

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

Friday, 15 May, 1987.

Time — 10:00 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER by Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER, Hon. M. Phillips: Presenting Petitions . . . Reading and Receiving Petitions . . .

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Burrows.

MR. C. SANTOS: Madam Speaker, I beg to present the Second Report of the Committee on Economic Development.

MR. CLERK, W. Remnant: Your Committee met on Thursday, May 14, 1987, in Room 255 of the Legislative Building to consider the Annual Report of Manfor Ltd.

Mr. Murray O. Harvey, Chairman of the Board, provided such information as was required by members of the committee with respect to the business and the Annual Report of Manfor Ltd.

Your committee examined the Annual Report of Manfor Ltd. for the period ended December 31, 1986, and adopted the same as presented.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Burrows.

MR. C. SANTOS: Madam Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Inkster, that the report of the committee be received.

MOTION presented and carried.

MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS AND TABLING OF REPORTS

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Culture, Heritage and Recreation.

HON. J. WASYLYCIA-LEIS: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I'm pleased to table the Supplementary Information for Legislative Review for Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Recreation.

MADAM SPEAKER: Notices of Motion . . .

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

HON. R. PENNER introduced, by leave, Bill No. 33, An Act to amend The Registry Act; Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'enregistrement foncier; and, by leave, Bill No. 34, An Act to amend The Real Property Act; Loi modifiant la Loi sur les biens réels.

HON. M. SMITH introduced, by leave, Bill No. 35, An Act to amend The Child and Family Services Act; Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services à l'enfant et à la famille.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

MADAM SPEAKER: Before moving to Oral Questions, may I direct the attention of honourable members to the gallery where we have 15 students from Daniel McIntyre Collegiate under the direction of Mrs. Emily Sinosich. The school is located in the constituency of the Honourable Member for Ellice.

We have 40 students from Grade 9 from the Jefferson High School under the direction of Mr. Penner, and the school is located in the constituency of the Honourable Member for Kildonan.

On behalf of all the members, we welcome you to the Legislature this morning.

ORAL QUESTIONS

Crown Investments - spending authority by Minister

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. G. FILMON: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Earlier this week, the Annual Report of the Department of Crown Investments was tabled in the Legislature and, among other things, it lists the Crown corporations under the purview of the Department of Crown Investments as including the Manitoba Liquor Control Commission, Manfor, Manitoba Hydro, Manitoba Energy Authority.

My question to the Premier is: Will the new Minister - super-Minister - of Crown Investments, the Member for Concordia, now be required to give final approval on any capital expenditure decisions by Manitoba Hydro, or any Hydro sales agreements which come under the purview of the Manitoba Energy Authority? Will it require his authority and final approval to finalize these items?

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

HON. H. PAWLEY: Madam Speaker, matters pertaining to general policy application, matters pertaining to capital outlay will be a responsibility of the Minister and there'll be further detail, I can advise, presented by way of further legislation in respect to outlining the responsibilities of Crown Investments' operation later during the Session, but the general overall direction of Crown corporations, the coordination, general guidelines, so far as the carrying on of Crown corporations, fall within the general ambit of responsibility of the Minister of Crown Investments' coordination role.

MR. G. FILMON: Madam Speaker, my further question to the Premier: Does that mean that the Minister of

Energy, now responsible for Manitoba Hydro, will have to go to the new super-Minister of Crown Investments - the Member for Concordia to obtain final approval on export sales agreements, for instance.

HON. H. PAWLEY: Madam Speaker, if the Leader of the Opposition is referring to the Hydro sales, the Hydro sales are not approved until such time as they are processed through Cabinet as a whole. And the Minister responsible for Energy, responsible for the Manitoba Hydro, brings his recommendation to Cabinet; it is Cabinet that assumes the responsibility pertaining to Hydro sales as a whole.

Minister of Crown Investments - role of

MR. G. FILMON: Madam Speaker, what then will be the role of the Minister of the Crown corporations, the super-Minister of Crown corporations in that process? If he is responsible for Manitoba Energy Authority who negotiates the agreements, and Manitoba Hydro who presumably carry out the agreements, what will his role be in presenting these agreements to Cabinet?

HON. H. PAWLEY: Madam Speaker, as I indicated, the legislation, all the details pertaining to the responsibility, will be brought forth in considerable detail later on during the Session. In fact the Leader of the Opposition, at that time, will have opportunity to debate the legislation and the outlining of responsibilities that will be the responsibility provided to the Minister responsible for Crown Investments under that legislation.

MR. G. FILMON: Madam Speaker, is the Premier indicating that although this new super-Minister has signed the annual report that his responsibilities haven't yet been defined? We don't know what he is intending to do until the report and, until the Estimates come forward, we won't know what he's doing.

HON. H. PAWLEY: I suspect that even after the legislation comes forward that the Leader of the Opposition still won't know what the responsibilities are insofar as the Minister of Crown Investments. As I indicated before, it will be overall responsibility for overall direction insofar as the Crown corporations, in general, including the coordination. The detail is a matter that will be provided to the House as a whole for debate, for discussion, during the course of this Session.

Crown Investments - member from Board of Manitoba Hydro and Manitoba Energy Authority

MR. G. FILMON: Well, Madam Speaker, given that the Premier doesn't know what he's doing, I guess it's understandable that members on this side won't be able to know what the super-Minister is supposed to be doing in his responsibility.

I wonder, Madam Speaker, if the Premier can indicate whether or not Crown Investments will have a member

on the board of Manitoba Hydro and on the board of the Manitoba Energy Authority to exercise some overall jurisdiction and responsibility for these Crown agencies as a result of this new structure.

HON. H. PAWLEY: Madam Speaker, as I indicated, there will be legislation brought forth. We'll be dealing with the detail of that legislation. I understand the Leader of the Opposition is waving around a 1985-1986 report, Madam Speaker, and I find that somewhat surprising, that he is waving around a 1985-86 report in respect to an initiative that has just been announced a few months ago, and attempting to suggest that some way or other the annual report relates to the recent initiative.

Minister of Crown corporations - role of

MR. G. FILMON: That's precisely the point. The super-Minister, the Member for Concordia, has signed this annual report. He has listed, under his jurisdiction, all of the Crown agencies that I referred to, the Manitoba Hydro and the Manitoba Energy Authority . . .

MADAM SPEAKER: Order please.

Does the honourable member have a question? Question period is not a time for debate.

MR. G. FILMON: Is the Premier trying to tell us that, despite the fact that he signed the report, that he's listed responsibility for all these Crown agencies, that the Premier still hasn't decided what he is responsible for?

HON. H. PAWLEY: It's obviously Friday morning and the Leader of the Opposition is very short of questions, in that he is getting all fanned up because of his inability, obviously, to come up with something that is meaningful.

Madam Speaker, I have indicated very, very clearly, again for the umpteenth time - and I thought there was some rule against repetition - that the detail in full will be brought out during the process of introduction of the legislation, clearly outlining the responsibilities of the Minister responsible for Crown Investments.

Short of what I have indicated already in general terms, overall direction of the Crown corporations' coordination, insofar as Crown corporations, monitoring of Crown corporations, are all responsibility of the Minister of Crown Investments.

The detail which is massive will be brought forth later during this Session.

Crown Investments Annual Report - signed by Minister

MR. G. FILMON: Madam Speaker, if, as the Premier has indicated, the Minister was not yet responsible for this department, as of this annual report, why did he sign it?

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Crown Investments.

HON. G. DOER: I believe this is the First Annual Report of Crown Investments made to this Legislature. It was

prepared for the '85-86 year, Madam Speaker. However, it was presented to this House when the portfolio changed from the former Minister.

