

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

8:00 o'clock, Friday, April 22, 1966

Opening Prayer by Madam Speaker.

MADAM SPEAKER: Presenting Petitions
Reading and Receiving Petitions
Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees

HON. STEWART E. McLEAN, Q.C. (Attorney-General)(Dauphin): Madam Speaker, I beg to present the seventh report of the Standing Committee on Law Amendments.

MR. CLERK: Your Standing Committee on Law Amendments beg leave to present the following as their seventh report:

Your Committee has considered Bills: No. 87 - An Act to validate certain By-laws of The Town of Dauphin and The Rural Municipality of Dauphin and to enlarge the Boundaries of The Town of Dauphin; No. 90 - An Act respecting The Rural Municipality of Old Kildonan and The City of West Kildonan; No. 98 - An Act to amend The Transcona Charter; No. 99 - An Act respecting The Village of Powerview; No. 103 - An Act to amend An Act to incorporate "Brandon College Incorporated"; No. 108 - An Act respecting The Establishment of The Manitoba Agricultural Productivity Council; No. 113 - An Act respecting The City of Brandon; No. 115 - An Act to amend The Brandon Charter; No. 127 - The Mineral Exploration Assistance Act; and has agreed to report the same without amendment.

Your Committee has also considered Bills: No. 95 - An Act to amend The St. James Charter and to validate By-law No. 10109 of the City of St. James; No. 126 - An Act respecting Access to Certain Highways and the Control of Land along Certain Highways; and has agreed to report the same with certain amendments.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MR. McLEAN: Madam Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Education, that the report of the committee be received.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: Notices of Motion
Introduction of Bills
Orders of the Day

HON. DUFF ROBLIN (Premier)(Wolseley): Madam Speaker, I believe it is agreed that we might consider now asking you to leave the Chair so that the members of the House could return to Law Amendments Committee and finish the bills - I think there are six or seven of them that still remain before the committee - and then return to the House and pick up our business where we have left it off. At the time that that business is completed, I take it that that's

MR. RUSSELL PAULLEY (Leader of the New Democratic Party)(Radisson): I would just like to ask a question of you before the Orders of the Day.

MR. ROBLIN: Very good. I'd just like to find out though if that procedure sounds . . .

MR. PAULLEY: It's agreeable as far as I'm concerned.

MR. ROBLIN: Good. Well we'll do that.

MR. PAULLEY: Madam Speaker, my question of the Honourable the Minister or/and the Honourable the Minister of Education is, can they individually or collectively now indicate to me when they may be replying to the Citizens' Committee of Windsor and Niakwa Park in respect of a brief and a letter which has been sent to the Honourable the First Minister, with a carbon copy to the Minister of Education and to myself.

HON. GEORGE JOHNSON (Minister of Education)(Gimli): Madam Speaker, maybe I could say that I haven't had much time but I did check into the matter. The first brief from the Windsor Park people in question was answered by the First Minister. I just found a copy, the carbon copy of the most recent matter on my file yesterday, or last evening, and I haven't had an opportunity to give it the attention I might or to have an opportunity to discuss it with the First Minister to whom it is addressed.

MR. PAULLEY: Subsequently of course, as the Honourable Minister of Education said, the Minister and myself were only recipients of carbon copies. The original went to the First Minister. I realize he was away for a couple of days, but the letter now is getting a little ancient and I trust and hope that before the House rises that the Minister or the Premier may indicate to me that they have fulfilled their obligations to my constituents of Windsor Park.

MR. ROBLIN: Then, Madam Speaker, if you would leave the Chair, we'll return to the committee.

MADAM SPEAKER: I leave the Chair until the committee reports.

MR. ROBLIN: Madam Speaker, before we resume our business, I wonder if I could have permission of the House to consult the opinion with respect to tomorrow's activities. It had been thought, up to now I suppose, that we would meet tomorrow with the hope of completing our business during the day. That may be too ambitious an undertaking and I am wondering whether the House would like to sit tomorrow and perhaps do some of the business or whether it be thought better that we resumed on Monday morning. It seems to me that with all the resolutions that are coming in - every day we get two or three new ones - we're going to be here for some time if we deal with all of those. So I raise this matter to ask members opposite, in particular, what their views are. Perhaps the Honourable Member for Lakeside and the Honourable Member for Radisson would care to make a comment about tomorrow's activities.

