

## THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

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INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

MR. CHAIRMAN: Before we proceed this afternoon I would like to direct the attention of the honourable members to the gallery where we have 22 students of General Byng School, Grade 5 Standing, under the direction of Mrs. Stephenson. This school is located in the constituency of the Honourable Member for Osborne.

Also we have 25 students of St. Norbert School, Grade 11 standing, under the direction of Mr. R. Martin. This school is located in the constituency of the Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

On behalf of the members of the Legislative Assembly, I bid you welcome to the Chamber.

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MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. MCKENZIE: I'm sure all those young Manitobans that are in the gallery this afternoon couldn't have picked a nicer day to come and listen to the debates of the Chamber when we're dealing with an item of tourism and recreation, which is so important and involves almost every citizen of this province.

Mr. Chairman, I recall very well the days a certain government created this Department of Tourism and, looking into the crystal ball and projecting what the future would have in this important field, saw that tourism was going to be big business and established a department as such. And of course I'm sure by the end of the century, by the end of this century tourism will no doubt be the biggest employer of people of any industry in Canada.

And it's an interesting facet. Travel is good for Canadians and Canada is good for travel. We have a very interesting country to live in and we have so many things that are of interest to so many people, and so we of the Conservative Party stand up here in replying to the Minister's Estimates this afternoon, and say that it's good for Canadians to see and to know their own country with the help of this department and its staff, and it's good for them especially to know their own Province of Manitoba.

And I think there is hardly anybody in this province today that doesn't recognize the value of tourist dollars. This industry has become one of the most prime new industries and it has got fantastic potential for everybody in this province providing that we handle it properly. I'm told that some 200 million people last year spent some \$24 million in tourist dollars in our great country of Canada, touring out of Canada and into Canada. And that's big money, it's big dollars. And it's interesting, Mr. Chairman, if you review those figures and find that the Canadians are the champions of the tour, of travelling. Our American friends across the border historically have been noted for the fact that they were maybe the greatest travellers in the world today, but now the Canadian people are catching up real fast and they are finding that they are considered by many authorities today to be champions in the world of travel. It's another interesting figure to find that Canadians spend more dollars per capita than any other jurisdiction in the world when they travel, so therefore we have a lot to be thankful for and we have a lot to comment on this very important department that we're dealing with this afternoon.

This government is taking tourism very seriously and I congratulate the minister and the government for what they are doing. And I think that while we are planning and dreaming of this great potential, Manitoba is only 100 years old and our history is very shortlived. And in those days the people, the pioneers that built this country, didn't have time for recreation. They were builders, they were hard-working people, and they worked long hours. And they built us a very fine province to live in and they built us a very fine Canada. But after we've reached that decade in our history, we find now that those that were at the helm in those days, some of them are retiring now and have the luxury and the honour of retiring, and it's our duty and responsibility to provide them with the best recreation facilities that's possible and the one that they'll gain the most advantage.

And I wonder even today - and this is political - that in fact that this government over here are not going too far with their socialist dream. We've still got to have people to work. You can talk about your guaranteed annual income, you can talk about all these dreams of socialism where everybody becomes equal, but somebody has got to be a builder, somebody's got to continue to build this country because it's only a hundred years old. And who is going to build it? The people that are of the free enterprise philosophy, the people that dream of

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(MR. McKENZIE cont'd) . . . . building things up on their own initiative, and we have those kind of people; we still have them today; and I think we should bow down to them, pat them on the back for what they've done. But not in the main, not in the main creative society where it'll destroy the initiative of a man of 60 years of age today who you are saying that he should be retired.

If you look back over history, Mr. Chairman, you'll find some of the greatest creators of all time, political, art, cultures, they never created anything until they became 60 years of age. Are you going to destroy the initiative of those people and say put you out to pasture? No. I think, Mr. Chairman, in all sincerity, as we look at this very important, we have to have the best of all worlds, we have to have the best of our senior citizens, we have to have the best of our young people, we have to have the best of our middle age group people to build this tourism and recreational, philosophy, and the dollars that's involved with it, up to be the giant that it's supposed to be according to the records. And I'm sure we can do that if we walk arm in arm and hand in hand, and I'm sure there is not a person in this room today that won't support that philosophy, the fact that don't let's destroy the value of our senior citizens who have all that wealth of information and knowledge and the history and all the things that they've brought and created for us. So that's one quarrel that I have with the philosophy of socialism who - basically think that when a guy becomes 45 or 50 years of age he's not much good to society any more, he can't hack it. So, Mr. Speaker, I in all sincerity, I say that we can rebuild this country again and build on the base that those people established and we can do a lot in the matter of utilizing the tourism and recreation . . .

MR. GREEN: I wonder if the honourable member would permit a question?

MR. McKENZIE: When I'm finished. If the Honourable Minister, if the House Leader will permit, we let the Honourable the Minister, we gave him leave to extend and when I sit down I hope that I will have the luxury or the privilege of answering the honourable member's question.

But, Mr. Speaker, I think all members of the Legislature recognize the value of tourist dollars and the planning. But I have one quarrel that I'd like with the Minister, and I've raised the question two or three times in the House: there are seven reports that we were supposed to have from that department. If we're going to deal honestly with the estimates of the Minister before us today, there are seven annual reports that are supposed to be filed within 15 days from the day that the House opened. I haven't got them. Now maybe the Minister has had some problems with printing or otherwise, but unfortunately, for us to deal fairly and honestly with these estimates I think that we should have had the privilege of having those reports on our desk today to deal with the estimates in all sincerity.

Mr. Speaker, I've become interested in the planning of some of the great parks of Manitoba. I'm thinking, and I know there is a study being done in the Whiteshell area of this province. The plan is in the works. I don't know when we're going to get it and I hope in the Minister's reply he'd give us some idea of what development plans he's got for the Whiteshell area and how many of the local people he's going to involve, or is it again going to be the bureaucrats that's going to do like they did in Asessippi and not let us have our way and not let us plan our parks within our own area. I would hope that in the living experience of the development of that park which has been -- it's been on the works now for what? Three or four years, and it's still far from being finished. The local people there now want to talk about building a road and getting their planning involved in it, and apparently that can't happen with this government. The local people again, with this big bureaucracy and this big government philosophy, they don't want to use the resources that we have out in some of our rural communities, so I'm sure the Minister will reply to that in . . .

Mr. Speaker, I wonder about the master plan for northern Manitoba. I understand again another master plan is in the works for the development of tourism in northern Manitoba. I don't know if the Minister . . .

A MEMBER: . . . Guidelines for 1984.

MR. McKENZIE: Well, I'm sure that when the Minister replies he'll give us some ideas of this master plan that's to be unveiled for the development of tourism in northern Manitoba, and I think every member on this side would like to be able to have a look at it and see if in fact we couldn't contribute something of value to that development. The one, the development of the master plan of the Duck Mountain area of this province, I think, the Minister and his

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(MR. McKENZIE cont'd) . . . . staff did an excellent job. They came out and unveiled a certain plan, and while there was differences of opinion felt that that plan was, I think, well handled. Maybe it wasn't acceptable in the first meeting but the second and third meetings it became most acceptable in a lot of ways. But, Mr. Chairman, this is a most difficult thing to resolve. You have a forest area; you have fresh water that's never been polluted; you have a forest that's as virgin as anything in this province and you have people that want to use that same area for recreation. Now how we can utilize that facility to the advantages of all the people and make certain that everybody is reasonably happy, is a very difficult task. We have, and it's unfortunate that today it's still - there's an unhappy element in the area. I'm sure the minister has had as many letters and reports as I have and I have many of them here in my desk, that have their own views about how it should be done and maybe in fact, maybe in fact we should keep that area as something that's never been polluted. Because once you put a sewer system in there, which is likely going to help be the result of this motel/hotel complex that is going in there, there will likely be some forms of pollution. And of course, the people out in the area are asking who are these, who is this corporation that's going in there to develop this complex? And that's never been revealed to the people in the area nor to me, or is it a local group of people or are they political friends of the NDP? Or who are these people? And that's the question that's still being asked. I raised the question in Dauphin, it's been raised many times since. We don't know. We have our own suspicions but I'm sure the minister in his reply to some of these questions will no doubt give us some of the answers about who that corporation is, who's their Chairman, where they got their capital.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the minister for his handbook which came out, and may I remind him, and I can only speak generally on it, but I can find many areas in my constituency that should have been maybe updated a little closer than it is. I know of a - and I just give an example of a motel that was built in Grandview a year ago and it's not recorded in that. Now maybe it's difficult, we talked about this last year and I think we talked the year before, that it may be very difficult to update and maybe the people from the area don't send the information in to the minister so that the handbook could be more updated than it is at the present time.