Madam Speaker, I'm absolutely shocked that the members opposite are making such a big deal about Crown corporations, when Barbara McDougall yesterday announced the \$208 million loss in the holding company in Ottawa with the federal Crown corporations under the private sector experts.

Madam Speaker, we have a number of reform measures in consideration which we plan on bringing forward in due time and making the appropriate announcements when we're prepared to do so.

AIDS - conflicting numbers

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for River East.

MRS. B. MITCHELSON: Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Health.

Recently in Health Estimates, the Minister indicated that there were 80 Manitobans infected with the AIDS virus. On Monday, Madam Speaker, I attended an AIDS symposium at the University of Manitoba, and I want to at this point commend Dr. Fast and her department for the excellent job that they did in providing full and factual information regarding AIDS. But, Madam Speaker, Glen Murray, the Education Coordinator from the Village Clinic indicated that there are 160 Manitobans with ARC, which is AIDS Related Complex, in the province right now, and that's not including those that are carrying the virus without symptoms. Can the Minister tell this House whose figures are right?

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Health.

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Madam Speaker, I'll have to take that as notice.

MRS. B. MITCHELSON: Will the Minister investigate this discrepancy and inform this House why the Village Clinic would have more information about positive carriers that has not been passed on to the Department of Health?

Madam Speaker, obviously if the Village Clinic has information that there are 160 Manitobans with ARC, AIDS Related Complex, they must have tested positive.

MADAM SPEAKER: Does the honourable member have a question?

AIDS - reporting system

MRS. B. MITCHELSON: While the Minister is taking those questions as notice, I would like him to investigate and find out how well the reporting system is working, Madam Speaker, if the Village Clinic has more information than the Department of Health.

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Yes.

AIDS - male prostitute infected

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Pembina.

MR. D. ORCHARD: Madam Speaker, at that same AIDS Awareness Week Symposium that was held at the University, one of the city councillors indicated to that convention that there was a male prostitute infected with AIDS who was still exercising his skills for hire.

Madam Speaker, has the Minister had an opportunity, since Dr. Fast was there and heard that accusation made, has the Minister had an opportunity to investigate whether, indeed, there is a male prostitute with AIDS still working this general area of the city?

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Health.

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Madam Speaker, there have been many, many rumours unfortunately when we're dealing with AIDS, and that has not been of any benefit at all; but, yes, this is being investigated, nobody seems to know where that comes from, that is being investigated at this time.

MR. D. ORCHARD: Madam Speaker, in a new question, I almost hesitate to quote from the Winnipeg Free Press, since members of the government so often say it is not factual in its reporting, but . . .

MADAM SPEAKER: Order please.

It's also not in order to quote extracts from newspapers as an opening to Oral Questions.

MR. D. ORCHARD: Madam Speaker, given that at the AIDS Awareness Week Clinic, a councillor indicated that the Department of Health, the department this Minister is responsible for, indicated they had knowledge of a male prostitute still actively engaged in prostitution, is the Minister now saying that he has no knowledge of that and the department has no knowledge of that?

Would the Minister clarify that statement, and indicate clearly to the House, whether indeed there is a male prostitute with AIDS still working the streets, infecting Manitobans, potentially with a killer disease that can cost us \$100,000 per year, as much as our firefighting effort costs us per day?

MADAM SPEAKER: May I also remind the honourable member that it's a member's duty to ascertain the truth of any statement before he brings it to the attention of the House.

MR. D. ORCHARD: Madam Speaker, would the Minister undertake his duty as Minister responsible for Health and find out whether, indeed, his department has knowledge of a male prostitute with AIDS still working his trade?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Madam Speaker, maybe I'll try to answer this one in French.

I just finished saying that I've asked this to be investigated. For your information, if you must know, at eleven o'clock I'm meeting with Dr. Fast, Dr. MacDonald, the Director of Cadham Lab., the Department of Education and so on, to straighten out

and get as much information as possible, and I'll report the . . .

AIDS - reportable disease

MR. D. ORCHARD: Madam Speaker, now that the government has made AIDS a reportable disease, could the Minister indicate to the House, what provisions the new regulations, making AIDS a reportable disease, have to deal with a male prostitute with AIDS who refuses to curtail his sexual activity?

HON. L. DESJARDINS: Madam Speaker, I don't think that changed that at all. As I say, I want to investigate to see if there's any truth in that at all and then we'll deal with it.

Communities Economic Development Fund - information from Minister

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Arthur.

MR. J. DOWNEY: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I have a question to the super-Minister, Madam Speaker, responsible for Crown Investments.

Due to the fact the Premier indicated that the Minister was responsible for the . . .

POINT OF ORDER

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Attorney-General.

HON. R. PENNER: A point of order, Madam Speaker. It is not proper in this House to refer to a member or a Minister other than by their appropriate title.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Attorney-General has a point of order.
The Honourable Member for Arthur.

MR. J. DOWNEY: Madam Speaker, for the non-so-super Attorney-General.

SOME HONOURABLE MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MADAM SPEAKER: Order, order please.
The Honourable Member for Arthur knows that it is not proper to refer to Ministers by other than their proper titles.
The Honourable Member for Arthur.

MR. J. DOWNEY: Madam Speaker, to the Minister responsible for Crown Investments, who has yet not been given any direction by the Premier, my question to the Minister is: In view of the fact that the First Minister indicated one of his responsibilities was to provide information dealing with Crown Investments, and that the Communities Economic Development Fund is one of those Crown corporations which falls within the purview of his responsibilities; in view of the fact that the Minister of Northern Affairs was responsible for the provision of a \$350,000 highly questionable loan

to a very good friend of his a month after the last election; and that the Community of Economic Development Committee Report has not been recalled to the committee stage because we're waiting on information, information which is pertinent to the allocation of that loan to the friend of the Minister of Northern Affairs, will the Minister responsible for Crown Investments provide that information as quickly as possible so we can get on with the review of the Community Economic Development Fund, or are they going to continue to be a cover-up?

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Crown Investments.

HON. G. DOER: Madam Speaker, I thank the member for the question.

We are working very diligently in some of the areas that we feel are important to our very important Crown corporations that have been doing an excellent job in serving Manitobans with some of the lowest utility rates in the country, providing thousands and thousands of highly skilled jobs in this province. We are looking at the future investment realities with those billion dollar operations to reform some of the areas that we feel are necessary to meet the challenges of the Nineties and into the next century.

Madam Speaker, we are working very closely together with the Premier on many of the priorities that we see are important for the future. We do not have a slavish position as the federal Conservative Party that lost, not only \$208 million, but is giving away Crown corporations on fire sales to the private sector at ridiculous rates.

MADAM SPEAKER: Order please, order please. Order please.

HON. G. DOER: Madam Speaker, I'm sorry that I raised the \$208 million. They don't like to know about the \$208 million loss of the Federal Conservative Government.

Madam Speaker, just to complete the answer to the four or five questions that the honourable member asked, the Premier has clearly indicated, at all times that the Crowns still remain responsible to an individual Minister who will account to the public, and to this House, and I have great confidence in the Minister responsible for the fund to provide the information when it's appropriate to get some.

Gov't policy - review of re appointment of family members

MR. J. DOWNEY: Madam Speaker, my question is to the First Minister.

Madam Speaker, in view of the fact the First Minister yesterday was so ready to use Dorothy Dobbie, the President of the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce, as a defence in a policy that he is, as a government, hiring family members, or appointing family members of his Cabinet and that she is in disagreement with him in that matter, the question to the First Minister is: Is he going to do, as the President of the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce recommended, review the policy of his

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government in the appointment of family members to boards and commissions, as such?

