

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA
10:00 o'clock, Friday, March 8, 1968

Opening Prayer by Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Presenting Petitions.

MR. JAMES COWAN, Q.C., (Winnipeg Centre): Mr. Speaker, I beg to present the petition of Congregation Shaarey Zedek, praying for the passing of an Act to amend and incorporate an Act to incorporate Congregation Shaarey Zedek. And I also beg to present the petition of Edward Gelhorn and others, praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate Lutheran Council in Canada. And I beg to present the petition of Edward Hilderman and others, praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate Luther Home.

MR. GORDON W. BEARD (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I beg to present the petition of Michael Joseph Babulic and others, praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate Thompson Golf Club.

MR. LAURENT DESJARDINS (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, I beg to present the petition of Les Chanoinesses Regulieres des Cinq Plaies, praying for the passing of an Act to amend an Act to incorporate Les Chanoinesses Regulieres des Cinq Plaies.

MR. SPEAKER: Reading and Receiving Petitions.

Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees.

HON. STERLING R. LYON (Attorney-General) (Fort Garry): Mr. Speaker, I beg to present the First Report of the Special Committee appointed to give special consideration to the rules, orders and forms of proceeding of the Legislative Assembly. This report is presented on your behalf, Sir, as Chairman of the Committee.

MR. CLERK: Your Special Committee appointed to give consideration to the rules, orders and forms of proceeding of the Legislative Assembly beg leave to present the following as their First Report.....

MR. SPEAKER: Order please.

MR. LYON: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if it would be satisfactory to members of the House if we agreed to have copies of this report appear in the Votes and Proceedings. The schedule is quite voluminous and I don't imagine we would want to have the schedule appear in Hansard. But I think if the schedule and the report appeared in Votes and Proceedings we could then agree to dispense with its reading at the present time, if that's acceptable.

MR. GILDAS MOLGAT (Leader of the Opposition) (Ste. Rose): That would be agreeable to us, Mr. Speaker. I would like to know, though, how the report is going to proceed through the House - what the procedure is intended by the government.

MR. RUSSELL PAULLEY (Leader of the New Democratic Party) (Radisson): Mr. Speaker, we have no objections to following the procedure as suggested by the Attorney-General.

MR. CLERK: To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba: Your Special Committee appointed to give consideration to the Rules, Orders and Forms of Proceeding of the Legislative Assembly beg leave to present the following as their First Report:

Your Special Committee of the House consisting of Mr. Speaker as Chairman, Hon. Mrs. Forbes, Hon. Messrs. Lyon and Roblin, Messrs. Campbell, Hamilton, Klym, Molgat, Paulley and Stanes was appointed on Friday, the 21st of April, 1967, to examine the Rules, Orders and Forms of Proceeding of the Legislative Assembly, with a view to recommending such amendments as might be deemed in the interest of the orderly and efficient conduct of the business of the House.

Your Committee met Thursday and Friday, November 30th and December 1st, 1967, Monday, December 18th, 1967, Thursday and Friday, January 18th and 19th, 1968, and on Thursday, February 29th, 1968.

Your Committee has examined the Rules, Orders and Forms of Proceeding of the Legislative Assembly, and recommends to the House the changes in the Rules, Orders and Forms of Proceeding as set out in the proposed draft marked as Schedule "A" to this Report.

The Committee thoroughly considered the question of continuity of office for the Speaker. Many valuable opinions were exchanged among all members of the Committee. It was agreed that the principle of continuity of office for the Speaker is a most desirable goal. However, the Committee was unable to reach any unanimous recommendation as to its implementation.

The Committee therefore recommends that discussions continue among the parties of the House leading toward the acceptance of some feasible mode of ensuring that a Speaker, once elected, should normally be re-elected at subsequent Legislatures.

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The Committee agreed that under the instructions of Mr. Speaker, the Clerk of the House and the Legislative Counsel be authorized to effect minor changes to clarify the Rules and the renumbering of Schedule "A".

NOTE: Schedule "A" is reprinted on the following pages.

SCHEDULE "A"

PRESSENT RULE

PROPOSED RULE

GENERAL RULE

Procedure
Generally

1. (1) Proceedings in the House and in all Committees thereof shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules and with the sessional and other orders of the Assembly.

1. (1)

No change

Procedure
in unprovi-
ded cases

(2) In all cases for which provision is not made in the Rules or by sessional or other orders, the usages and customs of the House of Commons of Canada as in force at the time, shall be followed so far as they are applicable to the Assembly.

(2)

No change

Definitions

(3) In these Rules, Orders and Forms of Proceeding of the Legislative Assembly

(3) (a)

No change

(a) "the Assembly" means the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba;

(b) "the Clerk" means the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly;

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(c) "the House" means the Legislative Assembly while in session;

(c) No change

(d) "the Law Officer" means the Law Officer of the Legislative Assembly;

(d) "the Law Officer" means the Law Officer of the Legislative Assembly; (See Rule 95)

(e) "the Rules" means these Rules, Orders and Forms of Proceeding of the Legislative Assembly;

(e) No change

(f) "the official opposition" means the political party represented in the Legislature by the second largest number of members;

(f) No change

(g) "the Leader of the Opposition" means the member recognized by the Speaker as occupying the position of leader of the official opposition, pursuant to section 60 of The Legislative Assembly Act;

(g) No change

(h) "a recognized opposition party" means a party, other than the official opposition, represented in the Legislative Assembly by four or more members;

(h) No change

PRESENT RULE

(i) "the leader of a recognized opposition party" means the member recognized by the Speaker as occupying the position of leader of that party.

CHAPTER 1

REGULATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE HOUSE

Sittings

Daily sittings
2.30 p.m.

2. The time for the ordinary meeting of the House is at half past two o'clock p.m. of each sitting day, except Friday when the House shall sit at 10 o'clock a.m.

Evening Sittings,
8 p.m.

3. (1) Except on Wednesday and Friday, if at the hour of half past five o'clock p.m., the business of the day is not concluded, the Speaker, if in the chair, or, if the House at that hour is in committee, the chairman of the committee, shall leave the chair until eight o'clock p.m.

Wednesday adjournment

(2) On Wednesday at half past five o'clock p.m. the Speaker shall adjourn the House without question put, and the House then stands adjourned until Thursday.

Friday adjournment

(3) When the House rises on Friday at 5.30 p.m., it shall stand adjourned, unless otherwise ordered, until the following Monday.

Adjournment of the House at 10 p.m.

(4) At the hour of ten o'clock p.m., except on Wednesday and Friday, the Speaker shall adjourn the House without question put or, if the House at that hour is in committee, the chairman of the committee shall leave the chair and report to the Speaker.

QUORUM

4. (1) The presence of at least ten members of the House, including the Speaker, is necessary to constitute a meeting of the House for the exercise of its powers, but if there is not a quorum, the Speaker may take the Chair and adjourn the House.

PROPOSED RULE

(i) No change

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3. (1) No change

(2) No change

(3) When the House rises on Friday at five-thirty p.m., it shall stand adjourned, unless otherwise ordered, until the following Monday.

(4) No change

4. (1) No change

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(2) If the Speaker adjourns the House for want of a quorum, the time of the adjournment and the names of the members then present shall be inserted in the Votes and Proceedings.

4. (2)

No change

THE SPEAKERTHE SPEAKER

The Speaker's duties 5. (1) The Speaker shall preserve order and decorum and enforce the Rules, and shall decide all questions of order, subject to appeal to the House.

5. (1)

No change

Ruling on points of order (2) In explaining a point of order the Speaker shall state the rule or authority applicable to the case.

(2)

No change

Ruling on motion deemed out of order 6. When the Speaker is of the opinion that a motion offered to the House is contrary to the Rules or is a violation of the privileges of the Assembly, or both, the House shall be so advised immediately, but the Speaker may reserve a decision and subsequently state the reasons therefor before putting the question.

6.

No change

Not to join in debate 7. (1) The Speaker shall not take part in any debate before the House.

7. (1)

No change

Casting vote (2) In the case of an equality of votes, the Speaker shall cast the deciding vote; and any reasons stated by the Speaker shall be entered in the Votes and Proceedings.

(2)

No change

Report laid on table 8. Within two weeks after the opening of each session, the Speaker shall lay upon the Table of the House a report of the proceedings for the preceding year of the Board of Internal Economy Commissioners.

8.

No change

DEPUTY SPEAKERDEPUTY SPEAKER

Chairman of Committees and Deputy Speaker 9. (1) A Chairman of Committees, who shall also be Deputy Speaker of the House, shall be elected from among the members at the commencement of every session; and the member so elected shall, if in his place in the House, take the chair of each Committee of the Whole House, including the Committee of Supply and the Committee of Ways and Means.

9. (1) A Deputy Speaker of the House, who shall also be Chairman of the Committees of the Whole House, shall be elected from among the members at the commencement of every session; and the member so elected shall, if in his place in the House, take the chair of each Committee of the Whole House, including the Committee of Supply and the Committee of Ways and Means.

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Term of office

(2) The member elected to serve as Chairman of Committees and Deputy Speaker shall continue to act in that capacity until the end of the session for which he is elected; and in case of a vacancy, by death, resignation or otherwise, the House shall proceed forthwith to elect a successor.

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Appointment of Acting Chairman

(3) In the absence of the Chairman of Committees and Deputy Speaker, the Speaker may, in forming a Committee of the Whole House before leaving the chair, appoint any member to be chairman of the committee.

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DIVISIONS

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Termination of debate before division

10. (1) When members have been called in preparatory to a division, no further debate shall be permitted.

10. (1)

No change

Entering and leaving during divisions

(2) No member shall enter or leave the House during the stating of the question, or leave the House after the final statement of the question until the division has been fully taken and the result of the vote announced.

(2)

No change

Voting compulsory

(3) Every member present and in his own seat shall vote.

(3)

No change

Recording of yeas and nays

(4) Upon a division, the yeas and nays shall not be entered upon the Votes and Proceedings unless demanded by three members.

(4)

No change

CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

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Attendance required

11. Every member shall attend the service of the House, and of each committee thereof of which he is a member, unless leave of absence has been given him by the House.

11.

No change

Member having pecuniary interest not to vote

12. A member shall not vote upon any question in which he has a direct pecuniary interest; and the votes of any member so interested shall be disallowed.

12.

No change

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Withdrawal of members in certain cases

13. Where a question arises touching the conduct of any member or his election, or his right to hold his seat, he may make a statement, and shall withdraw during the time the matter is in debate.

13.

No change

Naming a "member" for offence in House

14. (1) When a member is named by the Speaker immediately after the commission of the offence of disregarding the authority of the Chair or of abusing the rules of the House by persistently and wilfully obstructing the business thereof or otherwise, if the offence has been committed by the member in the House, the Speaker shall forthwith put the question, on motion being made by the leader of the House, "that the member be suspended from the service of the House", and no amendment, adjournment, or debate shall be allowed.

14. (1)

No change

Offence in committee

(2) When an offence to which sub-rule (1) applies is committed in a committee, the chairman thereof shall forthwith suspend the proceedings of the committee and report the circumstances to the House; and the Speaker, on a motion being made thereupon, shall put the question stated in sub-rule (1) without amendment, adjournment, or debate, as if the offence had been committed in the House.

(2)

No change

Term of suspension

(3) A suspension under sub-rule (1) or (2) shall be for the time stated in the motion but shall not exceed two weeks.

(3)

No change

Suspension from service of House for session

(4) If a member who, under this Rule, is suspended from the service of the House refuses to obey the direction of the Speaker when summoned, under the Speaker's orders, by the Sergeant-at-Arms to obey the direction, the Speaker shall call the attention of the House to the fact that recourse to force is necessary in order to compel obedience to his direction; and the member named by him as having refused to obey his direction shall, thereupon and without further question put, be suspended from the service of the House during the remainder of the session.

(4)

No change

Decorum on adjournment

15. When the House adjourns the members shall remain in their places until the Speaker has left the Chamber.

15.

