHEREAS authoritative studies have indicated the vast potential for growth of tourism in Manitoba, and

WHEREAS the development of the tourist industry can be a source of economic growth and employment for all regions of the province,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Government consider the advisability of giving more energetic encouragement and management to the development of Manitoba's tourism resources.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. McKENZIE: Well, Mr. Speaker, I put this resolution on the Order Paper for several reasons and during the course of my remarks I hope that I will be able to spell out the reasons that I put this resolution on the Order Paper. Basically it was something similar to the other night in the House when the debate had bogged down and nobody was prepared to speak to help this government get itself back on the track again and who stood up and with his wisdom and his limited knowledge, McKenzie from Roblin waded in and helped the Premier carry on the business of the province. And again I am on my feet tonight, Mr. Speaker, trying to help the Minister of Tourism and Cultural Services to get that department on the right track and let's start moving so that we can have something happening in that particular

(MR. McKENZIE cont'd) portfolio in this province.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please.

MR. McKENZIE: And, Mr. Speaker, were it not for various releases that happen to come across my desk I wouldn't have expressed the concern that I am expressing to you tonight, Mr. Speaker. But I have one of the News Services items which was handed to me in my mail on the 25th of February, 1972, and this is the propaganda machine working at its best and it said: "Increased activity in sports is urged. Advisory Committee report is released. Increased emphasis on professional leadership training; expansion of consultative services; closer liaison between sports bodies and government agencies, and a heavier financial input by government into facilities and services for recreation and support of amateur sports is called for in a recently completed report of the Advisory Council for Fitness and Amateur Sport." And I thought that was a very fair statement, one that has been in the back of my mind for some time, Mr. Speaker. And the News Service item goes on down in, I think, the third last clause and it quotes the Minister, Mr. Speaker. It says, "Mr. Desjardins emphasized that while a heavy input of government money might be desirable for building recreational facilities these funds in fact -- these funds are in fact very limited and the major responsibility for creation of facilities rests with people of a community." Now that is a statement for a government that's supposed to be leading this province, that the people, people can help.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The Honourable Minister of Tourism and Recreation.

HON. LAURENT L. DESJARDINS (Minister of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs) (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, I don't rise to complain but I want to know if this is -- I wonder if this -- if I can get clarification. The motion deals with tourism, now he's talking about sports and amateur - fitness and amateur sport. I don't have -- I have no -- this is fine with me but I'd like to know if we're speaking on the motion now or is he complaining about the whole portfolio. I appreciate that he wants to help me but I'd like to help . . .

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. McKENZIE: Mr. Speaker, I will get to the meat of the matter if the Minister would only wait and of course being a good Minister and having shifted around this House from various chairs, and the whole shifting, I know he's really all fired up tonight and he can't wait to hear my remarks. If the Minister will just wait I'll get to the meat of my remarks and try and document my case a little further.

But, Mr. Speaker, that was the first concern that drew to my attention the fact that this Minister is not capable of handling that portfolio because that -- coming out of the propaganda machine, you know, if he made that release I suspect that he wished now he hadn't made it because he wouldn't have been on his feet.

Well let's move on, Mr. Speaker, and I pick up a press release from the Free Press of March 8th, 1972, and the report says here: "Too little government money, tourist industry complains." And I'll quote. Barry Mohan is the writer and he says under this little article, "The Provincial Government's Tourism and Recreation Department took a few verbal lumps Tuesday even though it was the host day of a long day's seminar dealing with package tours." And he goes on down, he said, and he quotes here: "Instead the Tourism Department was rapped -- the Tourism Department was rapped for failing to provide leadership, to provide leadership in the tourism industry and it was criticized for failing to provide enough money for promoting the all-important tourist industry." Free Press release March 8th, 1972. That was my second concern, Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. DESJARDINS: I would like to know, Mr. Speaker, who he was quoting. I know it's from the Free Press but who made those remarks please, Mr. Speaker. He's quoting somebody, I'd like to know who.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. McKENZIE: I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker, I didn't hear the Minister's question.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. DESJARDINS: Mr. Speaker, who is my honourable friend quoting -- from the Tribune -- but who made those statements? He must have that there. I wouldn't want him to take anything out of context.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. McKENZIE: Mr. Speaker, do you want me to table this document?

