

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

2:30 o'clock, Thursday, May 3, 1973

Opening Prayer by Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Presenting Petitions; Reading and Receiving Petitions; Presenting Reports by Standing and Special Committees; Ministerial Statements and Tabling of Reports; Notices of Motion; Introduction of Bills.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

HON. EDWARD SCHREYER (Premier)(Rossmere) on behalf of the Minister of Labour, introduced Bill No. 49, an Act to amend the Civil Service Superannuation Act. (Recommended by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor)

HON. BEN HANUSCHAK (Minister of Education)(Burrows) introduced Bill No. 50, an Act to amend The Teachers' Pension Act. (Recommended by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

MR. WARNER H. JORGENSON (Morris) introduced Bill No. 40, an Act to amend The Liquor Control Act.

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

MR. I. H. (Izzy) ASPER (Leader of the Liberal Party)(Wolseley): Yes, Mr. Speaker, My question is for the Minister of Mines responsible for the Manitoba Development Corporation. Can he advise the House whether the President, one Richard Larratt, of Phoenix Data, the government-owned computer company, has been fired or whether he has resigned, and will he advise the House as to the reason for his departure?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Mines.

HON. SIDNEY GREEN, Q. C. (Minister of Mines, Resources and Environmental Management)(Inkster): Mr. Speaker, I am aware that there is some change of status with regard to that position and that's as much as I am able to tell the honourable member.

MR. ASPER: Mr. Speaker, to the same Minister. Will he advise whether the Operations Manager of the same company, one Joe Wren, has resigned or been fired and give us the reason for his departure?

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, that may or may not be and I explained to my honourable friends earlier that I don't intend to deal with every internal activity within a corporation or even a department of the Crown.

MR. ASPER: Can the Minister, in view of the fact that he has been unable to give us any financial data on Phoenix Data, can he indicate whether he has any quarterly or half-yearly statements on Phoenix Data, and if so will he make them available to the House?

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I believe a financial statement with regard to Phoenix Data was tabled at the Committee on Economic Development and questions were permitted. That's my recollection, but the honourable member wasn't at the committee so I would think that he wouldn't have got it if it was . . .

MR. ASPER: Point of order, Mr. Speaker, I'm sure the . . .

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

MR. ASPER: . . . Minister would not want the record to contain a misstatement, and the fact is that no statement for Phoenix Data was made available. A statement was made that there is no statement for the year-end. And that's why the question, Sir, was do you have any quarterly or half-yearly statements of operations to date?

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, the first statement that my honourable friend made was that we had been unable to supply any financial information with regard to Phoenix Data. That was the statement which I was contradicting. Information was provided at the Committee on Economic Development where my honourable friend who seems to have an interest in these things was not present. I have, Mr. Speaker, and if I can revert to - by leave - to Tabling of Reports, I have a Return to an Order of the House made by Mr. Patrick -- the Member for Assiniboia, excuse me - which I believe also has material with relation to Phoenix Data.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. HARRY J. ENNS (Lakeside): Mr. Speaker, I direct a question to either the First Minister or perhaps the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the increased trucking rates that has just been announced and the reaction by officials such as from the United Grain Growers

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(MR. ENNS cont'd) that this represents a 34 percent increase . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Question please.

MR. ENNS: . . . my question is, has the government any studies under way that would indicate just precisely the effect of this increase on the cost-price squeeze, official cost-price squeeze in agriculture and the cost of living generally?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, there is of course a multiplicity of rates that are involved in my honourable friend's question. We have already initiated procedures to attempt to draw comparisons between the freight rates on motor transport trucking for various major classes and kinds and categories of goods and I have that information already available. It requires further refinement but it shows that the adjustment or increase that has been ordered by the Motor Transport Board is in line with the history of the past 18 years of periodic adjustment and shows that even after the adjustment or increase that Manitoba's freight rates are approximately in the middle between Alberta and Saskatchewan's for similar classes and kinds of goods.

MR. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, I would ask the First Minister whether or not he would consider making that information that he has obviously tabulated for his own information available to the House?

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, I would hope that the Minister of Highways would arrange to have that kind of material prepared in an understandable format and accordingly made available.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, I direct a question to the Honourable the Minister of Highways. Mr. Speaker, I ask the Minister of Highways to consider, or whether or not he has considered asking his department to advance the normal dust control program that is carried out on our provincial roads, particularly in view of the fact that our spring has been here so much earlier this year. I recognize that the department has probably a set date for doing this but the conditions are getting very severe in rural Manitoba.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Highways.

HON. PETER BURTNIAK (Minister of Highways)(Dauphin): Mr. Speaker, no one could really forecast last fall or even in the winter as to what the conditions might be in the spring but these conditions are now upon us and the Highways Department is well aware and they'll be taken care of.

MR. ENNS: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, to the Minister of Highways. Is the Department of Highways in a position, do they have the necessary chemicals, materials to begin the dust control program now?

MR. BURTNIAK: I understand that that is the case and I think that will be begun in the next few days.

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

MR. GORDON E. JOHNSTON (Portage la Prairie): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Northern Affairs who answers for the Manitoba Government Air Services I direct my question to the First Minister. Is it the practice of this government to fly executive assistants and their wives and friends on government planes at no expense to the taxpayers?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, you know, I would like to advise my honourable friend that I have made inquiries and in other jurisdictions governments as a matter of course refuse to release the logbook of the aircraft. In our case, Sir, we have agreed and accepted an Order for Return which does provide all of the information contained in the Air Service aircraft logbooks and I believe that that has been tabled in its infinite detail. And we'll be quite prepared to provide that information time and again, although I do believe it is information which other jurisdictions have thus far refused to make available.

In addition to that fact I would tell my honourable friend that the only distinction we draw is that no one, but no one, is to use government aircraft when going somewhere on a vacation, holiday or weekend vacation. But if public business is involved then, Sir, we use the aircraft for the purpose for which it was intended. If my honourable friend has some more specific problem in his mind he should indicate what it is and I will attempt to answer it further.

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MR. G. JOHNSTON: I thank the Premier for his invitation. Is it a fact that Mr. Harvey Moats, Executive Assistant to the Attorney-General and his wife and another couple took a junket to Norway House on a government plane?

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, if one were going to Norway House during the fishing or hunting season I might be suspicious that it was a vacation or holiday, but if one is going to Norway House off season when the temperature is in the twenties or thirties I hardly think they are on any holiday, Sir.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the Minister would answer the last question.

MR. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Speaker, I have answered it. Quite apart from the use of the term "junket" which lends itself to various interpretations, I say, Sir, that no one uses the aircraft for junkets and I don't believe anyone would go to Norway House in a time of the year when it doesn't lend itself to any vacationing of any kind. How could one construe that to be junketing? Still I would tell my honourable friend this: that if he wishes to have a complete education on the use that is made of government aircraft that he make inquiries of the Air Traffic Controller for the Canadian Forces and find out the extent to which Canadian Forces Aircraft are used by Ministers, Ministers' wives, executive assistants, executive assistants' wives, members of parliament, members of parliaments' wives, on whatever purpose whatsoever including arriving here for fund raising dinners, \$100.00 a plate.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. J. WALLY McKENZIE (Roblin): Mr. Speaker, to further the question of Norway House which the Honourable the First Minister has raised can I ask the question of the Honourable the Minister of Tourism and Recreation, ask him if he has received a letter which I think most MLAs have received today from the John Evans Memorial Museum Incorporated from Norway House under the signature of the Reverend Howard B. Gibson?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

HON. LAURENT L. DESJARDINS (Minister of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs)(St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, if this letter was received by my office I haven't seen it yet.