No change

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CONDUCT OF STRANGERS

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Strangers 16. Strangers may be admitted to the galleries and to such other parts of the Legislative Chamber as are set apart for that purpose by the Speaker.

16.

No change

Conduct of strangers 17. A stranger admitted to the Legislative Chamber or galleries, who misconducts himself, or does not withdraw when strangers are directed to withdraw, shall be taken into custody or ejected from the Legislative Chamber or galleries by the Sergeant-at-Arms, as the Speaker may order; and no person so taken into custody shall be discharged without the order of the House.

No change

CHAPTER II

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

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Routine Business

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Prayers 18. The Speaker shall read prayers every day at the meeting of the House before any business is entered upon.

18.

No change

Daily Routine 19. (1) The ordinary daily routine of business in the House shall be as follows:

19. (1)

No change

- Presenting Petitions.
- Reading and Receiving Petitions.
- Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees.
- Notices of Motions.
- Introduction of Bills.

Order after routine business (2) The order of business for the consideration of the House day by day after the daily routine shall be as follows:

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Government days Monday, Wednesday, Thursday; Tuesday after 5.30 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Monday

- Government Bills and Orders
- Government Motions
- Public Bills and Orders other than Government Orders
- Motions other than Government Motions
- Private Bills

- Orders for Returns and Addresses for Papers.
- Third Readings Amended Bills.
- Committee of the Whole for consideration of Bills.
- Third Readings of Bills without amendment.
- Government Bills
- Government Motions
- Public Bills

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Private
Members'
days

Tuesday and Friday between 2.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m.

Questions (written).
Motions other than Government Motions.
Private Bills.
Public Bills and Orders other than
Government Orders.
Government Motions.
Government Bills and Orders.

Private Members' Motions.
Private Bills.

Tuesday, until the hour of 5.30 p.m.

Written Questions.
Orders for Returns and Addresses for Papers.
Private Members' Motions.
Private Bills.
Public Bills.

From 8 p.m.

Third Readings Amended Bills.
Committee of the Whole for consideration of Bills.
Third Readings of Bills without amendment.
Government Motions.
Government Bills.

Wednesday

Orders for Returns and Addresses for Papers.
Third Readings Amended Bills.
Committee of the Whole for consideration of Bills.
Third Readings of Bills without amendment.
Government Bills.
Government Motions.
Public Bills.
Private Members' Motions.
Private Bills.

Thursday

Orders for Returns and Addresses for Papers.
Third Readings Amended Bills.
Committee of the Whole for consideration of Bills.
Third Readings of Bills without amendment.
Government Bills.
Government Motions.
Public Bills.
Private Members' Motions.
Private Bills.

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Friday, until 12.30 p.m.

Orders for Returns and Addresses for Papers.
Third Readings Amended Bills.
Committee of the Whole for consideration of Bills.
Third Readings of Bills without amendment.
Government Bills.
Government Motions.

From 2.30 p.m.

Written Questions.
Private Members' Motions.
Private Bills.
Public Bills.
Government Business.

ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

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Precedence Generally

20. (1) All items standing on the Orders of the Day (except Government orders) shall be taken up according to the precedence assigned to each on the Order Paper.

20. (1)

No change

Of Government orders

(2) When Government business has precedence, Government orders may be called in such sequence as the Government thinks fit.

(2)

No change

Orders not taken up

21. (1) Questions, notices of motions by members, and orders not taken up or proceeded with when called, may be allowed to stand and retain their precedence; otherwise they shall be removed from the Order Paper.

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Precedence of business under consideration at adjournments

(2) Where a motion on the Order Paper is under consideration when the House adjourns for the day, that question shall, without a motion to that effect, be first on the Order Paper of the next sitting day in its proper section after orders to which special precedence has been assigned.

(2)

No change

Business standing over

(3) Where business, other than a motion on the Order Paper is under consideration when the House adjourns for the day, that business shall, without a motion to that effect, stand over until the next sitting day, when it shall be taken up at the stage at which its progress was interrupted by the adjournment.

(3)

No change

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	22. The day-to-day precedence on the order paper, except as otherwise provided, shall be as follows:	22.	To be deleted in its entirety
Third Readings	(a) Third reading of bills		
Reports from Committees of the Whole	(b) Reports received from Committees of the Whole House.		
Bills reported from Committee of the Whole	(c) Bills reported from a Committee of the Whole House, with amendments, shall be placed on the Orders of the Day next after reports from a Committee of the Whole House.		
Bills reported from standing or Special Committees	(d) Bills reported after second reading from any standing or special committee for reference to a Committee of the Whole House.		
Bills for Committee Second Readings	(e) Bills ordered by the House for reference to a Committee of the Whole House.		
Other Orders	(f) Second Readings of Bills.		
	(g) Other orders according to the date thereof.		
Presentation of budget	23. (1) The budget shall not be presented until the debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne is concluded.	23. (1)	No change
	(2) The debate on the resolution for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means, and any amendments thereto, shall not exceed eight sitting days, including the day of the presentation of the Budget.	(2)	No change
	(3) Orders of the Day for resuming debate on the motion for the House to resolve itself into Committee of Ways and Means, and any amendments thereto, shall take precedence of all other motions for the same day, except on Tuesday and Friday, between 2.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m.	(3)	No change
	(4) On the eighth of the eight days, at thirty minutes before the ordinary time of daily adjournment, unless debate has previously been concluded, the Speaker shall interrupt the proceedings and forthwith put every question necessary to dispose of the Main Motion, and any amendments thereto.	(4)	No change

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Reading Orders of the Day	24. A motion for reading the Orders of the Day has precedence over any motion before the House.	24.	No change	
Privilege	25. When a matter of privilege arises it shall be taken into consideration immediately.	25.	- No change in Rule, but add Footnote - "See Beauchesne's Fourth Edition, Citations 104(3); 105(2) and 113."	
	ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE		ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE	
Adjournment of debate	26. (1) A motion to adjourn a debate is always in order.	26. (1)	No change	
Adjournment of the House	(2) Subject to Rule 27, a motion to adjourn the House shall not be made until the Orders of the Day have been entered upon.	(2)	No change	
Adjournment for special purposes	27. (1) Subject to sub-rule (5), leave to make a motion for the adjournment of the House (when made for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance) may be asked only after the ordinary daily routine business to which reference is made in Rule 19 has been concluded and before the Orders of the Day are entered upon.	27.(1)	No change	
Procedure on motion	(2) The member desiring to make such a motion shall rise in his place, ask leave to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, which matter has previously been submitted to the Speaker not less than one hour prior to the sitting of the House.	(2)	No change	
Written statement of the matter proposed	(3) The member shall then hand a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to the Speaker who, if he thinks it is in order and is of urgent public importance, shall read it out and ask whether the member has the leave of the House to proceed.	(3)	No change	
Where objection taken	(4) Where objection is taken, the Speaker shall request those members who support the motion to rise in their places, and, if three members rise accordingly, the Speaker shall call upon the member who has asked for leave.	(4)	No change	
Limitation	(5) Except with the requisite leave the motion cannot be made.	(5)	No change	

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Restrictions
on motion

(6) The right to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose mentioned in sub-rule (1) is subject to the following restrictions:

(6)

No change

(a) Not more than one such motion may be made at the same sitting.

(b) Not more than one matter may be discussed on the same motion.

(c) The motion shall not revive discussion on a matter that has been decided in the same session.

(d) The motion shall not anticipate a matter that has previously been appointed for consideration by the House, or with reference to which a notice of motion has previously been given and not withdrawn.

(e) The motion shall not raise a question of privilege.

(7) The discussion under the motion must not raise any question that, according to the Rules, may be debated only on a distinct motion under notice.

(7)

No change

CHAPTER III

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RULES OF DEBATE

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MEMBER SPEAKING

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Order in
addressing
the Chair

28. Every member desiring to speak shall rise in his place, uncovered, and address himself to the Speaker.

28.

No change

Speech not
to be read

29. A member addressing the House shall not read from a written previously prepared speech except in the case of:

29.

No change

(a) a Minister of the Crown making a statement of policy; or

(b) the leader of the opposition or a leader of a recognized opposition party making a statement of policy.

	<u>PRESENT RULE</u>		<u>PROPOSED RULE</u>
Relevancy	30. Speeches shall be direct to the question under consideration or to a motion or amendment that the member speaking intends to move, or to a point of order.	30.	No change
Question not to be revived or anticipated	31. No member shall revive a debate already concluded during the session or anticipate a matter appointed for consideration or of which notice has been given.	31.	No change
	MEMBERS RISING SIMULTANEOUSLY		MEMBERS RISING SIMULTANEOUSLY
Precedence when two members rise to speak	32. When two or more members rise to speak, the Speaker shall call upon the member who first rose in his place; but a motion may be made that any member who has risen "be now heard" or "do now speak", and the motion shall forthwith be put without debate.	32.	No change
	SPEECHES LIMITED TO 40 MINUTES		SPEECHES LIMITED TO FORTY MINUTES
Speeches limited to 40 minutes	33. (1) Subject to sub-rule (2), no member, except (a) the leader of the Government; (b) the leader of the opposition; (c) the leaders of recognized opposition parties; (d) a Minister moving a government order; (e) a member making a motion of "no confidence in the Government"; or (f) the Minister replying thereto shall speak for more than forty minutes in any debate.	33. (1)	No change
Designation of substitute	(2) The leader of the Government, the leader of the opposition and the leaders of recognized opposition parties may each, in advance, designate some member of his party to speak in any such debate for such time as he desires, but in that case, the leader, if he speaks in the debate, shall be allowed to speak for forty minutes only.	(2)	No change
	LIMITATION IN ADJOURNMENT OF THRONE DEBATE		LIMITATION IN ADJOURNMENT OF THRONE DEBATE
Limitation on debate on Address in reply to Throne Speech	34. (1) The proceedings on the Order of the Day for presenting and debating the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne, and on any amendments proposed	34. (1)	No change

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thereto, shall not exceed eight sitting days.

Disposal of sub-amendments

(2) On the fifth of the eight days, if a sub-amendment is under consideration at thirty minutes before the ordinary time of daily adjournment, the Speaker shall interrupt the proceedings and forthwith put the question on the sub-amendment.

(2)

No change

Disposal of amendments

(3) On the seventh of the eight days, if an amendment is under consideration at thirty minutes before the ordinary time of daily adjournment, the Speaker shall interrupt the proceedings and forthwith put the question on any amendment or amendments then before the House.

(3)

No change

Disposal of all questions

(4) On the eighth of the eight days, at thirty minutes before the ordinary time of daily adjournment, unless the debate has previously been concluded, the Speaker shall interrupt the proceedings and forthwith put every question necessary to dispose of the main motion.

(4)

No change

DEBATABLE MOTIONS

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Debatable motions

35. (1) The following motions are debatable; that is to say every motion

35. (1)

No change

- (a) standing on the Orders of the Day;
- (b) for the receiving of a report of a standing or special committee or a Committee of the Whole House;
- (c) for the concurrence in a report of a standing or special committee;
- (d) for the previous question;
- (e) for the second reading of a bill;
- (f) for the third reading of a bill;
- (g) for the adjournment of the House when made for

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the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance;

- (h) for the adoption in Committee of Supply, or Committee of Ways and Means, or other Committee of the Whole House, of the resolution, clause, section, preamble, or title under consideration;
- (i) for the appointment of a committee;
- (j) for the reference to a committee of a report or any return laid on the table of the House;
- (k) for the suspension of any rule of the House;

and any other motion made upon routine proceedings as may be required for the observance of the proprieties of the House, the maintenance of its authority, the appointment or conduct of its officers, the management of its business, the arrangement of its proceedings, the correctness of its records, the fixing of its sitting days or the times of its meeting or adjournment.

(2) All other motions, including adjournment motions, shall be decided without debate or amendment.

(2)

No change

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Closure of
debate

36. (1) Immediately before the Order of the Day for resuming an adjourned debate is called, or if the House is in Committee of Supply, or Committee of Ways and Means, or other Committees of the Whole House, any Minister of the Crown, who, standing in his place, has given notice at a previous sitting of his intention to do so, may move that the debate shall not be further adjourned, or that the further consideration of any resolution or resolutions, clause or clauses, section or sections, preamble ~~or~~ preambles, title or titles, shall be the first business of the committee, and shall not be further postponed; and in either case the question shall be decided without debate or adjournment.