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

HON. H. PAWLEY: I'm glad the Member for Arthur has raised this question, because I am - as I think all fair-minded Manitobans are - extremely disappointed with the innuendo, the mudslinging that has been taking place in this Legislature, including that yesterday by the Member for Fort Garry who refused to provide details in this Chamber when challenged to do so, refused to provide details, at first in the corridor outside when he left this Chamber, but later volunteered detail to the daily newspaper in the City of Winnipeg, giving three examples, Madam Speaker. I find this abhorrent.

First, Madam Speaker, that some way or other there was a conflict of interest, or something untoward, involved in the spouse of the Minister of Community Services, appointed to a board at the recommendation of the Manitoba Teachers' Society, which had the responsibility to make a recommendation in regard to this particular board serving for \$1 a year. Madam Speaker, no stipend from the Province of Manitoba, the recommendation of the Manitoba Teachers' Society.

The daughter of the Minister of Community Services serving on an arm's length board, not receiving any remuneration from the Government of the Province of Manitoba but, in fact, receiving remuneration from the Law Society of the Province of Manitoba.

Thirdly, Madam Speaker, the most despicable example, the son-in-law of the Minister of Community Services example that was given by the Member for Fort Garry outside this Chamber, suggesting that because a grant had been provided by the Department of Education to the Winnipeg School Division, and because some of that money resulted in a program which benefited the particular school and the students, of which the son-in-law of the Minister of Community Services happens to be the principal, that there's something untoward, something that is a conflict of interest.

Madam Speaker, I find this despicable that the children of the inner city should be jeopardized, should be penalized, simply because the principal of their school happens to be the son-in-law of the Minister of Community Services.

Madam Speaker, I'm also disappointed in the comments alleged to have been made by the current president of the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce. Surely when she sent her letter, her mailing to the members of this Chamber about conflict of interest, about innuendo, surely she is not suggesting today that matters such as this, not involving remuneration to the individuals involved, not involving decision-making on the part of government, is some way or other a matter of conflict of interest.

Let me tell you, the president of the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce, as far as I'm concerned, has less credibility today than she had yesterday in providing support to those kinds of allegations.

MR. J. DOWNEY: Madam Speaker, a question to the First Minister dealing with the policy that was referred to, dealing with the policy, and the question is: Is he

going to review it? That's the question. Is he going to review the policy dealing with the appointment of members of Cabinet Ministers' or caucus members' families to government or government-connected agencies?

HON. H. PAWLEY: I see the Opposition is still digging around in the mud, Madam Speaker. Are they proposing that there's some sort of policy that should be reviewed as a result of the responses that I've provided?

If there is, Madam Speaker, maybe we'd better be looking at a policy which has been followed, of fairness on the part of this government, whether there's been spouses of members opposite; where there's been brothers of members opposite; where there's been children of members opposite that have been hired to provide service to the Province of Manitoba by this government during the past two years, as well.

Careerstart and STEP Programs - restoration of

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for River Heights.

Order please, order please.

The Honourable Member for River Heights has the floor. If members want to indulge in private conversations, they can do so elsewhere.

MRS. S. CARSTAIRS: Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question is to the First Minister.

In the earlier part of the Session, Madam Speaker, I made reference to the fact that Careerstart monies had been cut from our universities, thereby denying university students job opportunities at our three universities here in Winnipeg and in Brandon. And I have subsequently learned that there will also be cuts to the STEP Program which will, in fact, prevent young students from working for Legal Aid.

I would like to ask the First Minister what he intends to do to restore these jobs which are so important and valuable in terms of work experience for those numerous students who should have been working at our universities and for Legal Aid.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

HON. H. PAWLEY: Madam Speaker, the Minister of Education I'm sure will provide considerable detail to the Member for River Heights, except to say that this government's approach insofar as Careerstart and STEP and assistance to the students of the universities in obtaining job opportunities during the summer, including assistance to universities by way of grant increases this year, really takes second spot to no other provincial government in the country.

Take into consideration, as well, the very substantial cut, by way of federal funding, insofar as student employment is concerned in the Province of Manitoba; and also it's respecting the fact that there has been a significant reduction in youth unemployment in the Province of Manitoba this year as opposed to last year.

STEP Program - cuts to NDP and Tory caucuses

MRS. S. CARSTAIRS: Madam Speaker, with a supplementary question to the First Minister.

Since his government is going to reduce student employment in such important hiring areas, is it being done at least in a fair application as to these cuts? Specifically, has there been similar cuts to the STEP Program to the NDP and Tory caucuses?

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Education.

HON. J. STORIE: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

The member makes reference to cuts. Madam Speaker, the criteria of the program have changed. I believe the Minister of Employment Services has indicated that, despite those changes, the prospects for students getting employment this summer are probably better than ever, certainly better than in any other province in Canada.

And with specific reference to the changes that have affected institutions, I understand that the University of Manitoba, for example, is employing, or about to employ, some 235 students this year through the Careerstart Program, I believe. So, Madam Speaker, the opportunities exist.

The fact that the criteria have shifted some of the opportunities from institutions who may, for their own reasons, have decided not to participate because of a requirement that there be a contribution, the fact is that the private sector, the small business sector, which has created a good deal of the employment over the past few years, will be taking up some of the slack.

STEP Program - job losses

MRS. S. CARSTAIRS: A final supplementary to the Minister of Education.

Can the Minister tell the House how many job opportunities have been lost to the STEP Program, and if any of those will be in the Legislature of Manitoba?

HON. J. STORIE: Madam Speaker, I'm not the Minister responsible for the STEP Program, but I will certainly take that as notice and I'm sure that the Minister of Employment Services will be getting back to the Member for River Heights.

Land Transfer Tax - removal of temporary exemption

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Morris.

MR. C. MANNES: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I direct my question to the Acting Minister of Finance.

Today, Madam Speaker, yet another tax-grab measure takes effect, that being the Land Transfer Tax, taking \$10 million out of the economy this year.

Madam Speaker, the Budget and, hopefully, you will allow me to quote one sentence out of the Budget. Page D8, under the Land Transfer Tax, says in very bold type: "A temporary exemption from the Land Transfer Tax will be extended to farmers who purchase farm property for continued use in farming."

My question to the Acting Minister: When will the government be contemplating removing the temporary exemption afforded to land transfers in the farming community?

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Industry, Trade and Technology.

HON. V. SCHROEDER: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I know of no time limit for it. As I understand the policy of the government with respect to taxation of farm land transfers, it is that farm land transferred - to be continued to be farmed - will not be affected by the tax, which of course means that for farmers in Manitoba, which the Member for Morris forgot to mention, transfer taxes will be down considerably from where they were before we made the change.

He also forgets to mention that for many ordinary Manitobans with housing of \$70,000, \$80,000 and less there's actually a decrease in the total amount of transfer costs as a result of this change. I really do think that it's important to note that for ordinary Manitobans, for homeowners, and for farmers, there will be, in many instances, decreases rather than increases.

MR. C. MANNES: Madam Speaker, the budget writer put the word "temporary" in at the direction of the government. I was just asking for a clarification of what the word "temporary" meant.

My question, Madam Speaker: Can the government, through Order-in-Council, remove that exemption or do they have to come to this Legislature for authority to do so, such, if they want to tax greater those people who want to attain their own personal real property? Does the Cabinet have that authority in Council to do so?

HON. V. SCHROEDER: I'll take the question as notice, but I should emphasize that there is no intention, on the part of the government, to eliminate that tax benefit for farmers. As I understand that word, the temporary refers only to the situation where farm land might subsequently be utilized for some purpose, other than farming, in which case the transfer tax should be paid; but not where it goes from one person farming the land to another person farming the land. There is not intention on the part of the government to make any changes, whether by way of legislation or by way of Order-in-Council.

