

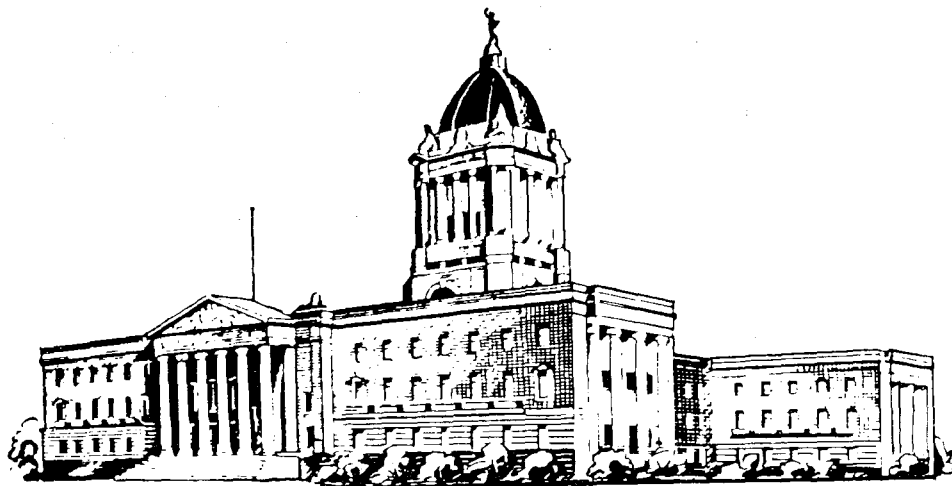


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2:30 o'clock, Thursday, May 10, 1973.

Opening Prayer by Mr. Speaker.

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 30 students of Grades 5 and 6 standing and 12 adults, of Nekoma, North Dakota. The students are under the direction of Mrs. Monica Hejlit.

We also have 45 students of Grades 7, 8 and 9 standing of the Brandon Collegiate Institute. These students are under the direction of Mrs. Doris Hunt, Mrs. Warda Fraser and Mrs. Eva Gouldie. This school is located in the constituency of the Honourable Member for Brandon West.

We have 60 students of Grade 9 standing of the Grant Park High School. These students are under the direction of Mr. R. J. Dooley. This school is located in the constituency of the Honourable Member for River Heights, the Leader of the Opposition.

And we have 60 students of Grade 6 standing of the General Wolfe School. These students are under the direction of Mr. C. M. Belton. This school is located in the constituency of the Honourable Member for Wellington.

And we have 9 students of Grade 12 standing of the Red Lake District High School. These students are under the direction of Mr. Kutney.

On behalf of all the honourable members I welcome you here today.

Presenting Petitions; Reading and Receiving Petitions; Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees; Ministerial Statements and Tabling of Reports. The Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce.

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

HON. LEONARD S. EVANS (Minister of Industry and Commerce) (Brandon East):  
Mr. Speaker, I have a brief statement to make with regard to an industrial development project and I have copies for members of the other parties. In the last few hours I've been in consultation with the President of Agristeel Limited and I'm pleased to inform members of the House that today Agristeel Limited of Minnedosa is announcing an agreement with John Deere Limited to manufacture John Deere's Canadian-designed and engineered arid land seeding and tillage equipment at the Agristeel plant at Minnedosa. The agreement is expected to create between 40 and 45 new jobs at the Minnedosa Plant and will mean about the same number of jobs elsewhere in Manitoba through sub-contracts for structural steel, castings, machine shop and other orders. So, Mr. Speaker, about 80 to 90 jobs in total.

The order involves several millions of dollars and production is designed to serve primarily western Canada, but units which will come off the line this fall could conceivably be exported to dry land farming areas elsewhere in the world. Certainly this development is good news for Manitoba industry, and indicates that rural Manitoba centres can take a prime part in industrial development. I might mention that late last fall a senior officer of my department, the Department of Industry and Commerce, visited the John Deere Company in Welland and that this and similar matters were then discussed. The department and I personally commend the initiative of Agristeel Limited in developing job and production opportunities, and the department, I can add, has been in frequent consultation with the company and will continue to assist this enterprise as it is assisting many firms throughout the province. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Minnedosa.

MR. DAVID R. BLAKE (Minnedosa): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We welcome this announcement. I think all of the citizens of Manitoba will be happy to see the plant in Minnedosa expand and provide for the additional jobs that this new contract will undoubtedly afford. I am well acquainted with the officials of Agristeel Limited and of course in my banking career was associated with that company to quite a close degree. Mr. McKee, Sam McKee, the President, has followed an aggressive sales policy in locating outlets for his company's product and they enjoy an excellent reputation in the industry. So this is welcome news that the plant will be able to take on additional help and continue to provide a good level of employment to the residents of the area, and we welcome the news from the Minister.

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

MR. I. H. (Izzy) ASPER (Leader of the Liberal Party) (Wolseley): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too wish to congratulate the officials of Agristeel in Minnedosa for having been able to arrange the expansion and the contract involved. However, Mr. Speaker, I feel compelled to make some other observations. I too had some very early involvement and had some direct participation, coming from Minnedosa myself and being involved with the company, Agristeel, at the time of its decision to be formed and located in Minnedosa and I take quite some pride in the role that I played in that. But, Mr. Speaker, the fact that the Legislature of Manitoba treats, as the Minister has chosen to, as an event requiring a special statement in the House the creation of somewhere between 40 to 90 jobs, merely serves to underline the seriousness of the problem of creating new jobs in the province. Mr. Speaker, the thought that it is of such consequence, such major event, that new jobs to the paltry extent of 80 or 90 are being created as such an event, merely underlines the depth of the job-creating problem in our province. In the four years of this government's administration we have had a net brain drain of 16,000 people, and in its total administration we have seen only 15,000 new jobs created in this province when 45,000 were needed. And, Mr. Speaker, I can't help but say congratulations to Agristeel and to Sam McKee, the man who has the courage and the vision in spite of the inaction by government to move, but I must say that it underlines a very bankrupt industrial strategy for this province.

### TABLING OF REPORTS

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Health and Social Development,

HON. RENE E. TOUPIN (Minister of Health and Social Development) (Springfield):

Mr. Speaker, I would like to now table a report that we said we would table in the House. It's a report prepared by Dr. J. C. Clarkson of Alberta and associates, a report made to myself as Minister of Health and Social Development, and copies will be made available for all members of the House.

MR. SPEAKER: Any other ministerial statements or tabling of reports? Notices of Motion; Introduction of Bills; Oral Questions.

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MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SIDNEY SPIVAK, Q.C. (Leader of the Opposition) (River Heights): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the First Minister or to the Minister of Finance. I wonder if he can indicate now to the House that as a result of the Federal Government's position at the recent conference that was held, that Manitoba has now been given information that there will be no Federal Government participation in bringing nursing home care under Medicare in Manitoba.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Finance.

HON. SAUL CHERNIACK, Q.C. (Minister of Finance) (St. Johns): Mr. Speaker, that was not indicated that there would not be any participation. There are discussions; they are not completed because all the matters discussed at the meeting referred to by the honourable member are referred to the meeting, the forthcoming meeting of Premiers and will be discussed then. But there was not an outright rejection of the principle in the way described by the honourable member.

MR. SPIVAK: I wonder if the Minister of Finance could now indicate whether there will be supplementary estimates brought in to cover the additional cost of nursing homes under Medicare not contemplated initially because of the prospect of Federal Government participation.

MR. CHERNIACK: Mr. Speaker, my understanding of the Estimates is that they were done on the basis of what was, and still is, the participation by the Federal Government and that there is provision in the Estimates for the nursing homes.

MR. SPIVAK: . . . really by way of supplementary then. I want to understand the Minister of Finance's answer and possibly the First Minister may want to answer this. My point is that in the Estimates that were presented to the House nursing home care is provided for. Was that in contemplation of Federal Government participation? And if not, then there is no need for supplementary estimates but if . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Question please. The honourable member is debating the point. The Honourable First Minister.

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HON. EDWARD SCHREYER (Premier) (Rossmere): Mr. Speaker, we distributed the Estimates of spending in which provision is made for nursing home care on the basis of what we anticipate the cost will be for that service on the basis of the parameters already outlined. If there is success in obtaining federal sharing, as there ought to be, then that will be a deduction from the amount of expenditures contemplated by the province; and if not, then the amount that is estimated there will be expended.

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

MR. ASPER: Yes, Mr. Speaker. My question is for the Minister of Mines responsible for the Manitoba Development Corporation. Could he now confirm that the Manitoba Development Corporation made a loan of approximately somewhere between \$100,000 to \$150,000 to Advance Lighting Limited, and that that company is now in receivership?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Mines and Resources.

HON. SIDNEY GREEN, Q.C. (Minister of Mines, Resources and Environmental Management) (Inkster): Mr. Speaker, the situation with regard to loans advanced by the Manitoba Development Corporation in the past several years are matters of public record made available through orders-in-council or through other publicly documented means, and the honourable member can confirm that through it.

With regard to the company being in receivership, Mr. Speaker, I probably have the same information that my honourable friend has, that I read of this in the news media and I would consider that it in any event would follow in the normal course of any loaning agency protecting its security.

MR. ASPER: To the same Minister, Mr. Speaker. Can the Minister indicate whether he has examined the case and what kind of a loss we look forward to in this . . .

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I haven't examined the case. I would assume that my honourable friend, having probably not learned of this at 2:00 o'clock this afternoon, and when the Chairman of the Manitoba Development Corporation was in Committee to answer details on the operations, that if he really wanted information he would have asked the question.

MR. ASPER: To the same Minister, Mr. Speaker. The question relates to a statement made by one P.R. Elliott, the President of the Canadian Mining Association. The question is to the Minister of Mines: does the government intend to make a statement, a further statement as to its mining policy, the Kierans Report, the potential takeover of mining industry in Manitoba, in the light of the fears expressed for the industry in Manitoba by the President of the Mining Association?

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, that has been answered several times in this House and with regard to the reaction of people who may have one reaction or another, I can't say that I'm going to make statements in the House respecting that matter to deal with those reactions.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Birtle-Russell. --(Interjection)-- The Honourable Member for Wolseley.

MR. ASPER: A supplementary to the same Minister. Does the Mines Minister reject the statement or the expression of opinion that the mining industry is being driven out of Manitoba?

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Order, please. I do not see that it's relevant whether a Minister rejects something which is not necessary to our procedure in this House. The Honourable Member for Birtle-Russell.

MR. HARRY E. GRAHAM (Birtle-Russell): Thank you. . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The Honourable Member for Birtle-Russell.

MR. GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Agriculture. In view of his statement that something would be done about rustling in this session, can he assure the beef producers in Manitoba that there will be legislation coming forward to cover the situation?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Agriculture.

HON. SAMUEL USKIW (Minister of Agriculture) (Lac du Bonnet): Mr. Speaker, as I recall it I believe the Attorney-General's Department dealt with that particular subject matter at some length during his Estimates and had given some indication as to a course of action.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Riel.

MR. DONALD W. CRAIK (Riel): Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct a question to the Minister of Mines and Resources. It's with reference to the Fish Marketing Board. Inasmuch as

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(MR. CRAIK cont'd) . . . . the report filed on the table--or tabled in the House of Commons yesterday, the Auditor-General of Canada has apparently declined to endorse the statement of assets and liabilities in the report. Can he indicate whether there is any threat to the operation of the Fish Marketing Board and has he any information he can provide about its present position in Manitoba?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Mines.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I'd rather not comment on the Auditor's remarks because I haven't looked at them or analyzed them recently. As far as the Fish Marketing Corporation in the Province of Manitoba is concerned, I look for a good future for that corporation and if it can't be handled by the Federal Government I'm sure that provincial co-operation in handling it would work out very well.

MR. CRAIK: Mr. Speaker, can the Minister then assure the House that there is no difficulties with regard to its operation this year?

MR. GREEN: Well, Mr. Speaker, the question of difficulties is always subjective. The operating statement shows that they had a problem in terms of making revenues equal expenditures last year. I believe they didn't have a problem of that kind in the first year. I believe that that kind of situation can prevail with any industry, which doesn't necessarily show it to be in difficulty.

MR. CRAIK: Mr. Speaker, a final supplementary. Can the Minister indicate whether there appears to be any threat to the fishermen and the fishing industry?

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The honourable member is asking for an opinion. The Honourable Minister may answer if he wishes but it's not really regular.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, the honourable member asks whether there is a threat to the fishermen. My understanding of the situation is that the fishermen would be the one group that would not have suffered by virtue of any of the problems that the corporation has had, not that this is true, but it could be argued by some that the fishermen received a higher price than they should have and that that might account for some of the difficulties that the corporation is in. Now I'm not saying that but I'm assuring the honourable member that the fishermen did not suffer by virtue of the activities of the corporation.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Virden.

MR. MORRIS MCGREGOR (Virden): Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct this to the Minister of Industry and Commerce and it's regarding Oo-Za-We-Kwun of Rivers Air Base. As I've asked before, what success has the Minister had regarding an extension of the five years to the ten years, five years plus an option. I've heard many rumours and I really haven't seen any . . . ?

MR. SPEAKER: Question, please. The Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce.

MR. EVANS: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I have been advised that the original five-year arrangement that was made available to industries that would desire to come to Rivers, is now such that it may be extended for another five years. There is an option available to extend the contract so that it can be, in effect, a ten-year rental agreement for any industry that is coming there. I believe this is--as I understand, this is quite satisfactory to the Sekine people and I think satisfactory to the other industries there as well.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

MR. L. R. (Bud) SHERMAN (Fort Garry): Mr. Speaker, to the Honourable the Minister of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs. Can the Minister advise the House whether a new speedway like Brooklands Speedway is being constructed at the present time off Highway 75 and immediately south of St. Norbert?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

HON. LAURENT L. DESJARDINS (Minister of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs) (St. Boniface): Well, Mr. Speaker, this is something that at this stage my department would not have anything required to do to give any licence or anything of that. I can only express a personal opinion. I'm very concerned if that location is chosen because I think this is something that my friend the Minister of Highways probably would be concerned with also. I think it's a question of traffic and so on and what's going to happen in that area, but at this time this has never been, never come to our department.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

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MR. SHERMAN: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Have persons in that municipality not been in contact with the Minister of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs on this subject?