36. (1)

No change

Effect of
adoption
of closure
motion

(2) Where the motion for closure is resolved in the affirmative, no member shall thereafter speak more than once, or longer than thirty minutes in any such adjourned debate; or, if in committee, on any such resolution, clause, section or preamble; and if the adjourned debate or postponed consideration has not been resumed or concluded before two o'clock a.m., no member shall rise to speak after that hour, but all such questions as must be decided in order to conclude the adjourned debate or postponed consideration shall be decided forthwith.

(2)

No change

Limitation

(3) This rule does not apply to a debate on a motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne, or to a debate on a motion to go into Committee of Supply.

(3)

No change

QUESTIONS OF ORDER

DURING DEBATE

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Procedure
on point
of order

37. (1) A member addressing the House, if called to order by either the Speaker or on a point raised by another member, shall sit down while the point is being stated, after which he may explain.

37. (1)

No change

Debate

(2) The Speaker may permit debate on the point of order before giving his decision, but the debate must be strictly relevant to the point of order taken.

(2)

No change

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Decision (3) The Speaker shall decide the point of order and his decision shall be subject to appeal to the House, but without debate. (3)

Finality (4) If no appeal is made, the decision of the Speaker is final and concludes the matter. (4)

Irrelevance and repetition in debate 38. The Speaker or the chairman of any committee, after having called the attention of the House, or of the committee, to the conduct of a member who persists in irrelevance or repetition, may direct him to discontinue his speech; and if the member still continues to speak, if in the House, the Speaker shall name him, and, if in a committee, the chairman shall report the matter to the House. 38.

DECORUM IN DEBATE

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Conduct during putting of question 39. When the Speaker is putting a question, no member shall enter, walk out of, or across, the House, or make any noise or disturbance. 39.

Disrespectful or offensive language forbidden 40. (1) No member shall speak disrespectfully of Her Majesty, or of any other member of the Royal Family, or of His Excellency the Governor-General, or of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor or the person administering the Government of Manitoba; or use offensive words against the House, or against any member thereof. 40. (1)

Aspersions on votes of House (2) No member shall reflect upon any vote of the House except for the purpose of moving that the vote be rescinded. (2)

No interruption except in point of order 41. When a member is speaking, no member shall interrupt him, except to raise a point of order or privilege. 41.

Maintenance of order 42. When any matter is being debated, if a member rises to speak on a subject not at the time under discussion, or interrupts a member while speaking, except to raise a question of order or privilege, or transgresses any of the Rules, any member may, and the Speaker shall, call him to order. 42.

No change

No change

No change

No change

No change

No change

No change

No change

PRESENT RULE

PROPOSED RULE

Private
conversa-
tions, news-
papers

43. (1) No member shall engage in private conversation in such a manner as to interrupt the business of the House.
- (2) No member shall read any newspaper in the House.

43. (1)
- (2)

No change

No change

READING THE QUESTION

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the
question

44. When the question under discussion does not appear on the Order Paper, or has not been printed and distributed, any member may require it to be read at any time of the debate, but not so as to interrupt a member while speaking.

- 44.

No change

MEMBERS NOT TO SPEAK TWICE, REPLY

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No mem-
ber to
speak twice

45. No member may speak twice to a question except in explanation of a material part of his speech in which he may have been misquoted or misunderstood, but he shall not then introduce any new matter, and no debate shall be allowed upon the explanation.

- 45.

No change

Replies

46. (1) Subject to sub-rule (2), a member who has moved a substantive motion or the second reading of a bill may reply but not a member who has moved an Order of the Day (not being the second reading of a bill), an amendment, the previous question, an adjournment during a debate, or an instruction to a committee.

46. (1)

No change

Reply where
debate
adjourned

- (2) Subject to Rule 36, the mover of a substantive motion may reply although the debate thereon, by being adjourned, becomes an Order of the Day.

- (2)

No change

Reply
closing
debate

- (3) The reply of the mover of the original motion closes the debate; but the Speaker shall see that every member wishing to speak has the opportunity to do so before the final reply.

- (3)

No change

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Questions	47. (1) Questions may be placed on the Order Paper seeking information from Ministers of the Crown relating to public affairs; and from other members relating to any Bill, motion or other public matter connected with the business of the House, in which the other members may be concerned, but, in putting any such question or in replying to it, no argument or opinion shall be offered or any facts stated, except so far as may be necessary to explain it.	47. (1)	No change
Delivery and printing of answer	(2) A Minister to whom a question is addressed shall hand the answer to the Clerk who shall cause it to be printed in the Votes and Proceedings.	(2)	No change
Questions to stand as notice	(3) Where, in the opinion of the Speaker, a question on the Order Paper put to a Minister of the Crown is of such a nature as to require a lengthy reply, he may, upon the request of a Minister of the Crown, direct the question to stand as notice of motion, and be transferred to its proper place as such upon the Order Paper and may authorize the Clerk to amend the question as to matters of form.	(3)	No change
Question made order for return	(4) Where a question is of such a nature that, in the opinion of the Minister of the Crown who will reply thereto, the reply should be in the form of a return and the Minister states that he has no objection to laying such a return upon the Table of the House, his statement shall be deemed an order of the House to that effect, and shall be entered in the Votes and Proceedings as such.	(4)	No change

CHAPTER V

NOTICES AND UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Notices of motions, etc.	48. (1) Two days' notice shall be given of a motion (a) for leave to present a Bill, resolution, or address; or (b) for the appointment of any committee; or	48. (1)	No change
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(c) for placing a question on the Order Paper;

but this Rule does not apply to Bills after their introduction, or to Private Bills, or to the times of meeting or adjournment of the House.

Notices to be taken before adjournment

(2) The notice shall be laid on the table before the adjournment of the House for the day and shall be printed in the Votes and Proceedings of that day.

(2)

No change

Motion without notice by leave

49. A motion may, in case of urgent and pressing necessity, previously explained by the mover, be made by unanimous consent of the House without notice having been given under Rule 48.

49.

No change

CHAPTER VI

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MOTIONS; AMENDMENTS; THE PREVIOUS

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QUESTION

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Motion imposing public aid or charge

50.(1) Any vote, resolution, address or Bill introduced in the House for the appropriation of any part of the public revenue, or of any tax or impost to any purpose whatsoever, or to impose any new or additional charge upon the public revenue or upon the people, or to release or compound any sum of money due to the Crown, or to grant any property of the Crown, or to authorize any loan or any charge upon the credit of Her Majesty in right of the Province, shall be recommended to the House by a message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor before it is considered by the House.

50. (1)

No change

(2) Where His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor recommends a vote, resolution, address or Bill to the House by a message, the minister introducing the vote, resolution, address or Bill shall, before or at the time of introducing the vote, resolution, address or Bill, announce the recommendation to the House and lay a copy of the message on the table of the House.

Abstract motion

51. A resolution may be moved contemplating a possible future grant without being recommended to the House by message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, if it is couched in such general terms or language as merely to express an abstract opinion and is not binding upon the House.

51.

No change

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Motion to be written, seconded, and filed with Clerk

52. A motion requiring notice and a motion to amend an Order of the Day shall be in writing, seconded, and filed with the Clerk, and, if approved by the Speaker, shall be reproduced in the Votes and Proceedings and on the Order Paper two days afterwards.

No member to have more than two notices on any day

53. No member shall have more than two notices of motion on the Votes and Proceedings of any day except notices of motion for the production of papers or for orders for returns.

Putting of motion before debate

54. Motions shall be put from the chair before being debated.

Same question not to be put twice

55. A motion shall not be made if the subject matter thereof has been decided by the House during the same session.

Motions during a debate

56. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be made except

- (a) to amend it;
- (b) to postpone it to a day certain;
- (c) for the previous question;
- (d) for reading the Orders of the Day;
- (e) for proceeding to another order;
- (f) to adjourn the debate; or
- (g) to adjourn the House.

Withdrawing motions

57. A member who has made a motion may withdraw it with the unanimous consent of the House.

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52. (1) Subject to Rule 27, all motions except motions to adjourn a debate, shall be in writing.

(2) A motion requiring notice shall be filed with the Clerk and if approved by the Speaker, shall be reproduced as notice in the Votes and Proceedings and shall be placed on the Order Paper two days afterwards.

(3) A motion to amend a motion shall be delivered to the Speaker at the time it is moved.

53. No change

54. (1) Motions shall be moved and seconded before being debated.

(2) Motions shall be put from the chair before being debated.

55. No change

56. No change

57. No change

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Amendment of motion to leave the Chair

58. Only one amendment and one sub-amendment may be made to a motion for the Speaker to leave the Chair for the House to go into Committee of Supply or Committee of Ways and Means.

58.

No change

Motion to commit Bill, etc.

59. A motion to refer a Bill, resolution, or question to a committee, until decided, precludes amendment of the main question.

59.

No change

Motion for printing referred to committee before question put

60. A motion for printing any paper shall be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills, Standing Orders, Printing, and Library, for report, before the question is put.

60.

No change

60A. (1)

60A. (1) In this Rule "resolution" means any vote, motion, resolution or address of which notice has been given or that has been introduced, but does not include any motion for first reading, second reading or third reading of a Bill, or a motion to refer a Bill to a committee.

(2) Where a resolution of a member is reached for the first time on the Order Paper for introduction, if the member is not present or does not proceed with the resolution at that time, the resolution shall be placed on the Order Paper at the bottom of the list of resolutions of that type.

(3) Where a resolution of a member is reached for the second time on the Order Paper for introduction, if the member is not present or does not proceed with the resolution at that time, the resolution shall be placed on the Order Paper at the bottom of the list of resolutions of that type.

(4) Where a resolution of a member is reached for the third time on the Order Paper for introduction, if the member is not present or does not proceed with the resolution at that time, the resolution shall be removed from the Order Paper.

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(5) Where, after introduction of a resolution, the adjourned debate of the resolution is reached on the Order Paper for the first time, if the member who moved that the debate be adjourned is not present or does not proceed with the debate at that time, the Speaker shall pass to the next item on the Order Paper and the adjourned debate shall continue on the Order Paper in the same position.

(6) Where, after introduction of a resolution, the adjourned debate of the resolution is reached on the Order Paper for the second time, if the member who moved the debate be adjourned is not present or does not proceed with the debate at that time, the member who moved that the debate be adjourned loses his right to speak in the debate of that resolution, but not in the debate of any amendment thereto, or of any other resolution to which that resolution proposed an amendment; and the Speaker shall allow any other member who has a right to speak in the debate of that resolution to speak at that time or to move that the debate be adjourned, and if no member who has a right to speak in the debate wishes to speak at that time, or to move that the debate be adjourned, the Speaker shall put the question on the resolution.

THE PREVIOUS QUESTION

Form of the previous question

61. (1) The previous question, until it is decided, precludes all amendments of the main question, and shall be in the following words: "That this question be now put."

Procedure where affirmed

(2) Where the previous question is resolved in the affirmative, the original question shall be put forthwith without any amendment or debate.

CHAPTER VII

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS

Rules observed in Committees of the Whole

62. (1) The Rules shall be observed in a Committee of the Whole House in so far as they are applicable, except the rules as to seconding of motions and limiting the number of times of speaking.