Land Transfer Tax - government authority to increase

MR. C. MANNES: A final supplementary, Madam Speaker.

In the same vein, does the government have the authority in land transfers, indeed if they begin to want to tax that, or indeed in other real estate transfers, does the government have authority to set up higher taxes, higher rates of taxation, at different levels? And I'm thinking, specifically, Madam Speaker, to use an example, 5 percent tax at any land sale beyond \$300,000.00. Does the government have the authority now to do that outside of this Legislature, or would such a measure have to be brought back to the House?

HON. V. SCHROEDER: I'll take the specifics of the question as notice, but again the time at which we make these changes is at Budget time. They're announced, just like when members opposite were in office and they made changes to water power rates or changes to so many of the fees that are changed, this is not the only fee. When put in context we have a Budget in the range of \$4 billion, \$10 million of that is a fairly small proportion of it.

Spruce Woods Park - viability insurance re wagon ride and riding stable

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs.

HON. J. BUCKLASCHUK: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

A few days ago the Member for Gladstone raised a question about a business person in her constituency who had some difficulty with obtaining liability insurance. I wish to advise this House that MPIC staff have been in contact with the operators and have had discussions with the Parks Branch and I'm pleased to advise that the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation has now been able to provide the coverage required by the operators, which will enable it to carry on this business during the weekend.

Another good example of a Crown corporation serving Manitobans by providing a service that was not available from the private sector.

Sister MacNamara School - adequate open space provided

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Charleswood.

MR. J. ERNST: Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Education.

Madam Speaker, for the last while the Winnipeg School Division No. 1 has been in the process of acquiring land for the Sister MacNamara School in the north of Ellice neighbourhood. Madam Speaker, it would appear that in conflict with that land acquisition program, is an intention by the housing department to add some additional MHRC housing to that neighbourhood.

Can the Minister assure the House, Madam Speaker, that adequate open space will be attached to the Sister MacNamara School, rather than try and shoehorn in another MHRC project in an already overcrowded neighbourhood?

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Education.

HON. J. STORIE: Well, Madam Speaker, first of all, we are not talking about, and I'm not sure how it was reported, but we're not talking about an MHRC project. Madam Speaker, I understand it's a co-op project sponsored by a co-op group.

Madam Speaker, the member should also be aware that the Department of Education does not get involved in acquisition of land. The acquisition of the site, the

size of the site, the setting of the school on the site, is the responsibility of the school division. That is done in consultation with the Public Schools Finance Board, but the decision is made by the school board, on the site selection, on the allocation of land for that site. The Department of Education has no role to play in that, other than to provide the funds in support of acquisition; we provide that service. The fact that there is conflicting use has occurred outside the Department of Housing, outside the Department of Education, is a coincidence, Madam Speaker, which will have to be resolved by the Winnipeg School Division and the particular co-op involved in the land acquisition.

MR. J. ERNST: Madam Speaker, I thank the Minister for that answer.

Notwithstanding the fact that the jurisdiction for siting of the school and acquiring of the land may be outside of his jurisdiction, it would appear, Madam Speaker, that the Province of Manitoba is going to provide all of the money to build this school and to buy the land. Surely the Minister of Education could take his responsibility and assist, Madam Speaker, with the question of determining if there is adequate open space on that site.

HON. J. STORIE: Well, Madam Speaker, the member is suggesting that I interfere directly and direct the Winnipeg School Division to do this or that. Madam Speaker, I have indicated that the allocation of space, the acquisition of property is the responsibility of the school division; they determine the requirements, the recreational requirements, for that particular school based on its population and the availability of land.

We have already made additional funds available to the Winnipeg School Division so that they, in fact, can acquire additional property to make sure that there is appropriate green space. I understand that discussions are ongoing in terms of the possibility of establishing adequate green space. It is a concern of the school division and, if it's necessary, the province will certainly look at providing additional funds, beyond the funds that are already allocated in the school division, can prioritize as they see fit.

Manitoba Lotteries Foundation - revenues capped

MR. J. ERNST: I have a new question for the Minister responsible for the Manitoba Lotteries Foundation.

Madam Speaker, on March 17, the Minister advised members of the umbrella groups, who benefit from Lottery Foundation revenues, that they would have their revenues capped as of April 1. Madam Speaker, the Minister provided me last year, during Estimates, with copies of the contracts that the umbrella groups have with the Manitoba Lotteries Foundation. That contract, Madam Speaker, requires 90 days notice of any change in the funding formula. Madam Speaker, is it now the policy of the government to break contracts whenever it sees fit, in order to channel monies into general revenues?

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister responsible for Lotteries.

HON. J. WASYLICIA-LEIS: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Let me go over all of these issues again, as I have done in the past in this Chamber. It was indicated in the Budget that some of the surplus money through growth in Lottery revenue beyond '86-87, would be allocated toward some health care projects, something that members opposite have been mentioning to me, and to others, for quite some time. I remember, specifically, the Member for Pembina in last year's Estimates suggesting that money be designated specifically from Lottery revenue toward health care projects. I would expect that this would be consistent with some of that direction.

Madam Speaker, consequently a series of discussions were put in place with each umbrella group, to discuss a means by which we could arrive at a reasonable solution for guaranteeing that this effective distribution system continues, and also negotiating increases.

Madam Speaker, we have decided, and the Member for Charleswood knows this full well, to put on hold the question of increases beyond '86-87 revenues, until a complete needs assessment has been done, and until all groups and all organizations have had a chance to have some input into the way in which we distribute Lottery revenue.

Other members have made suggestions that seem to contradict what he's saying. The Member for Emerson has suggested, during the Estimates of my colleague, the Member for Natural Resources, that we immediately change the whole system and give a whole pile of money to the Conservation Council.

Madam Speaker, we would like to do that on a planned and rational basis, with input from all sectors of the non-profit community.

MADAM SPEAKER: The time for Oral Questions has expired.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

MADAM SPEAKER: May I direct the attention of honourable members to the gallery where we have with us Mr. Ray Baird, who is a Progressive Conservative Member of the House of Assembly for Humber West in Newfoundland, and his Special Assistant to the Premier of Newfoundland.

On behalf of all the members, we welcome you to our Legislature this morning.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Government House Leader.

HON. J. COWAN: Yes, Madam Speaker.

As agreed upon between members of the Opposition and the government side, the routine for the day will be the calling of the Condolence Motions, as well as Second Reading on Bill No. 31, An Act to amend The Community Child Day Care Standards Act, following the Condolence Motions.

MOTIONS OF CONDOLENCE

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

HON. H. PAWLEY: Madam Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Leader of the Opposition, the Member for Tuxedo,

THAT this House convey to the family of the late Walter Ernest Clark, who served as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, its sincere sympathy in their bereavement and its appreciation of his devotion to duty in a useful life of active community and public service; and that Madam Speaker be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the family.

MOTION presented.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

HON. H. PAWLEY: Madam Speaker, Walter Clark was first elected to this House in June of 1955. He provided the people of his constituency of Mountain with good and effective representation in the time that he served them in this Chamber.

His years of service included 18 years as the reeve of the Rural Municipality of Argyle, Walter's long-time place of residence. The Town of Baldur, Manitoba, will remember his years of single-minded devotion to their common good.

Walter Clark's deep sense of concern for agricultural matters, in particular, led to his frequent and effective contributions to debate on subjects pertaining to the rural community in agricultural policy in this Chamber. They were contributions that served his community and served this province well.