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

MR. SCHREYER: Yes, Mr. Speaker, what is raised . . . a serious enough point of order. I believe it's a very clear rule of procedure that if a source is quoted in the Assembly that it must be identified.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Roblin. -- (Interjection) -- The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. ENNS: On the same point of order as raised by the Honourable the First Minister. I believe, Sir, if we were all listening carefully, the Honourable Member for Roblin did in fact identify the source of the information when he first introduced it, namely he mentioned the publication from which he was reading. It's common usage to refer to the media from time to time. As to who was the actual writer is I think a pretty difficult question to pose to the Honourable Member for Roblin. I think he has identified the news media that has published the material and if the Minister wishes to dispute that, that of course is his privilege.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Obviously the Member for Roblin indicated the news media which carried the article but the source of the quotation was my point of order, Mr. Speaker. It ought to be identified as to source, that was my only point of order.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. McKENZIE: Mr. Speaker, on the same point of order, with all due respect I quoted the writer in my remarks under whose article the name appeared in the . . .

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.'

MR. DESJARDINS: . . . satisfied that I know who wrote this. Mr. Mullen was quoting Dr. Joseph Slocum, former Conservative MP.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. McKENZIE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Honourable the Minister can form his own conclusions. I, in all due respect, Mr. Speaker, have my own and I think I'm entitled to my own.

Well, the third reason, Mr. Speaker, I am on my feet tonight to deal with this very important subject matter is another press release and this is the other media of the village or the city dated January, '72, and it speaks about the great tourist potential that was stressed at the annual -- a certain annual meeting. And I'll read some of the paragraphs again for the Honourable Minister and I guess he's not getting the daily papers in town -- I'm sure he must have read these articles because I've read them several times. But anyway it starts out, "Although overlooked by private and government planners south central Manitoba holds vast untapped potential for the tourist industry, Wayne Panner, outgoing President of the Central Plains Branch of the Tourist and Convention Bureau told an annual meeting. Mr. Panner told about 40 people at the meeting that the Tourist and Convention Association is the tool which can develop that potential and that any development is limited only by the imagination of the people living in the area." And there is what I was -- where is the imagination of this Minister in southwest Manitoba? These people are asking for this Minister's wisdom and his knowledge and his ability to go and help them pursue an industry that has fantastic potential in this province, Mr. Speaker. And that again I think is fair game, Mr. Speaker, for me to stand up here and try and help this Minister to get on the right track to develop the tourist industry of this province . . . I clipped another one here, Mr. Speaker, and here is one that says, "Desjardins hears plea for road." January 28th. And this is, I think, the Tribune in this particular case, Mr. Speaker. But anyway it quotes the Minister here. "The Minister said there was some dissatisfaction expressed with the government's policy of leasing lots for resort cottages rather than selling them." It goes on and says, "Some groups complained of a need for more provincial parks in the north and more access to existing roads. A frequent suggestion called for increased northern representation on tourism and cultural planning boards." Now where has the Minister been that he hasn't picked up this kind of information from the north? I gave him some advice on the southwest corner, now I've moved up to the north to show him of the wisdom and the -- these people are eager for this Minister to come up and join them and give them some of his great wisdom and his knowledge as they try to pursue this tourist dollar. Mr. Speaker, we could move on and on. I can quote here at great length and I can quote for well over my 20-minute limit.

Let's deal now with "The Beginning and End of the World", this great film which was produced in this province. Now the Minister he does -- well I'll quote now from Mr. Telpner from the Tribune again. "The Beginning and End of the World, the Manitoba-made film. Do