THE PREVIOUS QUESTION

61. (1)

No change

(2)

No change

62. (1)

No change

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Speeches in Committee of the Whole	(2) Speeches in a Committee of the Whole House must be strictly relevant to the item or clause under discussion.	(2)	No change
Order in Committees	(3) The Chairman of a Committee of the Whole House shall maintain order and decide all questions of order subject to an appeal to the House; but disorder in a Committee of the Whole House can only be censured by the House on receiving a report thereof.	(3)	No change
	62A. (1) Not more than eighty hours shall be allotted to the business of Supply on Estimates, including Main, Supplementary, Interim and Capital, in each session.	62A (1)	No change
	(2) At the end of eighty hours in Supply, unless the debate has been previously concluded, the Chairman shall interrupt the proceedings and forthwith put every question necessary to dispose of the remaining resolutions.	(2)	No change
	(3) The Clerk shall indicate daily on the Order Paper the number of hours spent in Supply to date.	(3)	No change
Motion to leave the Chair	63. (1) A motion that the chairman of a Committee of the Whole House leave the chair is always in order, takes precedence of any other motion, and is not debatable.	63. (1)	No change
Renewal of motion	(2) Such a motion, if rejected, cannot be renewed unless some intermediate proceeding has taken place.	(2)	No change
Reference of Bills to Committee of the Whole	64. Bills that are on the Orders of the Day for consideration in committee on the same day may be referred together to a Committee of the Whole House, which may consider all the Bills so referred to it without the chairman leaving the chair on each separate Bill.	64.	No change
Proceedings in committee	65. In proceedings in Committee of the Whole House upon Bills, the preamble and title shall be first postponed, and then every clause considered by the committee in its proper order; and the preamble and title shall be last considered.	65.	No change

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Amendments
to be
reported

66. (1) All amendments made in a Committee of the Whole House shall be reported by the chairman to the House, which shall receive the report forthwith.

Debate and
amendments
on report

(2) After report, the Bill shall be opened to debate and amendment before it is ordered for a third reading.

Third
reading

(3) When a Bill is reported without amendment, it shall forthwith be ordered to be read a third time, at such time as may be appointed by the House.

CHAPTER VIII

STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

WITNESSES

Standing
committees

67. (1) At the commencement of each session a special committee of seven members shall be appointed, which shall prepare and report with all convenient speed, lists of members to compose the following standing committees of the House:

On Privileges and Elections
On Public Accounts
On Public Utilities and Natural Resources
On Agriculture and Conservation
On Municipal Affairs
On Law Amendments
On Private Bills, Standing Orders, Printing
and Library
On Industrial Relations
On Statutory Regulations and Orders

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66. (1)

No change

(2)

to be deleted in its entirety

(3)

No change

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and Library
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Lists of committees to be posted

(2) The Clerk shall cause to be affixed in a conspicuous place in or near the Legislative Chamber a list of the several standing committees and special committees appointed during the session

(2)

No change

Examination of regulations

68. All regulations that, under The Regulations Act, stand permanently referred to the Standing Committee on Statutory Regulations and Orders shall be examined by that committee.

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Quorum

69. Of the number of members appointed to compose a committee a majority of them are a quorum, unless the House otherwise orders.

69.

No change

Right of addressing committee or put question

70. A member who is not a member of a committee may attend for the purpose of addressing the committee, or of putting questions to witnesses, but he shall not be permitted to vote.

70.

No change

Reports, how made

71. (1) A report from a standing committee or a special committee shall be presented by a member standing in his place, and shall be read by the Clerk at the table.

71. (1)

No change

Motion to receive report

(2) The member presenting the report, after it has been read by the Clerk, shall move that the report be received.

(2)

No change

Concurrence

(3) Concurrence in the report of a committee may be moved subsequently after the usual notice has been given.

(3)

No change

Signing of report

72. The report of a committee shall be signed by the chairman only.

72.

No change

73. A report from a standing or special committee shall not be amended by the House, but it may be referred back to the committee.

73.

No change

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Payment of per diem allowance and expenses to witnesses	74. Subject to Rules 75 and 76, a witness summoned to attend before a committee of the House, except in the case of a committee considering a Private Bill, shall be paid in respect of each day of his attendance, a reasonable sum per diem as determined by the Speaker and a reasonable allowance for travelling expenses.	74.	No change	
Requirements before payment	75. No witness shall be paid unless <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a member of the committee before which he is attending has filed with the chairman thereof a certificate stating that the evidence to be given by the witness is, in the opinion of the member, material and important; (b) in the case of an allowance for expenses, the chairman of the committee has certified to the Speaker that the amount to be so paid is just and reasonable; and (c) in each case, payment is made on the authority of the Speaker signified by his endorsement of his approval and of the amount approved, on the certificate to which clause (a) of this Rule applies. 	75.	No change	
Attendance for more than three days	76. Where a witness has been in attendance during three days, if his presence is still required, payment shall be made to him, in respect of following days, only upon further certification by the chairman of the committee and the further authority of the Speaker as provided in clauses (b) and (c) of Rule 75, and so on in respect of every succeeding period of three days or fractions thereof.	76.	No change	
CHAPTER IX				
PETITIONS				
How petition presented	77. (1) A petition to the House may be presented by a member at any time during the sitting of the House by filing it with the Clerk.	77.	No change	
Time for presentation	(2) Any member desiring to present a petition in his place in the House shall do so during routine pro-			

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ceedings and before introduction of Bills.

Debate
prohibited

(3) On the presentation of a petition, no debate on or in relation thereto shall be allowed.

Members
answerable

(4) Members presenting petitions are answerable that they do not contain impertinent or improper matter.

Member's
endorsement

(5) Every member presenting a petition shall endorse his name thereon.

Form

(6) Petitions may be either written or printed.

Signatures

(7) When there are three or more petitioners, the signatures of at least three petitioners shall be subscribed on the sheet containing the prayer of the petition.

Reading and
reception
of petition

(8) On the day next following the presentation of the petition the Clerk shall read the petition and if, in the opinion of the Speaker, the petition does not contain matters in breach of the privileges of the House and complies with the Rules, it may be received.

No debate
on petition

(9) No debate shall be permitted with respect to a petition, but if the petition complains of some personal grievance requiring an immediate remedy, the matter contained therein may be brought into immediate discussion.

Petition
for expen-
diture not
permissible

(10) No petition shall be received if it prays for any expenditure, grant or charge on the public revenue, whether payable out of the Consolidated Fund or out of moneys to be provided by the Assembly.

CHAPTER X

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PROCEEDINGS ON PUBLIC BILLS

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Introduc-
tion of
Bills

78. Every Bill shall be introduced upon motion for leave specifying the title of the Bill.

78.

No change

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Bills validating letters patent, by-laws, and agreements

79. (1) Where a Bill for validating, ratifying, and confirming any letters patent, by-law or agreement is presented to the House, a certified copy of the letters patent, by-law or agreement shall be attached to it.

79. (1) No change

Application of Rule

(2) This Rule applies to both Public Bills and Private Bills.

(2) No change

First reading not debatable

80. When a Bill is presented by a member in pursuance of an order of the House, the mover of the motion may give such explanation as will enable the House to understand the purport of the Bill; but the question, "That this Bill be now read a first time", shall be decided without amendment or debate.

80. No change

Second reading after Bill printed and distributed

81. (1) All Bills shall be printed before the second reading unless otherwise specially ordered or allowed by the House.

81. (1) No change

To be marked "Printed" on Orders

(2) No Bill shall be read the second time unless it has been printed and distributed to the members at least two days previously, and has been subsequently marked "PRINTED" on the Orders of the Day, signifying that it has been printed and distributed.

(2) No change

Bills amended in Committee to be reprinted

(3) When a Bill has been amended in a Committee of the Whole House, or by any special or standing committee, it may be reprinted as amended in the discretion of the committee; and when the Bill has been sent to be reprinted, it shall be marked on the Orders of the Day "REPRINTING PENDING"; and shall not be further proceeded with until that mark has been removed and the word "REPRINTED" substituted, signifying that the Bill has been reprinted and distributed.

(3) No change

Three readings before passing

82. (1) Every Bill shall receive three several readings, on different days, before being passed.

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Urgent cases	(2) By leave of the House, a Bill may be read twice or thrice or advanced two or more stages in one day.	(2)	No change
Two readings before committal	83. Every Bill shall be read twice in the House before being referred to a committee or amended.	83.	No change
Time of third reading	84. (1) No Bill shall be read a third time on the same day that it is reported from the Committee of the Whole House if any amendment has been made in that committee, except in the case of an emergency or as is provided in the Rules.	84. (1)	No change
Recommittal	(2) When the Order of the Day for the third reading of a Bill is read, any member desiring to recommit the Bill shall move to discharge the order and to recommit the Bill; and, upon such a motion being resolved in the affirmative, the member shall give notice of the instructions proposed to be given, but those instructions shall not be taken into consideration before the next sitting of the House.	(2)	No change
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OFFER OF MONEY TO MEMBERS			OFFER OF MONEY TO MEMBERS
BRIBERY IN ELECTIONS			BRIBERY IN ELECTIONS
Offering money or advantages to members	85. The offer of any money, or other advantages, to any member of the Assembly for the promotion of any matter depending, or to be transacted in the House, is an offence against the privileges of the House and every member thereof.	85.	No change
	(Note: See section 41 of The Legislative Assembly Act and section 100 of The Criminal Code (Canada).)		
Proceedings in case of bribery	86. Where it appears that any person has been elected and returned a member of the Assembly, or has endeavoured so to be, by bribery or other corrupt practices, the House shall proceed with the utmost severity against him and all such other persons as have been wilfully concerned in the bribery or other corrupt practices.	86.	No change

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OFFICERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

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OFFICERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Officers

87. The officers of the Assembly are the Law Officer of the Legislative Assembly, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly (who may also be known and called the Clerk of the House), the Clerk's Assistant, and the Sergeant-at-Arms.

87. The officers of the Assembly are:

- (a) the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, who may also be known and called the Clerk of the House;
- (b) the Clerk's Assistant;
- (c) the Law Officer of the Legislative Assembly;
- (d) the Deputy Law Officer of the Legislative Assembly; and
- (e) the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Clerk of the Assembly

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Duties of the Clerk

88. Subject to the directions of the Speaker, or the House, the Clerk shall

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- (a) be responsible for the safekeeping of the records and documents of the House;
- (b) have direction over the Clerk's Assistant and such clerks, stenographers, messengers, ushers, and pages as may be employed in connection with the House;
- (c) be present at the table in the Legislative Chamber during the sittings of the House;
- (d) assign a clerk to each standing and special committee;
- (e) be present at the meetings of the Committee on Private Bills, Standing Orders, Printing and Library;
- (f) keep the Private Bills Register;
- (g) prepare, and cause to be printed, the Votes and Proceedings and the Order Paper;
- (h) cause a copy of the Votes and Proceedings for the preceeding day and a copy of the Order Paper for

(f) to be deleted

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the day to be placed, as soon as printed, on the Speaker's table and on each member's desk.

- (i) at the conclusion of each session of the Legislature, cause the Votes and Proceedings and the Journals to be indexed, bound, and published;
- (j) at all reasonable times, make available the Sessional Papers for inspection;
- (k) perform such routine duties as are assigned to him by the Speaker; and
- (l) on the expiry of the time for filing petitions for Private Bills, report to the House whether the Rules relating to such petitions have been complied with.

Clerk to distribute list of reports

89. The Clerk shall make and cause to be printed and delivered to each member at the commencement of each session of the Legislature, a list of the reports, or other periodical statements, that it is the duty of any Minister of the Crown or officer of any department of the Executive Government, or of any corporate body, to make to the House, with a reference to the Act or Resolution, and page of the volume of the statutes or journals, wherein the report or statement is ordered to be made, and shall place, under the name of each such minister, officer, or corporation, a list of reports or returns required to be made by him or it, and the time when the report or periodical statement may be expected.

89.

No change

Engagement of extra employees

90. With the approval of the Speaker, the Clerk shall engage, at the outset of each session, such extra employees as may be necessary, and shall engage others as the public business may require.

90.

No change

Certifying of Bills

91. When a Bill is read in the House, the Clerk shall certify upon it the readings and the time thereof.

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Votes and Proceedings delivered to His Honour

92. A copy of the Votes and Proceedings of the House, certified by the Clerk, shall be delivered each day to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

92.

No change

Clerk's Assistant

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93. (1) When a Clerk's Assistant has been appointed, he shall be present at the table in the Legislative Chamber during the sittings of the House and shall assist the Clerk in his duties.