MR. DESJARDINS: Mr. Speaker, there is an individual that did make me aware of what was going on. I suggested to him that he should meet with the department, somebody in the Department of Highways and also with Municipal Affairs, and this is why I know of the possibility of establishing that track there. This is the--it was one individual that was concerned.

MR. SHERMAN: To the Minister of Highways, Mr. Speaker. May I ask the Minister of Highways whether residents of the Municipality of St. Norbert or the surrounding area have been in touch with them with respect to the construction purportedly now under way of a new Speedway that would be just off Highway 75 in that area?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Highways.

HON. PETER BURTONIAK (Minister of Highways) (Dauphin): Mr. Speaker, no, not that I am aware of.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. STEVE PATRICK (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the First Minister. Have negotiations been completed between the Government and the City of Winnipeg for uniform hydro rates in the Greater Winnipeg area?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, the matter is under continuing advisement and consideration. We anticipate some reply from the city very soon now, a matter of days, I should hope.

MR. PATRICK: Perhaps the Minister can take a supplementary. Will the First Minister assure that City Hydro rates, the present City Hydro rates, apply to the suburban Winnipeg area as well?

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, quite apart from the fact that the Honourable Member for Assiniboia may have voted against just such an eventuality taking place when he voted on the city legislation, in addition to that one need only look at hydro utilities in other jurisdictions to see that the price, the cost is being increased each year, and one notes, for example, Ontario Hydro has just announced another wholesale price increase to municipalities, so my honourable friend's question is extremely unlikely and unrealistic.

A MEMBER: And the Liberals established the two rates . . .

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Health.

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to inform the Honourable Member for Fort Garry that there are individuals from Fort Garry, the Municipality of Ritchot, that have been in touch with me in regard to the Speedway that is contemplated for the Municipality of Ritchot, which is very--well in between St. Norbert and St. Adolphe. The reason, I guess, they checked with me is, first of all, as the MLA for Springfield, and secondly, as Minister of Health because of the possible implication of health matters pertaining to noise pollution. And I've referred the delegation to my colleague the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources who is the Minister responsible for the Clean Environment Commission, and the Honourable Minister of Highways will receive details of the plans as it relates to Highway 75.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Fort Garry.

MR. SHERMAN: I wish to thank the Minister of Health and Social Development for his statement, Mr. Speaker, and to ask him whether those persons who have been in touch with him have registered their objection to the location of such a Speedway in that area, or whether it was simply to advise him of what was taking place.

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Speaker, I was advised of what was happening. They received a license from the Municipality of Ritchot.

MR. SHERMAN: A further supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Does this mean that the Speedway is not a fait accompli? Except for the fact that the construction has not been completed, it's virtually a fait accompli?

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Speaker, it does not mean that the Speedway is a fait accompli. It means that they have to comply with other rules and regulations set by other bodies and by other levels of government.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rupertsland.

MR. JEAN ALLARD (Rupertsland): I have a question for the First Minister. Would the government, in view of the innovative nature of the developments at Leaf Rapids, consider the

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(MR. ALLARD cont'd) . . . . establishment of a constant monitoring setup, let's say, by the Settlement development, Settlement studies group at the University? --(Interjection)-- Yes, a monitoring of it as it goes along to see how it develops in view of the innovative nature of the development itself. By an outside . . . .

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. ALLARD: Perhaps monitoring is the wrong word.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, I acknowledge the description that the honourable member has made of the project and concur with his general description of it. As to whether or not some course of action along the lines he has generally outlined is feasible, it's something that, Sir, I wouldn't presume to answer right here now. I'll take the question under advisement and consideration and inform my honourable friend as soon as possible.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Brandon West.

MR. EDWARD MCGILL (Brandon West): Mr. Speaker, to the Honourable the Minister of Tourism and Cultural Affairs. About a week ago in his Estimates he undertook to provide some detail as to the distribution of the net proceeds of the Manitoba Lotteries Commission up to March 31, 1972. I wonder if he could indicate when this information might be available?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. DESJARDINS: Mr. Speaker, I've been absent from the province practically since that day. I'll have to check as soon as I get back to the office.

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

MR. GORDON E. JOHNSTON (Portage la Prairie): Mr. Speaker, I direct my question to the Minister of Highways. It is connected with his responsibility for motor vehicle and highway safety. Do the school buses that are being constructed by Flyer Industries, are they required to pass any special highway safety test?

MR. BURTNIAK: Mr. Speaker, I really couldn't answer that one, that question for you. Perhaps the Minister of Education could elaborate on that.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Education.

HON. BEN HANUSCHAK (Minister of Education) (Burrows): Mr. Speaker, the answer to the honourable member's question is yes, the buses have to measure up to certain specifications in their construction and they are also inspected from time to time. Now I can take the question as notice and give the honourable member a more detailed answer. I can give him the exact information as to the time intervals at which buses are inspected and so forth. --(Interjection)-- Yes.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: I thank the Minister, Mr. Speaker, and while he's taking that question as notice perhaps he would take another one. Are school buses in the province required to have safety belts and headrests?

MR. HANUSCHAK: I do not believe that that is a mandatory requirement within buses. I may also add that there is a difference of opinion amongst the safety experts as to the advisability of safety belts in buses in view of the fact that buses transport small children and the height of the bus and so forth. In the event of an accident the safety belt may compound the injury that could be caused. The same is true with respect to headrests. There is not unanimity of opinion, but this is a matter that we are in very close touch with, with the men expert in the field on the North American continent.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. JACOB M. FROESE (Rhineland): Mr. Speaker, I'd like to ask a question of the Minister of Mines and Resources. Will the Minister table the report of the Fish Marketing Corporation, of the plant that is located in Manitoba?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, that is a federal corporation whose report is tabled in the House of Commons. As a matter of courtesy I'll see whether I can get copies for the honourable members.

MR. FROESE: I would like to thank the Minister. I have another question for the Minister of Agriculture. Has the government made any request or filed any complaint with the Federal Government to subsidize the loss that farmers are suffering through the sale of 300 million, sale and delivery of 300 million bushels of wheat at a price that is 75 cents less than current values, a matter of some 225 million?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Agriculture.



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MR. USKIW: Well, Mr. Speaker, I don't know the particular circumstance that the honourable member mentions. I would simply want to point out to him that the market conditions change on the day to day basis and I'm not sure how relevant his question is with respect to government responsibility. It's really a Canadian Wheat Board decision, I would presume.

MR. FROESE: We're not allowed clarification so I'll have to see him later on. Further question. Does the government support or endorse the 100 million bushel reserve granary at the B.C., British Columbia seaport, as suggested by Senator Lang recently?

MR. USKIW: Well, Mr. Speaker, I would think that all things that are done to enhance the marketing of grain are good. I would think that intuitively storage facilities at any port facility is an advantage for the marketing of the same. I have not heard or read of the decision to build such facilities.

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

MR. ASPER: Yes, Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister responsible for housing. I would direct it to the Minister of Municipal Affairs. Can he indicate to the House whether the trend of lower housing starts in Manitoba, that was reported earlier this year, has continued into the present - for clarification - being reduced by some 72 percent in February below the preceding February? Has that trend continued?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs.

HON. HOWARD R. PAWLEY: Mr. Speaker, I wouldn't be prepared to acknowledge that there is any trend towards lower housing starts. I would have to take that question as notice in order to obtain the facts.

MR. ASPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I apologize to the Minister for not having given him notice of the question. I wonder if he might take as notice the second part of the question. Is it also accurate that single family unit costs of homes in Winnipeg this year are up approximately 15 to 20 percent over last year?

MR. PAWLEY: I did take that part of the question as notice. I have, however, seen figures, indications that the increase in costs of single dwelling units in Manitoba is less in proportion to increase in such costs of other single unit dwellings in other parts of Canada. There's a proportionate increase. But I'd have to get the figures for the honourable member.

MR. ASPER: My question would be to the First Minister, Mr. Speaker. Will the government bring in either by regulation or legislation this year, at this session, any action to arrest what is described as an alarming rise in the cost of housing in Manitoba?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, when my honourable friend uses the term "alarming" he had better indicate the context in which he uses that. The cost of housing in Manitoba is increasing unfortunately, but in relation to most other jurisdictions it is not abnormal. The course of action we are attempting to follow has to do with the fact that we are prepared to utilize the instrumentality of public housing as a means of trying to maintain some semblance of reasonableness in housing costs. And if this means an acceleration in public housing starts, then that's what will happen, Sir. Beyond that my honourable friend will have to await policy announcement, policy which will be determined by further events.

MR. ASPER: To the First Minister, Mr. Speaker. Is the only action the Government of Manitoba is prepared to take to arrest the cost of housing increases more state-owned housing then?

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, I'm sure my honourable friend doesn't have any ideas in that respect. We have indicated before that we are quite prepared and have indicated our support for a federal policy of price review. But, Sir, if that is to have any effect it will cause the displeasure of many of those who I think my honourable friend has some solicitude for, those who engage in buying up land for future development. There is no easy answer, Mr. Speaker, in short. There is no easy answer other than perhaps a greater willingness to proceed with public housing as one of the means of easing the problem for those on lower income.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Emerson.

A MEMBER: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order.

MR. SPEAKER: Would the honourable member . . . Order, please. Would the honourable member state his point of order.

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MR. ASPER: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I think you've ruled several times in this House, and I think should rule again, that there is no call from the questioner nor from the answerer to characterize or impugn a motive to the person who answers or questions. The First Minister, in his usual smearing tactic, just now said that the question put to him was put to him out of a motivation of trying to protect land speculators. That is the only meaning one can take from his answer. Mr. Speaker, we've had enough bad mouthing in this House and I again ask you to restrain the members from this kind of tactic.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister,

MR. SCHREYER: I perhaps, Sir, it could be argued by the honourable member that I was imputing motives, although I don't believe I was, and if my honourable friend uses terms such as "bad mouthing" I would simply point out to you, Sir, that in the very beginning of his question he used terms such as "alarming increases," taking it completely out of context, completely dishonest, intellectually dishonest in the most extreme of ways, Sir. And then he decries anyone answering in kind. If my honourable friend had started the question without any reference, attempting to insinuate that there is an alarming increase out of total proportion to the rest of the country, then I would have replied in a different way. But he chose to put the question in that form and I retaliated in kind.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Order, please. --(Interjection)-- I do believe that --(Interjection)-- Order, please. I do believe we had a beautiful start. I think we should try to have a beautiful finish. Both gentlemen have expressed their opinions and I'm satisfied that there was no real desire to hurt anyone's feelings. I think we are still under the question period. The Honourable Member for Rupertsland,

MR. ASPER: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order.

MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member state his point of order?

MR. ASPER: Point of order is that there has been no ruling made. And the First Minister's response puts the expression of an opinion, the use of the word "alarming," which is purely the expression of an opinion in the same category as the insult and the smear of having a motive of protecting profiteers and that is not . . . Mr. Speaker, and therefore . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Order, please. I would suggest that the language of the honourable member pretty well matches what goes on in this House. In the point of order he raised right now he was saying "smearing," etc., etc. I do not think that a matter of opinion between gentlemen should be debated in the question period. I try to recognize a point of order and I fail to see that there --(Interjection)-- The Honourable Member for Rupertsland,

MR. ALLARD: Well, Mr. Speaker, I have a question in the absence of the Attorney-General to the First Minister. Is the Chairman of the Liquor Board putting government policy into practice when he is pressuring, squeezing out men's beer parlors in this province? That he has stated he is doing it,

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, my honourable friend, I would have to advise my honourable friend that I am not aware that there is any sort of policy directive that has gone from the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council to the Chairman of the Manitoba Liquor Commission. On the other hand, I believe it can be said and here I would defer to my honourable friend the Minister of Labour who has a longer time span recollection, but I do believe, Sir, that it has been policy of the Province of Manitoba since the days of the Bracken Commission in 1956/57, over a reasonable period of time, to discourage the continuation of men only beer parlors and have them replaced eventually over years by non sex-discriminated beverage outlets.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Osborne.

MR. IAN TURNBULL (Osborne): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the House Leader. Could the House Leader review--the official House Leader--could the House Leader review the status of the Liberal Party under our House rules to see if that party still qualifies as an Official Party under our rules, seeing that outside of this House some of the members of that Party seem to have dissolved into the Conservative and other political groups.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. HARRY J. ENNS (Lakeside): Mr. Speaker, I direct a question to the Honourable the Minister of Finance - I regret I didn't give him notice of the question but I would hope he would undertake to take it as notice and perhaps answer it later. During the winter, the Department of Northern Affairs I believe under a special ARDA program provided fishing

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(MR. ENNS cont'd) . . . . equipment as well as bombardiers for fishermen in the province. There seems to be some--in some instances the sales tax, the provincial sales tax was applied in the purchase of bombardiers and in some it was not. Would the Minister undertake to give me a ruling as to whether or not bombardiers used for fishermen under this program were in fact tax free or tax exempt, or should they have been charged tax?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Finance.

MR. CHERNIACK: Mr. Speaker, I seem to recall some legislation that was passed by this government, recognizing tax free purchases of, I believe, fuel oil for licensed trappers and fishermen. The question being asked is of course a legal question; I'd be glad to try and give the honourable member an answer. It would be much more helpful if he gave us - I don't mean us - but gave to me or my department specific indication of just what was the practice as affecting one individual or another and then we could trace it through. I don't know that it's a question that should be responded to in the House because I think it's really a question of interpretation of the act, but I'll try and get him the information personally in any event.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Emerson.