Mr. Speaker, the Asessippi Provincial Park is one, I'm sure, that the Minister will elaborate in much more lengthy terms than he elaborated this afternoon, because that happens to be in the constituency that I represent. There's many unhappy people regard this -- the Asessippi Provincial Park was created the same time as Bird's Hill and Spruce Woods, and I'm sure that every member of this Assembly can tell me what's happened in Bird's Hill, but what's happened at Asessippi? Basically nothing. Or the development of the Shellmouth Reservoir? For some unknown reason, and I don't know why, the planners, and there's municipal planners, there's recreational planners, there's planners of wildlife, they've never been able to put it all together and they're still at the table debating what kind of an area they're going to . . . and that is an area that could have taken some of the high density tourist dollars that are coming in off the Duck Mountain area but it's still far, in fact nothing has happened. They build the dam and as we sit here today, Mr. Chairman, basically that's all that has happened, and it's one of where a bunch of planners have apparently, with the help of municipal bodies, have not been able to agree. I don't know why in the original concept of it, where the Canada inventory, Canada Land inventory, gave a master plan, why they didn't follow that plan because that was a good plan and it should have been implemented but it maybe is out of the Minister's jurisdiction, it's more in the Minister of Municipal Affairs' jurisdiction, why that thing hasn't moved ahead because it is an area that is becoming heavily populated through tourists. The Saskatchewan -- certainly the municipal planners were in on it. The tourists that come in there on a weekend . . .

MR. DESJARDINS: Mr. Chairman, so I can try to get the answer, can I ask the honourable member, you are referring to Asessippi Park now?

MR. McKENZIE: The Shellmouth Dam is all, you know, still on the end of it. If the Honourable Minister understands Asessippi Provincial Park, the Shellmouth Dam is built right onto the end of it. And the Minister has the jurisdiction of the Asessippi Provincial Park but here's this great big reservoir that's been created by a dam, that nothing has happened and they're still planning and meeting. There's been hundreds of meetings held. Yes. Yes. Some of the planners from your department.

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(MR. MCKENZIE cont'd)

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Honourable the Minister for the manner in which he has worked hand to hand with some of the tourists and convention people of our province. I think that our facilities are improving and I'm sure that, as I look through some of the reports that come across my desk, that we could almost hold a contention of not the largest magnitude but certainly conventions could be held in Flin Flon that would attract a lot of new people to that area, Thompson, and we have the air services, and why do we have to have all these conventions in Winnipeg? Let's spread these conventions out around this province. And why not try a convention of some, invite people to go to Churchill for once and just try that on for size.

I congratulate him for the tours that he's set up. We've discussed this last year and the year before, where we can hand people a packet - there's a tour here or there. That I think will be most beneficial, but I think we can afford the luxury now of even moving a little farther to help the people of the rural part of the province. We haven't got all these high rise buildings and all these facilities that you have in this great urban centre which is our capital of this province, but try on a convention out in the north and spread it around. -- (Interjection) -- My colleague or my deskmate says Brandon. I'm sure that the Minister has looked at that and we have tried Brandon on and the hospitality and the new facilities there are most encouraging.

Mr. Chairman, I congratulate the Minister on his efforts in culture. I'm impressed by some of the cultural ways we're moving ahead. There's still lots of work to be done because culture is something that's very very important, it's a heritage to almost every community of this great province, and I'm sure with some of the programs that he's brought that he's moving ahead and will have many more. The -- I beg your pardon? Well, that's possible too. The recreation of the sports program, and that I think the Minister in his remarks today he indicated that he is making full use of the facilities of the Red Cross. The Red Cross in the area that I happen to reside have been, they've had swimming programs going on there ever since I can remember, and I dare say that there's hardly a boy and girl in my constituency today that isn't a top rate swimmer. The kids all take part in the program. But there seems to be something lacking in -well, if we compare ourselves to our American counterparts, the fact that the Department of Education have never been able to see fit to get into the field of music. I happen to be a musician and I can recall some of the hours of recreation that I have had from music, and seeing the talent that comes here to our Chamber and entertain us from time to time, that if in fact education can't be changed or their policies or their curriculum can't be changed to be more serious about young marching brass bands with banners and -- that maybe the Minister should move that into his department and I'm sure that he'd be proud to walk down the street by any young marching band. It's something -- music does something to people and people like music, and I've spoken in this Legislature every year since I've been here about it being part of the curriculum of the Department of Education, and apparently it cannot be and the reasons are maybe well-known. It's very difficult for a local small community to do it by themselves, and maybe with the wisdom and the benefit of the department and some local initiative we could put it together and be able to say that every community of a thousand people or more has got a marching band, and my gosh, that type of entertainment will entertain people two nights, Saturday night, Sunday afternoon. You can always assemble a bunch of musicians that will entertain people, as you see in your parks in the city, and I'm sure that is something that the Minister will take a look at.

The package tour program that the Minister has launched, I take my hat off and congratulate him for it. I think that again will distribute the tourist dollars around this province and make Manitobans more familiar with Manitoba than they are at the present time, and hopefully set up routes and tours of people moving into areas and I'm sure that will put dollars in there, improve the facilities, improve the food facilities, and that in a very short time we'll be able to say that it doesn't matter where you go in this province, that there are facilities there that will meet the challenge of any tourist that wants to; regardless of what he asks for we will have it, whether it's in the rural parts of our province or in the urban society.

In the Arts I'm wondering, the Minister dwelt rather -- there's still some problems with the people in the Arts field today. I meet them from time to time. They're still having a hard time making it go, and it's somebody that's doing the creative art or he still has a hard time to get off the ground. I know the Minister is doing some for these type of people but there's still some of the most creative people of society that in the initial stages of trying to get off

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(MR. McKENZIE cont'd) . . . . the ground, that they do have some problems economically and then they move on and when the fields become more lucrative and they will be able to handle it themselves, and I know the government has had some programs that have been helpful and are beneficial, but it's something that's been drawn to my attention from time to time.

Mr. Speaker, with those few remarks I welcome the Estimates that were presented by the Minister and I'm sure there's others that would like to comment on his remarks.

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

MR. GREEN: Well I just wondered if the honourable member would now permit a question. Mr. Speaker, the honourable member says that he identifies or that it was socialism that wants to retire people at 45 and throw them in the junk heap. I wonder which book or which socialist spokesman that he found that in that he could advise me on.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. McKENZIE: Mr. Chairman, I can't recall of ever using the words "junk heap". That's one phrase that's not been familiar with my dialogue. Maybe the Minister -- I'm of the opinion that we are not making full use of a lot of senior citizens of our province today, who by various ways we put him in high rise apartments or putting, sort of isolating them from the mainstream of people like myself. If I want to gain good knowledge and good wisdom and common sense from people that built this country, I generally go to a man 60 years. He's been through the mill and he can tell me the problems. But basically, the socialist philosophy, you know, you try and make everybody equal, you know, and so how are you going to take advantage of that resource when you are not in fact even recognizing that he's a citizen? You're not even giving him the right to pay for his own medical premiums today, because he's got the money in his pocket. Then why say he can't pay for it? I want to pay for my Medicare plan and so does a lot of other people. Now those that don't, I don't quarrel with that, but there are a lot of people today at 60 years and over and at my age, that like to pay for their -- we don't want it free. And, Mr. Speaker, you know, there's so many programs. Sure, I'm all for the senior citizens of this province who are having a tough time making it by themselves, but there's a lot of them that are prepared to do their own thing. -- (Interjection) -- Well you come out in my area, my friend, and I'm sure we like to do our own thing as long as we can.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for La Verendrye.

MR. GREEN: Do you not agree that a person over 60 who is earning a living, and there are many are, is not now paying for his medical care costs although not through a premium, he is paying for it through other forms of taxation?

MR. McKENZIE: Well that's debatable.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for La Verendrye.

MR. LEONARD A. BARKMAN (La Verendrye): Mr. Chairman, I want to join with the member that just spoke in congratulating the Minister and his staff for some of the improvements that are starting to show. I thought it was rather appropriate that it was Friday afternoon since the Member for Roblin chose to speak this afternoon as usual, on Fridays.

I do not intend to cover the whole waterfront, perhaps part of a waterfront. I think some of my colleagues from this side will do that later on but since I don't see them around just now I can probably -- I'd like to go to a beautiful little lake by the name of Falcon Lake that happens to be in my constituency and, while I have been hesitant over the past three or four years about stating certain complaints that I think should be brought to the Minister, because he brought out a statement in his opening remarks that I think are very fitting, and basically I think his concern as well as the concern of his staff is the fact that it is hard to get a well-trained staff to help the public with some of the problems that arise out of the vast improved numbers that are appearing at the lakes more so than ever before. And I wish to bring a few complaints that have been happening at Falcon Lake, and my concern has become even more intense as the lake has become more, much more popular in the last five years, and I think it doesn't matter whether it be skiing or whether it be snowmobile racing or just the average cabin living or trailer living, we all know that Falcon Lake is a spot, not just because it happens to be in my constituency, but it is a spot that Manitoba is indeed very proud of.

I must also admit that I find it difficult to pinpoint it only to the Minister of Culture and Recreation. I could perhaps imagine some of the problems arising are partly covered by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and partly by the Minister of Highways, perhaps partly by other departments, but this is part of the confusion that some of the people living at Falcon Lake are

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(MR. BARKMAN cont'd) . . . . going through. And while it is a resort area, I think I shall try and more or less bring it to the attention of this Minister.

I find in some of the now fully populated areas we still find ourselves with, first of all, some very dirty, dusty streets, and this is causing much inconvenience to many of the inhabitants around Falcon Lake. I think that I don't have to -- I could point out that many of them, and even in 90 degree weather, have to completely shut windows and live miserably because of some of the dust problems. Now I know also that there has been quite a complaint of many of the bicycles -- and there are hundreds and hundreds of them, as you that have been down there know, travel in especially the summer months. They're finding it very hard to travel safely and I don't know, I'm not ready to suggest that we have a complete driveway for them only, but I think some of our dust conditions will have to be looked at because the accident occurrence that is probable there is far too high.