Madam Speaker, I would like to extend to all of those who were close to Walter Clark, to his former constituents, as well as his family, my heartfelt sympathy in this time of loss.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. G. FILMON: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I am pleased to rise and support, as seconder, the Motion of Condolence, as presented by the Premier, in this Assembly, on behalf of the memory of Walter Ernest Clark.

Madam Speaker, although Mr. Clark is not known personally to any of our members, I certainly wish to express on their behalf, on behalf of the Progressive Conservative members of this Legislature, our most sincere condolences to the members of his family and to those who knew him in the community in which he lived.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Clark was unique in a variety of ways. As a member of the Assembly, he was 65 years old when he entered this Legislature, having served as reeve of Argyle Municipality, I believe, for 18 years. He served for a short time, from 1955-1958 but had the honour of seconding the Speech from the Throne in his very first maiden speech in this Legislature and I think that it is interesting to harken back.

I have a copy of a news report on the speech, and it's one of those instances in which we can see, despite changes in society, despite changes in time and the economy, how much things remain the same, because the headline of the article on his speech said: "Farr inequity said prosperity threat." It goes on to say, and

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I quote: "The plight of Manitoba farmers caught between rising production costs and falling farm prices got a lengthy airing in the Legislature by Walter Clark as he seconded the Throne Speech reply."

So here we are, today, dealing with essentially the same circumstances affecting our farm community and the very same major concerns about the viability of those who are farming in Manitoba were being expressed at that time, in 1955, when Walter Clark seconded the Speech from the Throne.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Clark gave to his community and to his province, through his service in the Legislature and through his service as reeve, a great deal of valuable service. Those of us who have the privilege of serving in this Legislature know that it is a sacrifice, both to family and personal time, but ultimately it's the finest commitment that any of us can make to his or her province.

So, on behalf of my colleagues in the Legislature, we join in this Motion of Condolence. We express our sincere sympathies, and we express our gratitude to his family for the service that he gave here in this Legislature and in this community, and to the commitments that he made, as a member of this Legislature, to the people of this province.

Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Education.

HON. J. STORIE: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I rise to speak on this Condolence Motion, not out of any political affiliation with Mr. Clark, but because of the fact that I knew Mr. Clark as a neighbour growing up in Baldur.

I moved to Baldur with my family in 1955 and as luck, fate, would have it, lived kitty-corner to Walter Clark's farm.

I guess the Condolence Motions in this House are special because, as the Leader of the Opposition has said, public service is a sacrifice, and those who serve in the Legislature recognize that better than most people. I think it is important that we, as individual members, recognize those who have passed on, who have served and served well, and Mr. Clark was one of those individuals.

My memories of Mr. Clark, as a six-year-old child, were fond ones, and because, I guess, of my extreme youth at that time, it never struck me as peculiar that Mr. Clark would be a member of the Legislature because everyone over 15 seemed old. The fact that he was 65 years old when he was first elected is unusual, and I think is an indication of the spirit of the man and his desire, his willingness to continue to serve the public beyond the fact that he had been reeve, as my grandfather had been reeve, of the Municipality of Argyle.

So, Madam Speaker, I think it's appropriate that we mourn the passing of Walter Clark. I know that he served in the Legislature a relatively short period of time, but my memories of him are fond. He was a kind gentleman, kind to children and dogs in particular, I guess, as the saying goes, so he couldn't have been all bad.

Madam Speaker, I remember riding on his tractor. I believe it was the first row-crop tractor I had seen.

It was an exciting event for myself, a city kid, in 1955 or 1956.

So, Madam Speaker, I, too, would like to pass on my condolences to the family and commend the memory of Walter Clark to members in this House and to the people of Manitoba.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for River Heights.

MRS. S. CARSTAIRS: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I, too, would like to join in the Condolence Motion for Walter Clark and to tell the members of the House that often we come to the Legislature or to political life with a mission, and Walter Clark had a mission. His mission was to obtain a doctor and a hospital for the Argyle area, which he did. As life would have it, some years later, I ended up teaching all of the children of the doctor who went into Baldur. So we find connections in the strangest ways in our society. But that's how I learned of Baldur, through these three boys in boarding school here in Winnipeg.

The accomplishment of Walter Clark in obtaining that kind of health care service for his community is of importance to that community and is well noted by them. Therefore, I join with them and with his relatives and family in mourning his loss.

MADAM SPEAKER: To indicate their support for the motion, would all members please rise for a moment of silence.

(A moment of silence was observed.)

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

HON. H. PAWLEY: Madam Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Lac du Bonnet,

THAT this House convey to the family of the late Stanley Copp, who served as a member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, its sincere sympathy in their bereavement and its appreciation of his devotion to duty in a useful life of active community and public service; and that Madam Speaker be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the family.

MOTION presented.

HON. H. PAWLEY: Madam Speaker, Stanley Copp devoted the majority of his fruitful life to the service of his community and his family. He gave in an unstinting way to those whom he served, to those whom he loved.

Mr. Copp was born some 72 years ago in Winnipeg, and was educated at Lord Kitchener School in North Kildonan. He was an important member of the City of Winnipeg's business community, establishing and operating a number of enterprises until his untimely passing, which occurred earlier this month.

Stanley Copp was elected to the House in 1953. He served his constituencies faithfully and effectively until 1958.

In addition to his years of service as a member of the Legislature in this very Chamber, Stanley Copp provided the community of North Kildonan with effective

leadership. He was a member of North Kildonan Municipal Council for 12 years, and was mayor of that community.

Those who came in touch with Stanley Copp, both in public service and in business, speak of his devotion to his wife, Stella, their five children and seventeen grandchildren. To those individuals, I extend my condolences and comfort in this time of their bereavement.

The contributions Stanley Copp made in his rich life will live on and will be remembered for many years to come. His former constituents in the riding of St. Clements were well-served by this man, and I know they continue to appreciate the long hours of work and the effort that he devoted to their well-being.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lac du Bonnet.

MR. C. BAKER: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I think it's appropriate that I should speak to this motion because Stanley Copp served most of the area that I now serve, Lac du Bonnet, Beausejour, within part of the constituency of St. Clements. I remember those years very well. I remember attending a Liberal Convention at East Selkirk and witnessing Stanley winning the nomination against eight other contestants. Those were the heydays of the Liberals, you have to understand, and many people coveted that particular position that he aspired to.

I want to say further that those were the days, almost prior television days, and any political event at that time was well-attended. I think television was already out, but there were many people, because of relative economic situations, couldn't afford to buy a television just as soon as they came out. So every political event that took place in those days was well-attended.

I remember also the campaign, because I was operating a sawmill just outside the Town of Lac du Bonnet and I remember a car driving into the mill yard and a nice personable fellow came out with a - if I remember correctly - with a bowler straw hat or one of those flat straw hats, a pleasant young man. The sawmill owner, being a good Liberal, gave us three-quarters of an hour coffee break and we had a nice chat with Stanley. It was understood that he would get elected because he was a very personable and likeable individual.

He served the constituency of St. Clements well in those days, I believe, Madam Speaker. He had a sense of belonging to the people in his constituency. I remember discussing and talking with him about some business propositions that he was involved in, and he named me the person who he bought his first load of potatoes from, because, as well as being a farmer, he also dealt in selling potatoes, and he mentioned a lady - I'm sorry I can't remember her name - but it was a lady in Rosedale. So I think he, in those years, served us to the capacity that would have been an example for me to follow.

Of course, sometimes politics plays cruel tricks on individuals, and though he served the constituency well, at the end of a five-year stint, he found that he was on the outside looking in, as happens to every politician sooner or later, and then he turned his talents to

business. I remember the four or five years after he finished his career in politics that he got involved in a business enterprise and he opened what was called the Spud Stop. I used to stop in occasionally just to keep my acquaintance with him, and also to get his view on the particular current political topic of the day. I enjoyed those cups of coffee that I shared with him in those days.