(MR. McKENZIE cont'd) you remember this one? I'll speak over here then. Possibly - "The Beginning and End of the World. The made in Manitoba film by Omni-Theatre with the assist of \$235,000 loan from the Manitoba Development Corporation holds its world premiere tonight in Gates Planetarium in Denver, Colorado." And he asks why? "Why Denver? Why not Manitoba? Well why wasn't this, the premiere of this great show in this great province when the film was devised in this province." Now Mr. Telpner goes on and he says "Now with most of the bugs ironed out the Winnipeg Planetarium isn't available for the second premiere so the Denver location was chosen. If the production comes off as scheduled tonight it'll be booked for three months at that particular Gates Planetarium. Then it's slated for a three-month booking at Los Altos Hill Planetarium which is about 50 miles north of San Francisco. Other cities which have shown interest in the booking "The Beginning and the End of the World" are St. Louis, Rochester, New York, Calgary and Vancouver." And where is the Minister guiding us that we could have had the honour and the privilege of seeing the premiere of this great show. " But it goes on -- Mr. Telpner goes on and he says down here, "Money is a major problem of Omni-Theatre. The \$235,000 was exhausted in production costs and the province refused an additional loan." Said Mr. R. . . , "for the Denver premiere the staff of Omni-Theater had to put up their own money." Get this -- they put up their own money. "All of us on the permanent staff, ten, and all have waived our salaries since the first of November because we have confidence in the film." The Minister hasn't, nor has the government. So far there's only one print and with the present rate of bookings it's possible that Winnipeg won't see it until late 1972. Now this - in fact if this Minister is serious about guiding us in our culture and our tourist industry surely he should have some way to at least -- if he couldn't have the first showing of that "Beginning and End of the World", we could have had the second showing.

And let's move on, Mr. Speaker. Another, of course, reason for the resolution, Mr. Speaker, was the Hecla Island project. The Hecla Island project that got priority over people, and that's quite a story. This government is supposed to be looking after the little man; this is a people's government you know; they've got all the wisdom to look after the little guy and if this is an example of government looking after the little guy I must be -- I can't believe it. I just can't believe that this could happen in Hecla Island with an NDP government. First of all the Walker report which I asked the Minister the other day about, and no doubt I will get it in time, but in his report Walker goes on to say: Jack S. Walker, who conducted the inquiry for the government, reports that the people of the island were not given a fair deal. The people of the island, Mr. Speaker, were not given a fair deal by an NDP Government? Impossible. It goes on down the article, Mr. Speaker, and he says here, Mr. Walker says, "the islanders stood on the sidelines forgotten in the rush of activities". The rush of activities of bureaucrats and the Minister no doubt. And he goes on and says, "They became the least matter of concern in the parks development program". These little people from Hecla Island, this great government monstrosity, and this Minister with all his bureaucrats walking over those little people from Hecla Island. He goes on -- the article, Mr. Speaker, it says here, "Little consideration has been given as to how these people if expropriated would earn their livelihoods and to what extent they would be allowed to fish from this island". Could you imagine that? Helgi Jones not being allowed to fish from the island on Hecla Island? But here we have, you know, this great new government of the little people walking over our friends from Hecla Island. They can't even fish out there now.

So I ask the Minister in all due respect to go and look after the people of Manitoba, the little people as you promised in all your election material and all the things that have come across my desk. And this article goes on and it's interesting, Mr. Speaker, to read some of the remarks of these little people from Hecla Island. Here's a man here, William Groves Speechly, a retired school teacher, said at the inquiry, "The closeness of the community is such that if I were to take one of the grandchildren out sailing I may be taking the father and the grandfather and in some cases the grandfather before them."

MR. SPEAKER: Order please.

MR. McKENZIE: That's the culture . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order. The honourable member has five minutes.

MR. McKENZIE: . . . Hecla Island. Mr. Speaker, I'll read at length again. I quote a Mrs. Grayson, another cottager, told of the great attachment to Hecla Island. She and her father and her father's father had enjoyed the island for 75 years. "Now", she said, "the plans

(MR. McKENZIE cont'd) of this NDP Government and the park have descended upon us and we are being asked to leave." Asked to leave Hecla Island, with all that history and all that culture that they have on this island and this government that's supposed to be looking after the little people and the rights of little people is wading in just like a steamroller, Mr. Speaker, and moving them out. And, Mr. Minister, I appeal to you in all sincerity, don't do this to these people of Hecla Island.

The . . . -- it says here, Mr. Speaker, it goes on and says, Gunglar Benson --(Interjection) -- Yes, Mr. Speaker, it quotes one Gunglar Benson told of being offered -- he was offered \$10,500 for one mile of lake front. Imagine. And 155 acres and his home. Ten thousand five hundred dollars for one mile of lake front, his land and his home. Now that's not a fair expropriation I would submit, Mr. Minister. On such an offer he said it would be impossible for him to relocate elsewhere. Now this is interesting. This great government of the little people, they're talking about relocating people and shifting -- and quarreled with us when we tried to relocate the people from Southern Indian Lake -- they're sending this man out as a pauper, \$10,500 for one mile of lake front on Hecla Island, plus his house and his property for \$10,500. Mr. Speaker, I submit that this Minister is not doing his job. I don't think the Minister is being fair to these people of Hecla Island and I'm, like Mr. Benson possibly, he said, "I'm happy here I just want to be left alone if this is the kind of a government that's going to help me to develop my future."