So, Mr. Chairman, I think that we must look forward to some of these improvements, and I believe I can only bring it through this Minister because the people down there, especially those that live there and also those in summertime, don't really know who to go to for some of their complaints, and I think that this Minister, I should also bring to the attention, while the RCMP is doing a terrific job in that area they too find themselves way overloaded and especially during those busy summer months. And I hate to bring this up, but some of the night life -- I'm not referring now to hunting -- but some of the night life that goes on at these type of resorts, which is quite natural, but this could be said also for other parts of the Whiteshell area, I notice or I have had complaints that many of the people staying and very often probably visitors staying with inhabitants down there, are very careless about their bottle throwing onto the beaches and . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order please.

MR. BARKMAN: . . . and very often we find the next day, I've had reports even not just small children with their tiny bare feet getting scratched up but also even animals. There was quite a case of a dog that was ready to present the world with a number of her descendants, had a real bad accident, and this may sound puny but I think the whole problem simply winds up that while this is a beautiful lake, one of the best resorts that we can find in Manitoba, this department, like some of the other departments, are running into problems of not finding the help and perhaps not finding the attention that some of these problems should get, and I hesitate even to bring up some of the many noises that are created even in wintertime by the hundreds and hundreds of snowmobiles, but I think we have to partly overlook this because they are, after all, a great sport and a lot of fun, but some of the inhabitants down there seem to think a little bit different. And, Mr. Chairman, my point again on the matter is the same as on the other complaints that more than likely the Minister will hear. I think that while this is one of the nicest resorts in Manitoba, I think this Minister, or some of the others included, will have to look into the matter and back up the problems that are forthcoming because we need the revenue, we need this kind of life in Manitoba, and I perhaps, I think that with the unemployment figure at times being much higher than we wish to see it, I think that we should take more time to probably train more staff because it seems to be bringing in the dollars and the people living down there, including those in summertime, would certainly wish if they could get a little bit more attention and know who to put their complaints to.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Member for Flin Flon.

MR. THOMAS BARROW (Flin Flon): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will again be very very brief. I notice the Member from Thompson and the Member from Rupertsland were both absent during this Estimate. I think it's one of the most important facets of the north. And while I'm at it, I would like to put on record that I do forgive both members for the vicious attack on my character.

The honourable member from Roblin mentioned swimming -- I was very interested in swimming. It's one of my best hobbies and one of my greatest accomplishments. I learned to swim the hard way, Mr. Chairman -- (Interjection) -- If you're going to bug me, Mr. Chairman. I learned to swim the hard way. We had a cabin and my dad used to take the two of us two miles up the lake and throw us off the end of the boat. The swimming wasn't so bad, it was getting out of the bag that was the hardest part.

I'm very very interested in the tourist dollar. Everyone seems to think the tourist is the big spender. We also have people come up to the north and we call them tourist bums or

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(MR. BARROW cont'd) . . . . pork and beans. They bring nothing with them, their own gas, their own food; they take everything, they give nothing. I have pictures and I have various briefs of great length I was going to present today, but I changed my mind because it would be very lengthy and possibly boring to most people who aren't particularly enthused about sport. But these tourists, like I say, they take everything. We've seen moose, just that's been left there, just the horns removed. A good example - it doesn't pertain to the north but I've seen it several times - they introduced a salmon, they're a small red fish in B. C. in Nelson. They call them Kokonee or "the little red fish". These fish weighed two pounds - that was their maturity. But someone thought of food that would be suitable to this fish and they introduced a freshwater shrimp. Now these fish, they go up to six pounds, their limit is eight, and what the tourist does of course, he gets a tent or a camp and catches eight fish, he freezes them and gets eight more, so at the end of the day he has 50 or 60 fish. They've been known to take out half ton truckloads of fish of these Kokonee salmon that were put there for the advantage of our local people.

The same thing applies in the north, Mr. Chairman, and I direct this to the Honourable Minister. But I will say this about the Minister of Tourism. He did come up and he met with all the groups. I had the pleasure of attending the meetings, one at Flin Flon, one in Cranberry and one in Snow Lake, and what appalled me was the difference of opinion among the people. The Chamber of Commerce, of course, were in favour of the tourists, the unions were against the tourists; they'd be quite happy if no tourists crossed 54 parallel. Of course to get together in this thing, and I think we can come up with something that would be more conducive to make both people happy.

Another difference of opinion was the Chamber of Commerce are putting on a strong, strong effort to have a circle route. The road is going to Lynn Lake and now they want a road going back around to Flin Flon, and this was brought up and surprisingly most people were against it. They don't want the road there, they don't want any more tourists up there, and I can see the Minister smiling to himself - the difference of opinion, I mean.

One strong opinion that was brought up was that a man should not have a cabin on Crown land, he should own the land, and the gentleman that gave it - I forget his name - he gave a strong strong speech on owning his own land, and the chairman of the meeting got up and opposed it. He'd rather have the cabin on Crown land. And this was the way the meaning, the three places seemed to go. Of course my honourable friend was laughing about it but anyway, Mr. Speaker, I've met with my honourable colleague who I have a great deal of admiration for, and he has agreed to have a meeting with game and fish people under the chairmanship of Mr. Bruce Moore who has got briefs from Snow Lake, Cranberry, Flin Flon, Thompson, and he's made one enormous brief which he will present to the Honourable Minister whenever he wishes to meet with them. The Minister of Northern Affairs has agreed to attend this meeting and also the Minister of Mines, and hopefully something constructive will come out of this type of meeting.

And in conclusion, Mr. Chairman, I would like to just say one thing about a very good friend of mine who has done more for the north pertaining to park sites, and that man's name is Ed Wong - he's from The Pas. I have never yet written to that man or phoned him that something hasn't been done to alleviate the problems that I've run into. And, Mr. Chairman, after a few brief remarks, I thank you for your kind attention.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Leader of the Liberal Party.

MR. ASPER: Mr. Chairman, I don't propose to outline in considerable length the Liberal Party position on the entire department because we've done so on so many other occasions under so many other headings; there was the Speech from the Throne, the Budget Debate, and in previous years we've addressed ourselves very considerably to the subject of multi-culturalism in Manitoba as it falls under the Honourable Minister's Department. But I do want to make two or three observations, Mr. Chairman, one very brief one on the subject of tourism.

Mr. Chairman, we have in the past outlined, as I say, in considerable detail the kind of program that Manitoba requires and is not being given. While I mean this as no criticism of the present Minister, because we recognize that he as a Minister, administering a department, is not responsible for government policy. Nevertheless, and I might add, Mr. Chairman, that we find no fault nor criticism with the quality of the ministerial direction given to the department. But, Mr. Chairman, we find considerable vacuum when it comes to Tourism policy on the governmental side.

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(MR. ASPER cont'd)

We only reiterate and appeal to the government that a much more intensive, much more substantial effort must be made to elevate this industry, tourism, to its rightful place in the Manitoba economic spectrum, both from the point of view of revenue to governments as well as recreation opportunities to the people of Manitoba. We are in fact not keeping pace with the rest of Canada in realizing this potential. Tourism has become the second largest Canadian industry. We in fact are slipping, for it's only the fifth largest in Manitoba. Its potential for what it can do for our people is well known. Studies that this government has or the previous government had that are available to the public, indicate that as many as 30 to 60,000 new jobs over the short term could be provided in this industry alone. And they're the finest quality of jobs, Mr. Chairman, because they're seasonal, available to students in the summer and available to farmers in the winter, those who require supplemental income and those who leave the farm to supplement their income in the non-growing season.

We have not developed adequately our resources, our tourist resource, nor have we established the roads and the methods of communication that will get us to those resources. You have heard in this Chamber in recent days discussion of the Pembina Valley potential, which has been ignored. There are others. There's the east side of Lake Winnipeg which has been raised in this Chamber many times. But I don't propose to deal with that today, Mr. Chairman, because I have commented on it on behalf of our party in the economic debate on the budget.

We wish to place on record our disappointment, Mr. Chairman, over the government's failure to provide a very much stepped-up, a much more effective program for amateur sport within Manitoba. To give a very brief comparison, we are spending in 1972, I believe, \$25,000 in grants to the Manitoba Sports Federation. Mr. Chairman, that's a pittance; it's a drop in the bucket. No grant to our knowledge has been made for 1973. And it does no good nor does it serve any useful purpose for the Minister or for government spokesmen to rail at Ottawa's lack of participation or what have you, because even as opposed to other regional provinces, other regional governments, we are not doing enough in amateur sport which is a major part of our commitment, I think, in terms of equality of opportunity for our young people, particularly. For example, while we give \$25,000 to the Manitoba Sports Federation in 1972, the Government of Alberta makes a grant of \$60,000, very much more in proportion as well as in dollar amount. As well, the Government of Quebec this year will be granting 1.2 million as opposed to our paltry \$25,000 even, both in proportional terms and in terms of the actual numbers.