MR. GABRIEL GIRARD (Emerson): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct a question to the Minister of Labour. I would like to ask the Minister if he is satisfied that the negotiations between people involved in the--or the people representing the Plumbers organization, was a negotiation that was done in good faith as per Section 53 of the Labour Relations Act?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Labour.

MR. PAULLEY: Well, Mr. Chairman, it's sort of a peculiar question that my honourable friend is asking. I say any negotiation is being conducted in good faith in accordance with all of the provisions in the Labour Act, and if my honourable friend is desirous of casting aspersions on parties to a collective agreement, I leave it to him to assess his particular judgment.

MR. GIRARD: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary. I wonder if the Honourable Minister could tell us how many negotiation meetings have been held in that particular dispute?

MR. PAULLEY: According to the information related to me, Mr. Speaker, in the construction industry as a whole, there have been almost 15 meetings. A conciliation officer of the Department of Labour has been involved in negotiations between the plumbers, the refrigeration units of labour, with the Labour Relations Officer of the Winnipeg Builders Exchange. There is a difference of opinion between the two as to whether or not negotiations are being conducted in good faith. And I might say, Mr. Speaker, for the information of my honourable friend, certain accusations by one party of a collective agreement have been laid to me, and in my judgment or lack of judgment I have decided that the provisions of the Labour Relations Act are being carried through and I trust that the complainant to me will reconsider his position and start collective bargaining in good faith.

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

MR. ASPER: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Agriculture. Would he indicate to the House the name of the two economists from Toronto who are doing the inquiry into the fertilizer industry.

MR. USKIW: Indeed, Mr. Speaker. It's Mr. Scott and Mr. Wiens.

MR. ASPER: Could the Minister of Agriculture indicate to the House if there was any reason why Manitoba economists were not used for this project?

MR. USKIW: Mr. Speaker, I happen to have known these gentlemen for some period of time. They have been associated for some period with Hedlin and Menzies, who had done work for the department, and it becomes a situation of having appreciated the services previously rendered.

MR. ASPER: Mr. Speaker, my question would be to the First Minister. Is there no policy, or is there a policy of any kind in his government which is designed to give preference to Manitoba residents in government contracts and work for Government of Manitoba?

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, I don't know how one would explain the practice to my honourable friend. I think if he were to ask, say, the Member for Lakeside, for example at some private conversation, he would be advised the extent to which and the manner in which efforts are made - and they are made - to give local preference. All provinces in Canada profess and protest that they are, on the other hand, respecters of the free flow of interprovincial produce, and so the problem continues to well up to the surface from time to time. Generally speaking, Mr. Speaker, by far and away the greater amount of work that is required by

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(MR. SCHREYER cont'd) . . . . way of consulting service is retained locally, but bearing in mind that some Manitoba firms succeed in getting business from provincial governments in other provinces, some free flow is obviously desirable rather than a policy of complete xenophobia.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. FROESE: Yes. With regard to this same matter I would like to ask the Minister of Agriculture: has he any indication at this time that something may still be done in time for this year's purchase of fertilizer?

MR. USKIW: Mr. Speaker, I would think that most farmers have already purchased or placed an order for their requirements, this year's requirements, and know whatever the recommendations may be if there are any. . . . part of the Inquiry Commission, they will have very little effect on the purchases for the current year.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rupertsland.

MR. ALLARD: I have a question for the Minister of Highways. Could the Minister, in view of the very heavy traffic and the deplorable state of No. 6 highway, tell the people who live along it when they can look forward to having a decent highway?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

HON. PETER BURTONIAK: Well, Mr. Speaker, I'm quite aware of the situation on No. 6 highway as well as most other highways, and there is going to be some work done this year, quite a bit of work as a matter of fact, and some of it was pre-advertised already.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. FROESE: Yes, I'd like to address a question to the Minister of Highways as well. In view of the fact that we will not be dealing with this department's estimates during the Committee, when will he table the report as to the amount of work and where the work will be done during this year's program.

MR. BURTONIAK: Mr. Speaker, I do believe there are still a few hours left, though not too many, but we may be able to work this in within the four hours or whatever's left.

CORRECTION IN HANSARD

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, on Page 2301 of Hansard of May 2, the Honourable Member for Neepawa, the Honourable Member for Gladstone-Neepawa asked a question to which I gave a reply which perhaps leaves the wrong impression, and I would like to make that correction at this time, if I may, Mr. Speaker. On page 2301 the Member for Neepawa asked whether or not there was the intention that the Provincial Government would make representation to the Federal Government not to grant a DREE grant to Marr's Marine Industry. And I shared with my honourable friend the Member for Gladstone the impression that there was perhaps a DREE grant involved, I'm advised that there was no DREE grant involved, that whatever the considerations were that prompted Marr's Industries to consider moving to Rivers, whatever those considerations are they are, but it does not involve a DREE grant, so that would clarify, I think, both the question and the answer of May 2nd.

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MR. SPEAKER: Orders of the Day. The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. FROESE: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to address a further question to the Minister of Agriculture in connection with grain terminals. I had another question before I'd like to ask at this time, would the government not give preference to inland terminals within Manitoba rather than to have additional terminal space provided for at the B.C. port?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Agriculture.

MR. USKIW: Mr. Speaker, the Member for Rhineland is engaging in asking for opinions on a matter which is now before three prairie provinces and the Government of Canada in their studies of the whole grain handling system, so that I think it's rather premature to give opinions at this point in time.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Health, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into a committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

MOTION presented.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Morris.

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MR. WARNER H. JORGENSEN (Morris): Mr. Speaker, in response to the generous invitation extended to me this morning by the Minister of Industry and Commerce - I beg your pardon, the Minister of Mines and Resources who reports to the House for the Manitoba Development Corporation - I want to use this opportunity to make a few remarks that he suggested in the committee this morning that I would be out of order if I made them at that time. I'm taking advantage of this opportunity, Sir, to make those remarks; remarks, Sir, that I believe need to be made in the light of the developments that have taken place in the past four years with respect to Flyer Coach Industries. Sir, the record, and I don't intend to go through and read the record as - frequently as is indicated, not only in the records of Hansard but through the medium of the press, and I find that sometimes, Sir, the views expressed by honourable gentlemen opposite in this House are at variance with the interviews that they have outside the House. But I rise, Sir, to point out that the government is guilty of the worst kind of intrigue . . .

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister state his point of order.

MR. PAULLEY: . . . the honourable member has not already exhausted his right to speak on a motion on a grievance going into Committee of Supply.

MR. JORGENSEN: No, the honourable gentleman has not exhausted his rights, if the Minister of Labour wants to know, I have not spoken on a grievance.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, it's been drawn to my attention by the index that we have just received, I believe, that there is an indication that on Matters of Urgency and Grievance that the honourable member did speak at one time, and it may have been that he spoke on the matter of natural resources policy in the Manitoba Report. On page 53 it is recorded with the index we have been presented with today, that on Matters of Urgency and Grievance the honourable member did speak. Now it's my opinion that it would be on this grievance going into Committee of Supply.

MR. JORGENSEN: Well, the Minister of Labour as usual . . .

MR. SPEAKER: I must inform the House that I do not have an index but I have tried to keep track of every person that has spoken on grievance, and my records--Order, please--may I indicate that my records do not indicate that the Honourable Member for Morris has spoken on a grievance to date.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, as I say, I don't want to embarrass my friend or you or the House. --(Interjection)-- Yes, I can be embarrassing myself, and I would readily accept that, Mr. Speaker. All I am referring to is the Index which deals with the persons who have participated in Matters of Urgency and Grievance. Now it could quite well be that the honourable member spoke on a Matter of Urgency rather than on a grievance going into Supply. I merely raised this, Mr. Speaker, because it was drawn to my attention, and if it was on a question of urgency then of course my honourable friend is perfectly correct. We have had occasions in this House in the past where members have forgotten that they may have participated in a grievance, and it was only for that reason, not to embarrass my dear friend from Morris, that I raised--and of course my honourable friend for Lakeside does not give me any credit at all for trying to be reasonable in this House.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Morris proceed.

MR. JORGENSEN: I can well understand the desire of the Minister of Labour because I notice that when I started speaking the Minister of Industry and Commerce, in his flustered manner, rushed down to the Minister of Labour and communicated something to him and I presume that what it was, Sir, was to try and prevent me from rising to my feet on this occasion. --(Interjection)--

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Morris. Would the Honourable Minister tell me what he's speaking on?

MR. EVANS: My matter of privilege is that the Honourable Member for Morris has made a statement which is not correct, and the statement that he made that I had a conversation with the Minister of Labour with regard to this matter, that is simply not correct, and for him to state so categorically and presumptuously and with all pomposity is absolutely improper, and he should withdraw that statement.

MR. SPEAKER: Is the honourable member finished with his grievance speech?

MR. JORGENSEN: No, I'm waiting for an opportunity to say something, Sir, and it

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(MR. JORGENSEN cont'd) . . . . seems to me as though I'm being denied that opportunity.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Morris,

MR. JORGENSEN: I can well understand, Sir, the--I can well understand, Sir, the anxiousness of the Minister of Industry and Commerce, who has placed on the record so many times assurances that the industry that was located in Morris would not be phased out, would not be withdrawn, that I was doing a disservice to the House by even mentioning it. And I don't know how many occasions, Sir, that in this Chamber the Minister of Industry and Commerce has given the House his assurance, has given the people of Morris that assurance, and has given the people of Manitoba, indeed the people of Manitoba, the assurance that this government were doing so much to promote and encourage the development of industry throughout the rural parts of this province, Sir, that is utter bunk. For the Minister to continue to say that that plant in Morris is not going to be phased out was the worst kind of deceit, deliberate deceit perpetrated on this House. Now I'm going to give him a choice. Either he has to rise to his feet because the word "wilful deceit" is unparliamentary and one that should not be used in this House, but I used it and he hasn't risen to his feet and so he must concur with it. But I'm going to give him a choice. If it isn't that, Sir, then it's "abysmal ignorance and incompetence" and he can take his choice.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, in view of the admonitions of the member a minute ago against us not allowing him to speak, I thought I should just sit back and listen to this balderdash. But I would ask him to withdraw that remark because it is unparliamentary, and any advice and any statements that I have made in the past have been on information supplied to me by the management, and furthermore, Mr. Speaker, the whole matter as has been indicated by the government, by the Minister responsible for the MDC, there has been no decision made in this respect. And furthermore I would remind the honourable member that it was this government who brought that industry to Morris in the first place.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Morris is well aware of our rules, I think he's a gentleman enough to probably reconsider what he was doing.

MR. JORGENSEN: Well, Mr. Speaker, I gave the Minister a choice. He doesn't like the word "wilful deceit" so I will withdraw that and leave the other one, "abysmal ignorance and incompetence" of the affairs of his own department. And, Sir, that's not unparliamentary. That just happens to be a fact, Sir. And that's been demonstrated over and over again in the manner in which he has run his department and the manner in which he has conveyed information to this House that was not in accordance with the facts, that has not been borne out by the events.

Sir, we had a rather interesting question and answer period in the committee this morning, and in response to some of the questions that were raised in that committee we now learn that Flyer Coach Industries, notwithstanding all of the assurances that were given to the people of this province, now instead of having a rip-off of eight and a half million dollars at the expense of taxpayers of this province, have increased that during just the period of one year. Dr. Briant, who appeared before the committee last year, said that Flyer Coach Industries had an eight and a half million dollar--or the Development Corporation had an eight and a half million dollar investment in Flyer Coach Industries. We're told this morning that that now has been increased to twelve million. At the same time this company has lost a million dollars.

Now then, according to the testimony given by the Chairman of the Development Corporation, they intend to lose another million next year. And that's a statement, that's a statement that I perhaps can agree with, in view of the record of Flyer Coach Industries is a statement that in all probability will probably be true, with perhaps one exception - it may be more than a million. In 1974 they say there is a possibility that they might make a million dollars. You know; the record of Flyer Coach Industries in each year, each succeeding year, they keep saying how wonderful things are going to be.

A MEMBER: Next year.

MR. JORGENSEN: Next year. It's something like the Russian five-year plan, the three-year plan and the nine-year plan. When the five-year plan goes awry, then they say, well, we'll scrap that one and start a nine-year plan, and when that goes wrong at the end of the second year they say, well, we'll scrap that and come up with a three-year plan. Sir, there is no doubt in my mind that the Minister's incompetence in dealing with Flyer Coach Industries

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(MR. JORGENSEN cont'd) . . . . has resulted in a rip-off of some twelve million dollars to that industry, and I might say that, Sir, the sad part of the situation is that in my view Flyer Coach Industries could have been a success. It had every opportunity. It had every potential. There was a need for such a plant in the Province of Manitoba. And they had located in an area where there was an adequate labour supply, where the facilities, where the enthusiasm, where all of the ingredients necessary for success were available to that company. What happened?

Last year instead of adding to the 100,000 square feet of space that was available in Morris, and it would have cost very little to add the additional 50,000 square feet that they required to get the same space that was available in Transcona, instead of spending the money to build an additional 50,000 square feet in Morris they went from eight and a half million to twelve million dollars. Three and a half million dollars more to build a facility in Transcona. For what? For what, Sir? This is the group opposite, Sir, that talks about stay option. This is the group that says, "in the rural areas" - and oh how they've pounded the desks on every occasion when that statement was made. The Minister of Agriculture throughout the length and breadth of this province is talking about stay option. The Premier himself is talking about it.