MR. McKENZIE: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. It's a very important subject . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Question please.

MR. McKENZIE: . . . on German culture. I wonder if the Honourable Minister would review this or my letter and maybe make a statement to the House later on in the week re this very important thing which is likely to happen in the north in our great province?

MR. DESJARDINS: Well, Mr. Speaker, I haven't the faintest idea of what my honourable friend is speaking about. I will see the letter and if there is any statement that should be made I would like to do it, and then I would like to say that I do not agree with my Leader, I think that Norway House is always pretty.

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. ENNS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, in directing this question to the Minister of Finance it of course affords me an opportunity to acknowledge and welcome the Minister of Finance back into the Cabinet. --(Applause)-- I ask the question to the Minister does the Minister concur with the Honourable Mr. Basford's statement just recently that the removal of 11 percent sales tax on building materials would have an inflationary effect on our economy?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Finance.

HON. SAUL CHERNIACK, Q.C. (Minister of Finance)(St. Johns): Mr. Speaker, firstly I should acknowledge with thanks the comment of the honourable member about my return to Cabinet. Secondly, the statement as quoted by the honourable member seems to be a contradiction in itself, but I'm not aware of what statement Mr. Basford made, the context of it and therefore I cannot respond.

MR. ENNS: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, to the same Minister. Mr. Basford has been quoted . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Question please.

MR. ENNS: Well, Mr. Speaker, the question is contained in a statement made by the Federal Minister.

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MR. SPEAKER: Order please. I believe questions should be directed to the government in respect to what we are doing in this province and not just for verification of what someone else outside the province has said.

MR. ENNS: Does this government concur with the Federal Liberal Government's position that the removal of the 11 percent sales tax would have an inflationary effect on our economy at this time?

MR. CHERNIACK: Mr. Speaker, I don't intend as a new member of Cabinet to get involved in giving quick responses to simple statements which are excerpts of maybe longer speeches; nor do I want to enter into debate with that kind of press statement without knowing the background.

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

MR. ASPER: Mr. Speaker, thank you. My question is for the Minister of Education. Will he advise whether it's the intention of his department to use Phoenix Data, directly or indirectly, to provide the computer hookup with the high schools of Manitoba?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Education.

MR. HANUSCHAK: Whatever computer facilities the province owns, Mr. Speaker, that would be necessary for the provision of a computer science course in the schools of Manitoba will be used.

MR. ASPER: Can the same Minister indicate whether in the fiscal year just ended his department, the Department of Education, paid out a substantial sum in excess of \$100,000 to Phoenix Data?

MR. SPEAKER: Orders of the Day. The Honourable Minister of Education.

MR. HANUSCHAK: Mr. Speaker, if at some time within the next, whatever number of hours are remaining in Estimates - fifteen hours, eighteen hours - we should reach the Estimates of the Department of Education, I would be happy to answer the honourable member's question.

MR. ASPER: To the Minister of Education. Can he indicate whether the expenditure to which I have just referred, something in excess of \$100,000, was budgeted in his 1972-73 estimates or whether it was taken from surplus revenues, and would he indicate the purpose of the payment.

MR. HANUSCHAK: Mr. Speaker, I'd be happy to answer that question at the same time that I indicated in my answer to the previous question.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rock Lake.

MR. HENRY J. EINARSON (Rock Lake): Mr. Speaker, I direct this question to the Minister of Agriculture. Could the Minister now indicate whether or not the hog producers of Manitoba are subsidizing the pork contract sales to Japan?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Agriculture.

HON. SAMUEL USKIW (Minister of Agriculture)(Lac du Bonnet): Mr. Speaker, I always thought that there were benefits from that program.

MR. EINARSON: Mr. Speaker, in view of that answer could the Minister verify whether it's correct to say that the pork producers to this day are subsidizing the pork sales to Japan to the tune of 15 cents per hundredweight?

MR. USKIW: Mr. Speaker, I'm sure the producers who have received the returns on their shipments of pork through the Manitoba Hog Marketing Commission know the prices that they are getting and that one has to raise the question that if there are subsidies involved whether or not the shipments to Japan are indeed subsidizing the local shipments.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. STEVE PATRICK (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Honourable Minister of Colleges and Universities. In view of the just released statistics by the federal authorities indicating that only 55 percent of the university teachers in western Canada were Canadians, can the Minister indicate what percentage in Manitoba could be Canadians. I'm sorry that I didn't give him the . . .

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

HON. SAUL A. MILLER (Minister of Colleges and Universities)(Seven Oaks): Mr. Speaker, broad statistics across Western Canada, it's very difficult to apply it in Manitoba. I'd have to get breakdown within each University within Manitoba. I'll take the question as notice.

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MR. PATRICK: Supplementary. I thank the Minister for taking the question as notice. Perhaps the Minister can also indicate if the government has any policy with regard to numbers of non-Canadians teaching in Manitoba Universities.

MR. MILLER: Well, Mr. Speaker, as the member well knows, the Universities are autonomous bodies, they seek out their own staff and there is no government policy as such which will influence nor will control the decisions taken by the Universities who are interested primarily in getting the right person for the job and not be too concerned with the nationality of that person.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Birtle-Russell.

MR. HARRY E. GRAHAM (Birtle-Russell): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll address my question to the Minister of Colleges and Universities as well, and ask him what assistance his department is giving to applicants from out of this country who are applying for teaching status at the Universities with regard to custom clearance and immigration clearance?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. MILLER: To my knowledge there is no assistance being given by my department for customs clearance or immigration into this country. They have to apply to the Canada Manpower Immigration Department and the Federal Government looks after that.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Arthur.

MR. J. DOUGLAS WATT (Arthur): Mr. Speaker, at the risk of turning the question period into another tea party and scrambled eggs I . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Question please?

MR. WATT: I direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. Some time ago the Minister announced that equipment was being purchased for the purpose of pumping water in rural Manitoba . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Question please?

MR. WATT: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I was coming to . . . --(Interjection)--

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please.

MR. WATT: I would like to ask the . . . --(Interjection)-- Yes, I'll pump at you when your Estimates come up.

A MEMBER: Are you scared?

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Would the honourable member place his question?

MR. WATT: Yes, when you quieten the House down, Mr. Speaker, I'll be glad to place my question. When will the Minister be putting the equipment that he has purchased or suggested they were purchasing some time ago into effect to collect water into reservoirs that are -- some were practically dry and some are very low at the moment.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Agriculture.

MR. USKIW: Mr. Speaker, that's a question that really can be responded to in very basic common sense terms. When the equipment is delivered, if it is not yet delivered, it will be put into effect.

MR. WATT: Supplementary question. I wonder if the Minister would undertake to correspond with the municipalities and find out from the Municipal Councils just what areas are really in dire need right now of water for stock watering and pastures at the moment.

MR. USKIW: Mr. Speaker, that's another silly approach quite frankly. Municipalities that have problems usually find their way into my office and get very good reception. I have not had any particular correspondence with respect to that problem from municipalities to date.

MR. WATT: Did I understand the Minister to say that it was a silly approach to correspond with the municipalities in regard to problems within an area?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member from Assiniboia.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Honourable Minister of Colleges and Universities. In view that there are many Canadian teachers and professors capable with PHDs all over Canada seeking jobs would it not be good government policy to concern and have a policy in respect to foreign teachers and professors in our Universities.