In the jurisdictional aspect of whether this is a Federal/Provincial or a Municipal problem, the victim of that kind of debate is the person who has the least capacity to look after himself. In my own riding, Mr. Chairman, and I don't say that mine is the only riding that has these kind of problems, but the people of Wolseley are not alone but nevertheless are deprived of the same opportunities in recreation or sports terms as are available to other Manitobans. They pay the same taxes, they work as hard, but they don't have those facilities. In my riding there is not a single tennis court, there is not a single closed-in skating rink, there is not a single swimming pool. There is a dearth of recreation land available and unless we devise a provincial recreation program that has some coherence, that has some strategy to it, the people of ridings like St. Matthews, Wellington, Logan, Wolseley, four city ridings, will continue to suffer from lack of equality of recreational opportunity.

We have, for example, in Winnipeg and my riding, several miles of river bank property privately owned, but Mr. Chairman, no program by this government that has at least surfaced, whereby a public river bank ownership plan has been put before the public and implemented. And to me the river banks are the natural heritage of this province, this country, and certainly, Mr. Chairman, should be opened up to public use . . . -- (Interjection) -- when I'm finished.

It comes to the point, Mr. Chairman, where I think it's relevant to consider the establishment of a provincial capital commission in Manitoba, a commission which will be charged with beautification, the development of this city as the provincial capital and, as Ottawa has done so successfully, made a far more pleasing, a more palatable, a more amenable environment as the national Capital.

Mr. Chairman, this would extend also to the development and restoration of historic sites, most of which are not even known to the school children of Manitoba. In Winnipeg, in specific terms, and throughout Manitoba but Winnipeg particularly, there is a very serious

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(MR. ASPER cont'd) . . . . problem of taxation of those recreational facilities that do exist to the point where many will disappear unless provincial action is taken. I refer to two kinds, the privately owned golf clubs which are open to the public upon payment of fee - and I presume most are being taxed to the point where many are selling. Now when they're sold, Mr. Chairman, they disappear. -- (Interjection) -- Well, the Honourable Mines Minister should be placed on record rather than from his seat, saying tax them higher. And as they sell, as they sell, green area is lost. Now that may be that they should be taxed at their current rate, that's not the point I'm making. What I'm trying to say is that as we have them sold, developers buy them at current market prices and turn them into high rises, creating increased density in the areas that they were formerly there as green portions. If at least there was some program to acquire for parks and further recreational facilities, then there would be no loss, but there is no such program and we urge the government to consider it seriously. For example, Glendale Golf Club will soon disappear, we understand, and presumably what is now green and beautiful will become shopping centres and that sort of thing. We're referring to a different kind of green than - there is the green herring, Mr. Chairman, and there is the green golf course. It's the green herring who is making . . .

MR. GREEN: I wonder if the honourable member would permit a question?

MR. ASPER: No. Yes, when I have concluded my remarks. Mr. Chairman, the point I'm making is that these green areas are threatened and should be lost unless the government implemented some sort of program for acquisition as these become available for sale. Southwood Golf Course is also one that's threatened. The tax - I might say that the same thing is happening in our curling clubs to the point where unless some sort of recreation tax adjustment is made - and it can only come from leadership from the Provincial Government - we can expect to see the access to curling clubs as a major Manitoba recreation facility diminish.

I want to just read you some figures into the record, Mr. Chairman, to show how these clubs which cater to ordinary Manitobans - these are not the hoi polloi, the people who can afford to look after their own recreation needs. Taxes have escalated to the point where membership is becoming prohibitive. One of the biggest single factors in the cost of membership in a curling club is the tax component on the property. For example, if you look at what's happened in ten years, you take from 1960 to 1971 - and I won't go through it all - you've got the taxes on the Granite Club escalating from 1960 to 1971 from \$5,800 to \$13,400. Civic Caledonian from \$1,300 up to \$4,372.00. Heather, from \$8,000 to \$10,000. Fort Rouge, almost a 300 percent increase from \$2,000 to \$5,600. And Mr. Chairman, I can go through them, I can go through them one by one. The point is that -- and there is one staggering example, that's the one that is in the riding of my honourable friend from Assiniboia. I believe it's in Assiniboia. Assiniboia? The Assiniboine Curling Club, Mr. Chairman, Memorial Curling Club I'm referring to, has seen a tax rise from \$1,666.67 of 1963 dollars to an estimate of \$8,000 if the building is rebuilt from the fire that was suffered in 1973. That's the amount that's being budgetted. Mr. Chairman, I haven't got the calculation but it's a several hundred percent rise in taxation on a recreation facility which is used by 40 percent school children. And so we would ask that the Minister, in considering his Estimates, considering his future programming, that the government adopt a policy of a new tax structure for those facilities which are (a) non-discriminatorily open to the public; and (b) are recreation in character; and (c) are esthetically pleasing in a community. As well, we urge that the government reconsider its lack of a meaningful program for amateur sport, and reconsider its failure to provide equality of recreation facilities, particularly in the congested urban area of Winnipeg. And with those comments, Mr. Chairman, I pass my hope to the Minister that he will take seriously and sincerely the comments we've made.

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

MR. DESJARDINS: Well, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to answer some of these questions and probably I should start dealing with the remarks of my honourable friend the Leader of the Liberal Party. I might say that I am rather surprised at some of the remarks that he's made, because I've heard the same member in this House tell this government, tell all governments, that we should not interfere with different levels of government. For instance, let the city run their own affairs. This is the last thing that we should do is meddle in municipal affairs, in the affairs of the City of Winnipeg. And I also heard him, well in fact while he was making his remarks, he talked about the great need for development of the north. Now, he is suggesting

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(MR. DESJARDINS cont'd) . . . . that we are not doing enough, that we haven't done anything for amateur sports, and he's suggesting that we spend \$25,000 on amateur sports. Well either my honourable friend is trying to misrepresent or he is very poorly informed. The \$25,000 that he is talking about was an out and out grant to the Sports Federation as such, and this is the first time in the history of Manitoba that this was ever done. This is to help in the administration of the Sports Federation. Speaking of the Sports Federation, we have been meeting with them and discussing with them on many occasions; we intend to keep on doing this. We've tried to co-operate with them as much as possible. We've tried to find a way for them to be able to get the revenue that they would like to see go to sports. Now, we have assisted them in their Sports toto in the past. I personally, I think, have been responsible for presenting other . . . lotteries to interfere with the sports, the sports lottery, to give them the funds that they need. This is one thing, and we are now studying with them the role of the Sports Federation. So to say that we haven't co-operated, I don't think, in all fairness I don't think the member said that, to say that we haven't co-operated with the Sports Federation would be wrong. So that \$25,000 was a grant for the Sports Federation, this was the first year.  
 -- (Interjection) -- Beg your pardon? You want - well I would love to get more money for my colleagues, to be honest with you.

But what have we done for amateur sport? Well out of the Lottery Fund we started exactly the kind of program that my honourable friend mentioned but I think, while I'm not going to accuse him of being too parochial, he was using his constituency as an example because he knows that constituency a little more and I imagine that the people are talking to him as their representative, so it might be that he was speaking as the member for Wolseley when he said that. But there are many places in Manitoba that do not have the facilities that they would like to have, that they should have. And it's obvious for many reasons. You go out in the States, you go to Europe, for instance I saw the most beautiful park in Germany and I thought, what an idea for Manitoba! Then I realized that they were, that they had a park, I think there was 700,000 people that were within five or ten minutes walking distance of this park, and then they are using this park twelve months a year, practically twelve months a year. Now with the climate that we have, with the large province that we have and the sparse population that we have and they are spread all over the place, it is difficult and we are trying to do exactly this, give, as I mentioned this morning, give all the people of Manitoba the same opportunity as much as possible.

Now we set up a program to help for the construction of these facilities, and that is working for amateur sport, Mr. Chairman. The rural area received - we approved, they haven't received anything yet, they have to keep on with their building - we devised a program that we would go to a maximum of \$20,000 or 25 percent of the cost of construction and we've committed approximately one million dollars in the rural area. And if you will multiply that by five that's five million dollars, and some of them were much more than the four times what we give. So those are all new facilities that we didn't have that we should have. That's all across the rural area.

Now we've also said to these people, these places that will receive grants must be open to the public. If you have facilities within your communities that you are not using, including the schools, and for many many years the schools were not used, beautiful gyms were not used, in one of the areas -- (Interjection) -- That's right. In certain instances are not used, and we will not stand for that, we will change this, we will work towards that until all the people of the community who are paying for these schools will be able to use these schools. I remember one area they wanted a gym and I said, "Well, you've got a beautiful gym here." They said, "Well, the principal will not allow us to use the gym; it's got white tiles in there, we can't dirty the tiles so at 3:30 we lock the door." We will not stand for that, Mr. Chairman.

Now this is in the rural area. In the remote areas we have \$75,000 set aside. We're a little late on this because we intended to work with the ARDA III B program and it's not working as well as it should so we will look into that ourselves. It might be a small grant but we will help these municipalities and we might waive this 25 percent in those areas and maybe pay a larger cost.

Now in the city, some people felt, well, make sure that all areas - and what the Leader of the Liberal Party said is true. Some areas in the Greater Winnipeg area do not have the facilities that other richer places have. There is no doubt about that. So what have we done?

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(MR. DESJARDINS cont'd) . . . . We wanted some large facilities to help all amateur sport - that was one thing. But again, we wanted to help the different communities. So we said, we're going to pay these 13 community committees, we will give you \$15,000 each, that's \$195,000 - never was that spent for those facilities before in the history of Manitoba. Mind you, I must say that it is not just a question of who should get the credit but things have changed and we have this lottery now and we're going to use it for that, but nevertheless not a cent was spent before. We said we'll give you \$15,000.00. And I met with the people, some of the councillors in the City of Winnipeg, and they didn't like that at all because I wanted to insist that these \$15,000 would have to be approved by each community and \$15,000 would be spent in each and every community or they would not get the money. So that is multiplied by four, four times fifteen, and at least you will have that and that will buy tennis courts and certain things that my honourable friend wants.