What do they mean by stay option? They had an opportunity to demonstrate without any shadow of doubt what they meant by stay option, and they could have saved the taxpayers of this country a great deal of money in the bargain. They own the facility. They own the plant. In addition to that they had millions of dollars invested in loans to that company. But instead of using some sound common sense, business judgment, they allowed themselves to get conned into spending more money in building a plant that was not needed in an area that did not need that kind of industrial development, and deceiving the people of Morris into believing that that plant, that the opportunities were going to remain there. Sir, we have reached the stage, we have reached the stage now where nothing that this government says, and you've often made the statement, Sir, that when the Minister on the other side of the House makes a statement we've got to believe him. Sir, I've reached the stage where I believe nothing that honourable gentlemen opposite say, because their record of deceit in this House and outside of it is so complete that one wonders how they can get away with making that kind of a statement or those kinds of statements and expect the public to believe it.

On June 21st of 1972 - and this was a report of a debate that took place in this Legislature and the member can look it up if he likes: "Mr. Evans said outside the House that Mr. Jorgenson is doing a disservice to the workers at the Morris Plant because he continuously misconstrues the situation." I wonder who's been misconstruing the situation and who has been misleading the people of this province. I predicted then, Sir, that when the Transcona Plant was being built and I had the opportunity of looking at the plans at the Fort Garry Plant, the plans for the construction of the Transcona Plant, and those plans called for three assembly lines, one for trolley buses, one for transit buses and one for school buses. Well if they didn't call for three assembly lines, then what did they call for? What was the sense of having a plant with three assembly lines on it, one for school buses, and then try to convince the people of Morris that the school bus line was going to remain there. What intrigue. What deceit. Sir, it's unbelievable that through the years that that facility has been in that part of the province, the people have been treated, mistreated by this government in such a way as to cause the gravest alarm.

He said, "He called Mr. Jorgenson's accusation of the plant being phased out utter nonsense, he said." Utter nonsense, when I suggested that the plant in Morris was going to be phased out. What's the evidence today? Not only are they intending to phase it out, Sir, they're going to sell it. They said that there was--well, the Minister of Mines and Resources said that's not phasing it out. The fact is that they said they were going to continue to operate there. Mr. Ault, who is the President of Flyer Coach Industries, said on numerous occasions, at the sod-turning ceremony at Transcona, that there would be no phase-out at Morris, that employment would be continued. Sir, now they tell us, ah, the bus line or the school bus line is going to remain.

Mr. Maurman who appeared before the Committee a few weeks ago said that, in response to a question that I asked, said that there were 40 people employed at that plant. The brochure that was handed to us by the Chairman of the Development Corporation said that there were 100 people employed there altogether. Actually there's somewhat more than that. And that 50 of

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(MR. JORGENSON cont'd) . . . . . them were on the school bus line and those 50 would remain. This is what Mr. Maurman told the Committee, that there were 40 people employed on that school bus line. There's isn't, Sir. There are 14. Fourteen people working on the assembly line, seven supervisors and two administrative staff. All chiefs, Sir, and very few workers. And they wonder, and they wonder, Sir, why this company is going into difficulty. I've said to this government on numerous occasions, and I'm telling them now, that if they don't investigate the management of that plant, if they don't put some check and some rein on the way they spend money and the way that plant is being managed, the people of this province are going to be the losers. We'll not only lose the facility, we'll lose the entire operation unless this government comes to their senses and does something about the management of that plant.

The Premier can't say that he wasn't warned about this because I warned him last year. I told him what was happening and I told him what was going to happen, and that is a matter of record. Mr. Ault, in numerous telephone conversations, every time the matter is raised in the House, Mr. Ault phones the Mayor of Morris and wants to know why I raise questions in this House. Well, Sir, it's becoming very obvious even to those opposite, even to the Minister of Industry and Commerce, it must be becoming very obvious now as to why I've been raising those questions in this House, because what I have feared, what I have predicted has come to pass. Notwithstanding all of the assurances, notwithstanding all of the statements that have been made by the Minister of Industry and Commerce that this plant was not going to be phased out, that the level of employment would remain in Morris under Flyer Coach Industries, we now know, Sir, that that is not going to happen. Now he says there is no intention - this is what Mr. Ault has said - there is no intention that the Transcona plant is going to have any effect whatsoever on the operations at Morris, none whatsoever. The Morris operation will go on as usual.

But what has happened? Now they tell us that only the school bus line will be retained. Fourteen people working on the assembly line. A reduction in the labour force from 103 to 14, and honourable gentlemen opposite try to tell me that there is nothing wrong, that everything is running according to schedule. Well if everything's running according to schedule, Sir, they should have laid out that schedule long before.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce himself, in his statement on page 2829, June 9, 1972, and I think, Sir, that I should put that on the record because it might come as a revelation to the Minister of Industry and Commerce. He said, "Let me conclude by stating this, that the Member for Morris in his eloquent remarks," and I thank him for that, "said here is another case of the government, or words to that effect, that another example of the taxpayers having their own throat cut again, in referring to the fact that we decided, or the Board of Flyer Industries decided upon a Winnipeg location, referring to this as the taxpayer cutting his own throat again.

"Well, Mr. Speaker, I want to advise the members of this House that we did ask the Board of Flyer Industries to consider locations outside of Winnipeg" - probably Selkirk or Brandon - "to see if there was some possibility of a viable operation outside of the City of Winnipeg and you can note - I hope they're on the minutes of the Flyer Board meetings" - and I hope they are too and maybe the Minister will produce them - "that this was considered. However, the fact is that if we did make this an . . ."--and here's a real good word, "an unviable operation, then we could certainly be accused of cutting the taxpayer's throat with his own money, but the fact of the matter is, Mr. Speaker, we are ultimately using the taxpayer's money, or a great deal of it, in this particular expansion, and we do have to be careful that the investment that is made is a viable operation."

Well, Sir, then he goes on to point out that the logistics of moving a plant in Morris would be so great, it would be so unwieldy to have that many workers out in Morris that the town couldn't accommodate them, Sir. And the Minister knows that that is a lot of nonsense because I told him at the time it was a lot of nonsense. He says that the problem of providing accommodation, housing etc. was beyond the capacity of the Town of Morris to handle. Sir, the Town of Morris draws its labour force from within a 40 mile radius. In many cases they are farmers on small operations, who do not wish to take advantage of the government's generosity in extending them loans to buy more land because many of these farmers know their own management capabilities and they'd much prefer to remain on a small farm, raise their families there, and get a job working in an industry located conveniently nearby.



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That to me, Sir, is the true stay-option principle that this government is denying the people of the Town of Morris and the community of that area. The right to make a decision as to whether or not they want to continue farming in a way that their management capabilities will be realized, plus the additional security that is provided by a steady job, or whether they're going to pack up and move into the City of Winnipeg. The government gives them no option. When their jobs are gone the small farms are not going to be able to survive and who, Sir, had you heard more than this government talking about the need to maintain the small family farm; who, Sir, has given more lip service to that ideal than honourable gentlemen opposite; and who, Sir, has done less to implement that program than honourable gentlemen opposite. Sheer lip service, and I know that if the Member for Crescentwood was sitting in his seat today he'd be saying Amen.

Sir, there is no doubt that this government through the entire history of the operation of Flyer Coach Industries in Morris has practiced a program of deceit and hypocrisy on the people of Morris. Today the knowledge that their plant is going to be phased out, there is near panic. This is the sort of thing that they cry and rail against as far as private industry is concerned. How often have we heard honourable gentlemen opposite complain that absentee ownership such as an American industry owning a subsidiary in this country have no concern for the welfare of people. Therefore what is important is that the government take over the means of production, that the government take over the means of distribution, and then we will have no worries about steady employment and job security. What a joke, Sir. What a farce. Honourable gentlemen opposite should be hanging their heads in shame. --(Interjection)-- The manner in which they're treated, the manner in which they've treated the people of the area in the Town of Morris. Not only that, Sir, --(Interjection)-- Not only that, Sir, but they have one of their people out there, and he gets more meetings with the Premier than anybody I've ever known because almost every day he says, I've just come from the Premier's office. Just come from the Premier's office, he says, and the Premier has assured me of this and the Premier has assured me of that. Well he's going to look awfully silly now.

But one of the things that has been repeated pretty often by this gentleman in his very frequent visits to the Premier's office is that, by George if you'd only get rid of Jorgenson, if you'd only elect an NDP member in Morris Constituency, Flyer Coach Industries will remain there. --(Interjection)-- This comes from the Premier's office.

A MEMBER: That's gotta be hypocrisy. -- (Interjections) --

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable House Leader.

MR. GREEN: Until the last remarks the honourable member was making what he would consider, I suppose, to be an effective speech, and the fact that he said somebody said this is still okay, but when he says this came from the Premier's office, Mr. Speaker, then I say that that is a charge which I--the Premier is not here--but I can tell him that that is not the Premier's policy and it is not the policy of the government. And he can say whatever he wants about what somebody else says the Premier says, but he can't relate that remark to the government.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Morris.

MR. JORGENSEN: Mr. Speaker, I welcome the statement made by the -- (Interjection) --

MR. GREEN: It is the policy of the government to get rid of the Honourable Member from Morris, but the rest of it not.

MR. SPEAKER: The point of order is well made.

MR. JORGENSEN: Mr. Speaker, I welcome the statement now made by the Minister of Mines and Resources because now I can go back to Morris and tell one of his supporters that what he has been spreading around the Town of Morris should be more properly put on a device that is used for that purpose. That the Premier has not make that statement, that it is not in accordance with the facts, and I'll be happy to relate that back to the government supporters back in the Town of Morris, and they are not that many and so they have to --(Interjection)-- that's why, Sir, I'm able to pinpoint them because you can count them on the fingers of one hand.

Well, Sir, this government talks about freedom of choice. This government talks about the stay-option, and I wonder just where the stay-option is for the people of that community. So if there's going to be a real freedom of choice the people who are working in that plant

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(MR. JORGENSEN cont'd) . . . . should have the opportunity, and they should know now whether or not they're going to have jobs or whether they're going to be forced to leave. And the cat and mouse game that is being played by the Minister of Mines and Resources in refusing to reveal the details of the sale that is pending, and I understand that a recommendation has been made to the government now and we're going to be waiting with bated breath to find out whether or not somebody else is going to take over the operation of that plant. And I can say right now, Sir, I don't care if it's an American corporation, in fact the kind of deal that we've been getting from the government, and a government owned enterprise, anything would look good by comparison. And I'm perfectly - and I'm not going to be one that will stand up and rail against the Minister if he announces in this House it has been sold to General Motors, or if it's been sold to Seller Globe, or whoever it is, because anything can be an improvement over the management of Flyer Coach Industries.

Sir, I'm going to, I'm going to tell the government again that we've had experiences, not only this government, but the previous governments as well, of people who are using the Development Corporation to milk it. And I'm telling the Minister right now that he should cause an investigation to be made into the management of Flyer Coach Industries, because I am convinced that there's a ripoff there far in excess of anything that even David Lewis ever contemplated. And unless that is examined, and unless we have the assurance that that company is going to be in the business of making and selling buses, then the people of this province are going to be the losers.

Sir, I have a letter that was sent to the Mayor of Morris in response to a letter that he had sent asking for some assurance that there would be no phasing out of the Morris operation. It says, part of this letter, "At this moment it is Flyer's intention"- and this was April 14, 1972 -"At this moment it is Flyer's intention to continue to manufacture school buses and transit trolley bus shells for the Canadian market in our Morris facility. Therefore we cannot foresee any reduction in the labour force." Sir, unless some assurances, and one would think that a government who so often expresses concern for working people, a government who so often expresses concern for the family farm, and a government who so frequently lauds themselves for their attitude towards people, and unless there is some expression on the part of the government indicating what's going to happen to that labour force in Morris, then I wonder who it is that is doing the disservice to the people of this province.

The Minister of Industry and Commerce has been a part of this whole operation. He has on so numerous occasions misinformed this place, and he says he takes the advice of his advisors. Well I suggest to him that the advice that he's been getting has been bad. And I suggest to him that he was warned long ago that the advice he was getting from Flyer Coach Industries was bad; that the information that he was getting was manufactured, that the studies that have been carried out by Flyer Coach Industries were not in accordance with the facts, and I find it incomprehensible that the Development Fund themselves never even took the trouble to do a survey. They claim that they have a man on the Board; they claim that they have direction over these companies that they have equity in. Sir, if they have got somebody on the board, if they have got direction over the companies in which they have an equity, then why is this allowed to happen? It only suggests to me, Sir, that there is gross incompetence on the part of the government, and particularly on the part of the Minister of Industry and Commerce who is responsible for the operations of Flyer Coach Industries during the time that he had that responsibility.

I ask the Minister of Mines and Resources now to give the people of Manitoba some assurance that there's going to be an investigation as to the management practices being carried on at Flyer Coach Industries to insure that wherever it's going to be located it'll be located for one purpose, and that is to manufacture and sell buses. If the Minister will give us that assurance at least he has achieved something that the people of Morris were never given.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce.

MR. EVANS: Well, Mr. Speaker, I don't know whether I want to take too much of the time of the House to answer the Honourable Member from Morris who I can understand obviously has a great interest in getting as much industry as he possibly can into his own constituency. He has a I suppose a valid, legitimate, parochial interest. I had hoped at this time I was going to be able to go out with the Member of Lakeside to talk to a delegation about

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(MR. EVANS cont'd). . . some industry for his constituency, but unfortunately, with my apologies to the Member from Lakeside, now we're stuck here for a while.

The speech we heard today from the Honourable Member from Morris, Mr. Speaker, is like a broken record we've heard it so many times over and over and over again. I give him credit for a certain amount of eloquence, but I must also say, Sir, that he is a master of glib remarks. He is very loose-tongued, and his charges that he makes are very loose and very insulting, and I do not propose to stand up here and insult him to the degree to which he stood up and insulted me. There is plenty of evidence - you know, Sir, there are a couple of main charges that the honourable member makes: one charge is that we are not following through with a commitment made to maintain employment in Morris; the other charge, I believe, if I heard the honourable member correctly, is that we are not concerned with rural industrialization, and that we're not concerned with bringing employment, with bringing jobs to the people of Manitoba. Well, Sir, let me deal with the second of the two first, and then I will go to the original charge levied by the member.