MR. SPEAKER: The question is argumentative, asking for an opinion. The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. MCKENZIE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to speak on a point of privilege regarding the remarks that were wrote into the record by the Minister of Agriculture who. . .

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MR. SPEAKER: The honourable member state his matter of privilege.

MR. McKENZIE: . . . my point of privilege, Mr. Speaker, I'm trying to tell you what the point of privilege is. The Minister of Agriculture has said in a question raised by my colleague the Member for Arthur, that the water problems of this province is a silly approach to the serious matter. --(Interjection)-- Mr. Speaker, let me . . . Mr. Speaker, --(Interjection)-- Mr. Speaker . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Order, please. ORDER PLEASE. ORDER PLEASE. There is no matter of privilege in respect to an answer or even a non answer, in reply to a question. Those are the rules. The Honourable Minister of Agriculture wish to answer something?

MR. USKIW: I would suggest that the honourable member was . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. There was no matter of privilege. --(Interjection)-- Order, please. There was no matter of privilege. The Honourable Member for Portage la Prairie.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Mr. Speaker, I direct my question to the Minister of Mines who answers in the House for the operations of the MDC. In view of the announcement last year by the Premier that quick action would be taken against the owners of King Choy Ready Foods with respect to recovering the loan made by MDC, could the Minister tell us have charges been laid and has any money been recovered?

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I can't accept the assumption of my honourable friend's question. I would advise him, which he could learn from his Leader possibly, that some loans are not recoverable and there are some prosecutions that cannot be . . . and some moneys which are not paid back cannot be proceeded with in the way of prosecution. I don't know where the matter rests but it is possible that some loans are not recoverable. I have many many unsatisfied judgments against certain corporations which I'd be prepared to sell to my honourable friend at 10 cents on the dollar.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Supplementary question on the same subject, Mr. Speaker. In view of the fact that an investigation was promised, has the investigation been carried out, and if so will the government table a report?

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I'm sure that giving allowances for the word "investigation" that the matter was fully canvassed and as to whether or not I can make the report available I can't say.

MR. G. JOHNSTON: Mr. Speaker, a question to the same Minister on a related subject. In addition to the resignation of Mr. Shreiber from the MDC Board was Alex Cham asked to leave the MDC?

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I reported at the Economic Development Committee that Mr. Cham's term of office expired in the normal course.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Roblin

MR. McKENZIE: Mr. Speaker, I have a question of the honourable Minister in charge of the Manitoba Development Corporation. Can I ask him today if the Province of Manitoba has purchased what is known as Le Flour's General Store in Camperville?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I don't know.

MR. McKENZIE: Mr. Speaker, supplementary question. I wonder if the Honourable Minister would check it out and give me an answer tomorrow or the next day?

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, the reports of the Manitoba Development Corporation require that they submit on a quarterly basis, I believe, moneys that they have advanced for purchase of companies or loans that they have advanced.

MR. McKENZIE: A further supplementary question. Being a country grocer I wonder if the Province of Manitoba is prepared to purchase my store?

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, we're only interested in viable operations that have had good management.

A MEMBER: Then you are interested?

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

MR. ASPER: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Mines responsible for MDC and it relates to his earlier answers relative to Phoenix Data and to the observation he just made that the government is only interested in viable operations.

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MR. SPEAKER: Question please?

MR. ASPER: In view of the fact that Phoenix Data in the first brief period of its operations lost approximately \$600,000 . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Again I have --(Interjection)-- the Honourable First Minister wish to state his point of order.

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MR. SCHREYER: Yes, Mr. Speaker, my point of order is that questions should not be allowed prefaces and if they are the prefaces must at least be accurate. My honourable friend says in view of the fact of, and then proceeds to provide information that is not factual, but is false.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Wolseley.

MR. ASPER: On the point of order raised by the First Minister that the preface to the effect that Phoenix Data had lost \$600,000 is false, that is the report that the Minister of Mines has just tabled in the House.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, that is an opinion and I understand you, Sir, to be oftener cautioning us not to preface questions with opinions.

MR. SPEAKER: Correct. The point is well taken. The Honourable Member for Wolseley wish to state a question?

MR. ASPER: Mr. Speaker, on the point of order. Did the -- my question is to the Mines Minister . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Order, please. Let me suggest as I have suggested time and time again that we should direct our questions and make them as brief and in the narrowest limits possible, then we will not have problems as to whether they have a preface correct or incorrect. The Honourable Leader of the Liberal Party.

MR. ASPER: Yes, Mr. Speaker, to the Mines Minister and it relates to the Order for Return that he just tabled a few minutes ago in the House, No. 11. In paragraph 1 he states revenues . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Question please? Everyone can read the Order.

MR. ASPER: All right, Mr. Speaker. My question is did Phoenix Data have expenses of \$600,000 approximately, perhaps \$550,000 to 600,000, in excess of its revenues in the first period of its operation?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, I believe that the information is provided on the Order for Return that my honourable friend has requested.

MR. ASPER: Yes, Mr. Speaker, a point of order. The First Minister just characterized that same thing as opinion, the Minister of Mines is now saying . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. ORDER PLEASE. Order, please. A question and an answer are not debatable. Would the honourable member read Citation 171 of Beauchesne again. I would like to ask the co-operation of the honourable member. The Honourable Member for Wolseley.

MR. ASPER: Mr. Speaker, to the Mines Minister. Did Phoenix Data in its first period of operations suffer a financial loss in excess of \$500,000.00?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, only if one would regard every cent that the government expends without a direct revenue producing return as a loss. For instance, if the honourable member will accept the fact that the Department of Education paid out roughly \$120 million more than it received, and if he will characterize that as a --(Interjection)-- Mr. Speaker, my honourable friend says he would like me to answer the question. He would like me to answer the question in his ridiculous terms. What he doesn't wish is to have a proper answer to the question which shows how ridiculous those terms are. And I've indicated if the Honourable Member for Wolseley will say that the Department of Health suffered a loss of \$160 million, because it paid \$160 million dollars out in moneys which were not received for the services were provided then he may characterize every such government service as a loss.

It was indicated, Mr. Speaker, in the House -- Mr. Speaker, I know that the honourable members are disturbed with what they are now hearing because it disturbs their premises. It was indicated with respect to the Phoenix Data that this was going to be operated as a computer

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(MR. GREEN cont'd) service for the government, and it was also going to make its services available to other people. The question that my honourable friend asks stems from the fact that we have indicated the amount of cost of running that organization vis-a-vis the returns. If we would have done that for computer services of Hydro and computer services of Health Services, showed the amount that it cost to run it and not regarded any revenue as an expense against it we would have shown losses in each of those organizations. --(Interjection)

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Wolseley.

MR. ASPER: Mr. Speaker, to the Mines Minister. May I thank him for his lecture on economics, Mr. Speaker. . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Order, please. Again, gratuitous remarks before making a question are out of order; whether they are a good or bad opinion is immaterial. I would again ask the honourable member to co-operate in respect to the rules of order. The Honourable Member for Wolseley.

MR. ASPER: Point of Order, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the same latitude that was allowed to the Mines Minister . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Order, please. Order, please. I would again indicate to the honourable member, if he wishes to challenge my ruling that is his prerogative but there is no debate. I repeat, no debate on the rulings.