Now, we said if two communities want to get together and want to build, for instance a swimming pool and if they agree, maybe four or three or whatever number of councillors in each community agree, and they must stand behind their decision and accept responsibility, we will enable them or we will let them, allow them to pool their resources and they would get \$30,000 to go, let's say, in a swimming pool that will serve two areas. Now we've done that and we were . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Leader of the Liberal Party.

MR. ASPER: Yes, Mr. Chairman. This is a welcome dissertation by the Minister. I wonder if, while he's on it, he might let us know whether this is on a shared cost basis or on a direct 100 percent capital cost basis, or what formula is being used? It's a very interesting program.

MR. DESJARDINS: This is exactly the same formula that we have for the rural points. This is \$15,000 maximum and 20 -- no more than 25 percent. So that, as I say, this is why you'd multiply fifteen by four at least - and these are new facilities. Now when they said, "You are forcing us, you're forcing the city to spend money." In a way maybe we are. It's an incentive grant. And when they request that we give them the money to pay some of the things that they would be saddled with, which is their responsibility, we refused. Because we want our new facilities for the north end, for Wolseley, for all those parts. So this is \$15,000 for each. It's not very much but it's \$195,000 and that is an incentive grant. Now if they want to get more money to run the city, I told them to go and see my honourable friend the Minister of Urban Affairs, this was not my concern. My concern was to have incentive to help have more facilities for the people of Winnipeg and I agree that we need more. And that is only part of it.

In principle this government has also approved an amount that will be around half a million dollars to be spent in conjunction with the Centennial of the City of Winnipeg for one large home for amateur sports, or maybe two if the need would be, but we will discuss this with the city. But that will be a larger place that will have to serve all the Greater Winnipeg area.

And another thing. Just in case any of these community committees do not take advantage of that, they wanted an extra year to use it, we granted them this extra year. And then if they did not use it it would not be lost to Winnipeg, but if this community is not interested or doesn't need any new development, that \$15,000 would go back in the pot to sweeten that half a million dollar pot.

So I think that we cannot be accused of not doing anything for amateur sports.

Now just something that was passed just a couple of days ago. We also gave some money to the sports bodies. There is money available - we didn't give it to them yet - the money is there, voted, it's passed, it's policy. We have now \$33,000 to give some of these sports, directly to the sports to a maximum of \$2,000 or \$500.00, and that will be announced, the conditions and all will be announced pretty soon. And the press release will make a point to say that this is only an interim grant because we need planning in this department. I think I made a mistake when I took over this department and I tried to do too many things too fast, and all I've been doing is plug a hole and then there is another hole, so we are doing long-range planning and this is what we are going to do with the -- we are going to define the role of the Sports Federation with them and with other people. If it's just a question of keeping somebody there to make them happy we are not interested; we want results. And they know that and they agree with us on that. So this is another thing that we'll do and we might come back and give the

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(MR. DESJARDINS cont'd) . . . . sports bodies more money. We didn't give them any more at this time because it might go through the Sports Federation or it might go direct through us. This is one of the other things we've done.

Now besides that, we give \$20,000 remember to the Legion for a program that they have in the Peace Gardesn, and there was \$25,000 for the school association, the people that are taking care of schools. We've also spent, I think, \$19,000, another grant to sports groups to enable them to get ready for the summer games in Burnaby, B. C. We have a \$50,000 fund that we will announce fairly -- well that I'm announcing now -- that will help to buy equipment for people that need equipment that will be on loan to different groups, \$50,000 for a special fund. -- (Interjection) -- Eh? -- (Interjection) -- For different -- well, I don't know exactly what sport. This is one of the things. And we are looking now at all the ways that we can help amateur sport. This is one of the things, I think, that we've covered with -- oh, I might say that it's been more difficult, for me anyway. I find it more difficult to get the money for sports than I do for the culture part of my department. And I think this is true in every government in the world, you know, but so how can we get the money?

In Europe they don't give any money for sports. The money is for cultural but they provide means for the sporting groups to get the money such as Sportstoto and Sportsfoto. So therefore one thing that interested me very much was try to get revenue because that lottery that we have could be curtailed at any time. More provinces -- we had the field all to ourselves, at least in western Canada, and more of the provinces are very much interested. So we took the bull by the horns and initiated a meeting between the four Ministers responsible for sports and culture in the four western provinces. We held our first meeting in Victoria where they agreed to set up a steering committee that would look at this situation of the possibility of having a lottery, a western Canada lottery. The steering committee met in Winnipeg for a few days, then it met in Regina, and next week if I'm finished with my Estimates I'll be going to Edmonton for a meeting with the Ministers where we will try to set up a Western Canada lottery, where we will assure that this revenue will keep on coming for sports and cultural affairs. We will pool together instead of competing for the prize and then we're lost with some of the provinces like Alberta and B. C. if we start this kind of competition or competing between the agencies that will sell, and what we might lose because there'll be four provinces in here, we might help with -- there'll be only one centre of administration and as I said there'd be less competition. But there is another thing.

We hope that we will be able to have a mini-lottery. The Sports Federation have not made a success of the Sportstoto, not through any fault of theirs at all. You can't do that with a small population and any lottery needs a fairly good population. You can't do that with a million people. And they've always had trouble; they've tried everything; the Attorney-General has tried to help them. We've talked to different provinces to try to let them represent sports in other provinces. It hasn't worked out because the provinces all are looking after their own, which is only natural, and we're also doing that. So we hope to have a lottery and we could have maybe an annual lottery, those four lotteries that we have now known as the Manitoba Sweepstakes, and we intend to have a lottery probably every week if this could be worked out with the provinces. So this is long-range planning. This is getting money to do exactly what my honourable friend wants us to do. So I hope that we will be successful but nevertheless we're doing everything we can on that.

So I think that it is difficult to do much more. I would like to do an awful lot more but there is a question of priority and I hope that we're on the right track, anyway that we're doing the proper planning, and as far as the city, the facilities, the only thing we can do, we can't dictate to these people, they're criticizing -- some of them are criticizing our program now because they would much sooner get the \$195,000, pay their bill and reduce the tax, but this is not the nature of this grant. It will not be used for that. It's an incentive grant; if they don't want it that community will suffer and they can accept the responsibility. So we'll stand behind them.

Now there is something that bothers me. It's these golf clubs and curling clubs that we have. Now of course the taxes are going up all the time, not only on golf clubs, and I don't think that the Granite will ever close its doors and I don't think that most of these clubs will ever close their doors. Now this is something that the Minister of Finance, the former Minister of Finance, all the question of taxes including amusement tax and so on will be looked

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(MR. DESJARDINS cont'd) . . . . at, will be looked at again to see if there is something that should be done. It might be that we could tax everybody, put an amusement tax on everyone, and then make certain grants where the grants are needed. This is a possibility but this is something that I would not want to announce at this time. I think that there is still an awful lot of work to do on that and we hope that we can improve the situation.

Now my friend talked about the river banks. This is something we're very interested in also. We are spending some money. We're making research on the scenic route on the Red River and also the Assiniboine. This is one of the things that I said this morning that we will look at, and not only the river banks but also the Floodway around the city, and we've started. We've used some of those for winter playgrounds and we're not finished. We have plans. We have nice plans that I would like to share with the people at times to invite some of the people to my office to look at some of the plans that we have. We have a lot of good ideas. We would like to use that, if at all possible bring some topsoil and have the people that have no space that are living in cramped quarters in apartment blocks, have a little garden if they want around that area. But that takes time, we can't do this in such a short time, but we will hope that our rivers here will be beautiful. There's one in my own constituency, the Seine River, that could be a very beautiful spot. So we will work with the city on that, the people interested, and with the Federal Government because the Federal Government has announced a program - not the details but a program where we'll benefit. I think that this is most of the remarks of my honourable friend.

Well, as far as tourism I'm not going to start an argument with my friend. He wasn't here this morning again and I have pages and pages of figures to show him that Manitoba has improved more than any other province, and to say that we are lagging behind, that we are less successful in tourism is not true at all, Mr. Chairman. I do not accept that at all.

Now my honourable friend the Member from Flin Flon told us about how he learned to swim. I think he said he was tied in a bag and thrown off of a boat. I wonder if his father was trying to give him a message, but I guess he kept coming back all the time, I don't know.

Now what he said about the north is true. I've met with people not only in his constituency - he was talking about his constituency - and it's true, it's very difficult. And I challenge the north. The north wants to be developed. Well the north cannot live on only mines, they must have other industry and the tourist industry is the industry that will develop the north. And it's true that at some of those meetings the people did not want to see any tourists there at all. It's true. And it's true that on every issue that the people were complaining, they were for and against - every single issue, even the roads. Some people did not want roads because it would bring tourists.