And, Mr. Speaker, we can go on and on and find all kinds of evidence of this Minister, and there's no end to the articles and the quotations that you can find that this -- while he's new and he's fresh and he's a nice guy but he does need help and, Mr. Speaker, in all sincerity I will offer my service to this Minister and help him guide tourism in this province.

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

MR. DESJARDINS: Mr. Speaker, I'm touched by the sincerity of the appeal of my honourable friend who is just trying to help me. I would thank him. I agree with the first paragraph of his resolution. I also agree that he has very little knowledge of the subject as he told us. He covered a few things and maybe I should start with Hecla Island.

I was anticipating that he'd make an appeal today and things haven't been going too badly for the people of Hecla Island. First of all let me inform my honourable friend that this project was first started by the Conservative Government and the biggest criticism that we have is that there has not been communication with the government that decided to expropriate Hecla Island to develop the park in Hecla Island. Now this government, as my honourable friend recognizes so willingly, has been wanting to do something for these small people.

The first thing they did, they brought in a resolution here, an amendment to the Expropriation Act because sometimes bureaucrats, governments, and so on, get carried away. They want to expropriate certain things and it might be that it's not needed at the time, or all of the parcels were not needed. All my friends supported the government in this amendment and the amendment says that if somebody feels that they have not been -- that there is no need, immediate need for their property, they could appeal to the inquiry officer. And this was done according to the new Act, exactly what this government wanted to do because it realized that people are not perfect in government and sometimes you get carried away. You might mean well but you're not -- there's a danger of not protecting the small. So this report came out and suggested that in certain areas the people were not -- should not have been expropriated immediately.

So shortly after I took over the portfolio, after studying the . . . , Mr. Speaker, the situation, I called two meetings. One of them was with the cottage owners in the area, and my friend hasn't dealt with the cottage owners but I might tell him that we had a very productive, very friendly meeting. I believe they left quite happy. They know that the door to my office is always open. We have given them -- we are going to develop Grindstone Park on the mainland with cottages and these people will get the first choice on this cottage in this area, the first choice of the lots will be something maybe even nicer than we have around Falcon Lake. They've accepted this. Some of the people want to stay in their cottage as long as they can. We said we'll deal with you separately, also individually. They were satisfied.

Then I went to Hecla Island and called a meeting of the people, and all those people mentioned in the report were told that -- were mentioned in the report -- even those that had appealed, even those that had requested that their case be studied, even though they were late we treated the same, treated them the same, because this was the intent of government. And we told every one of them that had been mentioned in the report, expropriated under the revised

(MR. DESJARDINS cont'd) . . . Act, that we would not expropriate them. But we told them it's no secret we would like to have this property because we're going to develop something; we're going ahead; we're going to spend an awful lot of money here. And we said to them too, to induce you to try -- we've told them that we would give them a chance, it they would sell to us we would give them a lifetime lease-back on the island. So my dear friends, nobody's chasing them away. You've mentioned some of the friends that want to be there, they don't live there. It's unfortunate, but they don't live there, we can't do anything about it. Now these people will get a lot of them in the same place where they are now and we will try to have a develop . . . -- the plans are not finished on this -- a fishing village and these people will be living there. So there's no problems in Hecla Island. I would say that the people are quite satisfied. We did an awful lot more than we had to do because we believe, like you say, in not pushing people around. I think that they're satisfied. We've established a means of communication that they never had before.