I then got very busy, Madam Speaker, and, of course, years went by and I never stopped in for coffee, and when I got elected this last spring, I decided to stop in and renew my acquaintance with Stanley Copp and perhaps get some advice from him, and I did. We spent one-half hour chatting together, and I'm happy I did because I didn't realize that I would never have that opportunity again.

Madam Speaker, I think that Eastern Manitoba was better off for having Stanley Copp serve them for the five years. As a matter of fact, I think all of Manitoba is better off for having Stanley Copp serve them for the five years.

I want to extend my condolences to his family, and thank them for allowing him the five years to serve Manitobans.

Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for River Heights.

MRS. S. CARSTAIRS: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I join in this Condolence Motion, although I never met Mr. Copp, as has the Member for Lac du Bonnet. So in order to find out a little bit about him, I made some contact with others who had served with him in the period between '53 and '58, and what I learned from them was of a man who gave his full time and attention to whatever was his responsibility at any particular time. Whether it was his service as a school trustee or on the city council or indeed mayor of North Kildonan, or whether it was as a member of this Legislature, he brought with it a devotion to duty which he also brought into all of his business and family relationships.

And so I join with the Legislature in offering our sincere condolences to the family of Stanley Copp.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. G. FILMON: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I wish to rise in support of the Motion of Condolence presented by the Premier on behalf of my colleagues in the Progressive Conservative Caucus in this Legislature.

Although Mr. Copp was not known personally to me, he was well-known to the Member for Portage la Prairie who had wanted to express his own personal knowledge of Mr. Copp but is unfortunately unable to be here today. As was mentioned, after Mr. Copp's, and before, his service in this Legislature and his long-time service on the North Kildonan Council, ultimately as mayor, he was an active vegetable producer. Of course, the Member for Portage la Prairie knew him because of the member's service on the board of the Manitoba Vegetable Producers' Marketing Association.

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So we, on this side of the House, want to pay tribute to Mr. Copp's memory for his services to his community not only as a local councillor, not only as a local businessman and vegetable market gardener, but also, of course, as one who took the ultimate responsibility of service to his community in this Legislature.

We want to pass along to his wife and family our sincere condolences. We share in their loss in his passing, and we, as well, want to say thank you for the services that he gave to his community and to the people of this province, both as a local official and as a member of this Legislature.

MADAM SPEAKER: To indicate support for the motion, would all members please rise for a moment of silence.

(A moment of silence was observed.)

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

HON. H. PAWLEY: Madam Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Member for River Heights, THAT this House convey to the family of the late Earl Phillip Dawson, who served as a member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, its sincere sympathy in their bereavement and its appreciation of his devotion to duty in a useful life of active community and public service; and that Madam Speaker be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the family.

MOTION presented.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

HON. H. PAWLEY: Madam Speaker, first, I would like to just bring a word or two on behalf of the Minister of Health and Social Services who served with Mr. Dawson in the same caucus from 1966-1969. The Minister of Health had to leave for another urgent matter, but would like to have been here to provide his own sense of sympathy to the family, as he remembers in a very positive way the late Member for Hamiota and his contribution to the public well-being of the province.

Madam Speaker, Earl Dawson was elected to the House to represent the constituents of the riding of Hamiota for the years 1966 through 1969. While in this Chamber, Earl Dawson served his constituents' interests well, providing valuable contributions to the debates of the day, tireless hours of work on behalf of groups and individuals who sought his assistance and received it in an unstinting way.

Earl Dawson came to this House with a lengthy record of service that was already well in hand. He was born in the City of St. Boniface in 1925, and served with the Air Force and Army during the Second World War. Having completed his war duty, Earl returned to Manitoba, taking up residence in Rivers in 1951. Though active with his own business in that town, Earl Dawson served as president of the Rivers Chamber of Commerce, commanding officer of the Rivers Air Cadet Squadron, president of the Manitoba Amateur Hockey Association, and I might also add president of the Manitoba Amateur Hockey Association, and also, I gather, president of the Canadian Amateur Hockey

Association, as well as first secretary of Canada Games, which was one of his very major contributions.

That was the one time that I recall meeting the late Earl Phillip Dawson, when he was working on the Canada Games and his commitment to the success of those games.

After serving the people of Hamiota as an effective voice in the Legislature, he carried out that commitment to sports in Manitoba and Canada. His skills, his hard work help make the Canada Games the success that it turned out to be.

Those who knew Earl Dawson personally speak of his dedication, his deep love for his partner throughout life, his wife Madeline, their sons and daughter and grandchildren.

To them I extend, on behalf of all members of this Chamber, my deepest sympathy for their loss, and offer them our condolences at this time of their bereavement.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for River Heights.

MRS. S. CARSTAIRS: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I join with the Premier in seconding this Condolence Motion to the family of the late Earl Dawson. I think it appropriate that I quote from Rudyard Kipling who said: "In all time of our distress and in our triumph, too, the game is more than the player of the game, and the ship is more than the crew." That was certainly the motto of Earl Dawson's life, because he really believed that it wasn't just winning that was important. It was certainly playing the game in all of its ramifications.

Earl Dawson tragically left us only at the age of 61 and had, in his last year, played his own very tough game in a battle with cancer.

He has, as the First Minister has said, served distinguished service during World War II. Interestingly enough, when he came back, he joined the Royal Canadian Legion and, like so many war veterans, became a very active participant in the Legion. It was, of course, his very special pride that the Legion was a contributor to amateur sport, which was certainly Earl Dawson's love in all of his life.

He served the constituency of Hamiota in a great spirit of giving, which was part also of Earl's contribution. I think to close I would like to quote from Henry Newbolt. "This they all with a joyful mind; bear through life like a torch and flame; And falling fling to the host behind; Play up, play up and play the game."

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. G. FILMON: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

It's a privilege for me, on behalf of my colleagues in the Opposition Caucus of the Legislature, to join in support of the Motion of Condolence on behalf of Earl Dawson.

Earl's lifetime involved a proud history of service in so many different ways to his community and to our province. The service in the Armed Forces during World War II that continued to be an interest of his through his involvement with the Legion and, ultimately, as commanding officer of the Rivers Air Cadet Squadron,

the service on town council, as president of the Chamber of Commerce, in so many different community-based activities. Of course, his years of service from 1966-1969 here in this Legislature, but then ultimately the lifetime of service that most people remember him for in the sporting community.

I recall, because of my great appreciation for hockey - I've been a lifetime hockey fan - reference to Earl Dawson as President of MAHA and ultimately CAHA. In so many different major international tournaments, Earl Dawson was Canada's representative, as I recall, at World Hockey Championships, at Olympic Championships and so on. He ultimately, of course, served for 17 years with Sports Canada.

As the Premier indicated, he was very heavily involved as an initial organizer and thrust behind the Canada Games organization - secretary to the Canada Games Council. So it's through those endeavours that Earl Dawson's name was probably best known. They certainly were a high level of service, not only to Manitoba, but to Canada in the sporting community.

As one of my colleagues - and he's known, of course, to a number of my colleagues personally - indicated, probably, because of Earl Dawson's commitment to amateur sport, Hamiota has always been a hot bed of sporting activity and has produced many athletes of national calibre and renown. Certainly, provincially, it is well-known as a hot bed in terms of hockey, baseball, curling and so many other amateur sports.

So for his service in so many different fields, but all of them involving great commitment and contribution to his community and his province, we are very pleased to join in the Motion of Condolence and, particularly, to express our sympathies to Earl's wife and family, to his many friends and associates for his lifetime of service to Manitoba.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. H. ENNS: Madam Speaker, just very briefly, as one who had the privilege of sitting with the late Earl Dawson in this Chamber, allow me to add my personal words of support to the motion before us.