93. (1) The Clerk's Assistant may be present at the table in the Legislative Chamber during the sittings of the House and shall assist the Clerk in his duties.

Absence of Clerk

(2) In the absence of the Clerk, the Clerk's Assistant, or in his absence, such person as is appointed by the Speaker shall perform the duties of the Clerk.

(2)

No change

Sergeant-at-Arms

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94. The Sergeant-at-Arms attending the House is responsible for the safekeeping of the Mace, furniture, and fittings of the Assembly, and for the conduct of the messengers and attendants of the House, subject to the orders that he may from time to time receive from the Speaker or from the House.

94.

No change

Law Officer

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95. (1) The Officer of the Department of the Attorney-General who is appointed as Legislative Counsel is the Law Officer, and shall have charge of all Bills.

95. (1) The officers of The Department of the Attorney-General who are appointed as Legislative Counsel and Deputy Legislative Counsel are the Law Officer and the Deputy Law Officer respectively, and shall have charge of all Bills.

Duties of Law Officer

(2) The Law Officer shall

(2) The Law Officers shall

- (a) advise upon legislation and prepare and draft Bills as required by the Executive Council or a member thereof;
- (b) render to the private members such assistance in the preparation of Bills as the time at his disposal permits;
- (c) revise and put marginal notes on all Bills, including Private Bills, and cause them to

- (a) No change
- (b) No change
- (c) revise and put notes on all Bills, including Private Bills, and cause them to be printed, and, where necessary,

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be printed, and, where necessary, reprinted, and be responsible for the correctness of the Bills in their various stages;

reprinted, and be responsible for the correctness of the Bills in their various stages;

(d) report to the Executive Council or a member thereof any provisions in Bills that are deserving of special attention or that appear to affect the public interest prejudicially or that require amendment;

(d) No change

(e) as he may be instructed by the Speaker, be present at the sittings of committees at which Bills are being considered;

(e) No change

(f) prepare the resolutions required in connection with measures to which Rule 50 applies; and

(f) No change

(g) prepare and deliver to the Queen's Printer the copy for the volume of the statutes, including a table of contents and a comprehensive index, as soon after the close of each session of the Legislature as is practicable.

(g) No change

95. (3) In the absence of the Law Officer, the Deputy Law Officer shall perform the duties of the Law Officer.

Completion of the work at close of session

96. The officers of the Assembly shall complete and finish the work remaining at the close of each session of the Legislature.

96. No change

Hours of attendance

97. The hours of attendance of the respective officers of the Assembly and the extra clerks and other persons employed during each session of the Legislature shall be fixed from time to time by the Speaker.

97. No change

Vacancies

98. The filling of any vacancy in the service of the Assembly shall be made by The Board of Internal Economy Commissioners on the representation of the Speaker, after inquiry touching the necessity for the continuance of the office.

98. No change

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(1) Where a debate arises on a motion for an Order for Return or an Address for Papers, the motion shall be transferred by the Clerk to the items of Orders for Returns and Addresses for Papers on the subsequent Order Papers for debate at the next sitting at which Private Members' business takes precedence.

(2) For the purpose of sub-rule (1) an indication by a minister that the government

(a) accepts an Order for Return or an Address for Papers;
 or

(b) accepts an Order for Return or an Address for Papers subject to conditions; or

(c) does not accept an Order for Return or an Address for Papers;

shall be deemed not to be a debate of the motion for the Order for Return or the Address for Papers.

A prorogation of the House shall not have the effect of nullifying an order or address of the House for returns or papers, but all papers and returns ordered at one session of the House, if not complied with during the session, shall be brought down during the following session, without renewal of the order.

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CHAPTER XIII

PRIVATE BILLS

Petitions
for Private
Acts

99. Any person desiring the enactment of a Private Act shall file with the Clerk a petition therefor addressed to the Legislature of Manitoba, and the petition shall be in the form of Appendix "A"

Time limits
respecting
Private
Bills

100. (1) No petition for a Private Act shall be received by the House after the first four weeks of each session.

Idem

(2) No Private Bill shall be presented to the House after the first five weeks of each session

Idem

(3) No report of any committee upon a Private Bill shall be received after the first eight weeks of each session.

Deposit on
filing of
petition for
Private Act

101. (1) At the time of filing a petition for a Private Act the petitioner shall deposit with the Clerk in cash or by cheque, draft, money order, or other remittance, payable to the Provincial Treasurer, the sum of \$100.00 (plus an additional sum of \$10.00 for every 450 words or fraction thereof contained in the Bill in excess of 4,500 words).

Fees res-
pecting
Private
Acts

(2) Before a Private Bill incorporating a joint stock company or increasing the capital stock of such a company is reported by the Committee to which it is referred, the petitioner shall deposit the following additional fees with the Clerk:

- (a) When the proposed capital stock of the company is over \$100,000 and does not exceed \$500,000.....\$100.00
- (b) When the proposed capital stock of the company is over \$500,000 and does not exceed \$750,000.....\$200.00
- (c) When the proposed capital stock of the company is over \$750,000 and does not exceed \$1,000,000.....\$300.00

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99.

No change

100. (1) No petition for a Private Act shall be received by the House after the first six weeks of each session.

(2) No Private Bill shall be presented to the House after the first seven weeks of each session.

(3) Deleted in its entirety

101. (1)

No change

(2)

No change

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- (d) For every additional million dollars (or fraction thereof) of capital stock200.00

Special ex-
ceptions

(3) Notwithstanding sub-rules (1) and (2), where the petitioner is an institution, organization, or association of charitable or religious or benevolent purposes, and is not carrying on, or intending to carry on, business for gain, the petitioner is not required to deposit any greater sum than that estimated by the Clerk to be sufficient to cover the actual cost of printing the Bill.

(3) Where the petitioner is an institution, organization, or association of charitable, religious or benevolent purposes, and is not carrying on, or intending to carry on, business for gain, the deposit, less any amount required to cover the actual cost of printing the Bill, may be remitted to the petitioner.

Limitation
on remit-
tance of
fees

(4) No remittance of any deposit or fees paid in connection with a Private Act or of any portion thereof shall be ordered by the House except upon the recommendation of the Committee to which the Bill has been referred.

(4)

Idem

(5) The remittance of any deposit or fees paid in accordance with this rule shall not exceed the amount of the deposit or fees less the actual cost of printing the Bill.

(5)

Publication
of notices
by Clerk of
the House

102. (1) The Clerk shall, for about two months prior to each session of the Legislature, publish weekly

102. (1)

No change

(a) in The Manitoba Gazette, Rules 103, 104, and 105 respecting notices of intended application for Private Acts; and

(b) in a newspaper, published in English, the substance of those rules.

Publication
of last date
for peti-
tions

(2) The Clerk shall also, immediately after the issue of the proclamation convening the Legislature for the dispatch of business publish in The Manitoba Gazette, and in a newspaper, as aforesaid, until the beginning of the session, the day on which the time limited for receiving petitions for Private Acts will expire, pursuant to Rule 100.

(2)

No change

Idem

(3) The Clerk shall announce, by notice affixed in the committee rooms and lobbies of the Assembly, by the first day of each session, the time limited for receiving petitions for Private Bills and reports thereon.

(3)

No change

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Notice of application for Private Bill to be advertised

103. (1) Every petitioner for a Private Act shall publish, during four weeks, between the close of the next preceding session of the Legislature and the time of the consideration of the petition.

- (a) in four issues of The Manitoba Gazette; and
- (b) at least once in each week during four weeks, in an issue of a newspaper, published in English;

a notice, clearly and distinctly specifying the nature and object of the application signed by or on behalf of the applicants.

Proof of publication

(2) Within one week after the final publication of the notices mentioned in sub-rule (1), the petitioner shall file with the Clerk a statutory declaration proving to the satisfaction of the Clerk, the due publication of those notices.

Three copies of Bill to Law Officer

104. Three copies of the proposed Bill, typewritten on standard lettersize paper and double spaced, shall be placed by the petitioner in the hands of the Law Officer at least two weeks, if possible, before the first publication of the notices mentioned in Rule 103 and, in any event, not later than two weeks after the first publication thereof.

Report by Law Officer

105. (1) Before any Private Bill is considered by the committee to which it may be referred, a report shall first be submitted to the committee by the Law Officer stating that he has examined the Bill, and has noted by section in the report any exceptional power sought and any other provisions of the Bill requiring special consideration.

Model Bill for incorporation

(2) Every Private Bill for an Act of incorporation or in amendment of any such Act shall be drawn in accordance with the Model Bill in Appendix C, with such variations and additions as may be approved by the Law Officer.

Exceptional provisions to be specified

(3) Any exceptional provisions that it may be proposed to insert in any Bill shall be clearly specified in the notice of application therefor.

103.(1) Every petitioner for a Private Act shall publish, between the close of the next preceding session of the Legislature and the time of the consideration of the petition,

- (a) in one issue of The Manitoba Gazette; and
- (b) at least once in each week during two weeks, in an issue of a newspaper published in English;

a notice, clearly and distinctly specifying the nature and object of the application signed by or on behalf of the applicants.

(2) Prior to presentation of the petition in the House, the petitioner shall file with the Clerk a statutory declaration proving to the satisfaction of the Clerk the due publication of the notices mentioned in sub-rule (1).

104. Three copies of the proposed Bill, typewritten on standard lettersize paper and double spaced, shall be placed by the petitioner in the hands of the Law Officer at least two weeks, if possible, before the presentation of the petition in the House.

105. (1) Before any Private Bill is considered by the committee to which it may be referred, a report shall first be submitted to the committee by the Law Officer or the Deputy Law Officer stating that he has examined the Bill, and has noted by section in the report any exceptional power sought and any other provisions of the Bill requiring special consideration.

(2) Every Private Bill for an Act of incorporation or in amendment of any such Act shall be drawn in accordance with the Model Bill in Appendix B, with such variations and additions as may be approved by the Law Officer.

- (3) No change

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Reference to applicable general Acts	(4) Every Private Bill for an Act of incorporation shall be so framed as to incorporate by reference the clauses of the general Act or Acts relating to the details to be provided for by the Bill.	(4)	No change	
Grounds for variation	(5) Special grounds shall be established for any proposed departure from this principle, or for the introduction of other provisions as to any such details; and a note shall be appended to the Bill, indicating the provisions thereof, in which it is proposed to depart from the general Act or Acts.	(5)	No change	
Re-casting of Bills	(6) Bills that are not framed in accordance with this rule shall be recast by the promoters, and re-printed at their expense, before any committee passes upon the clauses thereof.	(6)	No change	
Where rule not applicable	(7) Sub-rule (4) does not apply to those provisions of The Companies Act that, by virtue of that Act, are deemed to be included in any Private Act incorporating a company.	(7)	No change	
Examination of petitions	106. (1) Every petition for a Private Act, when received by the House shall, without special reference, be examined by the Clerk who shall report to the Speaker in each case whether compliance has been made with the rules relating to the Bill.	106. (1)	No change	
Procedure where notices insufficient	(2) Where the notice is found to have been insufficient, either as regards the petition as a whole, or as to any matter therein that ought to have been specially mentioned in the notice, the Clerk shall report on the petition to the Committee on Private Bills, Standing Orders, Printing, and Library, and that committee shall recommend to the House the course to be taken with respect to the matter.	(2)	No change	
Suspension of rules	107. Except in cases of urgent and pressing necessity no motion for the suspension of any of the Rules upon any petition for a Private Act shall be entertained unless it has been favourably reported upon by the Committee on Private Bills, Standing Orders, Printing, and Library.	107.	No change	

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Introduc- tion of Private Bills	108. Every petition for a Private Act shall be pre- sented to the House upon a motion for leave, after the petition has been favourably reported on by the Clerk or the Committee on Private Bills, Standing Orders, Printing, and Library.	108.	No change
Bills referred	109. Every Private Bill, after having been read a second time, shall stand referred to the Committee on Private Bills, Standing Orders, Printing, and Library, if it has been ap- pointed or to some other standing committee of the same charac- ter; and all petitions before the House, for or against the Bill, shall stand referred to that committee.	109.	No change
Notice of sitting of committee	110. (1) No committee on any Private Bill, notice of the sitting of which is required to be given, shall consider the Bill until two clear days' notice of the sitting of the com- mittee has been posted in the lobby of the Assembly.	110. (1)	No change
Publica- tion of notice	(2) On the day of the posting of any such notice the Clerk shall cause a notice of the posting to be appended to the printed Votes and Proceedings of that day; and also a notice of the meeting of any of the standing committees charged with the consideration of Private Bills or petitions therefor, that may have been appointed for the following day; and the notices shall remain appended to the Votes and Pro- ceedings until the Bill has been fully considered by the standing committee.	(2)	No change
Voting in committee	111. All questions before a committee on Private Bills shall be decided by a majority of votes, excluding the vote of the chairman; and when the votes are equal, the chairman shall cast a deciding vote.	111.	No change
Consent of parties in- terested	112. (1) Every person whose interest or property may be affected by any Private Bill shall, when required so to do, appear before the standing committee touching his consent, or may send his consent in writing - proof of which may be demanded by the committee.	112. (1)	No change

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Proofs as to incorporators .

