

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA
9:30 o'clock, Monday, July 19, 1971

Opening Prayer by Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Presenting Petitions; Reading and Receiving Petitions; Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees.
The Honourable Member for Logan.

REPORTS BY STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. WILLIAM JENKINS (Logan): Mr. Speaker, I beg to present the Fifth Report of the Standing Committee on Law Amendments.

MR. CLERK: Your Standing Committee on Law Amendments begs leave to present the following as their Fifth Report:

Your Committee has considered Bill No. 30 - The Architects Act, and recommends that the subject matter of the Bill be referred to the Special Committee on Professional Associations with instructions that it be reconsidered in Committee during recess or after prorogation, and reported at the next session of the Legislature.

Your Committee has also considered the following Bills and has agreed to report the same with certain amendments as agreed to by the Committee:

No. 27 - The Personal Investigations Act.

No. 69 - The Co-operative Associations Loans and Loans Guarantee Act.

No. 26 - The Hearing Aid Act.

No. 31 - An Act to amend The Highway Traffic Act (1).

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MR. SPEAKER: Ministerial Statements and Tabling of Reports; Notices of Motion; Introduction of Bills.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

MR. SPEAKER: Before we proceed, I should like to direct the attention of the honourable members to the gallery where we have 40 students of the Young Voyageurs of Penticton, B.C. These students are under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dewar and Mr. Chris Dunn and Miss Jody Robinson. On behalf of all the honourable members of the Legislative Assembly, I welcome you here today.

STATEMENT

Also, before we proceed, I should like to make a statement. On Friday, July 16th, the Honourable Minister of Labour raised a matter in respect of an amendment proposed by the Honourable Member for Riel. I should like to thank the Honourable Minister for drawing the matter to my attention and the honourable members for their contribution on the point of order.

The motion before the Assembly being debated was the second reading of Bill 99, and the Honourable Member for Riel proposed, by his amendment, to postpone second reading of the bill. This is a valid procedure but the Honourable Member for Riel, besides postponing it for three months, also added the words "or more". This I find irregular since, according to our Rule 55 (b), it states: "When a question is under debate, no motion shall be made except (b) to postpone it to a day certain." Under this circumstance, I must indicate to the Honourable Member for Riel I cannot accept the amendment in its present form.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

MR. SPEAKER: Oral questions. The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SIDNEY SPIVAK, Q.C. (Leader of the Opposition) (River Heights): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the First Minister, my question is to the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources. I wonder whether he can indicate to the House whether it's the intention of the government now to incorporate under the Companies Act, the Leaf Rapids Corporation.

HON. SIDNEY GREEN, Q.C. (Minister of Mines, Resources and Environmental Management) (Inkster): Mr. Speaker, I can't vouch for the mechanics, but it is the intention of government to incorporate the Leaf Rapids Development Corporation.

MR. SPIVAK: Would the government be introducing this by way of a private bill in this House - or by a public bill?

MR. GREEN: I've indicated, Mr. Speaker, that I can't vouch for the mechanics but the Leaf Rapids Development Corporation is intended to be a legal entity.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: My question is to the Minister of Industry and Commerce. As the Minister in charge of the Development Fund who was present at the meeting to pass the Order-in-Council of the Leaf Rapids Corporation, I wonder whether he can indicate to the House why he did not sign the Order-in-Council.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. I think I find that question irregular in respect to a Minister's procedure. If the Honourable Leader of the Opposition demands or insists, I'll have to check the ruling; otherwise I'll let it go without an answer. The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SPIVAK: Mr. Speaker, just on a point of order so that it's clear - in the question that was asked, I indicated that the Minister was present because that's what the Order-in-Council indicated. Now if the information is incorrect, then I think that probably would clear the matter.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Attorney-General.

HON. A. H. MACKLING, Q.C. (Attorney-General) (St. James): Mr. Speaker, I'd like to file an Order for Return No. 21 on the motion of Mr. Johnston, Portage la Prairie.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Pembina.

MR. GEORGE HENDERSON (Pembina): Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day, I'd like to ask the Minister of Tourism and Recreation if it's his intention to do away with the Censor Board.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

HON. PETER BURTONIAK (Minister of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs) (Dauphin): Sorry, I was engaged in some other discussion; I missed the question.

MR. HENDERSON: The question was: is it your intention to do away with the Censor Board?

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. That's a question of policy. The Honourable House Leader.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, the proposed schedule of activities is to go into Law Amendments Committee and deal with the bills that have not yet been completed in Law Amendments Committee and, following that, to return to the House. I'm quite certain that we will not be back this morning, so I'm suggesting that we return to the House at 2:30 and then adjourn again, probably to Law Amendments Committee. In other words, just proceed with the sittings but have the House adjourn at this time. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Labour, that the House do now adjourn.

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