As a matter of fact, Mr. Chairman, our concern with rural industry - the irony of it all is that I had the pleasure, if I can use that expression, to be with the honourable member in his own riding, in the Town of Morris, just two days ago at the opening of a new factory in the Town of Morris, Valley Rouge Wines Limited --(Interjection)-- Valley Rouge Wines Limited.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Order, please. Order, please. Order, please. May I have the co-operation of all the honourable members. They will all get an opportunity to speak if they so desire but not from their seats please. The Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce.

MR. EVANS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You know, someone mentioned from their seat there's no government money in it, and indeed, Sir, there is no government money in it, but the original feasibility study, the original market study, technical assistance for two years, moral support, advertising support of the Department of Industry and Commerce, cost the taxpayers of this province a considerable sum of money, and you can talk to the President. I dare you, talk to the President of that company, and you ask him? In fact I can get him to write you a letter and I'll table it in --or get him to write me a letter--I'll table it in this House--to tell you, and to tell the people of the province, what we did using taxpayers' money through the budget of Industry and Commerce to bring Valley Rouge Wines Limited to Morris, Manitoba, and make no mistake about it, it would not be there today if it wasn't for the assistance of the department and for the assistance of the Manitoba Liquor Commission. Make no doubt about it, Sir, no doubt about it, that without the assistance of two crucial government agencies Industry and Commerce, and the Manitoba Liquor Commission, you would not have that Valley Rouge Winery Limited in Morris today. Now don't talk to me about this nonsense of not being concerned about rural industry.

And then he goes on in his emotional way throwing out the old bogey about government takeover of industry, and involvements of government, and how we want to drive out the private sector, and so on. You know, Mr. Speaker, if this government was so anti-enterprise we wouldn't have a Department of Industry and Commerce. We wouldn't be putting forth to you for your approval a budget of \$5 million which is --(Interjection)--. . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please.

MR. EVANS: . . . which is devoted, which is dedicated, we're not working on those so-called international financiers from Switzerland, we're working, and our emphasis is on helping the existing enterprises of Manitoba. The small, the medium size . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please.

MR. EVANS: . . . enterprises indigenous to this province, and that is where the money is going, and I'll be glad to detail it when we get into the Estimates, if we ever get to that point. But the fact is, Mr. Chairman, there has been some MDC financing, and I make no bones about it, I'm not the Minister directly involved at this time but I was when we made the decision to spend government, or MDC, investment money in the Town of Morden. Now when the Honourable Member from Morris gets up and says we're not concerned about rural industry, I just say, Mr. Speaker, that that's balderdash, absolute balderdash. It's so --(Interjection)-- well I'll prove it, I will prove it, I will prove it. It's absolute balderdash. I would invite him to talk to the Mayor of the Town of Morden, talk to his colleague the Member from Pembina, who came in with the original delegation about two and a half years

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(MR. EVANS cont'd). . . ago. What are you going to do? Canadian Canneries Limited, private enterprise, closing the Morden cannery, closing down the Morden cannery, putting people out of work, putting farmers - losing farm contracts, and so forth. In our wisdom we decided we couldn't . . . this private enterprise in this but we finally went ahead, and I think we've made the right decision because the company is progressing, as has been indicated, but we did maintain the cannery in the Town of Morden. And if there's something wrong with that, if that's not helping rural industry, I'd like the Member from Morden, or rather the Member from Pembina to get up and tell us the - to tell his colleague, and tell all of us, that we didn't do the right thing. To tell all of us that we weren't concerned, that this government wasn't concerned, that I wasn't concerned as the Minister of Industry that there were people laid off in Morden, that there were farmers who were losing money. Today we've got a fine cannery. There are, I believe, on a permanent payroll something like 30 to 35 people. At the peak of the season there are over 125 people and there are 85 farm contracts involved. Now if that isn't rural industrialization caused by this government, promoted by this government, enhanced by this government, I don't know what is. So I say to the Member for Morris, balderdash, when he says we're not interested in rural industries.

Let's talk about some other industries. --(Interjection)-- We'll talk about Flyer Coach, we'll get to Flyer Coach in a minute. We'll get to Flyer - but you don't like to hear the truth of all the activity of this department in rural Manitoba. --(Interjection)-- Wawanesa. Let's talk about Wawanesa. You know, I have a clipping - I don't have it with me, I have it in my office - Wawanesa reported the greatest profit levels in its history. --(Interjection)-- Greatest profit levels in their history. Now that I've got my friend the honourable member, my good friend the Member from Souris-Killarney all exorcised, I want to remind the House that he and I had the pleasure of being in his constituency last Saturday in Killarney, and what did we see? We went to two--I was very very pleased because I talked to my staff about these industries; I had written letters about those industries; we had some MDC money in one of those industries; we had helped them with our Design Institute; we helped them with our export programs, and I was really delighted to see two thriving industries, and if those aren't two thriving industries I want the Member for Souris-Killarney to get up and say that I'm wrong. --(Interjection)-- They are. Okay, he agrees with me.

Now, I would like the Member from Souris-Killarney to inform the Member for Morris, who's not listening because he's not really interested in rural industry after all, but I would like the Member from Souris-Killarney to talk to the President of Mancana Industries in the Town of Killarney, talk to the President of Dalman Enterprises, and ask them, did the Schreyer Government help them in the progress that they've made? Did the Department of Industry send some of its technical consultants to help them? Did the MDC give one of them some money? Did the Department of Industry help them in their export program? Did the Department of Industry connect them up with the Minnedosa Implement Industry so that Dalman could be more successful? Is the answer yes or is it no? Of course the answer is yes, and here is a concrete example of how this government has helped the industry in Killarney. --(Interjections)-- Okay, where's the Member for Rivers, or Virden - my friend from Virden?

You know, Mr. Speaker, it's unfortunate that the Federal Government in its wisdom closed down the military base at Rivers, but be that as it may, it is finally coming along and one of the most important and certainly the basic industries that will be established at Rivers is the Sekine Bicycle Factory. It is now in process of establishment. It is a private investment but it is an investment that came about, it came about, it came about certainly because of private decisions, but I want to remind the Honourable Member for Morris - and I would like Hansard to record that he's not listening to me because he doesn't really give a damn about anything that happens beyond the constituency of Morris, I suspect - that the fact is that the Department of Industry and Commerce has been working with the Sekine people for 18 months, and I can prove this. I can get letters, I can get documents to that effect if you so wish. I met with the Sekine people. They're a very reputable bicycle manufacturer in Japan. They've sold bikes in Canada for a number of years now and in their wisdom they're going to build their first plant in North America right here in Western Manitoba. Now --(Interjection) -- 18 months. We even had people talk to them in Japan. We even sent them over there because we were so anxious to help rural industry in the Province of Manitoba. You know, I could go on, Mr. Speaker, I could talk about developments at Dauphin. Recently in the Town

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(MR. EVANS cont'd). . . of Dauphin there was an announcement Parklands Plastic Limited had a huge expansion, it's experiencing a huge expansion in the manufacture of trailers. We could go on and talk about developments at Gimli, and you might say, ah hah, Gimli! But Gimli, I'll tell you, was dealt a very severe body blow by the removal of the military base in that particular town, and in spite of all the obstacles I'm very proud of the fact that we have now completely filled that base with various types of industry that have given jobs to virtually hundreds of people. I'm not quite sure of the figures; I think there are approximately 600 people today employed, directly employed at the Gimli base. This does not include, of course, other programs such as the Canadian National Railway Locomotive Training Program or its Despatchers Training Program and so on.

A MEMBER: Weren't they moved out of Transcona?

MR. EVANS: Yes, they were moved out of Transcona to Gimli, so how do you like that? And I can go on. I've got lists of companies where we've been assisting them, companies in Portage. The Agio Chemistries Limited. There's other companies that are virtually scattered all over this province, that have been helped through the taxpayers' money, through the budget of the Department of Industry and Commerce, because we are concerned about rural industry. We engaged recently in a huge regional analysis program involving over 75 communities, and we got the thoughts and the ideas and the suggestions of these various communities and these were fed to us through the Regional Development Corporations and are today being analyzed and digested by various departments. And myself, my colleagues, the First Minister even, have gone back to these various communities to talk about their concerns and how we can help them develop industry and to develop their communities generally.

Mr. Speaker, it's not directly under the purview of Industrial Development, but I say it's been as equally significant for rural Manitoba and that is our whole provincial employment program which this year is in the neighborhood of something like 14 or \$15 million and I daresay - I wish I had the book with me - I daresay there have been numerous projects in the Town of Morris as well as in Rock Lake, as well as in Killarney, as well as in Rivers, as well as in Neepawa and Minnedosa and all over this province; communities that have come along, where their quality of life has been improved because this government had the courage to put some money into those communities, to give them arenas, to give them skating rinks, to give them swimming pools, to make life a little better for them, and I can itemize that for the Town of Morris too. And if that isn't government concern, if that isn't government concern with rural development I don't know what is, and no other government - the previous government never did. Look, the reason that Manitoba, the reason that the New Democratic Party is going to sweep rural Manitoba as well as the City of Winnipeg and other major cities and towns in this province, is because the people in those parts of Manitoba know what we've done for them. We've helped them, we've assisted them, we've caused them to develop like they've never been developed before. There are towns--Morris has never had so much provincial government money spent in it since 1969; I don't think in its entire history has the Town of Morris received as much in the way of government spending.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Would the honourable member state his point of order.

MR. ENNS: On a point of order, the Minister chose to call my colleague out of order when a presumptuous statement was being made and I suggest he's making a presumptuous statement. He has no idea of what, for instance, the 1950 flood cost to put Morris back together again, as one example, and more recently what it was when I was Highways Minister, when I was Highways Minister in 1967 . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The Honourable Minister.

MR. EVANS: Mr. Speaker, I daresay, and I don't wish it upon any town or any community, but I daresay if Mother Nature chose to strike a natural or cause a natural disaster to occur in any town in Manitoba, that this government would act quickly and would act generously to help those people. But we're not dealing with floods, Mr. Speaker. At the moment we don't have any floods on our . . . --(Interjection)-- Mr. Speaker, if anything we have, if there's been any change in emphasis in the Department of Industry and Commerce under the Schreyer administration, under the New Democratic Government in Manitoba, it's been this. It's been to put more emphasis, more money, more staff in bringing about regional balance, regional development in the Province of Manitoba. And the figures prove that and nobody can frankly dispute it. I'm not ashamed of the fact that we're not spending as

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(MR. EVANS cont'd). . . much money running around looking for Swiss financiers, but we'll look for legitimate industrialists, as we did in the case of Sekine, as we've done in the case of Misawa and so forth. But, Mr. Speaker, I think I've made my case. The fact is - and I could spend hours if time permitted, to prove categorically that we've done more for rural industry than the previous government ever thought of. I won't even mention the preferential rate of interest that MDC gives to rural industry. This was mentioned in the committee this morning.

Well, I've been to Morris on several occasions, Mr. Speaker. I was in Morris shortly after the opening of the Valley Rouge Winery and I spent, at the invitation of the council, I spent between half an hour and forty minutes with them. I would have spent a little longer but I had to get back to the House, the House was being convened, and we had a very serious discussion and review of the situation. And this is not the first time that I met with the mayor and representatives of the council. As a matter of fact, somehow or other I understand the mayor is even related to my wife. I think she's related to half of the people in the honourable member's constituency; somehow or other they happen to be located in that area. But the fact is that they know that we are sincere when we say, when the Premier has stated and when I have stated that this government has the policy of maintaining employment in rural Manitoba, and that includes the Town of Morris. I repeat, I don't know how many times I have to repeat, it was this government that put Flyer Industries in Morris in the first place and I see no reason why we shouldn't make every effort to maintain employment in that area.

Now the fact of the matter is, Mr. Speaker, that negotiations are in process; there is no decision made. The honourable member gets all exorcised, all excited, makes wild charges, talks loosely. I only wish that he lacked--I only wish he made up in a little bit of rationality and common sense what he lacks, what he seems to have in innuendo and overpowering volume of his voice. But the fact is, Mr. Speaker - and he's referred to this article which I have a copy of - the Winnipeg Tribune of Friday, June 23rd, which makes reference to the fact that the Chairman of the Flyer Industries, Mr. Ault, denies Morris phase out of the plant, and I think he's even read parts of this and so on, and he says the Morris plant will continue as a manufacturer and so forth and so on. Well I'm not going to repeat what the honourable member is repeating.

But at that time- and this is a matter of a couple of weeks later - I wrote to Mr. Ault and I stated, and this is a xeroxed copy, you can have it if you want; I think it's my only copy, I should make another one though: "With regard to the operation of the bus manufacturing facility at Morris, I note that you are quoted in the Winnipeg Tribune of June 23 that the school bus and Canadian Transit and Trolley Coach operation will be maintained at Morris. For your reference I have attached a xeroxed copy of your published statement".

Well that was simply reference to the fact. "I can advise you, and also members of your board, by virtue of a copy of this letter that it is a government policy to encourage rural industrialization and that therefore we welcome your statement that Flyer Industries Limited will not phase out the Morris operation. While we realize there may be some inherent extra cost factors at this location that your company will have to contend with, we trust these are marginal. I would appreciate receiving confirmation from you of the company's future program with regard to the Morris facility. Perhaps this matter should be discussed at your next board meeting and resolved by means of a board resolution." And so forth and so on. Well, I just end with the niceties and so and it's signed by myself and it's dated July - it's either the 11th or the 17th, 1972.