(2) The committee upon any Bill for incorporating a company may require proof that the persons whose names appear in the Bill as composing the company are of full age, and in a position to effect the objects contemplated, and have consented to become incorporated.

(2) Where the consent of a person whose interest or property may be affected by a Private Bill is not produced to the committee, the committee may require the petitioners to serve a copy of the proposed Bill on the person and notify the person of the time and place where the committee will again consider the Private Bill.

(3) The committee upon any Bill for incorporating a company may require proof that the persons whose names appear in the Bill as composing the company are of full age, and in a position to effect the objects contemplated, and have consented to become incorporated.

Provisions not covered by notice

113. The committee to which any Private Bill may be referred by the House shall call the attention of the House specially to any provision in the Bill that does not appear to have been contemplated in the notice published in respect thereof, as reported upon by the Committee on Private Bills, Standing Orders, Printing, and Library.

113.

No change

All Bills to be reported

114. The committee to which a Private Bill has been referred shall report thereon to the House; and when any material alteration has been made in the preamble of the Bill, the alteration and the reasons therefor shall be stated in the report.

114.

No change

Bills reported by committee

115. Private Bills otherwise reported to the House by a committee shall be placed upon the Orders of the Day for the sitting following the reception of the report, for consideration in Committee of the Whole House in the order in which they are reported, next after Bills referred to a Committee of the Whole House.

115.

No change

Preamble not proven

116. When the committee on a Private Bill reports to the House that the preamble of the Bill has not been proved to the satisfaction of the committee, or otherwise reports unfavourably on the Bill, it shall also state the grounds upon which it has arrived at its decision; and no Bill so reported upon shall be placed upon the Orders of the Day unless by special order of the House.

116.

No change

Chairman to sign Bill and amendments

117. The chairman of the committee on any Private Bill shall sign with his name at length, a printed copy of the Bill, on which the amendments are fairly written, and shall also sign with the initials of his name, the several amendments made and clauses added in committee.

117.

No change

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Private
Bill
Register

118. (1) A book to be called: "The Private Bill Register", shall be kept in which the Clerk shall enter the name, description, and place of residence of the parties applying for the passing of the Bill, or of their agent, and all the proceedings thereon, from the petition to the passing of the Bill; and the entry shall specify briefly each proceeding in the House or in any committee to which the Bill or petition may be referred, and the day on which the committee is appointed to sit.

118. Deleted in its entirety

Inspection
of register

(2) The Private Bill Register shall be open to public inspection daily during office hours at the office of the Clerk.

List of
Bills

119. The Clerk shall cause lists of all Private Bills, and petitions for such Bills, upon which any committee is appointed to sit to be prepared daily, specifying the time of meeting and the room in which the committee will sit, and shall cause the lists to be posted up in the lobby of the Assembly.

119. No change

(See also Rule 79).

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APPENDIX "A" - No change

APPENDIX "A"

MODEL PETITION

To the Legislature
of the Province of Manitoba

The petition of the undersigned of the
of humbly sheweth.

That (*here state the object desired by the petitioner in
soliciting an Act.*)

WHEREFORE your petitioner humbly prays that The
Legislature of the Province of Manitoba may be pleased
to pass an Act (*for the purposes above mentioned*).

And as in duty bound your petitioner will ever pray.

Signature.....
(*and seal, in the case of an existing corporation*)

(Date)

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APPENDIX "B"

APPENDIX "B" - No change

MODEL BILL

An Act to incorporate *(state the name of the company)*

WHEREAS the persons hereinafter named have, by their petition, prayed that it be enacted as hereinafter set forth, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the petition;

THEREFORE HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, enacts as follows:

1. *(Insert names of the persons applying for incorporation)* together with such persons as become shareholders in the company, are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic under the name: *(state name of company)*, hereinafter called "the company".
2. The persons named in section 1 *(or as the case may be)* are the provisional directors of the company. *(The name, address and occupation of each director must be given).*
3. The capital stock of the company is
4. The head office of the company shall be in the of in the Province of Manitoba.
5. The company has all the powers, privileges and immunities conferred by, and is subject to all the limitations and liabilities set out, in The Companies Act that are applicable thereto and in addition has the following powers:

(here enumerate additional powers sought)

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APPENDIX "C"

APPENDIX "C" - No change

NOTIFICATION OF VACANCIES IN THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY PROVINCE OF
MANITOBA

To wit:

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

To His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council:

We, the undersigned, hereby give notice that a vacancy has occurred in the representation, in the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, for the electoral division of (*here state electoral division, cause of vacancy and name of member vacating seat*) and request the passing of an order-in-council for the filling of the vacancy under The Election Act.

Given under our hands and seals at this day of

Member for the electoral division of
(Seal)

Member for the electoral division of
(Seal)

The Legislative Assembly Act, Section 25

Subject to section 78 of The Controverted Elections Act, in any case of a vacancy in the representation of an electoral division created in any other way than by resignation, any two members of the Legislative Assembly may give notice of the vacancy to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council and request the passing of an order-in-council for the filling of the vacancy under The Election Act.

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APPENDIX "D" - No change

APPENDIX "D"

RESIGNATION OF A MEMBER

Province of Manitoba.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

To the Honourable the Speaker of the Legislative
Assembly of Manitoba:

I, member of the Legislative
Assembly of Manitoba, for the electoral division of
.....do hereby declare that it is my
intention to resign my seat in the Legislative Assembly,
for the electoral division aforesaid.

Given under my hand and seal at the
this day of, 19.....

Witnesses

(Two witnesses are necessary).

(Note: See Section 22 of The Legislative Assembly Act).

MR. LYON: Mr. Speaker, if I may, just on the point of order that has been raised. I would suggest to the Leader of the Opposition that I would now propose, subject to agreement, to move that after the report is received by the House, to move that the report of the Special Committee be referred to the Committee of the Whole for consideration and thence report back to the House for final adoption. I would make that motion this morning with the understanding that the House would resolve itself into Committee of the Whole Wednesday next, to begin consideration of the appendix to the report.

MR. D.L. CAMPBELL (Lakeside): Mr. Speaker, on the point of order, I would certainly see no objection to the procedure that is suggested by the Honourable the Attorney-General. I do raise the point, however, that so far as I am aware it is not the usual procedure. I don't know that anything about that invalidates it. As the House knows, I'm a great innovator, known as a radical, as one who doesn't believe in sticking necessarily with established procedures; on the other hand ...

A MEMBER: A swinger.

MR. CAMPBELL: Yes. I observe, if one can trust the press reports, Mr. Speaker, that it is said that the present government does not intend to be "go-go", so perhaps I should take that position to see that somebody here keeps up with the times, and I would be the logical nominee, I would expect, in view of my reputation and my experience. Mr. Speaker, I have no objection, as I say, to this procedure except that I would want to be assured by you that it is regular and proper and it doesn't constitute a precedent by which all reports of all committees would be forced to go through this procedure. If that's understood, then I have no objection.

MR. LYON: Mr. Speaker, on the point of order I must confess I was of the same opinion as the Honourable Member for Lakeside and my memory, not having recalled this procedure I thought that previously when general revisions have been made that we had gone into the debate on a motion of concurrence, but I was reminded otherwise by those who have responsibility for the rules and it was brought to my attention that -- this citation, by the way, is from Beauchesne's Parliamentary Rules and Forms, 4th edition, Citation 11, Pages 11 and 12, and I'm reading it only in part: "But if it is desired to make a general revision or to adopt some important rule, a special committee is appointed 'to assist Mr. Speaker' for that purpose. The Speaker acts as Chairman and the Clerk of the House acts as Clerk of that committee. When the report is presented to the House a motion may be made to refer it to the Committee of the Whole where the proposed amendments can be amended and thence reported to the House for final adoption." And this seems to be a reasonable procedure; it permits of the debate in the freer atmosphere of Committee of the Whole, and I would recommend it to the House unless there is some violent objection to it.

MR. CAMPBELL: My objection is by no means violent but that has not been the procedure in this House.

MR. LYON: ...only on memory. My own memory told me that it wasn't; my memory was the same as yours. But others have told me, and I don't have the benefit of the Journals in front of me, that we have followed this procedure before, although I don't honestly recall it.

MR. SPEAKER: The suggestion put forward by the Attorney-General is acceptable by the House? Agreed?

MR. LYON: Mr. Speaker, in that case I would then move, seconded by the Honourable the Provincial Treasurer, that the Report of the Committee be received.

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

MR. LYON: Mr. Speaker, I should now like to move, seconded by the Honourable the Provincial Treasurer, that the Report of the Special Committee of the House appointed to give consideration to the rules, orders and forms of proceeding of the Legislative Assembly be referred to the Committee of the Whole for consideration and thence report to the House for final adoption. And I just add that it's understood this will not mature until Wednesday next.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, before you put the question, can we be assured, if we have not been already, that every member of the House will be in possession of a copy of the proposed amendments as finalized by the Committee in its last meeting?

MR. SPEAKER: The Opposition has assurance that that will...?

MR. LYON: I believe that copies have already been provided to the Leaders of the Parties for every member, and if additional copies are required I believe the Clerk has a small additional supply for anyone who may have misplaced his.

MR. MOLGAT: Mr. Speaker, I have received from the Clerk a sufficient number of copies for my caucus and they have been distributed.

MR. SPEAKER: The Leader of the New Democratic Party - you're content? Thank you. The Honourable Member for St. Matthews.

MR. ROBERT STEEN (St. Matthews): Mr. Speaker, I wish to present the First Report of the Special Committee of the House appointed to examine the statutes and regulations...

MR. LYON: ...had to be put on the previous motion.

MR. SPEAKER: I was otherwise occupied at the moment with the Clerk's... Is it desired I read this report again, this motion again?

MEMBERS: The question.

MR. SPEAKER put the question and after a voice vote declared the motion carried.

MR. SPEAKER: Notices of Motion.

MR. STEEN: This is under the previous proceedings, Sir. I wish to present the First Report of the Special Committee of the House appointed to examine the statutes and regulations governing professional associations.

MR. CLERK: To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba: Your Special Committee of the Legislature established to examine the Statutes and Regulations governing Professional Associations and the licensing, provision of standards and disciplining of professionals in the Province of Manitoba beg leave to present the following as their First Report:

Your Committee met on Wednesday, January 10th, 1968, and appointed Mr. Steen as Chairman, and the quorum was set at seven. Your Committee met again on March 7, 1968.

Your Committee was supplied with a list of Professional Associations incorporated by Private Acts of the Legislature.

The Committee discussed at length the standards, licensing and policing of the Professional Associations, also the appeal provisions.

The Committee agreed that a study be undertaken dealing with the purpose of the Act of Incorporation with respect to the public and personal protection, standards of education requirements, training, licensing, disciplining and appeal procedure, also comparison study and research on matters of monopoly provisions, fees and damages.

In compliance with the resolution passed by the House establishing this Committee, necessary funds were approved by the Treasury Board in order to undertake the study outlined by the Committee.