I have indicated in respect to the point that the honourable member raised in regards to his question that the question that I'm going to indicate now was repetitive, even though it was placed two or three times in different words it was the same question. When eventually the honourable member did receive an answer he was not happy with it and wishes to raise a point of order. I cannot allow that. The Honourable Member for Wolseley wish to place another question?

MR. ASPER: Mr. Speaker, my question to the Mines Minister is, does he consider Phoenix Data a viable business operation?

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Asking for an opinion which is also contrary to our rules. The Honourable Member for Lakeside.

MR. ENNS: Mr. Speaker, I direct a question to the Honourable the Minister of Mines responsible for the Manitoba Development Corporation. In view of his -- and I thank him for the in-depth analysis of one of the companies that we have an equity in. My question is that, Sir, in view of his often stated position in the House that it is not his intention to give us . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Order, please. Would the honourable member state his question?

MR. ENNS: Will he now undertake to give us this similar kind of in-depth analysis of all the companies that the MDC is responsible for? I appreciated the information he just gave us on the one now in question.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. GREEN: Mr. Speaker, in fact during the Estimates of the Department I tried to indicate the approach with regard to various Manitoba Development Corporation investments and I'm sorry if my honourable friend wasn't here but I did try to give that analysis and I suppose there will be other occasions for doing it.

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MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. JACOB M. FROESE (Rhineland): Mr. Speaker, I'd like to address my question, I'm not sure whether to the Minister of Education or to the new Minister of Finance. I'll direct it to the Honourable the Minister of Finance. Has an or will an amount equal to 28 percent of the local school taxes collected in Manitoba, as suggested in the Federal Budget by the Honourable John Turner February 19, 1973, an amount made available through increased equalization grants to Manitoba been passed on to the local ratepayers. Apparently the increase was 190 million with a total of 1.4 billion.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Finance.

MR. CHERNIACK: Mr. Speaker, I did not get the source of the quotation.

MR. FROESE: The source of the quotation is from the Budget Speech made by the Honourable John Turner, February 19, 1973.

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MR. CHERNIACK: I think it would be a more responsible response to say that we will check exactly the quotation and the context and be ready to give the answer during the Estimates of the Minister of Education.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Birtle-Russell.

MR. GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Colleges and Universities. I'd like to ask him when we can expect the Task Force Report on post-secondary education.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. MILLER: Mr. Speaker, I can't give an exact date. The responses to the interim or the first position papers taken by the Task Report, the responses have not been coming in as quickly as they hoped and so they won't be finalizing as soon as I had hoped. But I do think that there will be a final report well before the end of June.

MR. GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A second question to the Minister of Colleges and Universities. Were the Task Report in their terms of reference at any time asked to consider the percentage of non-Canadian members of the faculty?

MR. MILLER: Mr. Speaker, no.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Assiniboia.

MR. PATRICK: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Honourable Minister of Education. Has the 45,000 of excess grants to Rolling River School Division been repaid to the government?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Education.

MR. HANUSCHAK: Yes, Mr. Speaker, as I believe I had announced earlier in this House, the adjustments will be made to payment of the grants during the forthcoming year.

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

MR. PATRICK: A supplementary. So it will be adjusted but it hasn't been repaid?

MR. SPEAKER: Question, question.

MR. PATRICK: It has not been repaid?

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

MR. HANUSCHAK: Mr. Speaker, I believe that my answer was quite clear, that the adjustments will be made in the course of paying grants to the Rolling River School Division during this year, the total of which amounts to far in excess of \$45,000.00. So therefore the matter will be settled in that manner, that the amount paid Rolling River will be the amount normally due than less the amount of the overpayment for the previous two years.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Emerson.

MR. GABRIEL GIRARD (Emerson): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct a question to the Minister of Education. I wonder if he could advise the House whether or not he has received a brief from the Sprague School District requesting additional financial assistance; and if he did in fact meet with the representatives of the Sprague School District in the same regard?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Education.

MR. HANUSCHAK: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

MR. GIRARD: To the same Minister, Mr. Speaker, I wonder if he could advise the House then if the Sprague School District will in fact be receiving additional financial assistance in view of their budget and requirements?

MR. HANUSCHAK: No school district, Mr. Speaker, or school divisions have ever been denied the assistance to which it is properly entitled and nor will Sprague School District.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Minnedosa.

MR. DAVID R. BLAKE (Minnedosa): Mr. Speaker, my question would be to the Honourable Minister of Education. I wonder if he could inform the House if the Rolling School Division was the only school division that received an overpayment on per pupil grants last year?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Education.

MR. HANUSCHAK: Offhand I don't know, Mr. Speaker, but I'll certainly take the question as notice. I'm sure that at the present time neither does my department know and wouldn't know until such time as we received audited statements of the fiscal year just ended, or fiscal year last ended.

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MR. BLAKE: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker, If he misunderstood me on the year just ended, I was referring to the same year as the overpayment occurred in the Rolling River School Division.

MR. HANUSCHAK: I'll take that question as notice, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Tourism and Recreation.

MR. DESJARDINS: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to thank the Honourable Member from Roblin for sending me a copy of the letter he received and I think he invited a statement. I might say that during my Estimates I did announce and even previously that there was a package tour, I think that we distributed the leaflets. This is what is advocated by the Reverend Howard Gibson and they're also talking about the tourist potential in Europe and this is something else that I've informed the House that we were looking at. I wonder if the page boy would come and return this letter.

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

MR. GIRARD: Yes, Mr. Speaker, to the Minister of Education. I wonder if he could tell us approximately when the decision as to the financial assistance to the Sprague, over and above grant will be made, when will the decision be made?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Education.

MR. HANUSCHAK: Mr. Speaker, I don't know where the honourable member gets the notion that there will be a decision made with respect to assistance over and above the normal grant. I have met with the board of the school division as well as other people of the community and we have discussed some of the problems facing them in that particular area and the resolution of many of which can be found in a way other than offering or paying additional financial assistance. Therefore that will be done first, Mr. Speaker, And with reference to that particular school district as had occurred in the past by reason of its remoteness, by reason of the sparsity of population and for a variety of other factors, there have been a couple of occasions when we did have to offer that school district additional assistance to provide -- it was a grant for the provision of a --(Interjection)-- Yes, of a specialist - I forgot the exact title of the teacher. If that should become necessary again then that will be done. And I'd also assured the school division that I would offer the assistance of my staff to explore various other alternatives that they may and should consider in the provision of educational services in their particular school district, at the best cost possible.

MR. GIRARD: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the Honourable Minister would inform the House as to whether he gave the people of Sprague the comment that he would writing or communicating with them on this particular topic when the decision as to whether or not they get additional grants be made.

MR. HANUSCHAK: Mr. Speaker, I see very little difference between this particular question and the one previously asked. I did indicate and assure the people of Sprague that my department will offer the school district whatever assistance we can in reviewing their program and making whatever changes ought to be made to deliver their education program in a more efficient manner, and that will be done.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister. --(Interjection)-- The Honourable Member for Emerson.

MR. GIRARD: Yes, I'd like to ask one more question in the same area. Since the promise that department officials will be down to assist those people in reorganizing their system if necessary, has that been done? Has in fact the Minister been made aware that the officials have been down or have not been down?

MR. HANUSCHAK: Mr. Speaker, the Department of Education also conducts its affairs at 1181 Portage Avenue, at various other places, not necessarily just in the district of Sprague.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Roblin.

MR. McKENZIE: Mr. Speaker, a further subject pursuing the questioning of the Honourable Member from Emerson. I wonder when the Honourable Minister will make a statement regarding the problems at Camperville.

