

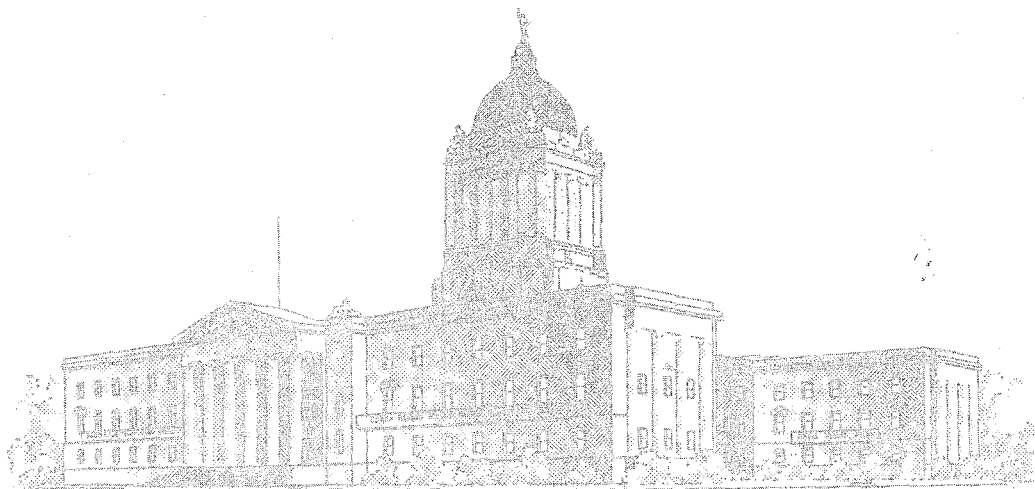


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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

9:30 A.M., Friday, March 25th, 1960

Opening Prayer by Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Presenting Petitions

Reading and Receiving Petitions

Presenting Reports by Standing and Select Committees

HON. DUFF ROBLIN (Premier) (Wolseley): Mr. Speaker, I beg to present the eighth report of the Select Standing Committee on Law Amendments.

MR. CLERK: Your Select Standing Committee on Law Amendments begs leave to present the following as their eighth report. Your committee has considered Bills No. 7, 44, 69, 76, 101, 107, 109, 110, 111, 120, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 131, 132, 134, 136, and has agreed to report the same without amendment. Your committee has also considered Bills No. 114, 115, 117, and has agreed to report the same with certain amendments, all of which is respectfully submitted.

MR. ROBLIN: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move seconded by the Honourable Minister of Education that the report of the Committee be received.

Mr. Speaker presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried.

MR. SPEAKER: Notice of Motion. Introduction of Bills. Orders of the Day

MR. ROBLIN: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Education that Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair and the House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider Bill 129.

Mr. Speaker presented the motion.

MR. D. L. CAMPBELL (Leader of the Opposition) (Lakeside): Mr. Speaker, I was wondering if it would meet the convenience of the House and if the First Minister would wish to do it, that he might by leave of the House include the bills that have just been reported from Law Amendments Committee.

MR. ROBLIN: That's a very good suggestion.

MR. CAMPBELL: As far as we're concerned we'd be quite willing for those to be taken up...

MR. ROBLIN: Thank you very much.

MR. CAMPBELL: ....at this stage.

MR. ROBLIN: Mr. Speaker, if I have consent I'd be glad to do that, if the Clerk of the House can cope; he shakes his head -- it looks as if we will have to do it this afternoon.

MR. CAMPBELL: Okay.

MR. ROBLIN: Thank you for the kind thought anyway.

Mr. Speaker presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried.

MR. SPEAKER: Will the Honourable Member for St. Matthews please take the Chair.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Bill 129 section 1.

MR. CAMPBELL: When I was making some reservation with regard to this bill yesterday Mr. Chairman, it was just because I wanted to hear first what the sponsor of the bill had to say about it, and then to check the bill with the Act because I noticed the term "reserves" there, and I was just wondering what was being done. But I think I have the Honourable the First Minister's assurance that these are not any of the statutory reserves and that they are only for purposes of the kind that he mentioned in the house yesterday; having checked the Act, it appears to me that that is quite in order, and I am quite sure that the Government's intention is to devote it to only those purposes, even if the legislative authority should be wider and I can't give a considered opinion whether it is or not but I'm sure the Government has no idea of interfering with any reserves in this connection except the ones that were, the kinds that were mentioned yesterday.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Sec. 1 (a) passed (b) passed (d) passed (e) passed. Sec. 1 passed. Sec. 2 (a) passed b, 6 (a) passed (b) passed 6 (a) 6 (b) passed Sec. 2 passed. Sec. 3 passed Sec. 4 passed Preamble passed. Title passed. Bill be reported passed.

