

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA
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INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

MR. CHAIRMAN: I should like before we start this evening, I should like to direct the attention of the honourable members to the gallery on my left where a number of the St. Vital Third Cub Band are present. They are under the direction of Cub Master Glen Charles. This Cub Group is located in the constituency of the Honourable Member for St. Vital. On behalf of all honourable members we bid you welcome.

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Churchill.

MR. BEARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like at the offset to pass along my congratulations to the Minister and wish him good for the summer. I hope I don't stay here and see him all summer but I'm sure he'll get along well without us.

I think that when we gave education a priority we went all the way, Mr. Chairman, and we probably are suffering the financial kickback on our over-exuberance in that field in many respects and we hear about this more and more as time passes. We often wonder whether in fact this is really right as far as the dollar is concerned in respect to the total budget but it is true in some of the fields in which we seem to find more and more monies spent and we wonder when the people are leaving universities and do not have work to go to, they are almost in the same position as they were in the depression times when they were graduating and wondering what they were going to do with that diploma after they had graduated. That is not a problem of the Minister but it is a problem of society and I think it is something that society has to face up to.

There are in fact, I suppose, the elementaries, the three R's, which we have all had to go through and then we advanced to the higher demands on education, and the demands that even government make, and sometimes when they are advertising for people I think the qualifications that they ask for are a little high, just as industry seems to think that they have to ask for qualifications that are higher than is really necessary.

On the other hand, they not only ask for the diplomas but they also want the experience. They haven't learned yet that they can't have both. If they want people young they've got to be prepared to have them with the diploma in their hand, or the experience, but it's highly unlikely that they'll have both, and I think that is one of the problems that has to be faced up to.

I congratulate the Department of Education and before I leave the Minister's desk I would say to him that I again applaud his staff. I know most of them, have known them for quite some time and certainly I think they are amongst the best that he could have, and I believe all of us in the House would approve of that statement.

I believe the bursary programs that encourage professionals to practice in rural Manitoba is a good one. I have no fear in that - the Member for Emerson was afraid that this would encourage people to ask for handouts. I don't believe this is the fact, it's assuring people that they are going to - assuring rural Manitoba that they are going to get a fair share of the professional assistance that is necessary for people that are living in rural Manitoba. And if indeed this is called a subsidy, then this is the other side of the coin that rural Manitoba get out of that one pot that we heard about so much the other day. So we get it regardless of whether we live in the city or in the country and I think that it is only fair that the country gets a fair share of the professionals.

I know that particularly in Churchill where the doctor program has been tested out, it's being looked at - it's not a perfect medical program by any means, it's got problems, but under the University Teaching Program it's considered a reasonably good one, and it will improve undoubtedly as the hospital facilities improve, the medical facilities improve. Certainly as the new hospital comes along I believe that it will be a help for not only the whole of that part of northern Manitoba but for much of the high Arctic, and I believe that is one case where a great deal of the Northwest Territories and Manitoba will be able to join together in a program to help people.

I think that before we go into other such programs as I have in mind I would like to talk for a few minutes about the unfortunate part and that is those people that are not going on to higher education, and of course those are the children in the isolated communities, the Bayline

(MR. BEARD cont'd.) communities, and by and large it's the Indian children and the Metis children, and children in the small communities along the Bayline. We haven't reached down into those areas yet, and we haven't found a way to get them into the high school areas and get them to, encourage them to go on to university in large enough numbers. Now anything is up to what the statistics were before and if it's up ten times then that's ten times one, and that is a step forward I suppose. But it's not going to be fast enough I maintain and I don't believe there's an overnight answer by any means, but I'll say it once again that it appears that the answer is not to bring them into Winnipeg away from their families and put them into residential schools, or board them in large residential buildings because they are grouped together as children and I suppose it's tantamount to being in the army, they as children become homesick and it's just not like living at home. If you put them in with a family in the community then they are in again with strangers, and they are not used to the way these strangers live, and they are not used to living in the community, and it just is proving day in and day out, that they'd rather go home than fight the madness of trying to get along in the city, and sometimes when we from the country come in and look at the city we share with them their frustrations in trying to get along in a city for a few years, particularly children at such a young age, 24 hours means so much to them, so much more than when they become adults. Their parents and their friends mean so much to them; they are away from them, and I think that we still have to bring the school to them, and the only way that you can do that is by getting back down to the smaller high schools and get away from this idea that you have to have a team of teachers teaching. You don't have to have specialized teachers to get back to teaching at the community level and until the people start to say we want to get out into the larger type of schools, as is done in the larger communities. Well I know that possibly I shouldn't have got onto that perhaps, Mr. Minister, Mr. Chairman, but I'll leave it at that.

I think that one thing I would like to touch on is some of the post graduate work and the encouragement of maybe a federal program, particularly in the northern area, and I believe as many do that we have areas in the north which could absorb a great deal of the post graduate students that are looking for courses, and we think of research centres such as at Churchill where you could have studies that could be used by the Federal Government and by industry, and by the province incidentally. There are marine studies in the Bay, Hudson Bay, that have never been done and would be useful. There is the Arctic family living conditions which is very necessary, very necessary as the Arctic becomes opened up and it is proving not so fragile as some of the ecology-minded people have feared in the past and it will survive, and as it survives more and more people will have to learn to live in those conditions, and I think that if we can pass along good advice to those that are responsible for building communities and building towns, then it will do away with the many expensive mistakes that are being made from time to time.

I believe that it is necessary to have studies made in the industrial northern requirements that come up from time to time. Certainly I was very surprised with the little study that the Province of Manitoba has made in respect to permafrost for instance. I was rather amazed when they got around to building the Urban Renewal Program in Churchill that they had to start all over again, that they didn't have a study made on Thompson. I think these are the kinds of studies that are useful and this is the kind of things that universities should have. They should have a backlog of these studies and this is what I believe universities should become involved in on their post graduate courses.

I believe there should be courses set up for Northern Transportation and Communication. All these are important in the life and future of the north and in the development of northern Manitoba, in fact all of Canada. Manitoba universities have at their back door the facilities to look into this type of research, and certainly they should be able to approach Ottawa and get the monies to go ahead with this type of course. I believe that also we have the facilities there. We own a naval base which is a building that we haven't got around to using yet. It's an ideal teaching building. It has eating and room accommodation. We bought it very cheap but we haven't been able to use it as yet. It is vacant and it should be put to good use.

In the field of teacher training, I believe that there should be some consideration given to teacher training for the north and what better way, I think, could it be done than - it could be done on a course for teacher training. And rather than doing it in the south I don't know why it couldn't be done, say, at The Pas. You have the facilities there, and if you take part of that community college and train some of the teachers in the community college or at Cranberry

(MR. BEARD cont'd.) Portage, and give them credits for northern research and northern training, and their abilities to cope with the different types of living conditions and language, etc., and I think it would encourage them to stay up for a few years and take advantage of those credits which they would get for living in isolated communities.

I think that the community college in The Pas can play a large role in northern industry and in northern Indians' work habits actually. But I think again they would have to be prepared to look at those work habits and to assess them and see how they can advise industry, how these people can work into the normal work days, because this is the difficult thing we haven't been able to overcome, and these are some of the ways in which a northern community college would work into and serve industry and government and the people of northern Manitoba.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution . . . the Honourable Member for Souris-Killarney.