Well, Mr. Speaker, I only dragged this out to indicate that I said publicly at the time that I stated in writing that it is our policy to attempt as much as we possibly can the level of employment at Morris. Now the fact is that economic circumstances change and opportunities change, but nevertheless, nevertheless and I understand, I'm not the Minister directly involved with the Manitoba Development Corporation, I'm not as intimately involved in some of the discussions of the board or concerns of the Chairman of the Board as I was previously, but the fact is that there are negotiations, there are discussions, and we do have a responsible board of the MDC that has to make some type of decision. But it has been stated very clearly, Mr. Speaker, that our government is dedicated to enhancing regional development in Manitoba. And for the honourable member to get up and to say all the insulting things that he wants, I guess maybe I just haven't been in politics long enough to learn to figure out all the insulting

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(MR. EVANS cont'd). . . words to throw back at him, but I don't think I'm going to stand up here and try to insult him and yell at him and shout at him, and so on. I just simply say in all sincerity and, in fact, I'm flabbergasted at some of the remarks he can make so glibly. But I say, Mr. Speaker, in all sincerity that this government, myself as Minister, has made a tremendous effort in bringing to the degree that we can stimulate, to the degree that we can bring industry to rural Manitoba, that we've made great strides in the last four years, and we will make great strides in the next four years because, Mr. Speaker, without a doubt this government is going to be re-elected as you've never seen any government re-elected in the history of this province. Thank you.

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MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Minnedosa.

MR. BLAKE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I won't be too long but this seems to be the day for grievances so I may as well get mine off my chest. And this came about as a result of the Minister's reply. I think my colleague the Member for Morris got up on a grievance the fact that the Western Flyer, or Flyer Coach Industries, was leaving Morris and being relocated in Transcona and on the deceit as he called it of the Minister, and indicating to the people that the plant would not be phased out when in fact it was being phased out. I've listened to the Minister's reply and I don't think he really answered the member's grievance to any satisfaction at all. The concern of course is that a plant is leaving rural Manitoba and being located in the city, and that is of concern to the people in the area, and all areas of rural Manitoba that is encouraging industry to any great extent, and I quote from the Minister's announcement on the contract for Agristeel today, and I quote, "Certainly this announcement is good news for Manitoba industry and indicates that rural Manitoba centres can take a prime part in industrial development." And that certainly is true. And the fact that the plant was there and operating, it's just inconceivable that they would not build the new plant there, that they would relocate in Transcona. They probably have good reason. Possibly the Minister of Labour had put pressure on them. He may be in danger of losing some support in his area if he didn't get industry there.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, on a point of privilege . . .

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. PAULLEY: . . . I would inform my honourable friend that I at no time entered into any of the deliberation between the management of Flyer Coach and its location in Transcona. It was a decision that was made by the management of Flyer Coach, and that has been indicated to this House on numerous occasions. Without interference. We don't practice that way.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Minnedosa.

MR. BLAKE: I'll accept the Minister's explanation. I didn't know whether he had had discussions or had put pressure on the department or not. I will accept his word. But the point is that the plant is leaving Morris, Manitoba, and that was the member's grievance, and it hinges on the stay-option that the members opposite have grabbed on to and are using throughout the country, or throughout the province, as being a slogan to keep industry in the rural areas, and certainly there is some good industry throughout rural Manitoba and it's of great benefit to the rural towns, so much so that I would have thought the government would have gone out of their way, or taken extra steps probably, to see that the plant remained some distance from the city.

Now the Minister went at great length to describe in glowing terms all the other industries in Manitoba and what his department had done, and certainly we congratulate him on that, but the Department of Industry and Commerce is not a new department, it's been operating for some time and that's their job to bring industry to the province, and hopefully to locate it in the areas that need some stimulating as far as employment to assist the local residents goes. So I think he was only doing a job. I can relate areas where I feel that the government has been at cross-purposes. I can relate some experience that I had in Selkirk where through FRED and the ARDA arrangement some \$400,000 was obtained by that town to create an industrial park and they were well on their way to bringing industry to that town when the Gimli air base was phased out, and of course there was a problem there, there's no question about it, but the money had been spent on the industrial park in Selkirk, and then all the effort was directed to locating industries at the Gimli base. The industrial park in Selkirk is only partially filled, there's only one or two industries there now, and the ones that are there are doing well and have proven out that industries can function outside of the city very very well.

The Minister made reference to a sweep of western Manitoba, and I suppose that's part of the next make-work project because about the only way I think they will sweep it is if they buy enough brooms to send all the unemployed out there and do a sweeping job.

But my remarks, Mr. Speaker, were only to add some strength to the Member for Morris' grievance because he certainly does have a grievance, and I don't think the Minister answered him, he missed the point completely because the plant is leaving his area, and it would only seem right that the department and this government would have done everything possible and taken great steps to see that that plant remained, and if a new plant was to be built it should have been located there and not in the city.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Logan.



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MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 55 (a) (1) -- the Honourable Minister of Health.

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Chairman, when we adjourned yesterday I was attempting to answer some of the questions that were asked of me. I would like to attempt to continue where I left off, and one of the questions I believe asked by the Honourable Member for Rhineland, or maybe I'm mixed up in the member that asked this question. It was in relation to the increase in salary of the Associate Deputy Minister of my department. The increase of three staff man years and the increase from 107.4 to 187.5 thousand dollars is mainly because of two reasons. One - this covers salary of the Associate Deputy Minister and two professional assistants. Clerical staff have an increase to provide support services to 11 staff seconded from other programs to form the White Paper working group, and secondly, general operation costs of this office. Increase in 1973-74 is required for expanded office, travel, and research, costs related to the White Paper working group.

There were the questions pertaining to mental health and mental retardation by quite a few members. I believe the Member for Flin Flon, the Member for Osborne, the Member for Rhineland, and possibly a few other members in the House, asked me questions in regards to what is being done in the field of mental retardation research, and so on, and studies. For the benefit of the members of the House I tabled today the report that we just received today, the Clarkson Report, and I'd like to make a few comments in relation to this report, and equally in attempting to answer some questions asked in that regard.

I would like to take the opportunity now of discussing the major recommendations briefly of this report with you and informing the House of the steps that my department has already taken to implement many of these recommendations. The first general recommendation of the Clarkson Report is that mental retardation programs should be separated from mental health programs. We agree that mental retardation is significantly different from other program areas and have appointed a provincial director for mental retardation with a purpose of developing and co-ordinating all programs pertaining to mental retardation. It is the intention of my department to have regional workers in mental retardation who will work with the present regional directors in our seven regions in Manitoba. However it is not our intention to develop a totally separate delivery system in this area. At the same time we are developing community residences and workshops as is recommended in conjunction with the Canadian Association on Mental Retardation and other community groups.

The second major recommendation points to the need for regionalization and community-oriented programs. Our department indeed recognizes that the individual is part of a social system, a community, and whenever possible should be treated in his community of residence to enable him to maintain contact with his family, job and friends. In order to provide this community care we recognize the need to develop decentralized comprehensive regional mental health and retardation programs. I have already mentioned the developments of the department to this end in the area of mental retardation.

In the area of mental health, Mr. Chairman, we have established area directors. Due to scarce resources these directors of mental health are serving more than one region each. The northern area has for over a year been involved in a new delivery plan in the area of mental health which seems to offer an excellent model. It has been operating in The Pas-Flin Flon area in co-operation with local expertise. This fall it will be extended to Thompson for the benefit of the Honourable Member for Flin Flon.

Of course, with increased focus on community-oriented programs there has been a decreased reliance on institutional care. The number of in-patients at both Selkirk and Brandon has significantly decreased in the last two years. Moreover it is expected that over a five-year period the beds at Portage will be significantly reduced in number. There are presently over 400 retarded persons in foster homes--and I'll relate to the per diem table for those in a few minutes--and this program is building rapidly. Travelling clinics are being progressively expanded throughout the province.

Related to this, Mr. Chairman, another recommendation of the report is the suspension of capital projects at institutions. This recommendation has been in effect for two years and continues during a re-evaluation of requirements. Of course it has been necessary to maintain existing facilities in good repair as long as they are serving a useful purpose.

I must mention that one of the recommendations of the Clarkson Report suggests that the province is not availing itself of all Federal moneys available under the Canada Assistance Plan.

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(MR. TOUPIN cont'd) . . . . Negotiations with the Federal Government over the last four years have resulted in cost-sharing of all our mental retardation facilities and all the mental health community programs. Our record in this area is probably better than any other province in Canada. There is no cost-sharing in mental health or mental retardation that is available to us that is not either negotiated or under negotiation at this time.

I have thus far attempted to describe our department's progress with respect to major recommendations of the report before you. At this time I must mention that this report points to the need for strong leadership to carry out these recommendations. I would like to make one thing very clear. This government, and myself as Minister of Health and Social Development, accept the responsibility for setting policy and allocating financial resources necessary to implement these policies.

The report implies that it is not the government but its officials who should be held responsible for these policies. This is a concept that I must fully and completely reject. Only if a civil servant fails to carry out the policies of the government can he or she be blamed for the shortcomings of a program. I have full confidence in the person who heads the mental health and mental retardation programs, and in his ability to implement the policies of our government.

The charge of course is that progress in this area has been too slow. For this my colleagues and I must accept some blame. However if blame is to be attached then the former government must also accept its share of blame. Major changes in this area are costly and difficult. However if progress in the last four years has been a deliberate pace--been at a deliberate pace, it can be said that it was at a snail's pace before.

We are confident that the changes brought forward in the last four years have been major steps in the development of progressive programs for mental health and mental retardation in the Province of Manitoba. We look forward to the next four years when we shall see the major recommendations of this report fully in operation under the administration of the New Democratic Party Government.

Mr. Chairman, I did mention that I wanted to make reference to the rates pertaining to foster home, foster home rates, asked by the Member for Rhineland. The current foster home rates are from birth to four years old, \$52.00 per month; five to ten years old, 55.00 per month; eleven to fifteen, 66.00 per month; sixteen and over \$80.00 a month. There is an additional \$5.00 a month for children in northern foster homes. New rates are currently being considered. It will recommend a substantial increase in rates, especially for the five to fifteen year old group who are most in need according to the present rates. And within the appropriation for the benefit of the Honourable Member for Rhineland, within the appropriation for the maintenance of children, number 94 (j) (2) there is an amount of approximately \$200,000 included for these increases in foster home rates.

The Honourable Member for Rhineland posed a question in regard to special dependent care which was quite similar to the question asked by the Member for Osborne. I would like to inform the Member for Rhineland that a parent must have, before receiving help in covering the cost of special care such as nursing care, Section 5 of The Social Allowances Act specifies the conditions under which a person is eligible for special dependent care. As of today and until our new day care program is operating, special dependent care under The Social Allowance Act is the only legislation under which day care is paid for by the Department of Health and Social Development. There is no restriction as to the number of dependents so long as the recipient is in need according to The Social Allowances Act and regulations.

I believe the Honourable Member for Rhineland equally asked questions pertaining to personal care, personal care home beds, and hostel beds, in the Province of Manitoba. I would like to relate some figures to him - and I did challenge one of the statements made by a member of the Conservative Party in as far as our record in four years as compared to theirs in ten years. I'll lay before you the figures and let the honourable members judge for themselves.

These figures relate from 1963 to 1972 inclusively. In 1963 propriety beds in Manitoba personal care, 1, 103; non-propriety beds, 2, 236, for a total of 3, 339. In '64 that went up to 3, 613; '65, to 3, 923; and '66, 4, 098; '67, 4, 277; and '68, 4, 413. That was an increase in propriety beds from '63 to '68 of 114 beds, and an increase on non-propriety beds of 960 for a total of 1, 074. In 1969 there were 1, 291 propriety beds, 3, 303 non-propriety for a total of

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(MR. TOUPIN cont'd) . . . . 4, 594; in 1970 it went up to 1, 885 in propriety beds to 3, 713 non-propriety, for a total of 5, 598; in '71 propriety beds 2, 241, non-propriety 3, 926, for a total of 6, 167; and in 1972 it went up to 2, 505 propriety beds, and 4, 151 for non-propriety beds, for a total of 6, 656, an increase from 1969 to 1972 of 1, 214 in propriety beds, and 848 in non-propriety beds, for a total increase of 2, 062 from 1969 to 1972. And approved to date in 1973, no beds, additional propriety beds approved, non-propriety 325. Under consideration there are 504 non-propriety beds being considered.

Mr. Chairman, I'd like to briefly make a comment on Deer Lodge since there was a question asked about Deer Lodge Hospital - I can't remember the honourable member who asked me the question. I had quite a few meetings personally with my staff of the Health Services Commission. I had a meeting again this morning with the Royal Canadian Legion, with the Command of the Royal Canadian Legion, in regards to Deer Lodge Hospital. There have been quite a few meetings of my officials with officials of the Federal Government, Dr. Ritchie and his group. There is a fourth draft presented to the Commission of which I personally haven't had a chance to consider. There is no firm recommendation on the part of the Manitoba Health Services Commission so far as the possible takeover of Deer Lodge Hospital by the province. The position of the Royal Canadian Legion is a status quo, they're wanting the Federal Government to maintain all responsibility for veterans, and they've made that known to me again this morning. So I thought I'd lay this on the table at this time to inform all honourable members of the House.

I believe the Honourable Member for Assiniboia misinterpreted some of my comments in regards to what can be made possible in as far as grants are concerned in regards to mental health studies and mental retardation studies. What I did say is that I had received an application from the Mental Health Research Foundation. The application was for \$300, 000, and I indicated that we were not in a position to consider that request at this stage unless they came forward with very specific intent for this money. And this was the gist of my remarks the other day. I can go back to my written notes and say exactly what I said, but I invited the Mental Health Research Foundation to come back and specify as closely as possible what they'd like to do, what types of projects they'd like to undertake, and then maybe we can pin down the specific amount of funds. And I did invite the public in general to indicate to us what can be done on a partnership basis. I don't feel that the Department of Health and/or the Manitoba Health Services Commission has the full responsibility or full control of that area. There has to be private inputs by groups such as the Mental Health Research Foundation. But we just can't give out funds without having a specific detail of what will happen with these funds.