He talked about tourist bums and there are some tourist bums, there are some people that are coming in with their own groceries and their own gas, but that, we've found, has been greatly exaggerated and we cannot blame the tourist for all the blame of fish caught and thrown on the side of the road and so on. They're some of our own Manitobans that are doing that. But we want to do more in the north but they've got to help themselves. We started something new, we have the Nor-Man region, the Nor-Man group of the Tourist and Convention Association. We have these regions all over Manitoba. We give them larger grants than we ever have before and we are also keeping some money that will be incentive grants for some good programs that they have. So we are working towards that.

My good friend from La Verendrye talked about Falcon Lake and he talks about the RCMP and the problems that we have policing our parks. Well we will always have problems in policing our parks; there is no doubt about that, when you have a group of people, young people who are having fun, who are playing, who are drinking, there's always a couple of screwballs that'll ruin it for other people. But we are not standing pat on that. As you know you've approved change in the act last year and the act enabled us to have some of our staff act as special constables. And this year as I mentioned earlier through the courtesy of the Attorney-General, we'll have one person, a qualified person -- I think he is a former RCMP -- who will help us organize our people to act as a kind of police force if you want.

But even then we have to be careful. You know, if we help the people fine, this is what you're asking me today, and if we do too much of that next year, you'll be coming here and talking about police brutality. Now we want everybody to be able to enjoy themselves and we will not allow, if at all possible, we will not allow that a few will spoil it for the rest of the

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(MR. DESJARDINS cont'd) . . . . people in the campgrounds, and so on. But we will never have all the answers and if you try hard there's no doubt that you'll always get a letter telling me of some of the abuses that were done. But I'm not saying it for that we're not going to be careful, we're going to do everything we can to remedy that, at least we should.

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(MR. DESJARDINS cont'd) . . . . .

As far as Falcon Lake, my honourable friend talks about the roads, the dry roads, and the gravel, and so on in there. He is right again, but he should have maybe -- he should have mentioned the cost, what those people were paying for the rental of these cottages, which is very low. This is something we'll have to look at. I shouldn't say this -- some of you people tell me we'll have an election pretty soon but I might as well be honest, we will look at that, and there is no doubt that these things will go up, the cottage rental will go up.

And it's a question of priorities. We have a beautiful place at Falcon Lake but there's other areas. For instance, my honourable friend from Roblin was talking about Aseissippi, and so on, and we must develop some of those other places. We are not going to take one part of the province and have paved roads all over Falcon Lake and get other areas of the province that will suffer because of that. We will co-operate with these people the same as they do in the city. Let them get together with us, tell us that they're ready to pay part of the cost, and we'll see what we can do. But we have no intention of starting next week, starting to pave all Falcon Lake and holding back on Duck Mountain, Aseissippi, and some of these places. We recognize that this is a problem; there is an awful lot of people there, but we can look at the problem with them, but I'm sorry that I can't guarantee my honourable friend that he'll have paved streets in all parts in his constituency come this summer.

Now my friend from Roblin, who I am sorry is not in his seat because I think that he's very interested in this department. But he talked of senior citizens for one thing and then he even, as he always does, he was able to bring in socialism in this department, while dealing with the estimates of this department. Well, I can tell him that I have no hangup in this department at all about socialism and free enterprise, because all we're trying to do, and I think everybody in the House has the same condition, to give the same facilities to everybody. For instance, he was talking about senior citizens this year. I talked about this this morning. I wanted to check during the noon hour. I thought we needed a change in the act, if it's not in the act it's in the regulations, that come this summer every person over 65 years old if they apply, if they show proof that they own their car they will be given a pass to go in any park in Manitoba free, in any parks where we charge. So this is something for the senior citizens.

Now he brought in that I can't -- I guess he was talking about leisure time, so I guess he was right in bringing this in this department. He was talking of the people over 60 years old. He felt that this government thought that anybody over 60 was finished, did not count for anything, and I certainly disagree because I've never heard of anybody bringing in this kind of recommendation -- and I can tell the House at this time that I would not agree with this at all. I would not agree to see that we force people to retire at 65 years old. If this goes through it won't be with my vote, I can tell you that, certainly not my vote in caucus or in the Cabinet. But this is not what is requested. I think there is a difference if you allow people, those that want to retire earlier to go, this is something. And it's not a question just of finance, because I think it is a right of every single one of us to hold a job to work, because some people would be lost without work, and I agree that some people at 60 years old are worth at times many times the worth of some younger people. So I think that we have a right to work, but we also have a right to leisure, it's true that it's difficult now. For instance, I . . . . . last year, I suggested that . . . -- (Interjection) -- What's that?

A MEMBER: . . . right to work clause doesn't sit too well with your colleagues when it comes to . . .

MR. DESJARDINS: Well, I'm pretty dense, because I've never heard that; I've never heard that from anybody to say that he hasn't got a right to work. I think that they've tried to create more jobs for people but then if some of the people wish to retire, we hope to make it easire for them, because it's true what my honourable friend said a while ago that -- (Interjections) -- If you two are finished, I'm going to try to remember what the hell I was talking about and continue.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I don't want to have to remind the Honourable Member for Lakeside of Rule 42 again.

MR. DESJARDINS: I know, and you should have been in this morning and . . . those stupid questions.

Before I was so rudely interrupted, Mr. Speaker, I was talking about socialism and free enterprise I think, and I want to challenge free enterprise today, because we are looking for

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(MR. DESJARDINS cont'd) . . . . free enterprise dollars in the tourist industry. -- (Interjection) -- All right. Well, I challenge every single one of you. Bring free enterprise and we will help you set up some of those facilities that you're talking about to develop the north. -- (Interjections) -- Well, Mr. Speaker, maybe I should have five minutes to cry. My friend says we haven't left them with anything. I certainly feel sorry. Gosh darn it, let me try something. No that's the wrong paper. That was the . . . boat draw. Well, anyway I can't find the paper, but I was given a paper this morning where it showed how much money the people of the different provinces were paying -- (Interjection) -- All right, I'm sorry, I'll leave that to my honourable friend. I'll try again. Well, anyway, I say this -- Thank you. -- (Interjection) -- Are you going to read it in French or something? Well here, I thought there was enough to go around, Mr. Speaker, I'm sorry.

No, I say this very seriously. We would like to see free enterprise come in and develop some of the lodges, and I think they're missing the boat because this is the coming thing. There is more and more leisure time; the people have more money, more time, more money; they want to travel more; they want to amuse themselves, and I can guarantee you that we will work with free enterprise in this respect. We'll be very happy to do it. There is a lot of places where we could use them, where they could -- if they give us the kind of people that are anywhere, not you know, Manitoba is not divided in certain places, socialism here, free enterprise there. -- (Interjection) -- Even in your area, if you don't shoot all the people around the area,

But we are trying to get the equal opportunities for the people. We have to develop the north and if the people of the north tell us they don't want tourists, well then they're missing the boat, and I don't think we should be too concerned with the development of the north because that is the industry that will develop the north, there is no doubt about that at all.

My friend was also talking about the Asessippi place and he said that the people were not pleased, that we did not work on certain plans -- oh no, that the people in the area knew nothing about it, that we decided, and that was it. Well, if I wanted to be partisan I'd tell him that this was started by the former government. They talked about starting this place and they were -- but I don't blame the former government because at that time they did talk to the people but after a few years things changed and there are some modifications, but we've talked to the people of the area. Just last week I had representatives, I think, of five municipalities who wanted to talk about the Asessippi thing. They talked about a road; they wanted the road in Inglis, the town of my honourable friend. They wanted the road just in straight line with the road going to Inglis, and we told them at the time that we would help. But the thing is, if we already have a road, or if a road, that's a perfectly a good road and serves the area, and if we have to spend I think it was -- what we were given by the Department of Tourism was another \$50,000,00.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister has five minutes.

MR. DESJARDINS: I know I shouldn't have let all these guys ask these questions, now I can't answer them. -- (Interjections) -- Five minutes. Well, I'll go fast.

Well anyway, Mr. Speaker, these people left quite happy. We told them that they can go and see the Department of Highways, they have talked to the Minister, and if they can show them that it is \$50,000; if they can get a road that'll cost less, fine. We will not put any money in it because this is not the mandate that I have to build roads. To go in -- the roads in the area and the parks, fine, but this park we want to develop that park, other parks in the areas, and if they are ready we might throw in a couple of thousand dollars or so, but if they are ready -- if this is going to help their community as much as they think it will, if they are ready to pitch in and pay part of the cost, we will look at it. But we will not just build a road there because somebody wants it there when it's going to cost \$50,000 more. And that Asessippi Park will be open -- I think it's next month. It's around June, so I think that to say that there is nothing -- my honourable friend said that there was nothing there; you know he doesn't know his constituency very well, he should take a run around that park because that's a beautiful park. It's not completely finished, we'll have to work for a number of years yet but that park will be open this June, and I hope my honourable friend from Roblin will join me on that occasion. -- (Interjection) -- I beg your pardon? Well one of us might be, I don't know.