MR. DOUGLAS L. CAMPBELL (Lakeside): Madam Speaker, I am in the position that the Leader of this group is not here, and just in the time that the Honourable the First Minister was speaking, I was receiving conflicting advice from my colleagues. After all, we are an independent party and we are not all in agreement - I could tell that. My own guess would be - and I guess in those circumstances the best thing is to give my own interpretation of the situation - my own guess would be that it is very unlikely that we could finish tomorrow.

On the other hand, my esteemed colleague is not of that opinion and one of my colleagues is anxious to see us sit tomorrow and go as far as we can; another one is almost equally anxious the other way. My only contribution to the situation would be to say that as far as I am concerned, and I think this would apply to all of our group, that we are prepared to do either thing. We get along with the House in this situation and accommodate ourselves to whatever is decided.

But my judgment would be that it would be almost impossible for us to finish tomorrow with the very large number of bills and resolutions that we have, and some of the bills being so important, and, if not controversial, at least requiring a good bit of careful study. I mention The Election Act in that latter category along with some other bills.

MR. PAULLEY: Madam Speaker, I'm not quite in the same position as the Honourable Member for Lakeside because I am somewhat like my honourable friend across the way, I assume that the Leader of a party has certain dictatorial powers, and as far as I'm concerned --(Interjection)-- I say that loosely of course. But it would be my opinion, and I think it is shared by my colleagues, that it might be advisable to meet tomorrow.

I say this, Madam Speaker, because we have been here now since the 3rd of February; we have had the resolution adopted making each sitting a separate sitting, including that of Saturday, and I would suggest, Madam Speaker, that we might consider meeting tomorrow morning and tomorrow afternoon just to see how far we go, because if we defer meeting until Monday, I don't think one day would be sufficient for us in order to finish our business in any case. So then that would mean Tuesday and it could conceivably go into Wednesday or Thursday, and I would recommend that we try tomorrow for two sittings at least - and I'm not suggesting that we should meet in the evening - but let's meet in the morning would be my suggestion, and the afternoon, and if by 5:30 tomorrow afternoon it appears as though the business of the House can be terminated by short extension of the hours at 5:30, we should do this, and we have done this in the past, Madam Speaker. I am just as anxious as anybody else to go out onto the hustings - if indeed we are going out onto the hustings, I don't know - but I am anxious, Madam Speaker, to expedite the business of the House.

I have said on a number of occasions to my fellow workers that I, as a good trade unionist, fight like the dickens for a 40-hour week for everybody else except myself. I am prepared, Madam Speaker, to work the six days without time and a half for overtime in order that we might conclude the business of the House. I don't know whether this will be acceptable or not, I only give my observations of what I think the conduct of the House should be.

MR. J. M. FROESE (Rhineland): Madam Speaker, I'm not opposed to sitting tomorrow, I am quite willing - or agree to that, but I would take exception to sitting tomorrow night. I wouldn't want to sit tomorrow night.

MR. ROBLIN: Madam Speaker, I thank those who have spoken and I agree that it's sometimes a little difficult to get unanimity of opinion from the ranks of the Liberal Party in the House, but I am inclined to think that the weight of authority represented by the Honourable Member for Selkirk has to be taken into account, and I think in considering that and what has been said by the last two gentlemen who spoke, that perhaps we had better work on Saturday in spite of the fact that it may well be quite impossible to finish on Saturday, because I am not by any means suggesting that we should make that a condition of any sort.

Therefore, we will meet on Saturday morning and afternoon and see how we get along. --(Interjection)-- Well, double time is really what it's worth, but the Comptroller-General won't listen to it, so it's a difficult situation. So that with that settled, perhaps we could then move into Committee of the Whole and deal with some of the matters that are before us before we rise tonight. --(Interjection)-- But just let me finish it - but I would not propose to linger in the committee unduly.

MR. PAULLEY: Madam Speaker, may I inform my honourable friend the reason I suggested we should meet tomorrow is so that we might go home at 11 o'clock tonight, and not in the Committee of the Whole House as right now. So I appeal to my honourable friend, because I have suggested that I could work eight hours tomorrow - the House could work eight hours tomorrow, for goodness sake let's go home so that we are revitalized to come back tomorrow morning at 9:30.

MR. ROBLIN: Well that's a pretty convincing appeal. Perhaps we had better not press on, regardless, but with discretion. So in that case, perhaps my next move should be to propose the adjournment of the House, and I move, seconded by the Attorney-General, that the House do now adjourn.

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