MR. HANUSCHAK: I'm not aware, Mr. Speaker, what problems the honourable member is referring to.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

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MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, earlier today the Honourable the Member for Portage la Prairie made some indirect allegations regarding one Harvey Moats, Executive Assistant to the Attorney-General and the alleged inclusion of him in a MGAS aircraft to Norway House. I have a note here which simply makes it very clear that the person in question has not been to Norway House on a aircraft or by any other means of locomotion. I hope that satisfies my honourable friend and I invite him to try again.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Birtle-Russell.

MR. GRAHAM: I have a question for the Minister of Education. Has the Minister received any request for additional assistance from Pelly Trail School Division to carry on their community schools program for the coming year?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister of Education.

MR. HANUSCHAK: Mr. Speaker, I'm not aware of any such request although I'm not saying that one may not have been received by my department. I'll take the question as notice.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. FROESE: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct a question to the Honourable the Minister of Colleges and Universities Affairs. Will the Universities Grants Commission be distributing the grants on the same basis as they did in previous years or will there be a disparity in the percentage?

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Minister.

MR. HANUSCHAK: Mr. Speaker, the Grants Commission uses a formula to make the distribution of grant moneys made available by the province. I think there's a slight change in the formulas being introduced this year; however there will be a major deviation on the fact that Brandon University will be treated differently than in the past with a special supplementary grant being made because of the problems at Brandon University.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister.

MR. SCHREYER: Mr. Speaker, I move seconded by the Honourable Minister of Tourism and Recreation that -- I have the floor, Mr. Speaker, I'm moving a motion, it can be voted on -- that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into a committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

MOTION presented.

POINT OF ORDER

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Wolseley.

MR. ASPER: Mr. Speaker, it's my understanding that the question of . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Is the honourable member speaking on a grievance?

MR. ASPER: No, Mr. Speaker, on a point of order.

MR. SPEAKER: Would the member state his point of order?

MR. ASPER: My point of order is that it is a custom of this House that the question period ends when the members cease asking questions, not when somebody can grab the floor and decide the question period is over by a vote of the House. That is exactly the precedent that is about to be established; that the First Minister has taken the floor having a majority in this House and can by his decision terminate the question period. And that is not the tradition of this House.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable First Minister on the same point.

MR. SCHREYER: Speaking on a point of order. We have, Mr. Speaker, someone who has been here for a year that is telling us about the custom and tradition of this House. I may be wrong, Sir, but it is my distinct impression that the practice and custom of this House, if we are to discuss practice and custom, is that question periods customarily and traditionally have been nowhere near this long. And furthermore the question period -- I invite my honourable friends to check with any other provincial jurisdiction or the Parliament of Canada and the question period here day after day, day after day runs to 50 minutes, 45 minutes, an hour. My honourable friend should be aware of that.

If it gives any comfort, if it assuages the feeling of honourable members I would ask Sir, that the motion be held in abeyance, be withdrawn, I ask that it be withdrawn so my honourable friend can put his question and then I will subsequently move the motion . . .

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MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Lakeside wish to speak to the same point?

MR. ENNS: Yes, Mr. Speaker, on the same point of order. I find myself at some difficulty in discussing this point of order. Surely I can agree and must agree with the Leader of the Liberal Party that any establishment of this kind of a precedent would be entirely repugnant to us on the Opposition benches. --(Interjection)-- Mr. Speaker, I ask indulgence of the House to make my point of order. As to the length of the question period, I suspect that same survey would indicate that there aren't too many legislatures where in fact there are five Opposition Parties. That's a particular peculiarity and difficulty that we have in this Legislature.

Mr. Speaker, further to that particular point, if there is or should be an agreement about more clear defining the length of the question period I suggest that there's a means of an avenue open for doing so, for the Rules Committee at some future time to consider that, if that should be the desire and the will of the House to consider it. As far as this particular instance though, it surely is in order for the person charged with the Leadership of the House, in this case the First Minister, to stand up and make that motion. As I sat back and listened and saw this developing the First Minister did in fact have the floor, presented his motion, and it was only then that the Leader of the Liberal Party chose to inject or interrupt the First Minister and ask another question. So in this instance I have to concur with the privileges that the person has, in this case the First Minister has in moving a perfectly legitimate motion in a legitimate way.

MR. SCHREYER: Sir, I ask that it be withdrawn leave to have it withdrawn so that the question period can continue in its infinite . . .

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

MR. ASPER: Mr. Speaker, it wasn't that I wished to prolong the question period.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please. Order, please. Now we are on the question period and we are back to the same rules. Place your question please?

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

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

MR. ASPER: I rose only then and now . . .

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

MR. ASPER: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I was trying to, and still am, have what occurred recorded properly and that's all I sought. That there be no precedent established where a question period could be cut off. The First Minister having withdrawn his motion, I'm quite prepared to see the question period end, the precedent having not been established that I was concerned about.

MR. SPEAKER: There was no question of precedent and the honourable member was not stating a point of order, he was just debating and indicating his opinion. Now the question period is still on; if the honourable member wishes the floor, he's entitled to it. If not, we'll move on. Orders of the Day. The Honourable First Minister.

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

MOTION presented and carried and the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply, with the Honourable Member for Logan in the Chair :

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MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 111(a) -- passed.

MR. DESJARDINS: Which one's that?

MR. CHAIRMAN: (b)--passed. Resolution 112(a)-- the Honourable Member for La Verendrye.

MR. LEONARD A. BARKMAN (La Verendrye): I will not be long on this department in fact, I wish it wasn't named the Cultural Development Department, rather the non-cultural development that I have in mind to bring up. However I think I must bring it up. It was brought to my attention a couple of days ago and I really have no intention of furthering the cause of pornography or other fornications but when a pamphlet appeared on my desk the

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(MR. BARKMAN cont'd) other day I was most upset.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Cultural Development.

MR. BARKMAN: Right. --(Interjection)-- Well that could come into it if part of this cultural is going to keep on developing the way it is developing. I would like to bring this out, in fact I purposely waited for this department because I didn't want to bring it under classification of the film board, perhaps it should have come under there but it's not pertaining to films. I could say this, as if some of our movie presentations are not going far enough or getting far enough out of line . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please. I wonder if we could have some of the chatter cutting out. It's not very courteous to the honourable member that is trying to speak and it's not very courteous to the Chair who is trying to hear what he is saying. Now if you don't want to listen I suggest you go out in the halls and hold caucus meetings there but don't hold them here. The Honourable Member for La Verendrye.

MR. BARKMAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At least as far as a movie is concerned you don't have to go there, you can stay home or you can pick your movies that you wish to attend. But in the case of people delivering, and I understand - I cannot prove this but I understand these were delivered door to door in some instances. I think another insult has been hurled at the citizens of Manitoba.

I have in my hand a pamphlet that I can pass to the Minister later on or table if you wish, a pamphlet suggesting and describing pornography to an extent unheard of as far as I'm concerned especially if it has to be delivered from door to door. Mr. Chairman, I don't intend to announce the name of the -- call them aggressors if you wish -- with their name openly printed on the pamphlet. This leafletter pamphlet openly advertises for gorgeous girls. This business is open seven days a week and they brag that this the latest addition to Winnipeg's entertainment. What guff! The headline on the pamphlet is "A Complete Body Rub". Mr. Chairman, it has been mentioned in this House that Winnipeg is fast becoming the pornography capital of perhaps not just Manitoba but perhaps of North America. I will pass this on to the Minister - and I said I would not be long - unless somebody wishes to have it tabled. But I do wish if we're talking about culture and if we want to encourage culture, and I was going to speak on that for a while but I think we've been at his Estimates probably long enough. But I do wish the Minister could look into matters like these and certainly let's try and halt some of the smut that's been passed around.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Tourism and Recreation.