Now he talked about the difficulties that some people want swimming and other people want -- they would like to see boating, and so on. And it's right. And this goes on all over the world, this discussion of what do you do in a park? Now we've changed the Act and now we can

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(MR. DESJARDINS cont'd) . . . . classify certain sections and for instance the — I think he was talking about the Duck Mountain. Well the Duck Mountain is about, what, 200 square miles. And about 90 to 95 percent will be left exactly in the state that it is now. So the people that want this will . . . but then, I think that there's something wrong here. Some of the members from the rural points get up and say, our region as if part of Manitoba belonged to a certain group. Manitoba belongs to Manitobans. These people come in the City; people from the City will want to take a trip out there; we are encouraging them, we are spending money trying to advertise — we call it in-province advertising for our people to remain in Manitoba. And there is nothing wrong with a lodge being built in the Duck Mountain that will accommodate people that will come in, and tourists, that will go there, that will take a room out there, then later on will go and explore, and either walk through the park, or do whatever they want, do their thing. There is nothing wrong with that, and we cannot have the people from the rural areas tell us, do something for tourists, bring conventions in this area, and not allow any building of any kind, not allow us to develop these things. You either want it or you don't and you can't have it both ways. We are trying to keep a balance with the protection of our natural resources and then make it possible for our people to go in a district and -- (Interjection) -- you're sure anxious to get up, I've still got a minute or two, you know.

As far as the handbook is concerned, well then, there is no doubt that we must miss some of the areas and I would invite all the members of this House to tell me if there is any change to send us that through the year, we'll turn it over to our people and if it should be in the handbook we'll see that it is.

I think he talked about the creative arts, and so on, Well I think that we've done quite a bit on that also. We have more people working in certain areas in that field, this is a new branch. We never had a Cultural Affairs Department before. Now there is a department, we're working towards that and I think that, I think that we're progressing, and I did announce this morning -- I don't know if he was listening -- but we're working with the other three provinces also to work together for the betterment of the people of the north. I think my time is about up now.

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

MR. GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just listened to the Minister, Mr. Chairman, when he just told us we couldn't have it both ways. And yet he said just a few minutes before that — he threw the challenge out to private enterprise to work hand in hand in developing the tourist industry in Manitoba. And I would like to ask the Minister if that applies to all of Manitoba or is there an exception in the Duck Mountains?

MR. DESJARDINS: There's no exception, anywhere in Manitoba.

MR. GRAHAM: Well Mr. Chairman, either the Minister has a very short memory or he's not familiar with what's going on in his department because it's my understanding that private enterprise did in fact ask to be given some consideration and yet we find that it is government that is going to do the development in the Charles Lake area and not the private enterprise field. And I think I just wanted to bring that to the Minister's attention once again because he had said that he invited the private enterprise to work along with government and quite frankly, Mr. Chairman, what's the use when he turns them down and says the government is going to go ahead and do it by themselves. -- (Interjection) --

MR. DESJARDINS: Well, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to answer that. He talked about free enterprise, that we turned down free enterprise in the Duck Mountain, and he said that I don't know what's going on in my department. He's probably talking about Charles Lake Resort. Charles Lake Resort we asked people to put in a bid. Those that were interested in, and free enterprise put in a bid and they got it, and they're building a resort now. So what the hell are you talking about? -- (Interjection) -- Well then, shut-up.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Winnipeg Centre.

MR. BOYCE: Mr. Chairman, I'm a traditionalist and I changed traditions with great reluctance and there has been a tradition evolve in this session that the Member for Roblin and the Member for Winnipeg Centre occupy most Friday afternoons and my colleague the Minister of Tourism and Recreation has hurt me deeply. They're trying to steal my thunder, but I had wanted to respond to my friend across the way from Roblin on a few points but as the Leader of the Liberal Party was speaking it, you know I heard about the three faces of Eve

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(MR. BOYCE cont'd) . . . . . but I'm discovering how many facets are possible in an incident series because when you chided the Minister of Mines, you know, that he should have some comment on record. I'm so glad that we keep a record. I wish the press would print what the Honourable Member for Wolseley says on Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday and Thursday and Friday.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Mr. Chairman, on a point of order.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member from Portage la Prairie on a point of order.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: My point of order is that we are approaching about the 58th hour of the Estimates and the Minister is trying to answer criticisms. And one of his backbenchers gets up and brings in completely irrelevant statements which have nothing to do whatsoever with the department. And surely we can get on with the Department's business, and although I respect the Member for Winnipeg Centre, and he certainly has a right to make his comments, surely he should direct his comments to the Minister's Department.

MR. BOYCE: Point of order, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Winnipeg Centre on the same point of order.

MR. BOYCE: . . . . tradition where the Member for Wolseley makes his remarks in the absence of the Member for Portage la Prairie, leaves and then the Member for Portage comes in and defends him. I had certainly intended to tie these remarks in to what the Member for Wolseley had to say before he ran. I repeat that if the papers would do the Province of Manitoba a service and print his speech verbatim that he just gave in this House on "the Liberal policy" which I can only assume that the Member for Portage la Prairie supports. He speaks on one side — no I won't use that expression — he speaks at one time and says that we should cut taxes. In his speech — if the Member for Portage will read it when Hansard comes out — he says such things as "lack of policy" and this is going to be his contribution to the debate in this Legislature. He chides the Minister for lack of policy then goes on to use phrases "we should elevate the industry; we're not keeping pace with the rest of Canada." He's disappointed that we haven't stepped up our program. He makes absolutely no concrete suggestion at all on how the Minister should perhaps change the direction of his department. He comes up with just general emotive terms that are absolutely meaningless.

But, Mr. Chairman, during the Budget Debate he came out and talked about tax deductions and how much money he was going to save the Province of Manitoba. I'm sorry you know I think with a . . . sometimes, I mean, I don't think too quickly sometimes and I wish I had of kept a record of what he is proposing in each one of his chides to the government that they should expand some program while we've been on the estimates of the Province of Manitoba. Cut taxes on one side he says, then spend more money. He comes out and says \$25,000 is nothing. As the Minister just commented in his remarks \$15,000, and the Minister admitted it, \$15,000 in this particular department he was talking about, may seem insignificant, but 15,000, 15,000, 15,000 in that particular thrust of his department totals up to \$190,000,00.

In the Globe and Mail this morning, in the Globe and Mail this morning, 27th of April, 1973, they compare the expenditures of the governments across the country. A rank order of expenditures — they have them by province here, so I'm going to transcribe that into rank orders — Manitoba on a per capita base spends \$700,00, the least in the country. Nova Scotia spends 770 — and probably the only reason that they have it that low is because they took over Dosco and are making a dollar with a Crown corporation. Saskatchewan is next with \$780,00. British Columbia is 780, Quebec 850, on down to Newfoundland with \$1,290,00. And this gentlemen goes on to comment that the most frugal governments in the country are the NDP governments. But yet talk that we should even be more frugal. We should cut taxes. But yet they come in this Legislature, and the press comes out and supports them, that they say that they — you know big headlines, "Asper Says That He Can Cut Taxes," and then he comes in here and he says that \$25,000 here \$15,000 there, is nothing.

Land policy. You know I'm glad that the Member for Wolseley made his points here, that we should take over the riverbanks; that the riverbanks should belong to the Crown. Sure, let's define riverbanks as ten miles, you know, that would be nice. The main part of his contribution in this Legislature, as is the wont of many people who are associated with the Liberal group, and on occasion with the Conservative group too when they think they can confuse local issues, everything he said pertained to the constituency of Wolseley is under the jurisdiction of the

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(MR. BOYCE cont'd) . . . . ICEC and city council. And some of these ICEC people have come out and said that they're running for the Liberal Party in the next election. But yet they voted down, they voted down any expansion, or any inclusion, of the recreational facilities in the City of Winnipeg when the government has approached them on this particular point. But yet he stands there and has the audacity to stand in his place, and you know I wish some member would sit there because it's awkward talking to an empty chair. I'm addressing my remarks to the Member for Portage. -- (Interjection) -- You know I don't blame the Member of Portage for getting angry sometimes because when he has to sit there and listen to the Leader of the Liberal Party enunciate these non-policies -- (Interjection) -- No. We just feel sorry for you. -- (Interjection) -- Attack him. I'm not attacking him. How can you attack nothing? Well maybe, you know, this is just another example of, you know, stop and look and listen until they catch up again and they do form a policy. They had no policy; they have no policy.

But really why I wanted to kind of respond to my friend from Roblin who made a point. I wanted to commend the Minister, and when he says that, you know, such things as he would hate to see people forced to retire, I agree with him. But one thing that the Minister -- the Minister is a very modest man; he's a very intense individual; he's a very conscientious individual, and he sees things as he tries to -- he tries to -- (Interjection) -- Well I'm certainly not talking about the Member for Thompson that's for sure. For an example I was honoured the other day to be associated with some of the hotel owners in the area represented by the Member from Rock Lake and the Member for Souris-Killarney, and even the Member for Birtle-Russell. A co-operative effort of this rabid red socialist government took place -- it doesn't hit the newspapers, nobody talks about it too much, but the Minister of Tourism and Recreation in co-operation with the Minister of Industry and Commerce and the Manitoba Hotel Association carried out -- (Interjection) -- Yes. They're free enterprisers and nobody has proved to me it's a sin to make a dollar, I'm sorry. The Member for Crescentwood sometimes and I disagree what's a sin as far as money is concerned. But here was an example of the co-operation -- I'm sure the Minister wouldn't mention this -- got to change dentists -- wouldn't mention this program specifically, but there were 74 hotels took place in this particular program where all the people in the business throughout the province got together and they sent all of the information into a central office. There was a couple of consulting firms. One of them was from Chicago.

A MEMBER: Al Capone?