The two Private Bills referred to this Committee at the last Session - i.e. - An Act to Incorporate the Certified General Accountants Association of Manitoba, and An Act Respecting Occupational Therapy were not considered until additional information is gathered and made available to members of the Committee.

The Manitoba Bar Association has accepted the invitation of the Committee to undertake background and research study for the Committee, and has appointed Mr. Joseph F. O'Sullivan to head such a group, which has commenced its work.

Your Committee, not having completed its work, requests that it be reconstituted as early as possible at this Session of the Legislature, with the same powers as set out in the resolution passed by the House on April 21, 1967.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MR. STEEN: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Fisher, that the report be received.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, before the question is put, I wonder if the government can give us any indication as to when concurrence may be before the House.

MR. LYON: I would have to look at this, Mr. Speaker, with respect to concurrence. I don't know if concurrence is usually required on a report of this nature. I think if we accept the motion to receive it we can take a look at that point and advise my honourable friend. Certainly if it is to be moved it won't be moved today.

MR. PAULLEY: If I may, on the point of order, Mr. Speaker. All that I want to be assured is that there will be ample time to discuss the contents of the report which we are now receiving and if memory serves me properly it has been done on concurrence of the report itself.

MR. SPEAKER: Introduction of Bills.
Notices of motion.

MR. LYON: Mr. Speaker, I believe the question has to be put on the previous motion that the Report of the Committee be received.

MR. SPEAKER: Are you ready for the question?

MR. SAUL CHERNIACK, Q.C. (St. John's): Mr. Speaker, this is a motion which I believe we can debate and unless we have been given an assurance that we will have an opportunity to debate it at the time of concurrence, then I propose to debate it now. And since I don't think we have received that assurance, I propose to say a few words on this motion.

MR. SPEAKER: Probably the Honourable Member for St. John's would bear with the Attorney-General for a moment.

MR. CHERNIACK: Oh I'll bear with him often and not for a moment.

MR. SPEAKER: May I inform the Attorney-General that a question has been directed to him by the Honourable Member for St. John's that probably he would endeavour to answer.

MR. LYON: Mr. Speaker, I was not a member of this committee and, as I understand it from the reading of the report, it requests the opportunity to be reconstituted to carry on its work. My understanding - and I'm subject to correction on this - is that there is otherwise nothing substantive in the report, therefore in the ordinary course of events a report of this nature would not require concurrence, and if my honourable friend wishes to speak then this would presumably be the time for him to speak, in the absence of concurrence, or to take the adjournment on the debate.

MR. MOLGAT: Mr. Speaker, on the point of order, surely, though, if the report of the committee recommends that the committee be reconstituted, then action will have to come forward at some stage to reconstitute the committee, which can be done either by concurring in the report or by a specific motion re-establishing the committee.

MR. CHERNIACK: Well, Mr. Speaker, I don't want to delay to any length of time the normal proceedings of this morning, so I just want to say a few words on this question because it isn't a very contentious one. The only point that I think should be stressed is that the question, that is, the subject matter of the work done by this committee, has been before this Legislature I think for two years now, and the first meeting that was called to establish this committee was set up in -- I think met early in January and it's taking a long time for this government to get the work of the Legislature going and continuing, and I want to make the point that we waited a long time to get this committee established to study the work. There is a great deal of work to be done in the minds of the committee. The Manitoba Bar Association has volunteered to do a good deal of the ground work which I hope is being proceeded with. The members of the committee, as far as I can see, are all interested in what will be going on and I would only hope that the committee will be established very soon.

As was indicated by the Attorney-General, there will not be a motion of concurrence and therefore I presume that it is left for the government to come fairly soon with a motion re-establishing this committee. The committee has expressed an interest in going on with the work quickly and I would therefore assume that if the government is not prepared to re-establish the committee fairly soon, then any one of us has the right to bring a motion that the committee be re-established. I would hope that that would not be necessary and that the work will progress quickly with the government's actions being a little quicker than have been in the past in connection with this matter that was before us.

MR. SPEAKER put the question and after a voice vote declared the motion carried.

MR. SPEAKER: Introduction of Bills.

Orders of the Day.

MR. T.P. HILLHOUSE, Q.C. (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day, I would like to direct a question to the Honourable Minister of Agriculture. The question is in four parts: (1) On what date did you receive a letter, registered or otherwise, from the President of the Manitoba Farmers Union requesting a date for making the annual submissions of that union to the Cabinet or the government caucus? (2) Did you or any member of the government reply to said letter and, if so, on what date was the reply sent and the substance thereof? (3) Did you and/or any member of the Cabinet receive an invitation to attend a meeting of said union to be held at the Balmoral Hotel on March 5th, 1968 at 1 p.m.? (4) If your answer to (3) is yes, what transpired at said meeting and what members of the Cabinet did attend?

HON. HARRY J. ENNS (Minister of Agriculture) (Rockwood-Iberville): Mr. Speaker, I'd be happy to take that series of questions as notice and furnish the House with these answers at a later date.

MR. RUSSELL DOERN (Elmwood): Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day, I would like to direct a question to either the Attorney-General or the Provincial Secretary. I would like to know if they are aware of the declaration of bankruptcy of the Business Machines Training Institute of Manitoba Limited which apparently involves a large number of students and an educational institute that has gone bankrupt.

MR. LYON: The department is aware of that situation by reason of a complaint that was made, yes.

MR. DOERN: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct a question to the Minister of Education. I'd like to know whether he has had knowledge of complaints directed against this particular institute to his department in the past before this bankruptcy has occurred.

HON. GEORGE JOHNSON (Minister of Education) (Gimli): Mr. Speaker, I have asked the department for a full report on this matter insofar as the operations of our department are concerned and will report when I have a full report from them.

MR. DOERN: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is the Minister going to review the legislation in regard to such private institutions?

MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, I have detailed legislation coming before this session re the trade school regulations.

MR. SIDNEY GREEN (Inkster): Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct a question to the Honourable Minister of Labour concerning the present stoppage of work at Bristol Aircraft. I would like to know whether the department is aware as to what steps are now being taken as between the parties to discuss their problems and whether his department is in any way lending its offices towards some satisfactory settlement of this dispute.

HON. OBIE BAIZLEY (Minister of Labour) (Osborne): Mr. Speaker, in answer to the honourable member, I might tell him that the services of the department had been used previously. The strike is in progress. I understand the parties are meeting and certainly the services of our department are available to the parties on request.

MR. ELMAN GUTTORMSON (St. George): Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day, I would like to direct a question to the Attorney-General. Has the government purchased any wire tapping devices?

MR. LYON: Mr. Speaker, I would have to take that question as notice.

MR. GUTTORMSON: Do any of the police departments in Manitoba have telephone tapping devices?

MR. LYON: I will have to take that as notice. Not that I am aware of, but I will take that as notice.

MR. GUTTORMSON: Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Education. There was a news report that the Boundaries Commission would be reporting at 10 o'clock this morning. Will the members be getting copies of this report?

MR. JOHNSON: I don't know just what is meant by them meeting this morning. If they're releasing their provisional plan which we've been anticipating, I would hope that there would be copies for every member of the House -- or I could look into it. I haven't seen it myself but I can make inquiries.

MR. HILLHOUSE: Could the honourable minister advise us as to whether that plan only affects the interlake area or whether it's more general?

MR. JOHNSON: I understand this will be the first stage of the provisional plan for the Interlake area, including the fine constituencies of the honourable member and myself.

MR. MOLGAT: Mr. Speaker, following on the same question, will there be any subjects in this report insofar as any municipal boundaries, the other parts of the responsibilities of the commission.

HON. THELMA FORBES (Minister of Urban Development and Municipal Affairs) (Cypress): Mr. Speaker, no, there will not.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MR. SPEAKER: The adjourned debate on the proposed motion of the Honourable the First Minister. The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. SIDNEY GREEN (Inkster): Mr. Speaker, the honourable member is not here. I believe that he is ill - unavoidably ill - and therefore is not present, and by leave of the House I believe he would like to have this matter stand -- if he can obtain leave.

MR. SPEAKER: May the honourable member have leave? Agreed.

MR. GREEN: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: Consideration of the speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor. The Honourable Member for Virden.

MR. D. MORRIS MCGREGOR (Virden): In rising, Mr. Speaker, I think my first remarks should be addressed to you and your office. I am very pleased to see you reappointed to that office, and I hope as we've discussed this over the last couple of years of a permanent speaker, I hope when that does arise that you will find your permanent position there because I am very happy the way you ruled this House with fair play and honesty, and may your health and good judgment remain a part of this Legislature.

I must say to my First Minister, my leader and your Premier, I thank him for the privilege that he has bestowed upon me and the constituency of Virden by asking me to move the Speech from the Throne. I kid no one, Mr. Speaker, in the five and on six years that the First Minister and I have worked together, we've not always agreed or seen agreement, but I have always found him to be a man of honour, fair play and very willing to compromise. And for this very reason is why he is our new leader and our Premier.

Mr. Speaker, I don't want to burden you with a long travelogue of my constituency as I spoke other years, but I would just gently bring you up to date on what is going on in Virden and where our problems are. I think you see before us two exhibits. This I would say is the natural resource and this might well be considered the human resource, and between the two is what makes Virden as fine a constituency as it is. This is the courtesy of the Virden Chamber of Commerce. This is the courtesy of H. and Bundgoord the owners of the new cheese plant in Virden that just opened up a week ago yesterday. While this was manufactured November 13th, 1967, it just official got its blessings last week.

Another point that has come up since my last time standing before you is the Antique Automobile Museum at Elkhorn, and I hope any of the members that are going to the west side of the province will call because it's one of the - if not the better ones - or possibly the best one in Canada.

Also, we have a cement block plant trying to get off the ground at Miniota, and in the next few months I think we will see this officially opened.

It seems to be a little hard for small concerns to start up. It seems when we go to the industrial development banks that if we're talking in millions it may be yes, but if we were talking in smaller amounts it many times is no. I think that this policy should be slightly changed because I think we need many many more of the twenty to fifty thousand dollar type of loans and maybe less of the multi-million dollar loans.

This being Education Week, Mr. Speaker, I think I have to make some remarks in this regard. I must say those remarks are guarded as I question my Minister. We have seen tremendous strides in education and I am wondering now can we afford -- how much more can we afford. And also, I've been very aware in recent months or the last year of parents coming to me with their daughter or their son with a nervous condition, and I feel either we're not classifying our students properly or we're driving them too hard. I think if only a small percentage of those don't rectify themselves we have a welfare problem for years ahead. But I also have to congratulate my Minister as we now see a Chaplain from Virden, Reverend Walmsley, who is going to be the Chaplain at the Retarded School in Portage. This is the first in Canada, and for this I say congratulations.

I would like to say how happy I am to work with all the civil servants around this building. I've found them always co-operative, and from Mr. Sly who works the switches over there right down through the deputies and the other civil servants, I have found nothing but extremely good relations.

The oil sample that you see here came out of the 50th million barrel. We have now reached something in excess of 67 million barrels, and a member might well ask me, "What is the price of a barrel of oil?" Well, it runs in Virden I guess \$2.50; a little south it runs

(MR. MCGREGOR cont'd.) higher to \$2.62, in the Honourable Member of Arthur's constituency. But the oil future is very promising. In recent months there's been four wells, two at Pierson and two at Waskada. Now this has created a problem where there must be 20 off-set wells to -- as the mining rules go -- so the future is very good. I was hoping years back that we'd hit our 70th million in 1970 but I guess we'll be closer to 85 million in 1970, which makes us all happy I think.

Mr. Speaker, another problem that is very close to me - and I hope not to take any disadvantage of any member - but it's something important enough that I think I just have to speak and that's redistribution, because we sometimes hear city versus rural and I think we only have to think a little bit. A man in the city he can go to his alderman, he maybe can go to his Metro councillor or he may get to his MLA, but failing all those three, fifteen cents will get him right here to the building; where the same problem - suppose it's McAuley, Manitoba - it takes me the better part of the day to investigate it and probably the following day to come into Winnipeg, and there is a half an hour versus two day's work maybe for me. So I say whatever our format, or formula, let's be very careful that we do not hurt or destroy rural, because if rural becomes dormant the Greater Winnipeg will certainly follow that very very fastly. So I hope the city members will just realize that, and speaking of redistribution along this line I think if you give the rural member the same footing, the same toe-hold, he'll compare very favourably.