MR. ROBLIN: Mr. Chairman, while we are in committee this might be a good time to talk about our business of the House and thank the Honourable Leader of the Opposition for his suggestion about third readings. Unfortunately the third reading part of the Bills were not

(Mr. Roblin, cont'd) . . . . ready, although it may be that we will go through Committee of the Whole stage; is that possible, Mr. Clerk? Committee of the Whole stage now and do third reading? No? -- All right. Well, apparently we're a little bit ahead of ourselves there but I thank him for this suggestion.

I propose Sir, after the third reading of this Bill, that we should adjourn and go into Committee and try and resolve our differences on the bills that are still before us and with luck, one never knows, we might clean them up this morning. As to our future business, I would like to ask the House to consider whether or not we could dispose of the Budget Debate some time during the course of today. We have two other sittings to go and it's quite likely, I think, that we could, if we clear up the Budget speech today then I can bring in the financial bills that follow and with leave we could put them through today. That would mean that we would have all day tomorrow to clean up private members' resolutions that are standing on the Order Paper, which I think we ought to do, and it might make it possible for us to finish that business on Saturday. Now, I'm not certain, of course, whether that will be possible or whether it meets the feeling of the members of the House, but I say that as far as I can see that looks like a possible timetable that might commend itself as being reasonable under the circumstances. And other members perhaps might like to offer their opinions but I suggest that as being practical.

MR. CAMPBELL: Mr. Chairman, I would think that it looks quite possible that we could do that, and that we could accomplish it without any unseemly haste. As far as I'm concerned, I'm -- yes, I was thinking of my honourable friend when I said that -- as far as I'm concerned I think that to Bills that remain, that may be controversial that we have lots of time to see that they are given due consideration. The financial measures that the Honourable the First Minister has mentioned go to Committee of the Whole House anyway and by the time they reach there, the Budget Debate and particularly the discussions on estimates have covered the most of the matters that we want to take up, so that I would think there was every likelihood that we could finish the Budget Debate today. I don't think that there are many of our group intend to speak on it. If there are, I would be quite willing to stay a little bit over-time tonight in order to finish it up. Because I do not believe in neglecting the business or rushing it through unduly fast; on the other hand I do think that when the session has reached this stage, that the most of us have our minds made up on this matter and that there's a -- proper considerations can still be given with a minimum of discussion and minimum of long speeches like I'm making at the moment. Of course, for the leaders of the Opposition parties you expect longer speeches than are necessary. Well, for one of them anyway. So I think that there'd be every likelihood that we could carry through that program, and as far as we're concerned we'll do our very best to co-operate, at the same time giving full consideration to the measures that are left.

MR. RUSSELL PAULLEY (Leader of the CCF) (Radisson): Mr. Chairman, I like this phraseology that's being batted around this morning; I don't know yet whether I've been to sleep or not, but I like these phrases of "no undue haste", and, "we're willing to co-operate to facilitate matters, to put them through the House and give them full consideration." It may be because it isn't too long ago I was still in bed, but I'm somewhat surprised at my honourable friend. However, as far as . . .

MR. CAMPBELL: I got to bed.

MR. PAULLEY: Oh, you did get to bed. That's lovely. I know that there -- one of my colleagues wants to take part in the Budget Debate. At least he indicated to me -- I haven't checked this morning with any of the other boys in my group, but it does seem to me that there is the possibility of achieving the end of the Order Paper by tomorrow. I must again express a regret that we haven't, in my opinion, given the consideration we might have liked, insofar as the private members' resolutions. But I do realize in saying that, that we are toward the end of the session in any case, and there is the general feeling I can sense in the air of the desirability of winding up the Paper tomorrow. I think that that is possible. But as I said last night, and the First Minister indicated that he would take it under advisement and try and arrange things a little differently at forthcoming sessions, that the progress of the House be more orderly in order to give time. I make reference to the private members' resolutions particularly, Mr. Chairman, because of the fact that I think most, if not all,