Now my friend talked about the Advisory Board of Fitness and Amateur Sport, and he loves to quote out of context. He talked about -- that I said there was a limited amount of money, and that's true. We are proposing having certain amounts for capital, to help in capital construction. Our research and planning branch have done their homework. We know what facilities we have. We can tell you in a short time where there are arenas, or skating rinks, and so on; what population they serve and so on. We will look at this in a priority item. Now this is going to be quite difficult because even now I just leaked that to the press and this is not -- the program is not fully approved yet and I, nearly every day I get three, four, five letters from people that want to get in on the gravy train. And what I was trying to say, Mr. Speaker, is tell these people is that we'll be selective; that we will help those that want to help themselves; that you don't come in and parachute a program because you believe in it, you let the people get involved and if they're satisfied, if they're interested, then you help them out. For instance I can give an example of something that I would feel would be at the top of the priority list, people of The Pas. They wanted a swimming pool. The Knights of Columbus, the Shriners, everybody sold tickets, raised money. They got help through Winter Works, they got everything and they had \$15,000 missing on something about -- a project of about a quarter of a million dollars. And I feel that this as far as I'm concerned would be one of the first priorities. These people tried to help themselves. They didn't just say, how much do we get? We have to take advantage of this because it's all your money, taxpayers' money, it doesn't matter where it comes from. We feel that if they can do their part it will be matching grant. That we won't come in and parachute and say this is what you want for this area. So if my friends feel that we're not going to spend enough money, that I'm saying go easy, that we don't automatically stamp every application and say here's a quarter of a million, here's a half a million, I can say that would it be one dollar that we spend it will be one dollar more than my friends did when they were in office.

Now my honourable friend again has quoted or quoted out of context. He quoted Barry Mullens, I think, in making a statement. This is fine. But he forgot to say that this fellow is a reporter, he was writing a story and that statement was made by Dr. Joseph Slocum, the well-known Conservative MP, my friend -- ex MP. So we don't take that too seriously. Now my friend who not too long ago who likes to get up in this House and tell us about free enterprise so now all of a sudden feels that this government should do everything, should promote, should build everything for sports, for recreation, all these things to promote all this private enterprise, and so on, and I think that we're doing quite a bit already. Although he says that there's no -- he's talking about the road. Well the road has nothing to do with this department. Now he feels that we're not -- well that was rather comical when he talked about the premiere of this film, he wants us to spend for tourism and he wants to have the honour to keep the -- he wants us to keep the film here so he can go and watch it at the Planetarium. Well I think that first of all if we spend half a million dollars -- a quarter of a million dollars or so to bring in tourists, we're going to try to attract tourists. My friend, as we know, knows the beauty of Manitoba. He doesn't have to watch a film to do that. But I might say to him that we started last year, that we started an in-province advertising also, and this is something new, that we feel that this will promote the unity that we need here and let us know what's going on in the province and also we hope that'll keep some of the dollars here in Manitoba.

Now he was rather concerned about the north. I might say that one of the first things I did after I took over this portfolio was go up north, exactly what he suggests, but he's a little

(MR. DESJARDINS cont'd) behind time, with the directors of all the different branches. We went with the Northern Regional Developing Corporation. We had to go twice because we had trouble flying it was during the strike and then the storms. We were in Churchill, Lynn Lake, Gillam and Flin Flon, and The Pas and in Thompson. We listened to what they had to say and now we are pleased to tell my honourable friend that our Director of Research and Planning who already has quite a bit of information is going to head a team who will go on and do the actual work and the research for the recommendations to establish the proper policies. I might tell my honourable friend, who will be very happy to know also, that in the Estimates that we will be looking at fairly soon we have the funds to have another tourist developing officer for the north, stationed in the north, and somebody that will study the potential of the tourist industry in the north also.

We have tried to get busy. I have talked to different people, for example the Vice-President of Northwest Airlines has been over to see me to discuss the possibility of advertising and try to bring people to Manitoba, something that they weren't doing. They recognize that they could do an awful lot more. We've had good co-operation and they are starting to produce already, and this is only after a couple of months.

I might say that this seminar that my friend was talking about is something new; that private enterprise wasn't doing anything and . . . trying to develop these packaged deals, and this something good for good business for my honourable friend. We have tried to give leadership on this. We were criticized. We accept some criticism and we have provided this and we already have at least two packaged deals, one involving the Northwest Airlines; also these people will try to have these parcel deals. We are very pleased to know that the cultural facilities, the promotion that we are going to do there, the festival and so-on, we feel that this will pay off also.