I think in our sporting fields I must mention the curlers. You seen the senior champion out of Virden. We seen the ladies out of Brandon, two of who are constituents of my First Minister. We seen the farmers from Hamiota - Strachan went to Toronto. Parker we know, he's in Kelowna. I don't know what he's doing today but we wish him well in any case.

I think I would just like to close by sincerely and humbly thanking the First Minister and those who allowed me this duty on behalf of the Virden constituency.

Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Member for St. Matthews, that a humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor as follows: We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba in Session assembled, humbly thank Your Honour for the gracious speech which Your Honour has been pleased to address us at the opening of the present Session. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER presented the motion.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for St. Matthews.

MR. STEEN: Mr. Speaker, first of all I'd like to congratulate you on your resumption of your duties of your high office and I know that you will continue in the high standards that you established last year of dignity and impartiality in presiding over this unruly House.

Mr. Speaker, may I also extend my personal gratitude to the Premier and his colleagues of the Executive Council for giving me this opportunity and bestowing upon me, and my constituency indirectly, the honour of seconding the motion made by the member for Virden. The member for Virden has very ably presented his motion and I congratulate him upon his worthwhile contribution.

Mr. Speaker, may I also at this time extend to the Honourable Member from Minnedosa my warmest congratulations and my sincere best wishes upon his assumption of the duties as Premier of this province. I have every confidence and complete faith that the new First Minister will go down in the history of our province as one of its outstanding public figures and one of its finest premiers. I have great faith in the future of our province in its political and economic development under his sound and sensible guidance and leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot let such an opportunity as this pass without paying tribute to his predecessor, not just as a member of this Legislative Assembly or as a Conservative but as a Manitoban, to the magnificent contribution made by the Honourable Member for Wolseley when occupying the position of First Minister of Manitoba. The last ten years under his outstanding leadership have truly been a dynamic decade. During this time every facet of the political, economic and social life of Manitoba has seen many changes, but I believe the most telling and the most valuable is the large and necessary investment in this province's leading resource, its people. He is in the prime of his life and we all look forward to the role that he will yet play in our political life and wish him well for the future.

Mr. Speaker, may I at this time also extend congratulations to the Honourable Member for St. Vital on his elevation to Cabinet rank and the responsibilities he now assumes as Minister of Mines & Natural Resources. I know that he will handle them well and accredit him with the ability for which he is known.

May I also extend my warmest congratulations to the Honourable Member elect from **Turtle Mountain** on his recent by-election victory. I know the member will soon resume his seat in this House and make his worthwhile contribution to our deliberations for which he is known.

Mr. Speaker, it is normal during the Throne Speech debate that a member should make a rather omnibus speech covering many topics, and during the course of which he also gives the House the benefit of a detailed tour of his constituency. Last year when I first spoke in my maiden speech of this House I did so, and in spite of the requests from many members on both sides of the House for a refresher course on same, I think I will just bring the members up to date as to what has happened in St. Matthews in the last year and what our particular needs and problems are, or some of them, that require the attention of all members of this House.

As mentioned previously, Sir, the western end of my constituency includes Polo Park Shopping Centre, the largest single shopping centre of its kind in our province. The T. Eaton Company has recently invested the sum of \$5 million into the erection of its first satellite department store and there are other developments of a similar nature going on within that complex.

Also, just north of that one would find the home of the Winnipeg Enterprises, our arena and our stadium, and since the Pan American Games have come to Winnipeg the added facility of the cycletron. I, like all Manitobans and several thousand that saw fit to attend the opening of the Pan American Games last July in the drenching rain, our hearts were lifted with pride with the entrance of Prince Phillip, the consort to our beloved monarch, to open the Games during that drenching rain. We and thousands of Canadians who watched it on television could not help but be proud of the Canadian contingent and its remarkable achievements during the course of those games, the work that was done to bring to Manitoba those games and the contribution that they have made to our tourist industry. I think the most remarkable contribution of all is the awakening in the hearts of many people of our province of the need for more increased athletic facilities and more participation by all people of all levels and ages in sports and athletics.

Mr. Speaker, while I'm on the subject of sports, I would like to compliment the rink that represented the Province of Manitoba in the Dominion High Schools championships which took place recently in Port Arthur. All St. Matthews boys - Ken Clapham the skip, Jim Sproule his third, Tom Will his second and Wayne Ardrin the lead, represented this province with good sportsmanship and with distinction at that event. Unfortunately, they were unable to achieve the goal and bring back the cup to our province, but they made their contribution as best they knew and in keeping with the established traditions of that organization in very good sportsmanship.

Mr. Speaker, there was reference in the Throne Speech to the creation of two new universities in the Province of Manitoba and that this House will be asked to further increase financial support to all three existing universities. St. Matthews is the home of once what was known as Wesley College and later as United College and now is the University of Winnipeg, and anybody who has had the opportunity of recently touring the facilities of the University of Winnipeg on that small plot of land in downtown Winnipeg and have seen the expanded facilities and what they have in mind for the future as a downtown college cannot help but be proud. I hope though with all the improved facilities in the hope of achieving higher academic standards that the University of Winnipeg does not lose its flavor in its intimacy of a small college because that is where it has established its record.

A few blocks away in St. Matthews one will see the new facilities currently being erected by the Young Women's Christian Association, the YWCA, and this House was asked last year to approve an agreement between the YWCA and the City of Winnipeg on the construction of the new swimming pool which would also allow the general public to make use of these facilities and give St. Matthews a second swimming pool.

Mr. Speaker, one will also find in our constituency Central Park Lodge, which is the largest private enterprise personal care facilities in the Province of Manitoba, housing 250 residents. You will also find the Lyons Club Manor built under the Elderly Persons' Housing Act in the Province of Manitoba, also housing around 250 people, the largest facility of its kind within the borders of our province. I think that the success of both these institutions points out the need for increased facilities of a similar nature, not only throughout Manitoba

(MR. STEEN cont'd) but in the downtown area of Winnipeg.

Mr. Speaker, I was very pleased to see a reference in the Throne Speech that this House will be asked to provide funds for the Housing and Renewal Corporation we established last year that it might undertake programs in the field of urban renewal and housing. I was also pleased to see a reference for new legislation providing for condominium ownership of property. Mr. Speaker, the Metropolitan area of Winnipeg is suffering from a housing shortage. Recent statistics indicate that there are about 14,000 houses needed in the metropolitan area. Now while these statistics may be disputed by some, there is certainly no dispute about the question that we need additional housing facilities and the high cost of land in the metropolitan area, the high cost of servicing this land in new developments, and the very high cost of money for mortgages and the fact that mortgage interest is probably the highest it has ever been in our living memory; and the need for rapid transit facilities and recreation facilities to connect these housing developments with the commercial areas; and the rapidly rising assessment increases in the metropolitan area have highlighted certain housing problems which the people of Winnipeg are suffering more so now than ever before.

I might also point out, Mr. Speaker, that my constituency has a very large percentage of people who are confined to fixed incomes, and that with the high cost of living ever increasing and with these problems of housing, these people have particular additional problems that those of us who are in a position to increase our incomes do not have. Mr. Speaker, I hope the members of this House, on all sides of the House, will during the course of its deliberation in the next few months give consideration to the problems of these people.

Mr. Speaker, if I might digress from the constituency for a moment, I would like to point out what I consider to be one of Manitoba's first and major problems, and that is the question of public safety on our highways. I would like to compliment the Minister of Justice at Ottawa for the introduction of the proposed amendments to the Criminal Code which will make breathalyzer tests compulsory, but, Mr. Speaker, this is a two-edged sword that he has proposed. While I believe he had the very best of intentions he has set a minimum standard which is so high that I believe it could be dangerous. I also believe that the standard that he has set which amounts to 100 millimetres of alcohol on 100 metres of blood can be used as a defence by many people who can claim that Parliament in its wisdom says that everybody who has consumed that amount of liquor or less is sober.

Now to translate that figure that is proposed in the Criminal Code amendment into terms and amounts that we might be more familiar with, that amounts to nine bottles of beer consumed in the course of one hour, and this is the type of man that we are going to excuse from driving on our highways and creating accidents. He is going to be legally sober. Now Great Britain introduced four or five months ago similar legislation but they placed a slightly lower amount of 80 millimeters of alcohol to be consumed for every 100 meters of blood - the famous .08 figure - and I believe, Mr. Speaker, this translated into our terms again amounts to about six bottles of beer per hour which is a much better figure and will probably contribute to the Minister of Justice achieving the end which we would like to see achieved in the compulsory breathalyzer tests.

Other countries in the world have adopted the .08 figure and have found it to be satisfactory. Many other countries though have gone a step further and reduced it even further to .05 and some have even gone as far as to have a reducing scale of penalties from between .05 to .08. But I would ask this government and this House to use every weapon that it has in its power to convince the Minister of Justice in his amendments to the Criminal Code to lower this figure from .10 to .08 and to make this compulsory breathalyzer test a boon to our highways and not as it is now, a two-edged sword.

Mr. Speaker, I was also very pleased to see reference in the Throne Speech to the continuation of driver testing and driver improvement programs throughout the Province of Manitoba. I think that the special and select committee of this Legislature that was holding hearings during the course of the recess on automobile insurance was presented with statistical information which must have astounded and shocked them. I think that the members of this House will likely find that more than half the accidents that occur on our highways every year are the responsibility of drivers who have not yet attained their 20th birthday.

Mr. Speaker, our only way of combating such a thing is to continue our efforts in the driver education programs that are now instituted by this government, to expand them right throughout the province, because unless we lick this problem right at its source - and this is only one solution to it - unless we lick it right at its source, we are going to have carnage on

(MR. STEEN cont'd.) . . . our highways the likes of which we could never imagine. It has got to the point that so many people in the metropolitan area, that I know of, refuse to drive on the highways during weekends and especially during long weekends. They are afraid of being part of or contributing to a traffic accident which will not only possibly mean fatalities but a fantastic amount of property damage, loss of man hours, suffering, and the human cost that our economy suffers from this makes this program a priority, ranks with education because it is part of education, ranks with even preventive medicine and defence. I hope the members of the House will also turn their attention to all facets of the Public Safety and Highway Safety Programs being presented by this government or that should be presented.

Mr. Speaker, allow me to wind up by making some reference, as I did last year, to our province. Our province is made up primarily of three units, the Metropolitan urban area, the rural agricultural area, and the vast untapped north. I was very pleased to see reference in the Throne Speech regarding further expansion to the north, the extension of a possible highway which will cut down on about five hours of driving between the metropolitan area and what will soon be Manitoba's second largest community, that of Thompson, and further explorations for mineral and oil possibilities in the north and in the Hudson Bay. I know too that this road if it should ever be successful - and I know there are certain members of this House that will make sure it is - will also allow the opening of various marginal mining facilities along its course to be developed for the benefit of the entire province. Our province is made up of these three units that I referred to and they work together as an integrated part of each other, and when working together in concert they contribute to the progress and prosperity of the entire province, and when one section, one of these units is suffering, all of us feel it.

Mr. Speaker, we look forward to the celebration in two years' time of the centennial of the Province of Manitoba, and I hope that when that time comes we will have the same results that the country to which we are all proud to belong enjoyed in the celebration last year of its centennial, a renewed pride in the fact of being Manitobans; a renewed vigor for the future of our province; and a renewed interest in every aspect and in the problems and possibilities of every one of these three units which will make for a much stronger and better province. We can rest assured that we will never have been derelict in our duties so long as each one of us spends as much time on the problems of each one of these three units that I mentioned and for the betterment of the entire province. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Are you ready for the question?

MR. MOLGAT: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Member from Lakeside, that the debate be adjourned.

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

MR. LYON: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable Minister of Welfare, that the House do now adjourn.

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