(Mr. Pauley, cont'd)...of them -- no, they don't all -- but most of them stand in the name of the members of my own particular party. Of course we know what their fate will be and that will be duly (Interjection) -- Oh, in that case, I won't make any long-winded speech. I think I know the fate of some of them and however, we have brought them forward for consideration and I don't think any member of my group will want to carry on the thing in order that the suggestion of prorogation tomorrow will be accomplished. Again in some of the Bills, when we're giving them third reading or Committee of the Whole House, we may have some comments on them but I don't think -- and I agree with the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition -- there won't be any long-winded speeches in connection with them.

MR. EDMOND PREFONTAINE (Carillon): Mr. Chairman, I would like to object to this procedure and rushing like we are doing now because I'm afraid it will not give time to my friend, the Honourable Minister of Education, to table a report, an Order for Return that I have asked him for two months ago. I would like to give him ample time; to me it was a very simple order, asking the numbers of boys and girls attending high school in rural and in urban Manitoba. I've pleaded with him time and time again and I should plead with the House that we should give him time even if we have to go till Monday, not to rush him today or tomorrow to bring this report and I would not like to order him before the Bar of this House -- I don't think it has been done since I'm here -- maybe it would be justifiable in this case, that it should be done. But all jokes apart, I would like to say that I don't like undue haste, either at the start of the session -- the seven-day limit, I don't like it, on the debate on the Speech from the Throne, at all. I'd come back to that I suppose, if I had a chance. But, I think that we are rushing very, very much at this time.

MR. GILDAS MOLGAT (Ste. Rose) :.....oh, fine.

MR. J. M. FROESE (Rhineland): Mr. Chairman, I am unable to offer an opinion at this time on this matter because being a new member of the House I have not had the experience that you other people have had. But I would just like to make a comment on the Law Amendments Committee meeting last night. I thought it rather unbecoming to go through the Bills the way we did, especially not having had an agenda of the Bills, it would be considered -- I think we should give more time to the Bills. -- to Law Amendments.

MR. MOLGAT: Mr. Speaker, I would just like to point out that while our group has indicated through our leader, that we certainly will not have long speeches and unduly hold up the work of the House, I think that we have to make the reservation that there may be some matters coming up that will require a fair amount of discussion because after all when we look at the Order Paper, we find amongst the first things the proposed resolution of my honourable friend, the First Minister, that we have been waiting so anxiously for since the beginning of the session, the one on the Colombo Plan, and this is one issue that I think will probably elicit a fair amount of discussion here. We discussed it in the opening of the session, on the Throne Speech, but we didn't get the resolution and it has never been discussed as yet. The Budget Debate now stands with two amendments; we have in addition to that, at least two resolutions that have never as yet even been proposed to the House, let alone debated. I have one on the Order Paper that I did propose, made an opening speech on, and has been stood ever since, and there has been no further discussion. So I merely want to point out that while we will not be unduly holding things up, if we do make speeches on these things I would not want the House to consider that we're not living up to a hope and a prayer that we'll be finishing tomorrow night. It's simply that we want these things fully discussed.

MR. ROBLIN: Mr. Chairman, I want to reassure my honourable friend if he wants to sit all next week, he can do so, because we have no intention of unduly circumscribing debate; in fact there's no way in which we can do so that I know under the rules, and this will be entirely in the hands of members of the House. If he has speeches to make and they can't get them made by Saturday, well, we'll be here Monday to listen to them.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Committee rise and report. Call in the Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Committee of the Whole House has considered Bill No. 129 without amendment and directed me to report the same and ask leave to sit again.

MR. W. G. MARTIN (St. Matthews): Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Winnipeg Centre that the report of the Committee be received.

Mr. Speaker presented the motion and following a voice vote declared the motion carried.

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MR. ROBLIN presented Bill No. 129, an Act to amend the Treasury Act, for third reading.

MR. SPEAKER: Adjourned debate.

MR. ROBLIN: Mr. Speaker, I think perhaps I should now move the adjournment of the House until 2:30 this afternoon, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce.

Mr. Speaker presented the motion and following a voice vote declared the motion carried.

MR. SPEAKER: The House do now adjourn until 2:30 this afternoon.