I am pleased to tell my honourable friend also that we are busy now in the construction of a Tourist Reception Centre at the border of Ontario, something that will be quite important, something that should help the tourist because as you know Manitoba is the centre of Canada; some people are going to the Coast and if you remember my honourable friend, who was sitting close to where my friend is sitting now, the former member from Neepawa used to say, "linger a little longer in Manitoba", and we are trying to interest the people in either going up north or staying to see some of our cultural facilities, because we feel that we are second to, the city is second to none, at least in North America in this respect. We are presently discussing and negotiating with the Province of Saskatchewan to have a tourist reception centre at that border that will do the same thing, catch the people on that side.

We are also doing a lot of work and we have studied the market, instead of appealing to certain people that would come here; we are trying to appeal to certain areas very close to here, and then we are going in the Chicago market also. We feel that this has paid off. I would like to tell my honourable friend that we've . . . -- my honourable friend asked me certain questions but he is not too interested. I don't know whether I am wasting my time here, Mr. Speaker, I thought he really wanted to know this very sincerely and I accepted this and I am trying to give him the information because I am sure that this will warm his heart to know that we are indeed providing the leadership that he wanted.

Now that I might say that the visitors to Manitoba have increased from 1968 as I said before, the last year that my friends were in power where there was an increase of minus .88 percent, but again I must say that this was after the Centennial year and that was expected. But then in 1969 we had an increase of 8 percent where the national average was plus 3 percent. In 1970 that I must also be honest and say, that this was our Centennial year, we had an increase of 14.8 percent where the national average was 3.8 percent, so we should have had a decrease in 1971 the same as after the Federal Centennial, or the country centennial, but we had another increase following our 14.8 percent of 4.8 percent where our national increase was only 3.6 percent. Now the visitors to Manitoba in 1968 were 2-1/2 million; in 1969, 2.7; 1970, 3.1; 1971, 3.25 and we expect 3-1/2 million in 1972.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order please. The Honourable Minister has five minutes.

MR. DESJARDINS: Well, Mr. Speaker, I tried to cover the points that my honourable friend talked to. He talked about fitness and amateur sports; he talked about the report of this Committee. I might say to him that we certainly are not going to stand by on . . . A lot of these recommendations that were done we've had these things under control, things that we were going to do; they worked with some of our people in this report. We are very close to

(MR. DESJARDINS cont'd) these people; they are doing a good service. I might say to them that we are contemplating reasonable gains to promote fitness and amateur sports to give the kids a chance to participate. We also are thinking of northern games . . . this will lead us to the Canadian games which has winter games and summer games in the Olympic Trial Games. I think that this is something that should interest my friend.

We certainly have hoped to help the recreation and that, of course -- maybe I am stretching the point, my honourable friend brought this up, and that certainly has something to do with tourism. I might say that even for winter sports, for example, it might be a minor thing to my honourable friend, but I think a lot of people will be happy. We have the funds in the Estimate to have an ice-making machine to help the skiing, so I think I might say that you need roof for your swimming pools out there and this is what we are going to try to do for the north.

Now, Mr. Speaker, this is such a challenging department that I find it very very interesting and I welcome of course the help from my honourable friend but I think that if he wants to help he should read all the articles now, not just a line here and there, and I think that maybe before making any statements he should try to get the information. I will be glad to sit with him and give him some of the information, and mind you I think I am looking forward to debating the Estimates with my honourable friend because I am sure it will be very interesting.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Speaker, I wish to make a few comments on this resolution. I was very interested to listen to the Honourable Minister for Tourism and am quite happy to see the enthusiasm that he shows for this department, particularly tourism and recreation. I think that the resolution certainly has merit, that we should encourage the development of Manitoba's tourist industry and as has been indicated by the former speaker that tourists don't stay long enough in Manitoba and perhaps if something could be done that they would stay a little longer. I think it would be quite proper for the Minister to see what could be possibly done to have the tourists stay somewhat longer. We have many historical sites in Manitoba. We have a tremendous amount of historical lore as Winnipeg and Manitoba was the centre of development of western Canada. For example we have the records of the buffalo hunts of the 1800's, the hunters and the Red River carts, and surely some of these could be recreated and I am sure that this would be most interesting to our tourists.