MR. McKELLAR: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to say a word on the Estimates of this department. One thing that has bothered me is importance is stressed on biculturalism and bilingualism at the present time and yet language is not stressed in the high schools today that it was even 15, 20 or 25 years ago. You don't need language to go on to university. You can take another optional course. Presently at Wawanesa in Grade 12 there's only one student taking French in Grade 12 and it's impossible to teach one student because no school board can afford to hire a teacher for one student. When all the money is being spent at the Federal level trying to encourage people to learn another language - and it doesn't have to be French, I'm not stressing French alone - I think that we're missing the boat. If we're going to spend money to encourage people to learn it let's teach the students in high school so that when they go on to university that they will have this language and they will improve on this particular language.

Now it seems odd that the province is taking a different direction than what the Federal Government is - maybe I'm off base a little on this but this is what I'm told. But I think it's important in this small world of ours that we do have a second language. I was not one that had the opportunity to - while I did take three years in high school of French and know enough that I wouldn't go hungry, I can read a menu - I think that what the students of the high schools need when they go on to university is to be able to learn conversational French or another language so they can be able to talk it if they go to another country.

Now one other thing that's bothered me in your department, Sir, as one of those that's been around for quite a long while like the Honourable Minister of Labour, and I've attended the openings of vocational schools at The Pas, Brandon and Winnipeg and they were operated as such for some years during our term in office as the government of the day and when their government came into office, Sir, and I remember so well that your government always stressed community colleges in the Province of Manitoba, but what did you do to obtain community colleges in the Province of Manitoba? All you did was take off one plaque on the wall in The Pas, Brandon and Winnipeg and put up a new plaque with the Premier of the day and yourself on that particular plaque. Now if that doesn't confuse the public I don't know what is. I don't know yet the difference between a vocational school and a community college but I can safely say there's no difference, no difference with the exception of a plaque and the name of a building.

Now I want to know in your opinion, Sir, what the difference is. But I want to go on record right now, Mr. Chairman, that I was very disappointed in the government of the day for changing the name of a particular building after it had been named and a plaque on that wall indicating the name of that particular building. I don't have to go on supporting former politicians because that isn't my duty here. Politicians come and go and there'll be lots more of them come and go, but when a name of a building, I don't care what building it is, I don't care what --(Interjection)-- I got a bridge named after my name, it isn't far away from me but it is named after me. But I don't want you changing the name of that bridge either. I don't want you changing the name of that bridge.

MR. CHERNIACK: . . . point of order. Mr. Chairman, a point of order.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Finance.

MR. CHERNIACK: I'm very much concerned that we shouldn't have the cost and the noise involved in repairing that microphone. I wonder if the honourable member could undertake not to break it.

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

MR. McKELLAR: Mr. Chairman, even though the Minister of Finance might think he's paying the bill, I'm a taxpayer and I'm paying the bills in this building the same as he is. Mr. Chairman, I want to go on record saying right now that I'm disappointed with the government of

(MR. McKELLAR cont'd.) . . . the day. If they want to go around changing all the buildings for the last 100 years in the Province of Manitoba and put up a plaque with the NDP Premier's name and the Minister of Education that's their business, but I as a citizen of Manitoba and an elected representative I think this is not right and I want to indicate my feelings.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 36 (a) . . . the Honourable Member for Winnipeg Centre.

MR. J. R. (Bud) BOYCE (Winnipeg Centre): Mr. Chairman, just before we proceed I would just first of all like the Minister to know that I support wholeheartedly his Estimates for the upcoming year. But really the point that was made by the Member for Souris-Killarney is very interesting. I'm really quite concerned that there is only one person in Grade 12 taking French. I wonder who is advising some of the students in our province because --(Interjection) -- Well, really I'm old fashioned, I think it's a parental responsibility. I see in tonight's headlines in one of the local papers that there is another shift in the philosophy of promoting people within the Federal Civil Service and it is no longer to be related to merit. But surely, Mr. Chairman, somewhere along the line we're missing the boat in getting the message across to our younger people that if they aspire to service for our province or for our nation that they have to be bilingual. They are going to have to be bilingual. And when I say bilingual I mean bilingual in the official sense. --(Interjection)-- Yes, well we hear all sorts of other - Ukrainian and all the rest of it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Winnipeg Centre.

MR. BOYCE: The more languages a person speaks the better chance they would have for future employment. But really, Mr. Chairman, I would just like to perhaps draw the attention of the members of the House to the point that was made by the Member for Souris-Killarney that one person, only one person in a high school in his particular locality is taking French and doubtless some of these people when they go on and they go to university and further their education are going to want to enter the Civil Service. And I just wonder who is responsible for perhaps letting the --(Interjection)-- Well I'm sorry I would have to disagree once again with the Member for Assiniboia.

Perhaps the Minister could take under advisement the importance of informing the parents, because here again I repeat, I think it's a parental responsibility. I don't think it's a ministerial responsibility and I don't think it's a school responsibility, I don't think it's a school board responsibility or don't think primarily it is our responsibility, because surely people can see that if anybody in this country is aspiring to some civil service role whether it be at the provincial or federal level, at least from Manitoba east they are going to have to be bilingual in the official languages of the country.

MR. BILTON: Why?

MR. BOYCE: Because it happens to be the law of the country. Now whether the Member for Swan River or I personally agree with it or disagree with it is totally irrelevant.

MR. BILTON: That's your opinion.

MR. BOYCE: Yes, the Member for Swan River in this regard is right, it is my opinion, and it is - - Perhaps the Member for Swan River and I personally agree but his personal opinion and my personal opinion are totally irrelevant at the present time. What we're talking about is what the children in this country are going to be faced with and if the Member for Swan River can't see the handwriting on the wall surely to heavens the rest of the members in this House can see it. --(Interjection)-- I doubt very much if the Member for Charleswood's suggestion would be acceptable to most people in this country that we change it. I don't think we can go backwards. --(Interjection)--

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please. If the Member for Swan River wishes to be recognized I will recognize him in due turn.

The Honourable Member for Winnipeg Centre.

MR. BOYCE: Between here, between here and the apes they tell me I'm Irish and the native language of the Irish is Celtic or Gaelic or some darn - I don't speak a word of it. Now perhaps it is a good thing, perhaps it's a bad thing, really that's not what we're getting into. You know when Trudeau - I very seldom agree with the Prime Minister especially in political philosophy but nevertheless when he said it is one nation, two languages and many cultures, I think he summed up very succinctly what the situation is and it is up to us even in a provincial way to build one nation, and if it takes helping our younger people learn two languages then I suggest that's what we should do. If they learn three languages, if they learn four languages, if they learn five languages, so what?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please. Order, please. The Honourable Member for Winnipeg Centre.

MR. BOYCE: Mr. Chairman, I'm sorry that I'm getting this type of reaction from the former Speaker of this august Assembly because you know with the exception of one part of my ancestral grounds up in occupied Ireland really the Irish people have a soft spot for the British Empire. We fought their wars through history and I personally have a soft spot for them. But nevertheless, . . .

MR. BILTON: There's nothing wrong with that.