MR. DESJARDINS: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if I could have a copy of this letter that he's . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order please. Order.

MR. DESJARDINS: Mr. Chairman, it can be . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: One member on the floor at a time.

MR. DESJARDINS: . . . tabled, but I would like to see it first.

Well, Mr. Chairman, I certainly can understand the feelings of my honourable friend but I don't know what it's doing in this department at all. It's supposed to be the Department of Cultural Affairs -- now I'm told it's the uncultured. This is something that I don't think is allowed. It could be against the Criminal Code, the morality division here of the city, and certainly if nothing else the Attorney-General. So with your permission, with the permission of the member, I'll send this to the Attorney-General because I am at a loss to know what this department can do about it. All right? I'll send it to the --(Interjection)-- No we haven't given any cultural grants for this yet. We haven't had any request. It will be studied.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 111 (a)(1) -- the Honourable Member for Charleswood.

MR. ARTHUR MOUG (Charleswood): Mr. Chairman, when I was speaking the other night I asked the Minister if he would take the Annual Report of the Manitoba Centennial Corporation and turn -- when he was up speaking -- to Exhibit A, Exhibit B and the last page Schedule 3, and just explain for the benefit of the people of Manitoba those three figures, two of them in the three-quarters of a million dollar bracket and one at the million dollar, so we could understand the amount of money that went to the French Cultural Centre rather than go around guessing and not know.

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MR. DESJARDINS: Well, Mr. Chairman, I haven't got the report here. I guess I should explain again to the people of Manitoba what happened, I'd be glad to do it. I've told my honourable friend, this will be the third time, that the total grant for the Franco-Manitoban Cultural Centre was \$650,000 from the province and the same amount from the Federal Government. And I also stated that originally there was \$5 million grant came from Ottawa to Manitoba during the Centennial year to help in certain projects such as that, and I did - I, Hansard will show that I gave the breakdown of this \$5 million. There was so much for the museum, half a million dollars or so for the Keystone Centre in Brandon, the MTC and so on and that was an arrangement with the Federal Government, there was an arrangement, an agreement that half of that - that half a million would go towards a Franco-Manitoban Cultural Centre. I imagine the Minister of Finance I'm sure will explain that much better than I can but I think that the money came to the province and the province had to turn this thing over to the Centennial Corporation. --(Interjection)-- Yes. The five million. So I don't know, this is the entry, I hope my honourable friend will believe me, the total grant from the province was \$650,000.00. It's possible they received the money from -- the money had to be paid to the province, the federal share, and that was turned over. There might have been another 650. I don't know where my honourable friend ever got the figure of two million four that he mentioned the other night. The most that he could find is twice, twice 650, that's it. That's providing that we aren't asked -- we received the money from the Federal Government and then turn it over. This is the only thing that I can see. I invite the Minister of Finance to try to clarify this position.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Finance.

MR. CHERNIACK: Mr. Chairman, as I recall it, after a great deal of negotiation the Federal Government undertook to contribute \$5 million to various Centennial projects. The money was, after discussion, was directed by the Federal Government as to the manner in which it was to be disbursed, so many dollars for the cultural centre in St. Boniface, so many dollars for Brandon and other dollars for specific projects in Winnipeg. The money was paid in dribbles, I mean substantial dribbles, but it did come in over a period of time and as I recall it every time a cheque was given the Federal Government announced the \$5 million amount as having been contributed by the Federal Government. The result is that there was confusion in some people's minds that possibly the Federal Government was giving several times \$5 million because each time they presented us with a cheque they announced a \$5 million gift, and maybe there is some confusion in the minds of people doubling up the federal contribution.

The manner in which the moneys were paid I believe were paid into the provincial treasury, the understanding being that the Provincial Government would then use it in the form allocated by the Federal Government.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Charleswood.

MR. MOUG: Now that the Minister has his staff here with him and possibly I can borrow this annual report from somebody, I have this one pretty badly marked up, and have him or his staff go over it and explain to us, because regardless of whether we're talking about federal contribution, it's government money that's coming into this province and it's people's money, and be it have the federal stamp on it or a provincial stamp on it it's people's money and they're concerned about how it's being spent. I think if it's spent fairly regardless of what level of government it comes from - and this is the explanation I'm looking for because I'm being asked that.

MR. DESJARDINS: Mr. Chairman, the honourable member was given this answer. The total amount was \$1,300,000.00. There might have been another \$5,000 or so during the construction to heat the place, but we're not talking about that. The total amount was \$1,300,000, if that's what my friend wants to know. That is what's spent on the building, what it will cost to build. Half of it coming from the Federal Government, part of the five, half a million of it anyway, part of the \$5 million grant received from the Federal Government for these purposes. But you know it's pretty odd that my honourable friend should point out that item. It's the same thing. The Keystone place, the museum, all those things are in the same report, and it's the same thing. There's nothing sinister here at all.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Charleswood.

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MR. MOUG: I'm not making any reference at any time, Mr. Chairman, about anything being sinister, I'm making mention in the Annual Report of amounts of money. He's got his staff with him, he can't explain to me Exhibit A, there's a figure of \$713,706 on there. I just asked a simple question because I know you could only answer simple questions. I ask where does this go? -- (Interjection) -- That's right. So then I go to Exhibit B, continued, second page of Exhibit B it says \$735,000, an unlike figure from the first figure I mentioned. So I asked you to explain that. It's your report, it's handled through your department. If you can't read that report for people when it's asked then you shouldn't be handing it out - come out under your name.

So then you look at Schedule 3, the last page of the report and there's a simple straight-away \$1 million. And I'm asking if it's not too much for the Minister to answer, Mr. Chairman, the explanation of where these dollars came from, where they were guided to and why are the three different figures in there? I said the other night, I hope I'm wrong when I mention this two and a half million dollars. Certainly I hope I'm wrong when I mention that. But you couldn't get up and tell me where I went wrong so I'm asking you again today. I'm repeating to you, for the third time today and twice the other night, can you explain why those three figures total \$2.4 million. There's nothing wrong with a representative of the Legislature asking something like that; except that I have to ask it to a Minister that's not capable of answering, that's the big problem.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Tourism and Recreation.

MR. DESJARDINS: Mr. Chairman, I gave my honourable friend the correct answer as far as the exchange between province and the Corporation and so on. I'll have a written statement for him explaining every damn cent that ever went out to satisfy him.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Charleswood.

MR. MOUG: Well I think that's a lot better answer we've had so far, Mr. Chairman, but I think when there's big money like this being handled, apparently the statement is over his head as it is over mine, but I don't pretend to be in the government spot where I'm handling this kind of money, and certainly it's something that should be looked at by the Finance Minister and explained properly to this House how that money - why the statement is drawn up in this manner that shows \$2.4 million. That's all I'm asking. What is the true figure? He doesn't know. He's trying to tell me something like, \$1,300,000.00. That figure doesn't appear in here, nowhere in this book it doesn't appear, except then he says there may be a few thousand dollars thrown in here and there. That's not a good enough explanation, when an elected representative is asked by his people what is in that statement, where does this \$1,300,000 show up? It doesn't show up in the statement, and this statement, from what I can see, covers the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1972 of moneys -- many many dollars that was spent on Centennial projects, and it seems to me a little heavy on the Franco-Manitoba Centre. That's why I'm asking.