Secondly, our people in Manitoba are very friendly by nature, and this in itself is good for the tourists, but the . . . Mr. Speaker, and the beauty of the tourist industry that it benefits all the Province of Manitoba not only Winnipeg. I understand only 35 percent of the tourists that come to this province stay in the City of Winnipeg and the rest travel other parts of the province. From information and statistics that has been quoted to us, a family spends approximately \$155.00 for such things as accommodation and meals, transportation, and other things, entertainment and shopping, and if the Minister can find enough historical lore for these people to stay a little longer, or linger a little longer, perhaps they would be spending much more money than \$155.00 that they do.

The thing that the government is aware that the tourists they buy gas; there's tax on fuel; they make certain purchases there is sales tax on, and of all of the taxes that are paid through, and as a result of the tourist industry, I think it comes to somewhere in the neighbourhood of \$40 million a year and my information is that last year that we spent somewhere in the neighbourhood of a million dollars for tourist promotion, and if we can get as much as \$40 million spent by the tourists in this province, I think it is a good indication in itself that there is much room for improvement, but not only improvement, for tremendous development of tourist industry in this province.

I am told that we can double that amount in no time with proper promotion, so it is my opinion that the Minister has a big job cut out in this area; that we can get more tourists coming not only to Winnipeg and Manitoba, but perhaps I would be interested to hear from his journey and his trip up north what he has planned for tourist promotion, or tourist development, in Northern Manitoba. I had a letter just the other day from a union from Thompson and this is one of the, I believe, resolutions that they passed, or discussed, that they feel that there should be some tourist promotion and development in northern Manitoba.

I did not hear the Minister say anything about the second National Park. I know that when the Federal Minister, Mr. Chretien was here, he said that the government can go ahead with development of the second National Park and it's up to the present government to go ahead and make a start and proceed. He said the money is available and it's in their hands. Well if any

(MR. PATRICK cont'd) sharing agreement that the Federal government has and it's the land, I understand that the Provincial Government has to okay the site and give the land so I believe that the government is lagging as far as the second national park is concerned, unless they don't believe in a second National Park, the Provincial Government.

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. The Honourable Minister of Tourism and Recreation,

MR. DESJARDINS: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if my honourable friend would like to remain in order and make an amendment to cover all this. We are talking about tourism and now . . . I would like to . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. The member has spoken already. The Honourable Member for Assiniboia,

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Speaker, I am sure that a second National Park is part of the tourist industry in Manitoba. I think a tremendous amount of revenue will accrue to the government as a result of a second National Park, because I am sure the Minister is aware that the number of tourists that come to say our Clear Lake National Park, Wasagaming, and I am sure that the same thing would happen if there was another or a second National Park developed. What I am trying to indicate to you, Mr. Speaker, is that with the small amount that we spend in tourist development, the small amount that we spent last year, and there was somewhere in the neighbourhood of \$40 million spent by the tourists in this province, and I am sure that this amount could be doubled or tripled with just a little more promotion and development in this area, so not only as revenue that would accrue to this province but I also believe that it would provide the seasonal employment for many of our university students who need jobs, and this would also be of great benefit to many of our students who would be able to get employment and income. So, Mr. Speaker, I do feel that the resolution has some merit and I hope that the Minister will be able to give development of tourism the same type of enthusiasm as he demonstrated just a few minutes ago.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Gimli,

MR. JOHN C. GOTTFRIED (Gimli): Mr. Speaker, I feel compelled to enter the debate on this resolution because tourism and recreation has been one of the major industries and also one of the major sources of income in the constituency I represent. The resolution would have us believe that our government is somehow not encouraging the management and development of Manitoba's tourism resources as energetically as it might. And this I reject outright. If anything, the position of the Opposition on the advisability of instituting Lake Winnipeg regulations makes one wonder whose interests our opponents are preserving. Certainly it is not in the interests of preserving and developing a healthy tourist industry, and the area of Lake Winnipeg in particular. Lake Winnipeg is one of our largest inland fresh water lakes and as such I feel that the regulations that have been suggested by our government will do more to encourage and preserve tourism and recreation than a good many of the things that have been carried on in the past.

Tourists in my area are going elsewhere. They are going elsewhere because of the effects of high water level, the poor beaches and shoreline erosion that has existed in the past. Their complaints are directed not so much against what our government proposes to do, but against what past governments have failed to do.

Let's look at Winnipeg Beach, one of our former foremost tourist and summer resort areas. This was allowed to deteriorate to such an extent that under the Canada-Manitoba FRED plan, Winnipeg Beach had to be purchased and redeveloped by Provincial Parks Branch.