The same thing is asked of Children's Aid Societies as an example when they come forward with their budget. They have to detail the expenditures for the upcoming year, and so on; the Big Brother Association, and so on. There's always a breakdown of what is contemplated.

The Honourable Member for Assiniboia asked the question of homemakers and how many children are required to qualify for funding? There is no limit on the amount of children. The program that will be spelt out fairly soon, I hope - we're working on the per diem, and the incentive grants to help start some of these day care centres, and so on, or home care services - will be based on need itself, will be available to all but based on the ability to pay, but it'd be available to all, so there's no - you know, we're not talking of say having to have five kids, it can be one, it can be five, it can be ten, twenty and thirty, but even say the initial amount granted to help start that facility will be pro-rated. --(Interjection)-- Pardon? Well not really, no. There are some now who say have you know, grouped together, will have more than thirty.

The honourable member wasn't in but I did make reference to the rates pertaining to foster children, and I did indicate that we are reviewing these rates now and there is an amount within the budget to allow for an increase, a fairly hefty increase.

The Honourable Member for Rock Lake made again mention of the Sanatorium in Ninette and going through a big spiel. I guess I could take the very same tone that he came forward with and attempt to awaken a few members of the House, but I don't intend to do so. I would like to relate again to the honourable member that we, and when I say we, I mean the government by means of different Ministers, myself, the Minister of Colleges and Universities, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Tourism and Recreation, the Minister of Industry and Commerce, met on many occasions over the last few years with representatives from the

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(MR. TOUPIN cont'd) . . . . Sanatorium Board. I know I have, and I know other Ministers have, and I did indicate I believe last week that the Sanatorium Board had received a firm offer from a group, of which I wasn't authorized to give the name of at this stage, so it wouldn't actually divulge the negotiation between the Sanatorium Board and the group concerned. It's a Canadian group, and we favour the purchase, and I indicated that in writing to the Sanatorium Board, and to the group in question.

So if that deal is concluded there will be services offered in Ninette through that facility that will not only help the people in need of that type of treatment in Ninette itself, but for individuals in the Province of Manitoba, all over Manitoba that could use that facility. It will not necessarily be with the same medical input that we had say when we had TB patients there.

As the honourable member knows only in December 1972 did we withdraw, I believe, the last 12 or 14 patients that we had there, and we didn't believe, because we consulted you know with surrounding municipalities, that the converting of the sanatorium facility in Ninette as a personal care home would answer the needs of, you know, that given area. Because we feel you know there's no hospital in Ninette itself, and we talked to councils, we even discussed it at the Union of Municipalities, the question was asked of me there, and following the meeting individual councillors came to me, and Reeves, and indicated their feeling pertaining to the Ninette facility. We said that we were ready to look at the possibility of having say a senior citizen accommodation there and that, you know, they'd be responsible being a completely autonomous board, they'd be responsible to try and find people who were willing to make use of that facility as a senior citizen's home, that we would consider that. We did say that, and we said it in writing. And as the honourable member knows because I've said it in the House more than once, home care services will be available to senior citizens' homes as it will be for those remaining in their own home. So there would have been you know some type of health input. But this last proposal I think will - well in our minds meets not only the desires of that board to actually sell the facility but will certainly help in great part my department in relieving some of the pressures that we had to place individuals outside of the province at this stage.

So I'm sorry I can't be more specific in my answer but I think I'm attempting anyway to show that there is concern on the part of the board and there is a desire to sell the facility to a group that will utilize it to the best of the needs that we have in Manitoba. And by the way the funds that will be derived, whether it be 200,000, 300,000, half a million, that's the property of the board. It has nothing to do with the government. And the way they spend it that's their own decision too. So I want to put that on the record. The question was asked, I can't remember if it was the Member for Viriden or the Member for Souris-Killarney. They own the Sanatorium and they will receive the funds.

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

MR. EARL McKELLAR (Souris-Killarney): The people that have care in this particular home after its purchase and it becomes in operation, will the government grants be available in this private home like the hospital, the private hospital that is presently now in Ninette Sanatorium - government grants.

MR. TOUPIN: You mean once, let's say that the deal is concluded --(Interjection)-- will the government or through my department be involved financially? --(Interjection)-- Well you know in the negotiation with the body that we're talking about, if that is concluded my department would be involved in the sense that we would, for the referrals that we make there we would pick up a certain per diem. I hope that answers your question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Rock Lake.

MR. HENRY J. EINARSON (Rock Lake): Could I interrupt the Minister. In his answer - I was the one who posed the question about who would receive the money if it was sold and what would be done with that money? Now I'm not sure that I understood the Minister correctly when he said that the Sanatorium Board if it was sold would receive the money, and it would be their funds and they would dispose as they see fit. Am I not correct, and the Minister can correct me if I'm wrong, that that board is a board in trust. Is that not correct, Sir?

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Chairman, I'm only going according to the information given to me, and I checked this out with my colleague the Minister of Colleges and Universities, and I'm informed that the Sanatorium Board is a separately constituted board and it's autonomous and the sanatorium belongs to them, and the result of the sale of the facility will be theirs and for them to decide what to do with. So that's my information. If there's anything --(Interjection)--

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(MR. TOUPIN cont'd) . . . . Yes, it's under--My colleague the Minister of Labour indicates to me that it's under a private act. But if there's anything to the contrary, I'll inform the House.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister has five minutes.

MR. TOUPIN: Well you know the Member for Rock Lake was attempting to get information and I am happy to supply him with the information that I have available. He attacked me at the same time - I don't intend to attack him. No, I didn't attend all meetings that I was called at; I can't. He said I didn't attend at the last meeting at Ninette. Well I did want to go to that meeting but as the honourable member should know there's a lot of meetings that I'm asked to go that I can't attend because of pressures of the office, and so on. That's the only reason I didn't go. I wasn't afraid of the political flak that I may have gotten there. My civil servants were there to answer at least some of the questions. We knew that we couldn't make a decision for them being an autonomous body. They had to search for alternatives, and we attempted to help them find alternatives, and that's all we could really do.

Mr. Chairman, I'll sit down and take comments from honourable members.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Morris.

MR. JORGENSEN: Mr. Speaker, the other day I raised some questions in connection with the bringing in of personal care homes under the Medical Insurance Program. I raised three specific questions, and when the Minister got up to reply I was quite surprised at the kind of a reply that he gave me. He proceeded to construct for himself a straw man and then with dexterity demolished it. But during the course of all of his remarks he never once dealt with any of the questions that I raised, and I'll raise them again in the hope that the Minister will give the people of this province some assurances - some of the fears that they have in connection with the bringing in of personal care homes under the Manitoba Health Insurance program will be allayed by the answers that he gives. And I would hope that this time instead of attempting to duplicate the performance that we just witnessed by the Minister of Industry and Commerce where he dealt with everything but the question that was raised, that the Minister will take note of the questions that I raise and answer them because they are a concern to a lot of people in this province.

The first one is the ratio of hospital beds. Now in his taking down of notes he might have written down the word "rates" but all during the course of my remarks I never mentioned the word "rates" once, and that's the only answer that I got. I want him to tell me if the ratio of 12 beds per thousand is the ratio that is going to be used, and if it's going to be equally applicable all across this province. I want an answer to that question. And don't let him try to evade that one.

Secondly, I want to ask him about the Central Registry. He suggested that we know all about the ethnic groups in this province, the make-up of the ethnic groups in this province, but he never did say that under no circumstances are people going to be moved out of their own communities, and that's the assurance that the people of this province want. That they'll be able to find a personal care home in those communities in which they live, and in those homes in which they want to go, not where he wants them to go.

And thirdly, I want him to answer the question about whether or not a person who goes to the hospital for 24 hours or 48 hours, or spends a weekend with their family, are going to be denied the right to return to those beds. Are they going to be held for them, or are they going to be occupied by someone else, because there is a feeling, and I'm not sure whether it's spread by the Minister's officials or the Minister himself, or is simply a misunderstanding, but that's what I want cleared up. Is it going to be possible for those people to leave their beds, or their rooms, for a week or even two weeks as is presently the circumstance, and then return to them when they choose to return to them, or is that right going to be denied?

And I think these are three very simple questions. Surely the Minister can give me an answer to those questions without beating around the bush and attempting to evade them. And if he can do that then the people of this province will have the assurances that they're seeking.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 55--The Honourable Member for Flin Flon.

MR. THOMAS BARROW (Flin Flon): I'd like to just make a few more remarks, Mr. Chairman. I spoke for ten minutes, and of course the clock went 20 minutes. I have a little more to add, a few more remarks. I have a brief, as I've mentioned, from Cranberry Portage. It's a long long brief and I'm not going to bother to test the patience of the House with it because

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(MR. BARROW cont'd) . . . . I realize they've spoken a great deal on hospitals, but I'd just like to say this. --(Interjection)-- You don't mind.

Well Cranberry Portage, as you know, it's a small place, 800 people, 450 students, and now we have the Churchill Forest people there, between 100 and 200, and we have no hospital. It's situated 40 miles from Flin Flon and 60 miles from The Pas and this poses some difficulty. The buildings are there, Mr. Chairman, and the nurses are there. We're not looking for a large hospital, more or less a good first aid station. Possibly some nurse who could be trained to stitch --(Interjection)-- In Cranberry Portage. In emergency maybe deliver a child, small things, but have some kind of first aid station of that type. The Minister has promised to look into it and I believe that he will do that.

And now, Mr. Speaker, I don't know whether I will be out of order, or if I won't, but I think the biggest abuse of welfare is in Crown corporations. I would just like to say a few things on the Kierans Report if it relates to this subject because it is an abuse of welfare.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The report is not debatable under the Minister of Health and Social Development. It would be more properly debated under the Mines and Natural Resources.

MR. BARROW: You just ruined my speech, Mr. Speaker. Well then, Mr. Speaker, I have a few notes here, a few short notes, and I'd like to say just a few words.

First of all the Member from Pembina who talks so long and so loud on welfare abuse. When I say he's an honourable member I do mean it. He is possibly the most gentle, quiet man in this House. I would say that any man who is hungry, had no place to stay, would never, never be turned down by the Honourable Member from Pembina. So it's kind of double expunction.

The Member from Thompson is not in his seat. --(Interjection)-- Pardon? Now we have the Member for Birtle-Russell, he's in his seat, and he doesn't talk much about welfare abuse but he's a northern critic, and my Minister - and he's not here either - they're getting fat and too placid from lack of criticism, and out of the goodness of my heart I will help him to criticize the north because what he knows about the north you could stick in a mouse's ear.

The Member from Swan River his welfare abuse is best, and this is a true episode, Mr. Speaker. When we were on the Agriculture Committee in Swan River and the first three young farmers got up and they stressed the ad was small, it was hid in the back pages of the paper, and that's why the poor attendance. So I asked the honourable member why did you not take a full page in the back of your paper and let your people know. --(Interjection)-- I'll quote him. "Who is going to pay for it? Who's going to pay for it? His farmers, his people. Welfare abuse." I'm happy to say this is not the philosophy of all of you people but for a man who sat in this House, who brags on his polish as a speaker, with that attitude and he wonders why he's criticized. If I was a farmer in Swan River--I'll skip that part. --(Interjection)-- I could always be a banker.

The Member from Fort Rouge - I was disappointed in her speech, very disappointed. I thought she'd really attack viciously and hard and hit, but she was very very mild in her approach so I will --(Interjection)-- so I will be nice to her today. But I would like to talk about doctors' salaries, Mr. Speaker. Doctors' salaries, who knows what they make? I'd just like to say a few words about Doctor Murray. You don't know him but he's the father of Anne Murray, he was my doctor a way back. In those days you had a choice of which doctor you wanted to --(Interjection)-- what doctor or which doctor, it doesn't matter. I hope I'm not splitting infinitives today. Doctor Murray - I'll just say he was Anne Murray's father - he took my appendix out once --(Interjection)-- You know I'm trying to be nice today. But he was a dedicated doctor gentlemen, he worked from daylight to dark. Lots of times he went without sleep. Salary meant nothing to him and we paid him 25 cents a week for his services. They're changed since that. I would say, I would assume that doctor Trueman who is a surgeon, I'd assume his salary would be \$75,000 --(Interjection)-- No. Close? --(Interjection)-- Well what is a surgeon? You know we have butchers, meat cutters, all experts, all in the same line. The only difference between a butcher and a meat cutter if they make a bad mistake and you get a bad cut of meat, you can take it back. But if a surgeon makes a mistake, bury it. And the top doctor in this province, the top doctor, and I would assume again that his salary would be around \$600,000, \$600,000, 60 backbenchers, 60 backbenchers salary. How do you equate? You know what they're doing in Flin Flon today? They have stopwatches on people. And I suggest to you, Mr. Chairman, that stopwatches be held on these doctors to see if they

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(MR. BARROW cont'd) . . . . earn their salaries. And I think this is one of the worst forms of welfare abuse. --(Interjection) -- Preceded my estimation.

I'd like to mention my colleague who was the former Minister of Consumer Affairs, I believe, and a very good friend of mine, and I'm very proud to admit that. But when he accepted this portfolio I said to him, you've gotta have rocks in your head. Why would you take on such a terrible position? He said I couldn't refuse the challenge, and he's accepted that challenge, and I think he's done well.

I'd like to say a few words too about people who are on welfare and why. We have mentally ill people who have possibly gone through the period of mental health, but not entirely cured, or people who have mental illnesses don't entirely - or not visible, so they go on welfare. We have people who are emotionally ill who will seek welfare. But more important, the most important thing of people who are on welfare are the people who are very low in spirit, and possibly the most pitiable people, but they would rather accept the stigma of being lazy than the stigma of being mentally or emotionally ill, and our society is to blame for that.