MR. BOYCE: There's absolutely nothing the matter with that. If you'll check outside you'll find my signature among many Manitobans who expressed their condolences in the death of the Duke of Windsor. --(Interjection)-- And if it's any interest - and I really can't see the relevance at this particular time, Mr. Chairman, perhaps I'm out of order - but I'm about a 59 percent Monarchist. --(Interjection)-- I know the Member for Swan River is a 100 percent. Well right at the present time I'm a 59 percent Monarchist. But this is totally irrelevant. What we're talking about is our children and our children being able to find meaningful employment in the future, so surely to heavens our parents, the parents of these children should be pointing out to them that while it isn't the easiest thing in the world not to learn another language, if they want to have a job in a whole area of employment - the Civil Service - then they're going to have to be bilingual. They are going to have to be bilingual. --(Interjection)--

I don't see the relationship between my sanity and the point that I'm trying to make. Maybe once again maybe the member is correct, but nevertheless I don't think I am wrong in this particular point. I personally and with my youngest she goes to Sacred Heart for the sole purpose that she can learn French and she's having absolutely no difficulty. I regret very much that I didn't have the same opportunity. They tried to knock French into my noodle in the way that only one person will do it in Souris-Killarney. You start at Grade 7 after your so - your brain gets Anglicized or something like this. It's difficult to learn a language. The time to learn a language is in the first, second and third grade when a child is younger. And you know this change in the educational system, at least they got rid of teaching Latin. They taught me Latin with a ruler. You used to have put your hands on the desk and you'd go: amo, amas, amat, amamus, amatas, amant and if you goofed they wacked you one. Well at least we've got away from this a little bit in the educational system.

But seriously, before I was provoked, Mr. Chairman - I was deliberately provoked by the Member for Swan River. All I wanted to do was point out that the Minister's Estimates are fully supported by this backbencher on this side but all I wanted to do was draw his attention to the fact, pointed out by the Member of Souris-Killarney, that somewhere along the line we're not getting the message across to the parents of the children of the Province of Manitoba.

--(Interjection)--

A MEMBER: Quiet, Swan River.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order! The Honourable Member for Winnipeg Centre.

MR. BOYCE: Mr. Chairman, I think that as a member of this House that I should expect from a former Speaker and the House Leader a good example and I am sadly disappointed at the moment that this type of interruption is taking place, I'm sure that the Minister of Youth and Education will take under advisement my suggestion that it is absolutely imperative - Universities and Colleges - and in his way do what is ever necessary with his colleague in the Cabinet to see that the total branch of education, whether it's at university level which has to train the teachers to teach these younger people French, carries forth a meaningful program. --(Interjection)-- Right.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 36 (a). The Honourable Member for Rupertsland.

MR. ALLARD: (French spoken here. Will appear in tomorrow's Hansard.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Point of order. The Honourable Member for Swan River.

MR. BILTON: Mr. Chairman, I hesitate to interrupt the proceedings but I notice that Swan River is mentioned on occasion. I'm at a loss to know what is being said and I would ask that it be translated into English.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please. Order, please. I didn't hear the last remarks on account of all the noise. What was the honourable member saying - towards the end? I didn't hear it.

MR. BILTON: I'm at a loss to understand what the honourable gentleman is saying and if he continually mentions Swan River obviously it is being referred to me and I would ask that

(MR. BILTON cont'd.) it be translated into English so that I will understand what he is saying in case I have a rebuttal.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Rupertsland.

MR. ALLARD: (French spoken here. Will appear in tomorrow's Hansard.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 36 (a). The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Chairman, I believe at the beginning of the session the First Minister said that he doesn't mind if somebody injects a little humour to the debates and I feel that the Member for Souris-Lansdowne just did that tonight - or Souris-Killarney. But we will have to wait for the rebuttal from the Member for Swan River and this will probably come tomorrow.

Mr. Chairman, I just have a few comments and I'll be very brief. I say to the Minister of Colleges and Education, if you combined Colleges and Universities and the Department of Education this constitutes the largest expenditure in the Estimates in the Province of Manitoba. It's over a third of the Estimates and I'm sure that the Minister is aware that he's got a great problem because the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, I understand last year, presented a brief to the Federal Government and have warned the Federal Government that they will just not be able to carry, or any province will not be able to carry on with the present financing of education. In fact they stated that by 1976 enrollment in colleges and universities will double and that the cost by 1976 will triple. So if the cost will triple to what the cost we have already in respect to the estimates in Manitoba this certainly is a very substantial amount of money that we're talking about and I wonder if the Minister is pursuing any kind of study or research. How will he undertake to finance our colleges and universities? Because it is also my understanding that the Federal Government will curtail or come to an end in some of the cost sharing agreement and I believe this is the last year, 1972, that they're participating - or 74 - and after that it seems to me that it will certainly take an awful lot of money to finance the education, not only in this province, but in every province. And if the costs will triple in a matter of the next four years this certainly will be a considerable amount of money.

On the other hand I would like to see the Minister undertake some research and to not wait until the time comes and have no ways or means to finance education on a proper basis. I think that he has to start now and prepare for that day. I believe it is also accepted that the prosperity of any province, city or a nation depends to a great degree on the success of creating and maintaining a very highly skilled labour force. And it is quite often said that the human factor is much more important in an economic prosperity of any province - the human factor is much more important than usually money or some of the other factors that take to develop a proper economic climate. So we cannot neglect the side of a highly technical labour force and technical vocational schools and higher education, this cannot be neglected. But I think that the Minister has to concern himself now and not wait - how he will prepare himself to finance this when the costs will triple in a matter of a few years and enrollment will double.

The other point that I wish to pose to the Minister - and I know that he will say there has been strides made and improvements made, but in my opinion still one of the greater inequities in education is the rural urban problem which has been in our school system for many years and I believe still continues today. I've had an opportunity to talk to a few students from rural centres. Some come in and need bursaries and financing to go to university - and only by discussing or talking to them for a few minutes - and if you ask them how many students from a certain high school are going to university, the percentage is very small. And they tell you that there have been perhaps a hundred in Grade X, and by the time they reach Grade XII there's very few that reach the percentages, it's almost unbelievable. So I say to the Minister there's still great inequity as far as the rural-urban opportunities are available to these students. Why this inequity exists I don't know, because I'm sure that our qualifications of teachers at the present time is very high and there shouldn't be this inequity unless the same conditions prevail and thinking prevails that the Member for Souris-Killarney has mentioned - that only one student in a whole high school availed himself to take in Grade XII, to take in a French course. Perhaps many of the students think along the same line that once they've reached Grade IX or X they feel that they have a fairly high standard of education and they don't need to pursue any further. But I feel that's an area that the Minister can probably give us some idea what is happening and what is the reason for this, because I've had conversation from students - at least from a few high schools - and almost the same percentage and the same conditions prevail, that not too many of them reach Grade XII and the ones that do reach, only a very small -

(MR. PATRICK cont'd.) . . . few numbers that decide to go to higher educational institutions, big university or Red River Community College. And I think this is most unfortunate I think that of the large number of high schools that such a small percentage go. So perhaps the Minister can give us some idea what is happening and why should this condition prevail, as it existed quite a few years prior; it's still existing and the differential is still almost the same today, maybe not what it was years ago, but it's still there in respect to rural and urban.

The second point I would have been interested to hear from the Minister in respect to what he is doing and what effort he is putting in as Minister of Colleges and Universities in respect to student employment. What program has he got going? And how many students have been able to get jobs, not only through the offices, through his good offices - but how many have been given jobs for the summer holidays by various government departments? I know that it is very important that we stress to the industry in this province that they should offer as much assistance and help and provide as many opportunities for the students during the summer holidays so that they can make some monies to pay for their tuition fees to continue the education. But I believe that the Minister must have some program which I understand some of the other provinces do. But each department has offered or has so many job opportunities that they program their work during the year and say we've got such and such a department will be able to take either 25 or 40 or 50 students in a certain department for two or three months or four months in the summer holidays. I would like to hear from the Minister, has any kind of this program been considered by him - and to the present time how many, say university or college students have been hired by various government departments. I think that it's a worthwhile program, I know it is in operation in some of the other provinces.