I spotted a figure on that back page of a half million dollars for the Keystone Centre and this is what you keep throwing at us, a half million dollars. And yet the Cultural Centre in St. Boniface it's got listed behind it a million dollars. And then the Brandon University above that had close to a million and a half. But those figures don't mean anything to me, and I can't have them explained by the Minister. They're sure costing this province a lot of money; if you can't come up with the answers there's something bad.

MR. DESJARDINS: Mr. Chairman, now he's talking about a certain report that wasn't even questioned. I never had this report. It was tabled the first day because my honourable friend from Roblin was asking for a report and the feeling was that maybe we were holding back. That report went to him and on that first night, the other night, I told my honourable friend exactly how much money was spent. And let him not pretend now that this was the only concern that he was asking a question. I think that his policy on the question of linguistic and cultural matters was certainly explained on that night. So I am saying to my honourable friend, I gave you the answer, now you're asking a specific answer about a report. This is being checked by the Minister of Finance. You'll get your statement.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Finance.

MR. MOUG: Mr. Chairman, I doubt very much if there's information forthcoming but certainly . . .

MR. CHERNIACK: I thought I was . . .

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MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Finance.

MR. CHERNIACK: Mr. Chairman, I was not listening too carefully to the discussion but I gather it deals with the statement of the Manitoba Centennial Corporation as at March 31, 1972, which of course is not the Estimates we are dealing with at this time. We're dealing with the Estimates for the year which commences April 1st, 1973. So we're now talking about a statement, I gather, of two years back. I would suggest, Mr. Speaker, that all questions that are asked should be answered but I think they should be answered when we deal in the Committee with Public Accounts or we have the auditor present and the Accounting Branch of the Department of Finance where questions of financial statements would more properly be dealt with.

Now I don't know whether the Minister of Tourism would actually know very much about this, I suspect that he may not even have been the Minister in that year. But in any event, this to me is the kind of question that could be dealt with and should be dealt with under Public Accounts.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Charleswood.

MR. MOUG: Well I thank the Minister of Finance for a good explanation. I think that probably this is where I'll be able to get the answers. But it was an oddity, Sir, that this was turned out on Wednesday and I think the Finance Minister is correct when he says we're dealing with something that's not even from last year's estimates but from two sets of estimates previous. So I agree with him it's hard to have the answers off the cuff, and as long as I know that the answer is forthcoming, we can't expect to ask these questions two years ago or a year ago because it was only tabled Wednesday, and I don't think there's anything wrong with any member in this Chamber getting up and asking questions on something that's been tabled in the House. Thanks.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 112 (a) (1) -- the Honourable Member for Brandon West.

MR. EDWARD MCGILL (Brandon West): Mr. Chairman, I hope the House will not find it too dull and boring if I switch from the previous topics to gambling at this time. I have in my hand a copy of the Report of the Manitoba Lottery Commission and this report is from the Provincial Library filed September 15th, 1972. Because, Mr. Chairman, the report shows that cultural and recreational funds are contained in this . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order please. Could the Honourable Minister inform me what item it does come under.

MR. DESJARDINS: This came under the Minister's salary because I am responsible for the -- those grants that you see there, this is the only point that I want to make, are not the ones that are covered by the lottery funds at all. I gave those during the debate on the Minister's salary, at the time.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The honourable member, I would refer him to the item that's under discussion.

MR. MCGILL: Well, Mr. Chairman, inasmuch as the report shows cultural and recreational funds from the Lotteries Commission surely we can discuss the whole report since 31 percent of the funds achieved are going for cultural and recreational purposes according to the graph shown. This is the only point on the Estimates of the Minister where cultural development is mentioned, so I would submit, Mr. Chairman, that since a good percentage, one-third of the funds raised by the Lotteries Commission are for cultural purposes, that it should be in order for me to proceed with some questions about the report at this time.

MR. DESJARDINS: Mr. Chairman, if I may, I'm not objecting to this at all, I think the honourable member misunderstood me. What I am saying, and I think the member seemed to read somewhere - funds from the lottery or grants from the lottery fund. This is not grants, this is not from the lottery at all. Those grants that you're talking about, those are other grants besides what there is in the lottery. I haven't got the figures here for the lottery, I mentioned most of them during the debate on the Minister's salary and I gave you the cut down between sports and the total amount of different commitments. Those are not the grants. What you see there, Cultural and Other Miscellaneous Grants (3), one million six, is not the same thing at all. That's the only point I'm trying to make.

MR. MCGILL: We may be looking at somewhat different documents. I'm looking at the Manitoba Lotteries Commission report for March 31/72 and there is a pie-shaped graph in here that shows the percentage of the total funds taken in by the Lotteries Commission that are

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(MR. MCGILL cont'd) applied to cultural and recreational purposes in the province.

MR. DESJARDINS: I can't give you a different -- that's right but we're going through -- we're finished the Minister's salary, we're going through this book here, we're on a certain item and this is what I'm looking at.

MR. MCGILL: Surely, Mr. Chairman, if funds are raised for the purpose of cultural and recreational purposes we should be able to discuss it at this time.

MR. DESJARDINS: Mr. Chairman, I don't mind if he discuss -- and I'm telling him that this is not at the right time. I don't care, he can discuss it all he wants and I'll try to answer. The only thing I haven't got these figures at this time. We've left the Minister's salary, we're on a specific item and this is not the one covered by my honourable friend. I have no objection if he wants to discuss this question but I don't think I can give him the information at this time. I gave all that information previously, but I'll discuss it with him whatever information I can give him. I have no objection at all.

MR. MCGILL: Well, Mr. Chairman, then if the Minister has no objection perhaps I can just place two or three questions and he can obtain the answers if he doesn't have them immediately there, or if his staff are not able to supply them.

But, Mr. Chairman, one of the first points about this report that strikes me is that it is listed on those required to be filed by the Department of Tourism and Recreation and it says on this list that we received of such reports on the 26th of February of this year, that the report of the Manitoba Lotteries Commission, "the Minister shall within 14 days of the receipt table the report in the Legislature if it is then in session. If not, within 14 days after the opening of the next session." So, Mr. Chairman, I can't find a record of this report having been tabled and I may well have missed the item but nevertheless that is one question that I would ask the Minister.

Now the . . .

MR. DESJARDINS: May I answer the question if I may.

MR. MCGILL: I'm sorry, may I just finish my . . .

MR. DESJARDINS: Well on a point of order . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Point of order has been raised. The Honourable Minister of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

MR. DESJARDINS: According to the Lottery Act, Section 61, "the commission shall on or before the 30th day of June of each year submit to the Minister of Finance a report covering the conduct, operation, management of any lottery scheme carried on during the immediately preceding year."

Now the one that you're talking about again is one that's probably a year old and I haven't received any other report from them. I explained that before, I inquired from the Commission and they told me at the time that the person doing that was sick, it should be coming fairly soon. This is an old report that you're talking about, it's not the last one.

MR. MCGILL: Well thank you. Mr. Chairman, the Minister is making my next point for me and that is that the act on the Lotteries Act states that the Minister of Finance will table this report in the House. And I question the contradiction between this list of reports which indicates that the Minister of Tourism will table it in the House and the Act itself which indicates that the Minister of Finance will table it. Now if it is true as the Minister suggests, and I have no reason to believe otherwise, that he has another report for the Manitoba Lotteries Commission then I think we're two reports behind in tabling it in the House.