My friend from Thompson is not in his seat I see but he talks strong, you know, he accuses, he used to accuse a member over there everytime he spoke - take a breathalyzer test; over here he says, throw that drunk out. Drinking to him is a vicious, dirty habit and any man with an ounce of brains - he doesn't have an ounce of brains - would know that an alcoholic is a sick person. I spent three days in Skid Row in Vancouver, three days with a very good friend of mine who is a detective, and I was afraid the first day. He said, "Don't be afraid, these people are helpless and hopeless people." And they were. And among these people we had doctors, lawyers, politicians, all forms of life, all on welfare, and all alcoholics, and all committing a slow form of suicide. --(Interjection)--

A MEMBER: Any farmers?

MR. BARROW: No farmers.

A MEMBER: Oh good.

MR. BARROW: How can . . . talking to the people who work down there, and this is a United Church minister. He'd spent 15 years among these people and the recovery rate, the recovery rate was 1 percent. I'd have . . . for interest. These are the people who abuse welfare.

To get back to the Member from Fort Rouge. I would like her to just once to attack an issue, and I'll give you some ideas. Attack Household Finance, AVCO, Royal Bank, Simpson-Sears Revolving Plan, and then you're doing something. These are the abusers of people. And if the honourable member would help us to get some law prohibiting the Member from Thompson (I'm sorry he's not here I hate talking behind his back) that he wants to pass legislation that's going to tell me that I can't see any show I want to see. He's going to tell me I can't read any book I want to read. If he had any sensitivity he would know that most people after reading three of those filthy books as he calls them, covers everything, there's no more interest in the book, and the best thing he'd do for these books is to run them down the way he's doing and build up the sales, the same as he did with Joe, I'm Curious Yellow, and Stewardesses. I honestly believe that he was paid off by the film industry for his remarks.

A MEMBER: You're lucky Joe's not here boy.

MR. BARROW: I'm not afraid of Joe. Anyway his stand on abortion, and I could go on for hours on this. This man who is so well loved, and I say loved, and I really mean he was loved by miners, by people, who had so much to offer the north, and that's what we needed up there was unlimited power, hydro power, and roads, and he threw it down the drain. But I resent this fact, and I'm not hung up on abortion, but I resent the fact very strongly that he can tell me or my wife or my daughter you can't have an abortion. My philosophy is simple - there's a chance for a pun there - that people are entitled to make those decisions, open government.

A MEMBER: That's Conservative philosophy . . .

MR. BARROW: Mr. Speaker, that's the end of my speech and thank you for . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 55 (a) (1) The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. FROESE: After the Minister introduced the report today on Mental Health and Retardation Services in Manitoba, and looking at it, and having an organization in my constituency that has done a lot for the retardates in this province, I would briefly like to touch on one aspect of the report.

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(MR. FROESE cont'd)

We find on Page 92 where a chapter is dealing with Action Required to Emancipate Services for the Retarded, and they have something like eight recommendations here. The first one reads all capital construction expansion programs at the Manitoba School for Retardates should be cancelled. This amounts to \$900,000 for the present fiscal year. I'm wondering whether the Minister is following this advice of this report in cancelling construction of this type for that particular school. In a way I think I would agree with what the report says and recommends here because I think we need greater distribution of these facilities and not concentrate them in one area. We have other areas in the province that have done a very good job and I would like to read the third recommendation here, and I'm quoting now: "There should be developed in conjunction with the Canadian Association for the Mentally Retarded an orderly expansion of occupational training centres, activity centres, and sheltered workshops. It is suggested that these centres be increased to accommodate approximately 1,000 trainees by 1978-79. The possibility of developing sheltered workshops in association with private industry should be explored as a further method of integrating services for the retarded in the community." That's the third recommendation.

Mr. Chairman, we have a workshop at Winkler which was brought into being after the Department of Education took over the cost of educating the retarded children, and we now have this workshop for the adults, adult retarded, and they have brought in a considerable number of these people from other areas into the town and provided homes for them, and they are now attending these workshops. And they are performing very good work and are manufacturing different articles which are being sold throughout Canada, and the whole venture is very successful. But apparently they feel that a residence will be required to house these people, and this is what they have in mind at the present time, and if they have not approached the Minister and the department on this, I'm sure they will. But I would think that they probably have by now, and that they will require some capital to provide a residence which would probably house some - a dozen or 20 people with foster parents looking after them. And in this way provide a home that would be closer to the workshop and also provide better facilities where they could stay. And I would like to hear from the Minister in connection with these recommendations, in connection with the report, and also in connection with the work that is presently being carried on in Manitoba for the adult retarded, and work of this type. What is the government's position? Will they follow the recommendations of this type? Are they giving them favourable consideration? When will a program of this type be implemented, as recommended here, and to what extent will they provide assistance? I'm sure that the organization in my area would greatly appreciate hearing from the government on this very matter.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Health.

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Speaker, I believe the Honourable Member for Rhineland was not in the House when I made some comments on the Clarkson Report. I stated that of course with increased focus on community oriented programs there has been a decreased reliance on institutional care, and I was referring to, as an example, the Home for Retardates in Portage. We have committed, as the honourable member is quite aware, capital expenditures for Portage which is going ahead. We can't just withdraw the, you know, what had been committed, so that's definitely, you know, beyond our control at this stage. I equally said that the number of inpatients at both Selkirk and Brandon as an example has significantly decreased in the last few years. It is expected that over a five year period that beds at Portage Home for Retardates will be significantly reduced in number. You know that's been ongoing. There are presently over 400 retardate persons in foster homes now in Manitoba and this program is building up rapidly, so since that program is building up that means that the pressure will be taken away from, say, a home such as the Home for Retardates at Portage. So that is our policy as stated in the report.

And travelling clinics I stated equally are being progressively expanded throughout the Province of Manitoba. So that again I guess was anticipated even before the report from Clarkson and Associates was tabled in the House.

As far as workshops are concerned I haven't got the exact numbers before me but I could inform the honourable member since 1969 - and I could supply him with the information - there has been a healthy increase into that activity in the last four years, into workshops and residences, or so on. A real healthy increase, and necessarily we're open to suggestions on



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(MR. TOUPIN cont'd) . . . . the part of the Honourable Member for Rhineland and his friends from, say, Winkler as an example, to consider you know possibilities of expansion in that area in the future. But we'd have to look at the details, and so on. But it has been our policy to expand in the community oriented services instead of institutional caring of those individuals.

I guess the Honourable Member for Morris didn't like my remarks of the other day. Maybe I --(Interjection)-- I did attempt to give the honourable member answers but he, I guess, didn't understand them. He was accusing me of being ignorant and I don't know - I could say the same thing of him. I thought I gave him answers, but I'll attempt to come back and indicate to the honourable member some of the answers I gave him, and I gave them again in the House yesterday, and he can look at Hansard and find out if this doesn't answer his questions. In the statement pertaining, say, to nursing homes, and he relates it to--it could be related to any other level of care--I said yesterday that there is a clear statement that persons will be able to leave their beds periodically without thereby losing their beds. I said that. Look at Hansard and you'll find that. Doesn't that answer one of your questions?

MR. JORGENSEN: That was a question that I asked the other day and it was an answer I did not get the other day.

MR. TOUPIN: Well you weren't in the House.

MR. JORGENSEN: I wasn't in the House yesterday. I had reasons for not being in the House yesterday.

MR. TOUPIN: I also said that we will be attempting, attempting - and that's why we have you know so many meetings at this time by means of officials of the Health Services Commission given that responsibility - to equalize the availability and standards of beds throughout the province. Obviously this goal can't be achieved overnight. The honourable member is quite aware of that. All he has to do is go back to their record in the last ten years. At least this government is equalizing - has equalization as a goal, and hopefully it will be reached, and fairly soon.

When you look at the ratio of beds per thousand now and when we say, you know, when we did say 12 beds per 1,000 population, that's flexible. It's flexible now. If you take it on the provincial-wide basis you'll reach that 12 beds per 1,000 now. And you can break it down and say 4 beds per 1,000 for acute care, 4 beds per 1,000 for say two or three other levels of care, and 4 beds for the remaining level of care, and you have 12 beds per 1,000 now. So if you were talking of a given area in the Province of Manitoba, and there's no beds at a certain level, and those beds are needed, whether its acute, whether it be personal care beds, whether it be hostel beds, that certainly will be considered, and has been considered over the last four years.

And I indicated when I got up at about 3:30 or 4:00 o'clock to answer questions, the number of personal care beds that we've built in the last four years. And I can detail that for the honourable member and tell him exactly where we've built them. And that will show that, you know, we necessarily don't have say the ratio of 12 beds per 1,000 in all regions and districts of the province. We are being flexible to meet specific needs. And we are keeping in mind, you know, ethnic desires of people, and so on, wherever possible, and the honourable member knows that. He knows that quite well. --(Interjection)-- Well you don't know, well then I guess I'll have to supply the honourable member - if my staff has that information at hand I should supply the honourable member with a chart that I have in my office giving the amount of beds for every town in the Province of Manitoba.

MR. JORGENSEN: Mr. Chairman, maybe I can save the Minister some time if he'll permit me to ask a question at this time. I'm not concerned about the present status of personal care home beds, of what the government has been doing in the past. My questions were related to what was going to happen when the people who are patients in personal care homes are going to have their expenses covered under the Medical Insurance Program. Now if he can give the assurance that there's going to be no change; if he can give the assurance that the ratios are flexible, are going to be flexible; and if he can give the assurance that in the future they will not be denied the right to get into their beds after an absence of 48 hours or more, then I'll have the assurances that I'm seeking. I'm not interested because I happen to be aware of what the program is today; what I want to know, what will happen when the program comes under the Health Insurance Program.

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MR. GEORGE HENDERSON (Pembina): Mr. Chairman, I just wonder could I have a word too before his explanation?

MR. TOUPIN: Well, Mr. Chairman, I was asked a question.

MR. HENDERSON: It relates very directly to it because I have been receiving correspondence, and I know you have, and if these are your intentions why aren't they told this way to the local groups in a way that they understand them so that - they are so concerned.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Health.

MR. TOUPIN: Well they are, Mr. Chairman. --(Interjection)-- Well listen. We're talking to different boards in all parts of the Province of Manitoba now. I haven't got time to go and meet these different boards myself now I'm in session but I have people from the Manitoba Health Services Commission that are going around the Province of Manitoba now, including, you know, and discussing these things with personal care home boards in Greater Winnipeg, and they are being told these things. They are being told these things. If they don't understand them you know - there's a lot of nitty-grittys that have to be you know spelled out. Per diem will have to be struck, standards will have to be defined, and so on. You know that's still to come. But hopefully and we're quite confident that this will happen before the first of July.

I did indicate to the Honourable Member for Morris that if a person leaves, say, for a period of 12, 24, 48 hours, that he can't expect to be re-admitted, you know, to that level of care. --(Interjection)-- Oh well yes, definitely. I said that. I said it yesterday. I said it again today. Do I have to say it again? I said it. Okay?

Now the honourable member was talking about a central registry. Would he maybe expand on that somewhat? I took it as you know the ratio in given areas, the ratio say of beds per 1,000. Does he see his central registry, the question that he asked, related, say, to the same as we have for all citizens of Manitoba under Medicare that, you know, everyone would be registered whether they pay or not. Does he--how does he--could he expand on this question in regards to central registry?

MR. JORGENSON: . . . and I thank the Minister for asking me to clarify this point because it's an important one. I think it's one that the people who are running personal care homes at the present time are very interested in having cleared up. The central registry as I've been given to understand it is that anyone applying to come under the Manitoba Health Insurance Program in the personal care home sector, where they require personal care, will have to apply to a central registry and that they will not necessarily receive a personal care home in the area in which they live, that they'll be sent to whatever area in which there happens to be a vacancy. A person for example living in Carman or Steinbach if his name happens to be the next one on the registry, he'll go to a place where there's available space, and that might be in Winnipeg, it might be in Thompson, and it might be in Flin Flon. I want the assurance from the Minister that such an event will not take place, that people who want to go into personal care homes in their communities will be provided the opportunity of doing that in the community in which they choose, rather than one in which the central registry chooses. I can understand his reasons for registering all people who want to avail themselves of personal care homes, but I want him to give the assurance that they'll be able to attend and get care in a home of their choosing.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Health.

MR. TOUPIN: So actually the honourable member is making reference say to a central admission and discharge registry. Okay. Well I see us having both. There will have to be say a central registry in the sense to compile the availability of beds across the province. I give that responsibility to the Manitoba Health Services Commission. That is needed. There will be local - at least region, if not district, boards for admission and discharge of patients the same as you have, say, within the hospital setting today. You will have that locally wherever the facility is available. I can't guarantee, and the honourable member knows this, I can't guarantee that say the honourable member wanted to be admitted in a personal care home in Morris as an example, and if there is no beds in Morris presently that we shouldn't send him to St. Pierre or St. Jean de Baptiste, if there's beds available there, you know, that can happen. But if on the continuing basis, the same as a hospital, if it's proven that the occupancy is much higher than the availability of beds in that locality then we'll have to construct new facilities, the same as we have over the last four years. I indicated a while ago how many beds

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(MR. TOUPIN cont'd) . . . . were built in the last four years. The patient will be cared for in his locality as long as there's, you know, ready beds available for him. Beyond that we'll have to if need be construct new beds to meet the requirements.

But I did say equally, Mr. Chairman, the other day that because of our policy into home care services that we see the possibility of caring for more people in their own homes than having to be cared for, say, in a hostel setting or a personal care home setting. There could be a problem - we have a problem now even with a total amount of 6,656 beds in the Province of Manitoba, in some given area there may not be the capacity to accept the people locally, so we have to consider the possibility on a temporary basis to care for them elsewhere. --(Interjection)-- Pardon? --(Interjection)-- Well I don't know, I'll take that as notice. I don't really know.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order please. The hour being 5:30 I am leaving the Chair to return at 8:00 p. m. this evening.