The other - just one more point, Mr. Chairman, and I know that there has been, in the last couple of years quite a concern by the parents and school trustees as well as many of the teachers and school principals in respect to the problem of drugs and the problem of drugs increasing in some schools. And I wondered if the Minister ever considered that a course of instruction in the schools be offered of some kind of a - when I say course, some kind of instruction to the students that they would be aware of the harmful effects - this type of I think course would perhaps endeavour to offset increase of such addictions. I think it is worthwhile considering that type of a program. I'm also aware that it is available in some other jurisdictions; and perhaps this type of a program would be much less expensive than trying to cope with the problems after some child or some student has already been hurt by using certain drugs. I would hope that the Minister would give some consideration to this aspect and hope that he'll be able to answer some of the questions that I pose to him.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Point Douglas.

MR. DONALD MALINOWSKI (Point Douglas): I would like to ask leave to make a few remarks in Polish.

MR. CHAIRMAN: To the subject matter at hand?

MR. MALINOWSKI: Yes, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Point Douglas.

MR. MALINOWSKI: Polish spoken here. (Will appear in a later Hansard.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Swan River.

MR. BILTON: Mr. Chairman, I must rise on a Point of Order but I really do it with joy on this occasion. I know the Father will interpret every word he's saying to me later but in the meantime if we're going to have bilingual we may as well have trilingual and right on down the road and I wish Father every success in what he has to say tonight. I'm sure he's sincere.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Charleswood. The same Point of Order.

MR. ARTHUR MOUG (Charleswood): Can you speak in this House in languages other than English and French without leave of the House?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please. I can't hear the honourable member.

MR. MOUG: Can you speak in this House other than English and French without leave of the House. --(Interjection)-- No, but can you - without leave of the House?

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Chairman, if I may on this point to draw to the attention of honourable members of this Committee that there is an Act known as the Official Language Act of the Province of Manitoba which states that English is the only language of record insofar as this Assembly is concerned. There is nothing to prevent any honourable member of this Assembly in accordance with our legislation from speaking in any language at all. As a matter of fact, Sir, I had the honour of uttering the first words in this Assembly in the Ukrainian language

(MR. PAULLEY cont'd.) when Mr. Speaker Bachinsky was the Speaker under a Liberal regime. I suggest that the Honourable Member for Point Douglas is perfectly within his right to speak in Polish - and if it was the desire of the Honourable Member for St. John, who I understand is rather proficient in the Japanese language, to speak in Japanese, or in Yiddish or in Jewish, it would not be in contravention of what has been established traditionally. We recognize in the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba only one language. As a matter of record we have traditionally accepted normally the use of the French language the second mother tongue of this great Dominion of ours, and I suggest that this is only fitting and proper but there is no prohibition in the Province of Manitoba in the recognition of Ukrainian, Polish, Japanese, Yiddish or Hebrew. And that, Mr. Chairman, I suggest to my Honourable Friend from Charleswood is the situation prevailing at the present time. And also, yes - also the Member from Swan River for his edification.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Point Douglas.

MR. MALINOWSKI: (Polish spoken here. (Will appear in a later Hansard.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Rock Lake.

MR. HENRY J. EINARSON (Rock Lake): Mr. Chairman, I've been in the Legislature for very close to six years and having listened to the Honourable Member from Souris-Killarney I thought the points that he had made were valid and the points that he'd made I never did think that they would develop to what we have witnessed here this evening in the past roughly 40 minutes. I can't help but wonder, Mr. Chairman, having listened to the Member for Winnipeg Centre that he must be sitting there wondering and wishing that he hadn't made the comments that he did make after what has been said since he sat down. I think that we're overstressing this point. I want to say, Mr. Chairman, I think that the Minister of Colleges has listened to comments that probably have created a problem for him and I think the First Minister must accept some responsibility here; rather than trying to unite the people of this province we are doing the complete reverse.

I, Mr. Chairman, want to say that I am too bilingual and on only one occasion did I use my native tongue - that is the Icelandic language. It was on a special occasion and by leave. But I have no objections - and I want to make myself perfectly clear, Mr. Chairman, and I want to say this to the Minister because I think he's been put in an extremely difficult position - that is that I have the greatest respect for all ethnic groups in the Province of Manitoba and this great country of ours. I want to say that I can think of one particular situation where the Member for Winnipeg Centre was talking about the civil service and this of course relates to the Federal Government and those that are employed thereto. I do know of an example where civil service people who are employed on the American-Canadian border, and for instance I have border points in my constituency where if they speak the French language they are remunerated an extra sum of money for being able to speak that language while they may never use it from the beginning of the year to the end. I want to say, Mr. Chairman, I have French-speaking people in my constituency of the finest in this country, and I want to make it perfectly understood that I think that there is an equality that we must consider and value in all ethnic groups.

So, Mr. Chairman, I don't think I have sufficient time to make other comments that I wish to make but I think when we're talking about - and I think the Member for Souris-Killarney made a valid point - that if we don't have sufficient number of students to take whether it be French or any other language, it's only reasonable and common sense that it's just not possible to teach a French language say to one student, like economically it's not possible. I don't know, I just want to make sure that I didn't misunderstand the Honourable Member from Winnipeg Centre, that I wouldn't mind if I could speak four or five or six languages, I think it's a wonderful thing, but I don't think that a language should be imposed on any student if they do not wish to learn another language because I think the English language is the official language of this country and I think this is the understanding we should have. The word "bilingualism" and "biculturalism" has been battered around over a number of years and I think it has done more to create divisiveness to the people of this great country of ours than it has to help us. I would like to continue further, Mr. Chairman, later on and I have other comments to make.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hour being 9:00 o'clock, Committee rise and report. Call in the Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the Committee of Supply directs me to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

IN SESSION

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Logan.

MR. WILLIAM JENKINS (Logan): Mr. Speaker, I beg to move seconded by the Honourable Member for Point Douglas, the report of the committee be received.

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

PRIVATE MEMBERS' RESOLUTIONS - PUBLIC BILLS

MR. SPEAKER: The first item, private members' hour Thursday is public bills for private members. Adjourned debate on the motion of the Honourable Member for Winnipeg Centre. The Honourable Member for Churchill. Stand? (Agreed)

The proposed motion of the Honourable Member for Rupertsland. The Honourable Member for Radisson. The Honourable Member for Fort Rouge.

MRS. TRUEMAN: I would like to speak on Bill No. 30 if that's permissible even though it stands in the name of the Member for Churchill.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable House Leader.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Speaker, if I may, and actually of course it's understood that as House Leader I have no rights basically to interfere with any honourable member, but as I take a look at the Order Paper it indicates that the Honourable Member for Churchill, Mr. Speaker, was in the process of speaking to the resolution and did not conclude his remarks which may affect the contribution that we're most desirous of hearing from the Member for Fort Rouge. I just rise on that point.

I'm sure the Member for Churchill wouldn't possibly have any objection, but only because of the fact that it does appear to me that the Member for Churchill was only partially through his contribution. Maybe the Honourable Member for Fort Rouge would still like to carry forward, that would be quite all right I'm sure with the honourable members. I just raise this as a matter of courtesy to the Member for Churchill.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Morris.

MR. JORGENSON: The House Leader is perfectly right in that if someone is in the process of delivering a speech no one can interrupt, but you know our House rules are such that anything can be done by unanimous consent. That is the only condition under which the Honourable Member for Fort Rouge could proceed.

MR. SPEAKER: Do we have unanimity to allow the Member for Fort Rouge to proceed? (Agreed). The Honourable Member for Fort Rouge.