--(Interjection)-- Just hold on a minute. Since coming into office this government has directed the completion of improvements of over one million dollars to develop the site as a day-use recreation and tourist beach for vacationing families. Now it's quite true that the project was begun while the former government was in office, we however did see it through. But let's take this a little further. But the wide sandy beaches are no longer there as in former years due to high water.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please.

MR. GOTTFRIED: Yes these sandy beaches are gone due to the high water level and what suggestions have our opponents for improving this situation? Is it the installation of a control mechanism in the north with a suitable pattern of regulation? No. They would have us sit back, do nothing and wait for a return of the dry years of the 1930's. Now I lived in that area during those years, and I saw the beaches during those years, and believe me it was a pleasure for people to come down from Winnipeg into that area to spend the summer.

(MR. GOTTFRIED cont'd) Might I add Lake Winnipeg offers tourist attractions during the winter season for snowmobiling, and other winter sports. But here again comments voiced by the opponents against Lake Winnipeg regulations would have us believe that adverse slush-ice conditions would result. Irresponsible statements like these are a definite dis-service to our province and the growth of our tourist industry.

Now moving on to Gimli, now moving on to Gimli, an area I know quite well, and the recently announced recreational development project, our government in conjunction with the Federal Government are in the process of spending well over \$1.4 million. Thus far \$967,000 has been approved for eight projects including a marina, fishing village, trailer park, museum and improvements to the beach and town park. How much more energetic can a government get in the area of tourism? Located on the shores of Lake Winnipeg, which incidentally ranks as the eleventh largest freshwater lake in the world, its warm summer waters provide unlimited opportunity for water sports, including swimming, cruising, sailing, and by the way, it was the location of the 1967 Pan American sailboat races, and last summer it was also the location of the Canadian Fireball Championship races. Water skiing and fishing, and last, but not least, the Islandingadagurinn which attracts tourists from all parts of the world is held annually in Gimli. -- (Interjection) -- Ah it's a hard one.

I could go on to mention our government's involvement in the Hecla Island development. Now I'd like to point out here that Hecla was -- the Hecla Island project was conceived by the former government and was in the process of being implemented when we came into office. And the Hecla Island, and also the continuing purchase of lakeshore property for camping and parksites, not to mention the expenditure of money on highway improvements leading into the choice camping, hunting and fishing areas of the north. But enough has been written in the many bulletins published by the department. Anyone sincerely interested in discovering what we are doing to attract tourists, and to expand the influx of tourist dollars in this, one of our most vital income producing enterprises, should get ahold of some of these pamphlets. See them? See them? They're free too. And in here you'll see extolled the many attractions awaiting the tourist in this province. So therefore contrary to the implied and veiled suggestion contained in this resolution I would like to commend the Department of Tourism for the vigorous manner in which it is pursuing the development of Manitoba's tourist resources.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, it's been a rare pleasure to have had with the introduction of this resolution, firstly, the instant contribution by the Minister himself. One might have thought that he would have taken the advice so capably given by the Honourable Member for Roblin seriously and satisfy himself to relax a little bit, after all his Estimates aren't up yet, listen to the contributions that various members might have chosen to make on this particular resolution from this side of the House, or that side of the House, and then have risen at the due and proper time and expounded and explained the wisdom that he had to bring on this resolution. However he, of course, has now prohibited his own opportunity of speaking further on this resolution. -- (Interjection) -- Well now we're going to have an amendment on the resolution. Well that of course gives us an opportunity to reconsider the things that we may want to say at this particular time and gives us all another chance, because it is, it is a very important resolution. It is in an area that I think we have all collectively, you know, are prepared to accept as being "the" area where growth, "the" area where encouragement of growth has the least of all kind of harmful you know aspects that we have some concern about when we encourage the same kind of growth in other sectors. It's the area that we in this province particularly feel that we may be coming into our own as the wilderness areas and the lack of natural habitat begins to diminish, and it's that kind of an area where development should be encouraged to the maximum. It's also of course an area where I think we can discuss without too much acrimony because it is an area where I think, at least in this province, for instance unlike some of the other provinces, governments and not socialist governments but government of the past . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Order, please. The hour being 10.00 o'clock the House is now adjourned and stands adjourned until 2:30 Wednesday afternoon.