Earl Dawson, as I recall him, was an aggressive member. He was elected in that year that has been referred to from time to time in this Chamber, 1966, the same year that I was elected. I had the privilege of joining Mr. Roblin's Cabinet; and Earl, I must say, if he had a political disappointment was that he was the last time, certainly, in a decade and a half, that there was a revival of the Liberal Party's hopes in the Southwest.

Earl Dawson came into this House with two other colleagues, Mr. Rod Clement, and Mr. Dow from Turtle, in that election of '66, which certainly represented a setback to the then-Conservative administration of Duff Roblin of some concern; but alas, for Mr. Dawson's sake and the Liberal Party's sake, that revival was snuffed out with the event that took place in 1969 when some other group rose to some prominence in this province and in this Chamber.

I did not know Earl that well. We were only members and colleagues together in this Chamber for three years. As I said, he was an aggressive new member in the

House and no doubt would have excelled, as he excelled in so many other walks of life, had political fate been somewhat kinder to him. I believe redistribution, among other things, might have had something to do with his short-lived political career.

With those few comments, Madam Speaker, I certainly wish to associate myself with the Condolence Motion before us.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Charleswood.

MR. J. ERNST: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

I wish to add my few words to this Condolence Motion. Madam Speaker, I did not know Earl Dawson in the political context. In fact, quite frankly, until his untimely death, I didn't even know he was a member of the Legislature, I'm ashamed to admit. But I did know Earl Dawson in another context, and that was the context of his association with hockey.

Earl Dawson, as president of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, and later with the Federal Government Department of Sport had a great deal to do with organizing major hockey tournaments in Winnipeg. Certainly, during my time as a director of the Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation, I had much to do with Earl Dawson in the organization of world-class hockey tournaments, the World Junior Hockey Tournament of 1970, of the World Midget Tournament some years later than that, Madam Speaker. His involvement, his dedication and his hard work in those areas I'm sure stood him in good stead as a member of this House and as a contributor to the well-being of all of the citizens of Manitoba.

Madam Speaker, I wish to add my support to the Motion of Condolence and expressions to his family.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Arthur.

MR. J. DOWNEY: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I rise to join in the Motion of Condolence to the Dawson family and want to say that as a young man from rural Manitoba I can definitely support and associate my comments, the Leader of the Opposition in his comments, about the Town of Hamiota and the products of Hamiota being of international - and not only in hockey, but of course currently in basketball - and the spirit of that community of which I had the opportunity, Madam Speaker, to compete against as a neighbouring community and town.

Madam Speaker, when an individual such as Mr. Dawson does take the time to spend some time with the most valuable resource that we produce in this country, in the world, the young people, to make future citizens, one has to say and certainly take their hat off to them and it was with those thoughts that I rise.

On another front, Madam Speaker, I happened to have the opportunity to be a member of the Waskada Air Cadets Squadron which operated out of Rivers, and Mr. Dawson being part of that movement and organization, it was about the same time that I was involved. And, as a young person, who I feel benefited from both sporting programs and the air cadet program, I say thanks to his contribution, to his family, and I say

more people should take the example which he set for the development of our young people.

It's with those thoughts, Madam Speaker, that I rise to join in the Motion of Condolence to the Dawson family.

MADAM SPEAKER: Would you indicate your support to the motion?

Would all members rise for a moment's silence as an indication of their agreement with the motion.

(A moment of silence was observed.)

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

MADAM SPEAKER: May I direct the attention of honourable members to the loge to my right where we have with us this morning the former Member of the Legislative Assembly, for Concordia, and the former Speaker of this Legislature, Mr. Peter Fox; and also just arrived in the loge to my left, the Member of Parliament for Winnipeg North, Mr. David Orlikow.

On behalf of all the members, we welcome you to the Legislature this morning.

MOTION OF CONDOLENCE

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable the First Minister.

HON. H. PAWLEY: Madam Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Leader of the Opposition, the Honourable Member for Tuxedo,

THAT this House convey to the family of the late the Honourable John William McLeod Thompson, Q.C., who served as a member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, its sincere sympathy in their bereavement and its appreciation of his devotion to duty in a useful life of active community and public service; and that Madam Speaker be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the family.

MOTION presented.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

HON. H. PAWLEY: Madam Speaker, I would like to first advise that the Member for St. Boniface, the Minister of Health, would very much as well liked to have been here in the Condolence Motion involving John William McLeod Thompson.

I believe that the Honourable Minister of Health was probably the only member of this Chamber that would have served during part of the time that the late John William McLeod Thompson served. The Minister of Health has certainly described positively his experience with the late John William McLeod Thompson in this Chamber and commented positively on his commitment to duty on behalf of the public of Manitoba.

Madam Speaker, the Honourable John Thompson was first elected to this House by the people of Virden in 1953, serving as Cabinet Minister responsible for, at different times, Municipal Affairs, Labour, and for Public Works. The son of prairie pioneers, he was born at Elkhorn, received his early education there, and later at Brandon College and the University of Manitoba.

He established a law practice in Elkhorn, Manitoba - and that was, I guess, the time when small little villages, communities, could count on the service of a legal counsel, which is not the case today - served his community as a school trustee, as a town councillor, as a chairperson of the hospital board, and as a mayor. He was also superintendent of the United Church Sunday School and was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

He served with the Royal Canadian Air Force during the Second World War. He was a life member of the Royal Canadian Legion. He was also a life member of the Roads and Transportation Association of Canada. After his retirement from the Legislature in 1962, John was appointed Judge of the County Court and was subsequently conferred with the title "Honourable" by the Governor-General in 1983.

Those who recall John Thompson's service in this House speak of his dedication, of his energetic support and love for the province of his birth. He's remembered at all times as a Minister of Health, referred to him in this way, to me, as always a very fair, very hard working individual who carried on that same fair and hard working service as a member of the judiciary in the Province of Manitoba, as well as a devoted family man, on all occasions.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. G. FILMON: Madam Speaker, I am pleased to rise and second the Motion of Condolence of the Premier in memory of the Honourable John Thompson.

Although I didn't have the privilege of serving with John Thompson, I certainly had the great pleasure of meeting him on a number of occasions. As a matter of fact, Mr. Thompson introduced himself to me at the Leadership Convention at which I was elected Leader of our party in 1983, because it was the first opportunity that he had to resume involvement in partisan political life, or at least to be seen in attendance at a political function.

He had just recently retired earlier that year from the Bench and was very happy to be able to, once again, associate with many friends and colleagues within the Progressive Conservative Party of Manitoba.

Later, of course, I saw him at a number of public functions but ran into him unexpectedly in the summer of 1985 in Virden. Janice and I were there to participate in the Annual Virden Fair, and the first people we ran into were the Thompsons who were there because of the 90th birthday of Mr. Thompson's mother-in-law in a senior citizens home in Virden. So we chatted at that time and visited the senior citizens home that evening and participated in wishing his mother-in-law a happy 90th birthday.

I later had the great privilege of conferring an Honorary Life Membership in the Progressive Conservative Party of Manitoba on Mr. Thompson for his lengthy and significant public service. He was, of course, a member of this Legislature for nine years from 1953 to 1962. He served in a variety of Cabinet portfolios, including Minister of Labour, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Minister of Public Works and Highways, which he retained an interest in, ultimately,

that had him back involved with the Canadian Good Roads Association and, latterly, as a life member of the Roads and Transportation Association of Canada.