MRS. TRUEMAN: Mr. Speaker, regarding this bill I think that most of us have spoken several times on the same subject over the years and I won't repeat the things that I have said before. I find myself very much in agreement with the position stated by the Minister of Finance when he spoke on this subject on a recent occasion.

I feel that in the light of the understanding that we have now gained concerning the education that an optometrist receives that a person who is awarded a degree, a Doctor of Optometry, should be permitted to use that degree. However the other clause, the grandfather clause, I find not very much to my liking because it would carry with it the granting of degrees by the Legislative Assembly. I don't feel that we are in a position to be able to grant degrees. We certainly don't want to establish precedence in doing so and for this reason I will have to oppose the grandfather clause which would permit anyone practicing in the province at the present time to use the degree, Doctor of Optometry. These were the comments that I wish to make, Mr. Speaker, and thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Finance.

MR. CHERNIACK: Would the honourable member permit a question? In view of the fact that she and I seem to agree on this issue, would she share with me and members of the House the dilemma that I find in knowing that there are persons who have a Bachelor of Medicine from England who come to Manitoba and appear to have acquired the right to call themselves "Doctor".

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Much as I appreciate the question and its relevance, unfortunately the honourable member didn't have it in part of her speech and clarifications are the only questions that should be allowed, they should not open up debate further. So I cannot permit the question. Is it agreed that we leave the bill open in the name of the Honourable Member for Churchill? (Agreed).

(MR. SPEAKER cont'd)

Proposed motion of the Honourable Member for Rupertsland. The Honourable Member for Radisson.

MR. SHAFRANSKY: May we have this stand?

MR. SPEAKER: Very well. Proposed motion of the Honourable Member for Rupertsland. Bill No. 41. The Honourable Member for Swan River.

MR. BILTON: Mr. Speaker, I listened to the Honourable Member for Rupertsland in his presentation of this bill and I think he is sincere in his thoughts. I also listened to the Honourable Member for Ste. Rose and I appreciated his comments. I thought they were well taken and well meant. You know, Mr. Speaker, over the years I have brought before this Assembly complaints by way of briefs of overshooting and the over-kill and the needless slaughter of our wildlife in Manitoba. It's not generally understood, Mr. Speaker, how serious this problem is. I know the Department of Mines and Natural Resources have a responsibility to oversee this particular problem and I think they do everything within their power to do this, but nevertheless licences are sold, Sir, which gives the privilege to kill.

Mr. Speaker, you may recall even last year that I appealed to this House for the abolishment of the annual trophy season. I happen to come from a constituency, Sir, which is in the trough - for the use of a better word - of hunting in a general way and men that have farmed and their fathers have farmed and their grandfathers have farmed before them in the Swan River Valley, are concerned about this trophy season. Concerned, Sir, that beautiful animals in rutting season, which is the height of their mobility and the height of their stance and the height of their beauty, are killed for a trophy.

It is true, Mr. Speaker, that wildlife is a renewable resource and wildlife will take care of itself, but we as a people must assist and resist from eliminating these animals. I say to you, Mr. Speaker, at the rate in which our game on the hoof is disappearing, even in my area, is getting very disappointing and quite a concern. And it's not too long, Mr. Speaker, before the game as we have known down through the years and as we know for some part today will disappear if the present slaughter goes on. We should be thinking, Mr. Speaker, of conservation rather than extending the period of hunting and particularly on Sunday. I say to you, Mr. Speaker, that our wildlife as we know it, and we have some wonderful wildlife in our province, is not inexhaustible. We should not and we must not, Mr. Speaker, allow it to become depleted that it cannot be brought back to its present standard.

I listened with some interest to my colleague from Gladstone. He is not in agreement with Sunday hunting in his particular area and he made a point of saying well this may be applicable to northern Manitoba. Mr. Speaker, I take issue with that and he is a good friend of mine and he would understand I'm sure. Mr. Speaker, for how many years have we seen hunters come into northern Manitoba with aircraft and search out the browsing areas of moose in the highlands and the lowlands and come down and make the kill. This to me, Mr. Speaker, is not sport and certainly I don't want that sort of thing extended on to Sunday. For some reason or other when the government talks about the north they think of the 53rd parallel and beyond. I'm a little to the south of it in which there are considerable game but it's not going to be too long, Mr. Speaker, if it goes on the way it does.

Snowmobiles in recent years, Mr. Speaker, have been used to an advantage at the expense of the game and to the advantage of the hunter. This I've never agreed with. This I feel should be stopped. I feel that when the game has been well hunted and the hunters have had their day they should be allowed to rest.

I think, Mr. Speaker, too, of Hydro and Grand Rapids, and you know as well as I do, Mr. Speaker, that in the accommodating of Hydro at Grand Rapids many thousands of acres of browsing country was taken away from those animals, and even yet, Mr. Speaker, I think it's fair to say that those animals are still not settled. Habitat was taken away from the wildlife in that particular country. And somehow or other the Department did not see fit at that time to protect the fringes of that flooded area in order to give the wildlife the opportunity of accustoming themselves to an area that was long lost.

I'm not for the slaughter that we've been seeing. I observe with some interest the opinion of the Honourable Member for Assiniboia. And I forgive him for his comments - being a city boy he doesn't quite understand - that when the city boys get out into the country, Mr. Speaker, they don't know the difference between a cow and a moose. --(Interjection)-- I can prove it -- (Interjection) -- I can prove it of victims going to the barn to milk the cow, Mr. Speaker, and crippled for life. -- (Interjection) -- You know, Mr. Speaker, if it wasn't

(MR. BILTON Cont'd) so serious it would be funny, I know of men that have been crippled for life by the fact of indiscriminate shooting . . . -- (Interjection) --

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please.

MR. BILTON: . . . and my purpose in rising tonight, Mr. Speaker . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Does the honourable member have a point of order? The Honourable Member for Assiniboia. State his point.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I'm not a city boy, I'm from the suburbs I'd like to inform the honourable member.

MR. BILTON: Mr. Speaker, I don't think that's . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Order, please. That's not a point of order, that's a matter of opinion. The Honourable Member for Swan River.

MR. BILTON: Mr. Speaker, I was of the same opinion because you will notice that before I made that remark, I assured myself as to whether the honourable gentleman was in his seat, and he wasn't. And I was disappointed in his opinion because he's a grown-up boy now - and if he favours this Sunday hunting he's got another think coming. Because, Mr. Speaker, in all seriousness, in our country - I don't know about southern Manitoba, I'm not speaking for southern Manitoba - but I do know of instances, many instances, where during the hunting season it's as much as your life is worth to drive down a country road and be sure that you're going to get to the end of it without being shot. And if you can imagine it, Mr. Speaker, the only reason I made that remark is that the country is overrun with hunters. Licenses, with all due respect to our neighbours to the south, they buy their licenses and they come into northern Manitoba and they take their trophies and that's it. And I, Sir, do not favour this Bill. Again I say I realize that the honourable member who placed it before the House was well intentioned and he was thinking of the guides who earn a living during the hunting season. But I say to him, Mr. Speaker, and I say to you, the gentleman who brought this matter forward, that if they can't earn a living in six days they're certainly not entitled to expect salary on the Lord's Day to hunt game.

MR. SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion? The Honourable Member for Churchill wishes to speak?

MR. BEARD: Well, we hear a lot about Sunday from the advocates, Mr. Speaker, but as yet I haven't found the moose that has been tied up to be shot on Sunday yet, but has been won over to Christianity. There seems to be some reluctance from some people to have this poor animal shot on Sunday. Well I'm sure that it doesn't hurt any more to be shot on Sunday than it does on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday. And so really what does it matter what day - if you're going to get shot, I suppose if the moose is going to get it he's going to get it.