MR. BOYCE: But the main work was done by -- the main work was done by a local outfit who brought in this outside expertise to be of assistance to them, and I think it was a very good type of co-operation. And what they did in co-operation with the businesses, they took all this information and put it into a central pot sort of thing, and they sifted through it to try and come up with what were the strong points of the operation of the businesses, of the hotels, motels, and all the other businesses in the Minister's area, that was his involvement, as he's involved in tourism and recreation. The Minister of Industry and Commerce was involved because it's from a business sense of it. Each hotel operator got a confidential report relative to his operation. But then he had access to the general information and he could see where he fitted in on this thing. And in my mind it was an excellent exercise, and one of the most important things was that when I was at a meeting in Brandon with these people on Wednesday the people thought it was fantastic you know, because oh up to maybe 10 - 15 years ago an awful lot of people who would like to try a different approach to problems, the Conservative element in the province you know scared hell out of people with these rabid reds are going to take over and they're going to you know smother free enterprise.

What does "enterprise" mean? It means entrepreneurship. That means someone who has the ability to take an idea, gather together all of the wherewithal to take the thing from an idea into fruition, take it from nothing and make something out of it. Now if you have a person who has a good idea and he can't gather together any one of the components necessary to take that thing forward to fruition -- (Interjection) -- He'd better not be in business. But he can -- a person can come along, have a good idea and have a lot of money. Those are not the two most important components of a successful operation. The most successful component of an operation, after a person has got an idea, got the capital together, is the managerial abilities of the particular individual. On top of that now in our complex society a small entrepreneur is dead when he has to compete with the larger corporations which can hire

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(MR. BOYCE cont'd) . . . . experts from all over the place, all over the place.

So what this government has been trying to do and the Minister of Tourism and Recreation has been part of it relative to the operations of recreational facilities, is take these small people and help them, help them, not to do it for them. For example when I was in business, -- I'm a small business, 1956 to 1960, the winter of 1960. I go along and I start off with nothing. I take this idea and I build it up. Now in November of 1960 if I had of had the information that was existing, if I had of had the information that was existing, and 95 percent of the information that you need is in existence right now. It might come as a shock to the Leader of the Liberal Party to know that because in the question period this morning he was chiding the Minister of Industry and Commerce relative to a report that is kicking around somewhere. If I had of had the information in November my credit experience, my credit experience in the community was such that I would have been able to get together the capital necessary to carry me through the impending storm, and the impending storm for those, if you will recall, was a slight recession in 1960-61, up back a little bit in 62. But I didn't have it. I didn't know where to get it. I didn't get it. The only place I thought I might get it was the Industrial Development Bank, and they laughed at me. But anyway by 1962, you know, it's too late; all my creditors pull the plug. But what I'm getting at by sharing this personal experience with members opposite is what this government is doing is making that type of information available to the small people in the community right now so they'll have access to it. How do you go about getting it? Who can give it to you and where do you go to -- you know, how do you make use of it once you've got it? Now this report by the way is public information. I put that on the record so that, you know, maybe some day the Leader of the Liberal Party will go into the library and see what is in there.

The Member for Birtle-Russell raised the point about NDP policy being getting rid of people at 45. Now I for one had been advocating, and here again some people think I got pie-in-the-sky ideas, and in my mind they're not pie-in-the-sky ideas. I talk about the year 2000 because we in this Chamber have to think of the year 2000 as tomorrow. But I've been advocating for the change of a principle that we stop even talking about retirement; we start talking about deferred incomes. I have been pushing for years that we set a target date -- if it should prove out to be age 45 by the year 2000 so be it, -- that people --(Interjection)-- I pause just a moment the Member for Fort Garry. Yah I know, I know, I know. Yah.

MR. L. R. (Bud) SHERMAN (Fort Garry): What's new about deferred income?

MR. BOYCE: What's new about deferred income? I'll tell you what's new about deferred income. If we can, if we can --(Interjection) -- Oh they sure have, they sure have. I'll tell you about how some of your free enterprise - I'll tell you about how the free enterprise talks about deferred income. In British Columbia, in British Columbia a lot of people didn't know that the strike, one of the elements that was in that strike last year was the people were arguing, were vesting, meaningful vesting in pension plans. Now deferred income many of these feed growing outfits in B. C. they had vesting after ten years so nine years - after a majority of their employees had been working nine years, they'd sell it. They'd sell it to the same shareholders under a different name and everybody lost their pensions. You know that's how deferred - they wanted to defer it into infinity that nobody got anything out of it. The policy in the past, except for a few rabid reds like Timothy Eaton and Henry Ford, was that, here's your gold watch go home and die.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Mr. Chairman, on a point of order.

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

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MR. G. JOHNSTON: On a point of order. I hate to interrupt my honourable friend when he's in full flight on his favourite subject but I ask you, Mr. Chairman, to decide whether or not the subject that he is on is remotely connected to tourism and recreation.

MR. BOYCE: Mr. Chairman, to the point of order. Once again I'm sorry that the Member for Portage la Prairie was not in his seat when you allowed the argument for the Member for Roblin relative to the NDP policy that we're throwing people out on the junk heap when he was -- when they're 45. If I were allowed the time in this House, I believe

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(MR. BOYCE cont'd) . . . . that everything in the universe is cosmically related and if you would give me the time to develop the argument I could show you that the average mean temperature in the City of Los Angeles will have a direct effect on the grasshopper infestation in Lakeside next year.

MR. ENNS: Mr. Chairman, on the same point of order. I'm sure you will recall that last evening you correctly brought me to order for dealing in a subject extraneous to that which was under consideration, namely the Minister of Labour's responsibilities with respect to the Civil Service. When I attempted incorrectly to deal with in as broad a way as the Honourable Minister had just done on that subject so that I do think, Mr. Chairman . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: . . . the Ombudsman, which you did discuss.

MR. ENNS: No, I was attempting to discuss the Dirty Thirties and that's when I desisted at the request of members opposite, and at your ruling, Sir.

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

MR. DESJARDINS: My honourable friend from Lakeside wasn't present when the Honourable Member from Roblin made his remarks. He talked about the leisure time, the recreation, and the same opportunity for everybody, and he did introduce this topic of people retiring at an early age, and that this socialist government were forcing them out, forcing them into retirement. This was brought in by the . . .

MR. ENNS: Mr. Chairman, on the same point of order, unlike so many members of this House, I at least am always prepared to agree to the concept that the Chair has the responsibility of seeing to it that the debate is relative, not what any other member on this side or that side decides to inject into the debate. The question was brought to your attention Sir, by the Member for Portage, and I think the Chair should rule on the relevancy of the honourable member's contribution at this time.

MR. BOYCE: Mr. Chairman, to the point of order, if I may.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member from Winnipeg Centre on a point of order.

MR. BOYCE: You know, they're hurting my feelings again, they're rushing to my defence as if I need it. But I will accept, Mr. Chairman, rather than have you rule that perhaps I have digressed a little. You know the Member for Lakeside does have an influence on me, and you know I've learned these digressions from him, you know, because he points at privileges and points of order, and make your points, no matter whether you get a chance to jab them in. So perhaps I was digressing just a bit.

But to tie it in, as people are able to defer their income they are going to make greater demands on the recreational facilities of the province. And the idea that people should have time to enjoy themselves the time to go through this province, and I think there is even a few spots in the constituency of Lakeside that might be developed for recreational, you know, recreational enjoyment if people in Lakeside would perhaps change their member perhaps they could get some action in that particular area. --(Interjection)-- Well Mr. Chairman, I was -- I didn't even get an invitation last year so --(Interjection)--

Mr. Chairman, it's 4:30 on Friday afternoon; I'm afraid the Member for Lakeside has succeeded once again in completely, you know, just driving out of my mind the point I wanted to make. So we'll just have to wait until next Friday for the continuation of my story. That's all.

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MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

MR. SHERMAN: Mr. Chairman, I am under the impression that there's a disposition of the House to call it 5:30 at 4:30, and since it's 4:27, I would request your permission to call it 4:30 at this time.

MR. CHAIRMAN: 4:30. The last hour of every day being Private Members' Hour. Committee rise and report. Call in the Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the Committee of Supply has directed me to report progress and begs leave to sit again.

IN SESSION

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

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

MOTION presented and carried.

MR. SPEAKER: Private Members' Hour. We are on Resolution 4. The Honourable Attorney-General wish to say something.

MR. MACKLING: Mr. Speaker, I think it's the general will of the members that, notwithstanding the hour not being 5:30, that we consider the business of the week concluded and if that is in general accord, then I move, seconded by the Honourable Member from St. Johns, that the Legislature adjourn.

MR. SPEAKER: Before I accept the motion may I ask whether on behalf of the House Leader someone is going to indicate the program for next week?

MR. MACKLING: Yes, yes I can indicate, Mr. Speaker, that it will be our intention to continue with the Estimates of the Honourable Minister of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

The Honourable Minister of Health and Social Development should be back, I think on Monday. I assume that he may be next on the line, although I would have to confirm that with the House Leader. And of course we may want to call some bills as well.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Fort Garry. Order please. The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

MR. SHERMAN: Mr. Speaker, could I also request confirmation from the Acting House Leader that the procedure we are now following will not mean that the resolution that would have appeared at this time will drop to the bottom of the Order Paper. It'll remain where it is.

MR. SPEAKER: That's correct since it has not, since we have not taken up the hour therefore the resolutions stay in the order that they are.

MOTION presented and carried and the House adjourned until 2:30 Monday afternoon.