As a Judge of the County Court, he served Manitoba Southern and Eastern Judicial Districts and at all times was considered to be a very diligent member of the Bench, an individual who was always fair-minded and, as I and so many of his friends and former colleagues had known him to be, at all times a very fine gentleman.

So, Madam Speaker, I am pleased, on behalf of my colleagues, not only to be associated but to support this Motion of Condolence in the memory of John Thompson, to express very sincerely our heartfelt sympathies to his wife, Lorraine, and to his family and his friends, and to express, certainly, our thanks for a life of devoted service both as a public servant and as a judge and in so many ways in support in service to his community.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Arthur.

MR. J. DOWNEY: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I rise to join in the Motion of Condolence to the John Thompson family, and I do so, Madam Speaker, as a member representing a neighbouring constituency being very close to the Towns of Elkhorn and Virden and many interacting communities of interest.

Madam Speaker, I had the opportunity to meet John Thompson on a few occasions both in the riding of Virden and in events to do with legislative activities.

Madam Speaker, I say that, No. 1, it truly takes a dedicated person to carry out the activities of not only an MLA but a Cabinet Minister coming from the far regions in the outside areas of the province and it is, I believe, a tremendous dedication to carry out those responsibilities and extra work.

As well, Madam Speaker, the relationship that the constituency of Arthur had with Virden and the friendship that goes back and forth from some of the former members, I want to say, I know that there are close family ties with some of the members of my constituency, and friendship, and I want to relay from the people of Arthur to the Thompson family the feelings of sorrow and thought of them in a time of sorrow.

Madam Speaker, my lasting impression of Mr. Thompson was he truly was an honourable gentleman. Thank you.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. H. ENNS: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just a word or two to associate myself with the Condolence Motion before the Chamber.

The Honourable John Thompson's life truly reflects a very full life of service in every way to country, to community, to church. But as an ex-Highways Minister, perhaps allow me simply to underline a particular achievement of the Honourable John Thompson, because it was his role as Public Works and Highways Minister that Manitobans should today still remember.

It brought in a decade of bringing into the 20th Century the provincial trunk highway systems, the provincial road systems, many of them which were

negotiated somewhat later on with the aid of the late Walter Weir, but those two men, the work initiated by the Honourable John Thompson and carried to its conclusion by the late Walter Weir, Manitobans to this day can still be thankful in terms of the basic infrastructure of our road and highway systems that marked that particular decade of government and the particular government that he was associated with.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for St. Norbert.

MR. G. MERCIER: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just a few words in respect to this motion.

I did not know the Honourable Mr. Thompson while he was a member of this Assembly and a Cabinet Minister. I did, however, as a younger lawyer, have the opportunity to appear before His Honour Judge Thompson on a number of occasions shortly after being called to the Bar in this province. I always remember Judge Thompson as a very kindly gentleman and particularly, as a younger lawyer, a pleasure to appear before.

I'm sure that he carried out his responsibilities as a member of this Legislature and as a Cabinet Minister in that same vein and that same way. It would have been a pleasure to serve with him in this Assembly, and I therefore wish to associate myself in support of the motion, Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Brandon West.

MR. J. McCRAE: Madam Speaker, I take pleasure in joining with honourable members in paying tribute to the Honourable John Thompson.

Mr. Thompson was of another generation from myself and I didn't know him as a politician, Madam Speaker. But as the honourable member who just spoke mentioned, I also had the opportunity as a court reporter to appear with, as opposed to before, His Honour Judge Thompson as I knew him. And when I first joined the public service in 1969, that was my first opportunity to get to meet and know Judge Thompson, and I worked with him from 1969 until 1974.

I can certainly say that Judge Thompson was a very fair and kindly gentleman, and he was also accommodating to those barristers who appeared before him, as well as all litigants who appeared before him, and he was always cognizant of the needs of staff as well. So for those things, I remember Judge Thompson as a kind man who was a thoughtful person.

I, too, had occasion once or twice, since his retirement from the Bench, to meet with him at various political meetings, and he always struck me as the kind of person that if only both of us had had more time, I think I would have been easy for us to have developed a much closer friendship than the one that we did in the context of our relationship. He stands out in my mind as the kind of person that I would like to have known better.

I join with my colleagues in offering sympathy to the family of the Honourable John Thompson. I do say however, that I believe his family has been fortunate to have been able to spend as many years as they have with this very fine man.

MADAM SPEAKER: To indicate support for the motion would all members please rise for a moment of silence.

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(A moment of silence was observed.)

SECOND READING

BILL NO. 31 - THE COMMUNITY CHILD DAY CARE STANDARDS ACT

MADAM SPEAKER: On Second Reading, Bill No. 31. The Honourable Minister of Community Services.

HON. M. SMITH presented Bill No. 31, An Act to amend the Community Child Day Care Standards Act; Loi modifiant la Loi sur les garderies d'enfants, for Second Reading.

MOTION presented.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Community Services.

HON. M. SMITH: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to introduce for Second Reading today a bill to amend The Community Child Day Care Standards Act. The amendments deal with the issue of refusing to classify persons as eligible to work in licensed day care centres if they are deemed unfit to work with children.

In addition, the amendments provide the right and process of appeal for individuals who have either been used the necessary classification or have had their classification revoked or suspended. If any person working in a licensed day care centre is found to present danger to the health, safety or well-being of children, the director of day care will now have the right under the Act to suspend or cancel that person's classification. Madam Speaker, these amendments are being proposed to protect children, who might be at risk because of a worker who may be involved or connected with child abuse or any other violent offence or act. The amendments focus on the needs and rights of children in a healthy, safe and nurturing environment in licensed day care centres. This is one more important safeguard to ensure our youngsters are receiving the best care possible. It also allows parents to have confidence in the care being provided for their children.

Madam Speaker, there have been elsewhere in Canada and the United States incidences of individuals working with young children who have endangered these children, particularly as evidenced by some of the child abuse allegations in other jurisdictions. The amendments we are proposing provide us with the ability to respond quickly to deal with situations of this nature.

While maintaining the rights of children is central to the amendments we are proposing, we also recognize the rights of day care workers to appeal a decision made against them. Therefore, as before, workers will

have the right to appeal any decision. They have the right to appeal a refusal to be classified. They may also appeal a cancellation or a suspension of a certificate to the Court of Queen's Bench.

The government wants to ensure that our children are being entrusted to the care of persons who are duly qualified in all respects. I believe there is consensus among all members of this House that we must do everything we can to protect our youngest and most vulnerable group of citizens. I therefore hope that the proposed changes which I have outlined will receive the full support of all members.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for St. Norbert.

MR. G. MERCIER: Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Just a question for clarification: Would the Minister inform the House how many instances there have been where unfit workers have endangered children?

HON. M. SMITH: Madam Speaker, the incidences that led to the development of this amendment were in fact from other jurisdictions outside the province. I am not aware of any specifics here. This is an anticipatory protective move, but I will inquire again to see if there have in fact been any incidents here where we weren't able to move when we thought we should. But to my knowledge there have not been cases here in Manitoba.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. A. BROWN: I move, seconded by the Member for Niakwa, that the debate be adjourned.

MOTION presented and carried.

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Government House Leader.

HON. J. COWAN: Madam Speaker, would you please call debate on Second Readings for the bills, starting with Bills No. 6, 15, 23, 24, 27, 28 and 29 as they appear on pages 3 and 4 of the Order Paper?

MADAM SPEAKER: The Honourable Opposition House Leader.

MR. G. MERCIER: Madam Speaker, I would like to indicate that all of those bills would be stood, and perhaps I could suggest that we call it 12:30.

MADAM SPEAKER: Is that agreed? (Agreed)

The hour being 12:30 p.m., the House is now adjourned and stands adjourned till 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday next.