If people are concerned about him having a day off during the week, well give him a day off during the week. My colleague, the Member for Swan River, is a little concerned about driving down the country road in case you get shot. Well, this is one of the reasons possibly - if they drove down the road on Sunday maybe they wouldn't get shot. And if you are driving down the middle of the road then you shouldn't get shot really - if you do then the guy that's got the gun shouldn't be out shooting. I take rather a different approach. As I said earlier at first of this session that I was more against carrying on of the trophy hunting. I feel that some serious thought should be given towards what is going on in respect to giving trophies for the large heads and this type of competition because in fact it has proven that in some cases it does - and there are cases in fact every year where people do go out and shoot two or three to get a better head; or leave one and go on and shoot another because they have a better head; or else get a good head and leave the rest of the body behind; people that are concerned more about the head and leaving the hide behind, or the meat behind, or shooting a moose and taking the hind quarter out and leaving the rest of the meat behind. The other wastes which I had not heard about.

The possibility of - and in fact, the actual fact of people going out and shooting and not following up and making sure that that animal that they have wounded has been killed, and being too lazy to go after that animal in the bush.

The improper use of snowmobiles to track down animals; the improper use of airplanes in the use of hunting out animals and then landing and shooting; the improper use of boats - and I can particularly say at this time that they are doing it and they have done it for many years in the areas of The Pas. And this is not, I may say, the people of northern Manitoba, but those that are visiting those areas where they bring big boats in with large motors on and

(MR. BEARD cont'd) : . . . they tear up and down the river hoping that some unfortunate animal will step out to have a drink of water and they let him have it. This is not sportsmanship. Not the way it was intended when we set game laws. Night lighting. This is the different types of unsportsmanship that we think about. This is poor - poor hunting; poor - poor sportsmanship. These are the things I think we should be concerned about.

Now as far as whether we should hunt on Sunday or not is something that we must concern ourselves about individually. And as we talk about it we must concern ourselves with - what are we doing, are we making it mandatory for those that have a license to go out and shoot on Sunday? No. It would be a case of if they choose to go out and shoot on Sunday, they could. If they chose not to go out they wouldn't. If the government so chose they could try it out in one particular area and try it and see if this was right, and I would be in agreement with this. If the sportsman of Manitoba were not totally in agreement with this, or there wasn't a large majority in agreement, then I would suggest to the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources that he take one area in northern Manitoba - or in any part of Manitoba - and try it and see what happens. Because you have areas set out now and there are different areas when you start the season and when you close it. So there should be no problem there. And if these people that are concerned about this - that it should happen in just northern Manitoba rather than the rest of the province, then let them move to change the resolution so that it would be only one area of the province.

But I think that at least it would help. I wouldn't want to see all - the one problem I see in this is the fact that perhaps you would entice all of the sportsmen to go to one area to shoot on that particular Sunday and that could be the one problem that you would get. But I doubt very much because of course the different seasons that we do have in the Province of Manitoba, and this doesn't occur now.

But, Mr. Speaker, I think that we are getting very concerned about whether or not there are going to be a lot of kill on Sunday - is something that we'd better just sit back and think for a minute; because if the Member for Brandon West is correct when he says that there are very few in the Federation that want this - and I would really disagree with the figures that he's using, because he's only using a few of the executive if they represent 15000. And while they speak for - 150 can speak for 15,000 - they really don't know what the other 15,000 are thinking themselves. If the majority of people do not want to shoot on Sunday then they are not going to shoot on Sunday, so there won't be a problem.

But the fact remains that in the areas in which some of us come from there's a locked-in problem, and that is that a great many of these people come to northern Manitoba to work and one of the reasons they come up to the north is because they're sportsmen; they like to fish, they like to hunt, they like the outdoors and they find that they have Saturdays and Sundays off. And it's during the hunting season they would have the option of going out and using that time to shoot. Now they can take days off I suppose; it's expensive and it's something that I don't think is necessary for them to occur. If they take holidays, if it's necessary to take holidays to go out and hunt, then it becomes more expensive again - and it takes them away from their families, takes holiday time away from their families; certainly the families can't accompany them on their hunting trips. I would say that give them the opportunity. If they don't want to shoot on Sunday, they don't have to go out and shoot on Sunday. They're not going to disturb anybody because those that don't want to shoot are not going to be out. But I can tell you, Mr. Speaker, from first hand knowledge, that the people are already out in many areas of this province on Sundays; and if they are not shooting they are at least -- (Interjection) -- they are at least out there looking and comparing. And the member says there's nothing wrong with that - Member for St. Rose - there's nothing wrong with that. There's nothing wrong with getting up in the air and looking around for animals either. There's nothing wrong with going out in skidoos and looking for animals either. But I say there is. Just as much as if you are out with a shooting. Just as much. But if they're going to do it let them go out and do it, get it over with. If they're good sportsmen they're going to shoot one; they get it on opening day and they're finished for the year, and that's it.

But once again that moose is more concerned about living. If he's going to die it's not going to bother him whether it's Sunday, Monday or Tuesday; he won't know. But the Member for Assiniboia points out that the Assiniboia Wildlife Association passed a resolution on Sunday sports: "AND WHEREAS in recent years many sports have been legalized as Sunday activity; AND WHEREAS present day society advocates that everyone be allowed to do their own thing;

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(MR. BEARD cont'd) THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Sunday hunting be permitted on all Crown lands within the province that have normal weekday hunting seasons." This was passed at their Association meeting apparently. I'm not acquainted with the association, apparently that is one . . . But you will have different opinions, Mr. Speaker, from time to time on this. It's one I don't think we should get too hung up on. We've allowed them to be shot on six days a week. I don't think the seventh is going to protect them that much; it hasn't in the past. I think that if you give them Wednesday's off instead, probably appreciate it just as much. And some say that it has a tendency to maybe hurt them just as much because if they didn't get shot at that day they may think that maybe tomorrow they wouldn't get shot at and they wake up with a surprise and a bullet. So I would hope that members take another look at it, and if we don't pass it this year maybe someone else will bring up the resolution next year.

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MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Minnedosa.

MR. BLAKE: Mr. Speaker, I don't want to prolong debate on this bill unduly. I wasn't able to figure out from the Member for Churchill's remarks whether he's really for the bill or against it but he talked for some length on the illegal use of boats and skidoos, and I don't know really what that has to do with Sunday hunting because they can use those vehicles illegally any day of the week. As a big game hunter myself I would support the bill probably in an amended form. I think there are areas up north where I think Sunday hunting would be a real asset. We're spending money attracting tourists to our province and they're spending good money to come up here -- and I think there are areas where there's absolutely no population to speak of and I don't think that there would be any danger for hunting in these areas, and these areas would certainly have to be defined in any changes in the bill. I don't think it would matter in northern Manitoba if you get up above -- say north of 54 or the area north of Bisset, up in that area whether there's Sunday hunting permitted or not. These people take a weekend off and spend their time to get into those areas and I don't feel that they would be disturbing the wildlife or the ecology of the country unduly. But I would support the resolution or the bill in amended form outlining certain areas where Sunday hunting may be permitted but not in the province as a whole.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Emerson.

MR. GIRARD: Monsieur le Président -- (Interjection) -- this particular bill gives me some difficulty because I have some mixed feelings about it. First of all I wish to agree wholeheartedly with the Member from Minnedosa that the bill really should have incorporated regions within the legislation. I can see some advantages, very practical advantages to having Sunday hunting permitted in non populated areas if for no other reason but to relieve some of the week-day hunting that is now carried on in more densely populated areas. And so from a practical point of view I would very much like to see this kind of legislation restricted to certain regions of Manitoba, further restricted possibly to the impressions or the control of the local people of those regions also because I think it would be an insult to open up Sunday hunting in areas where local governments oppose it.

Again, Mr. Speaker, although I'm in favour of the bill with certain restrictions and certain suggestions that I would like to see incorporated in it, I am also dissatisfied with the bill or the Act as it now stands. The Act -- if I interpret it correctly as it now stands -- would subject a person to \$200 in fines or one month in jail - being maximum - for hunting on Sunday, that is hunting of any description at all. And so if a man were detected shooting a sparrow or a gopher on Sunday -- if the Act was applied as I understand the Act -- it would mean that he would be subject to a maximum fine of \$200 or one month in jail, and that I think is a little exaggerated. Because of my dissatisfaction with the present statute, although the bill is not satisfying to me, I propose to support it, Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. GORDON JOHNSTON (Portage la Prairie): Mr. Speaker, I rise to oppose the bill, to oppose the seven-day hunting within the hunting season. I feel that a move taken hastily on the motion of a member without some consultation with other jurisdictions -- and let us remember that the Province of Manitoba really shouldn't be acting in isolation from other jurisdictions whether it's American, Mexican, Canadian or otherwise; to act in isolation, I feel, without a proper study is something that could have lasting damaging effects on the wildlife of our province. For one thing it would mean that the experts in the Department of Mines and Natural Resources would have to reconsider bag limits or the length of the hunting season if it's for big game; or if it's wet land, waterfowl or other types of fowl, there would have to be a re-study and perhaps a change in the bag limits and the length of the hunting season. So I think that if for no other reason we shouldn't take the action that is suggested by the Member for Rupertsland. And I give him credit, he has great knowledge in this area -- but I believe that -- (Interjection) -- I believe that -- (Interjection) -- Well the Whip of the NDP Party, Mr. Speaker, is now making another speech from the seat of his pants. Perhaps he should join the debate and give us the benefit of his knowledge on hunting and so on -- I'm sure members on both sides would appreciate the benefit of his experience in this regard. But my suggestion is that perhaps the idea could be turned over to our provincial experts to see if there's some merit in the idea -- although my personal feeling, I feel that the gun pressure on the wildlife of North America is such that a move like this should not be taken hastily; that there should be some consideration given to all aspects of the ever increasing gun pressure on the

(MR. G. JOHNSTON cont'd) wildlife of the province.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. FROESE: Mr. Speaker, I will be very brief. I too would join with the Member for Portage who has just spoken, that at this time I do not see fit to support the bill before us. I personally am not a hunter, I do not go out hunting; I have friends who are very avid hunters and who enjoy this type of activity -- but as the Member for Portage has pointed out I think the bill has been sprung on us rather hastily and I certainly haven't conferred with the people in my riding on this particular matter and therefore I would not like to see a change come about at this time.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Logan.

MR. JENKINS: Mr. Speaker, I just want to rise briefly to speak on the bill that's before us, an Act to amend the Wildlife Act, and I want to say at the outset, Mr. Speaker, that I am opposed to it. I am opposed to it basically because I think that the wildlife of our country deserves at least one day's rest. In fact I'm a good trade unionist, I would say that they should have two days' rest. If an amendment or a motion would come in here that we declare two days and a five-day week of hunting, I think this would something more what I would be prepared to support.

We have in North America -- and every time that we want to go out to our zoo here and see some of the diminishing and vanishing breeds of animals and various varieties -- they're not just vanishing in other parts of the world, they're vanishing here in North America. And I think that animals the same as human beings at least deserve one day of rest from the pounding and hammering and banging away that goes at them during the hunting season. Surely to God we can have one day of the week that the animals deserve to be free from being harried and hunted. And I'm not saying that the people in wildlife -- game associations -- I think these are responsible people -- but there are an awful lot of people, Mr. Speaker, who unfortunately go out and hunt not for the sport of it, but to see how many they can knock off and how much game they can get and see if they can pull the wool over the eyes of the game guardians and everything else. -- (Interjection) -- Now, the Honourable Member for Rupertsland says: oh, oh, this doesn't happen -- we all know this happens and this is why we have penalties within the Wildlife Game Act. -- (Interjection) -- I did my big game hunting 25 years ago when the other guy had something to shoot back at me with, and that type of big game hunting was one that I didn't want to be involved in. But I say that the wildlife of our province and our country -- if we cannot give them at least one day's rest, then I say we as legislators are not doing our job here. I'm opposed to any change in The Wildlife Act -- in fact I would say cut it back one more day.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Radisson.

MR. SHAFRANSKY: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Winnipeg Centre that debate be adjourned.

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

MR. SPEAKER: The proposed motion of the Honourable Member for Virden. The Honourable Member for Inkster. Bill No. 28.

MR. SIDNEY GREEN, Q.C. (Inkster): Mr. Speaker, I have nothing further to add to this debate.

MR. SPEAKER: Is the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion? The Honourable Member for La Verendrye.

MR. BARKMAN: Well, Mr. Speaker, the Member for Inkster being so very kind in wishing to help us rush along this bill, I shall not take very much time. But I thought it was -- for the sake of the records and I know the honourable member, my colleague over here, meant well when he tried to put into the records that there should be some decent and some good things to do on the Sabbath; I'm sure these were his intentions. But I thought it was putting it on a little bit thick, and I wish to read Hansard of 2161 when he said: "I was brought up reasonably religious", which I believe, "and I don't know whether that paid off or not", which I can't tell. But there was a few lines -- something about Jesus and his disciples going through a corn patch and literally not eating, but stealing corn on Sunday. This I thought was a little bit too rich, because I'm sure that this is not what Jesus was doing, nor my friend would be doing on Sunday or any other day. And I think when he went on to read part of the Scripture of St. Mark -- I was trying to find it in this little Bible that I just got from the Clerk, but I couldn't find the passage of Scripture but I think the correction might be that the Sabbath was made for man

(MR. BARKMAN cont'd) and not man for the Sabbath, so that the Son of Man is Lord, even of the Sabbath. That is all I have to say at this time. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Charleswood. The Honourable Member for Virden will be closing debate. Order, please. The Honourable Member for Virden will be closing debate. Does anyone else wish to precede him? The Honourable Member for Pembina.

MR. GEORGE HENDERSON (Pembina): Mr. Speaker, I wish to move, seconded by the Honourable Member for Charleswood that debate be adjourned.

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

MR. SPEAKER: The proposed motion of the Honourable Member for Radisson. The Honourable Member for Emerson.

MR. SHAFRANSKY: The Honourable Member for Emerson was intending to speak. He just stepped out. I'm sure that he's intending to proceed with the bill.

MR. SPEAKER: (Stand) Private Bills, No. 26, the proposed motion of the Honourable Member for

MR. BOYCE: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Winnipeg Centre on a point of order.

MR. BOYCE: I wonder if by leave, Mr. Speaker, we could revert to Bill No. 30. I see that the Member for Churchill is in the House.

MR. SPEAKER: Can we agree unanimously? Agreed.

The proposed motion of the Honourable Member for Winnipeg Centre. The Honourable Member for Churchill. Bill No. 30.

MR. BEARD: I forgot what I was going to say, Mr. Speaker. I'll only end by what the Member for St. Vital said, I believe -- one or two times when he said it is in the public interest. And I don't think it really is in the public interest to make them Doctors of Optometry, because I can't see them going around saying I'm a Doctor of Optometry. I think it would be cut off and they would then become doctors the same as anybody else and I don't think that's what this bill is intended to do, so

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Pembina.

MR. HENDERSON: Mr. Speaker, on a point of privilege, I asked to adjourn the debate and I've been talking to the Member from Virden -- and it means quite a bit to them to be able to get this through in order to have horse racing

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. At the present moment we're on Bill 30, not 28 which the honourable member's referring to.

Bill 30, the Optometry Act. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion? The Honourable Member for Winnipeg Centre will be closing debate, if he so desires.

MR. BOYCE: Mr. Speaker, we seem to have a consensus that we should proceed to Committee with this bill. So really I don't want to jeopardize the bill by, you know, misunderstanding the mood of the House. I agree with everything that has been said -- including the Minister of Finance, the Member for Fort Rouge and my colleague the Member for St. Vital -- that the recommendations of the Professional Associations Committee would be acceptable to the Law Amendments Committee when we proceed to Law Amendments Committee. So having said that, Mr. Speaker, I would solicit the cooperation of my colleagues in the House to proceed to Law Amendments with this bill so it can be amended in the Law Amendments Committee.

MR. SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion. Agreed. On division. On division. The Honourable Member for Radisson.

MR. SHAFRANSKY: Mr. Speaker, Bill No. 43, the Honourable Member for Emerson.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Let's finish one item of business at a time. No. 30 has been agreed to be adopted on division, and so ordered. Now we can proceed. The Honourable Member for Radisson.

MR. SHAFRANSKY: Mr. Speaker, the Honourable Member for Emerson is in the House. I understand that he was intending to proceed with it. Could we call Bill No. 43?

MR. SPEAKER: Is it agreed? The Honourable Member for Emerson on Bill 43. Point of Order? The Honourable Member for Pembina.

MR. GEORGE HENDERSON (Pembina): Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, I would like leave to withdraw my motion to adjourn the Bill on horse racing, Bill No. 28, and by leave of the House I'll speak on it now so as our member can close debate on it tonight.

MR. SPEAKER: Is it agreed? -- (Interjection) -- Very well. The Honourable Member for Pembina.

MR. HENDERSON: Thanks very much for allowing me to withdraw. I understand that it's very important to the Virden people that this Bill pass so as to be able to have horse racing this summer, if it does pass. I've been thinking about it and I was going to prepare some remarks but generally I'm in favour of the principle of it. I know in the country it will help quite a bit because many people like to attend horse racing. They're busy all week doing things they have to do and on Sunday they have the day off and they look for some recreation where they can meet their friends and have a social time together and for that reason I'm going to support the bill.

MR. SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion? The Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie.

MR. GORDON E. JOHNSTON (Portage la Prairie): Mr. Speaker, briefly I would like to record my agreement with the Bill presented by the Honourable Member for Virden. Horse racing is in my opinion another form of entertainment that people can choose to take or to stay away from. It is an honoured sport and has been with western and eastern civilization since time began. So it's much like the debate I suppose over Sunday movies or Sunday baseball. Sunday racing is in my opinion acceptable to a goodly number of the people, whether it's a majority or not, and it's a matter of choice whether or not people attend and I support the Bill.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. FROESE: Mr. Speaker, apparently the Member for Virden is very anxious to have the Bill voted on tonight so I will not take up any time. I just want to express my views on it, that is that I would not vote for the Bill but I can't see myself voting for this type of legislation at this time.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Arthur.

MR. WATT: Mr. Speaker, I'll just take a minute of the time. I want to say to the members of the House that I intend to support this Bill. Not actually that I think it will affect rural Manitoba to any great extent, it may affect my colleague from Virden's constituency to some extent. It really doesn't affect mine. I don't expect there will be any horse racing out there on Sunday but I want to say this that I think that it does affect many hundreds and probably thousands of people in the City of Winnipeg. I think at this time that we should be doing something to try to unify rural and urban Winnipeg at this time since this rift has been coming more and now has been exaggerated by this present Government. So in the interests of the people of Winnipeg and probably at the risk of my own political neck out in my constituency, I intend to support the Bill.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rupertsland.

MR. ALLARD: Mr. Speaker, I rise to state in a very few words that I intend to support the Bill for exactly the same reason as I presented the Bill on Sunday hunting. I think that it's one of those sports that people can enjoy. The horses run something like two months a year, or three months a year and I think that's about the length of time that there is hunting in any year -- two months or so.

I'm amused by those who state their willingness to sacrifice their political future and position etc. etc. in the interests of wearing out horses on Sunday and who are that concerned with letting hunters wear their shoes out on Sunday. I find it a little bit hard to understand some things. It's all right to pick a fish out of the water on Sunday, it's not right to shoot a deer on Sunday, I don't see the difference. But it's okay to run a horse. I intend to support the Bill, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Point Douglas.

MR. MALINOWSKI: Mr. Speaker, I would like to just mention a few words concerning this Bill. I strongly believe that on Sunday we should pray not play. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Virden will be closing debate. The Honourable Member for Virden.

MR. MORRIS MCGREGOR (Virden): Mr. Speaker, I have to make it short and that suits my style at all times as you are quite aware. I just would like to register some of the letters that I've got from different places across rural Manitoba. I can name Brandon who will not have racing this summer and I will just use a couple of lines: "It would serve as a tremendous drawing card for vacationers from the northern states as well as western provinces." I think I could say similar to Deloraine, to the Trotting, Manitoba Standard Breds. But basically the story is this. We have some 300 owners in Manitoba, we have 800 to 1,000 horses in

(MR. MCGREGOR cont'd) training at this very moment and these are standard bred, these are trotters that I'm speaking of. We have tracks at Holland, Elkhorn, Neepawa, Glenboro and Hamiota that I've been to races over the years. -- (Interjection) -- Well those are ones that are active yes, and maybe Swan River. We have ones that are active that move in this direction, will accommodate more people, will make the industry grow, it will help the tourism, the labour fact of many of the people, and generally speaking the economy of this province and again the goodwill of both rural and city. I think, and I would like to see this moved to Committee. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion? On division? Agreed? The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. FROESE: Mr. Speaker, I call for Yeas and Nays.

MR. SPEAKER: Does the Honourable Member have support? Call in the members. Call in the Members. Order, please. The motion before the House is Bill No. 28, an Act to Amend the Lord's Day Act (Manitoba).

A STANDING VOTE was taken, the result being as follows:

YEAS: Messrs. Schreyer, Petursson, Green, Cherniack, Uskiw, Miller, G. Johnston, McKellar, Watt, Doern, Evans, Shafransky, Toupin, Patrick, McGregor, Einarson, McGill, McKenzie, Boyce, Gottfried, Walding, Johannson, Adam, Turnbull, Allard, Henderson, Moug, Blake, Girard and Mrs. Trueman.

NAYS: Messrs. Paulley, Mackling, Froese, Bilton, Pawley, Barkman, Malinowski, Jenkins.

MR. CLERK: Yeas 30; Nays 8.

MR. SPEAKER: In my opinion the Yeas have it. Declare the motion carried. The Honourable Member for Radisson.

MR. SHAFRANSKY: Mr. Speaker, by leave could we go on to Bill 43, The Manitoba Association of School Trustees Act?

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. The hour of adjournment having arrived the House is accordingly adjourned and stands adjourned until 10:00 a.m. tomorrow morning.