Mr. Chairman, the point that concerns me is that there doesn't seem to be any published lists of the allocation of the funds that are available from the Manitoba Lotteries Commission. The report does indicate the percentage of the funds on both of the draws. There was the Canadian Football Championship, Series D, in which 31 percent was provided for cultural and recreational activities; and the Canadian Curling Championship, Series E, and the amount of the total was 24 percent. So I would ask the Minister if he could supply the House with a breakdown indicating specifically which cultural and recreational events or organizations received this money and the amount to each.

Now in his annual report for his department Appendix A contains a list of the grants to provincial organizations. I assume that these are grants that are on-going and are not connected with funds raised by the Manitoba Lotteries Commission. So that it appears that there is accountability in respect to recreational organizations, they're clearly listed here and the

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(MR. MCGILL cont'd) amounts to each are shown. Now I wonder why there is no such list for the distribution of the Lotteries Commission's funds. These funds come from sale of tickets in all parts of Manitoba and I'm sure the people in Manitoba would like to know whether the allocation of the funds available after the expenses of the lottery are deducted, whether these funds are apportioned in some way so that there is a reasonable distribution over the whole province. We would be interested to know, for instance, what cultural and recreational organizations in Winnipeg receive these grants in aid and we would be interested to know if there are organizations in Thompson and The Pas and Brandon and so on. So, Mr. Chairman, I would hope that the Minister would be able to tell me where this information is available, and if it is not why it has not been published so that all organizations are aware of the eventual distribution of the profits of the Lotteries Fund.

Now the Minister may again wish to object to my introducing a further item in this Cultural and Recreational resolution but I'm not sure that horse racing is a cultural pursuit in Manitoba or not. But I understand that his department commissioned a report to be made on horse racing in Manitoba. I would appreciate the Minister advising if this report is now complete and in his possession; if it will be made available to the public; what the general purpose of the report was, what the terms of reference were, and the approximate cost of the total research that was done. I have no doubt that there was an objective to be achieved in commissioning a report of horse racing in Manitoba. I understand it takes into account the breeding of stock, the operation of racing establishments and so forth.

So that, Mr. Chairman, these are the principal items I have at the moment. I'd be very interested to hear the Minister's reply. If he does not have the answers now, in due course.

MR. DESJARDINS: Mr. Chairman, this is clearly not my day because I can't get my points across and I wonder if we're going to change the procedure of dealing with estimates. I think we've spent close to a week on my estimates, I've tried to the best of my knowledge and ability to answer every single question that was asked of me. Now we've left the Minister's salary, we're going item by item and what is brought in by my honourable friend does not come under the item that we're studying, that we're supposed to pass now. In other words, it's out of order. Now as it is not my intention to try to hold back any information, I wasn't prepared for some of the questions that my honourable friend is asking now. If we want to talk in general, fine, but to get the specific answer I can't give my honourable friend all these answers at this time. We've passed that.

Now I might say I'll try to explain the situation with the lottery. The Act says that the Lottery Commission must file a report with the Minister of Finance, but let's remember what this report is all about. The Manitoba Lottery Commission has not the mandate to distribute any funds at all, it is not part of their report, it will not be part of their report. The report is all the question of how many tickets were sold, how much money came in, what was paid in commission and so on. -- (Interjection) -- Beg your pardon? All right, this is what I'm trying to explain. Now this is the role of the Manitoba Lottery Commission and this is why I was a little disturbed a few days ago and I chastised without naming him a Member of the Commission who took upon himself to decide, he's never been in our office, and he's decided to tell the people where the funds, in the manner of which they were being distributed. Now the only reason why I was a little disturbed because he had the wrong information, he gave the wrong information. But apart from that, the role of the Manitoba Lottery Commission is to sell the tickets, pay the commission, make sure that the money comes in and so on. And that used to be under the Attorney-General until just very shortly so if I haven't got all the answers that might be another one of the reasons. This was transferred under my department, just the Manitoba Lottery Commission. But that did not change the Act, the report should go to the Minister of Finance.

I was asked this question in the House, I tried to give all the report that I'm supposed to give. I saw the same list that my honourable friend read from, I don't blame him at all, this is the way it came out. I asked my staff why isn't that report out. They said, well it is not us, it is the Minister of Finance. I went to the then Minister of Finance, which was the First Minister, I asked him and he said, well you go ahead and bring it yourself. I got in touch with the Manitoba Lottery Commission, I was told at the time that they were practically finished, that the man that was working on that had been taken sick and as soon as they'd get it they would bring it over to me and I would table it. And this was what? - the last draw was when, the last

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(MR. DESJARDINS cont'd) draw was when? in March, at the end of March or something like that? -- (Interjection) -- yes, the British Consols Curling so it's not that long ago. They were waiting for that and then they were going to do it. So the only point I'm trying to make is I tried to get this information. I haven't got this information myself. Now all that they're required to do is telling us how much they made, what they spent, how much they turn over to the Department of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs. The report that you see is last year's report. As soon as I can get the four - maybe I shouldn't say that, I made a mistake, I've tried to give you this information so fast that I didn't even look at it, this is what happened with the other report we were talking about, but as soon as I get it it will be tabled. But that will not deal with the distribution of funds, not at all. The distribution of funds is the responsibility of this department.

The honourable member should read Hansard, he will see that I give most of this information. I haven't got a report. There will be a report made by this department also. It has been impossible to get a report at this time in view of the different programs and we have been planning, I think that a year ago I tried to explain where the money would go. I announced the program during the debate on the Minister's salary, I've told you of the amount not the cent but pretty close to it, the amount that was spent on this capital program, approximately a million dollars for the rural area, 75 for remote areas and about 695 for the city. Now the report would only show the money that has already been spent or passed through an O/C, and this would not give you the information that you want, so I've tried to the best of my ability, I've tried to during the debate to indicate where the money was going. And as you know, on this program we'll take the same example of this grant of \$20,000 maximum and so, we received a list all over the place of applications and this is why we decided to extend that a bit, and instead I think we had about \$275,000 earmarked for the rural areas but it ended up that it's closer to a million dollars.

Now I cannot give you a report that all this money has been spent; that money is kept until these people in these areas in the rural points are ready to accept this money have fulfilled their part of their obligation. So I'm ready to take all those that are approved, name all of them, give you all the names, all those that are approved, but this has already been done to the public because at every time this was passed in principle there was a press release stating all of those. Now it might be that some of them might decide that they will not go through with it, they won't get the proper fund, the necessary fund and they might not be in line to receive the money. You know, I'm trying to explain how difficult it is to have a report at this time. There will be done, another one a little later, and some other money has been earmarked for other things, have been reserved - I think that I mentioned also that there was a \$100,000 earmarked for games. We were supposed to have the games, that money is set aside because this is the only way, if we reserve it for a special program it's got to be kept until the bills are paid.

Now we were proceeding with the games, the northern section of the Manitoba Games in Thompson and then it was felt by the people of the area that there wasn't enough time to do the kind of job that they want, they asked us to postpone it, the money was there, the money is not spent.

So I'm only trying to tell my honourable friend that I will not hide anything, I will try to give you as much information as possible, but it is not the duty of the -- he will not find the kind of information he wants from any report, even the next report of the Manitoba Lottery Commission, they will only report on certain things and then we are responsible for accounting for this money. I gave you in principle where the money was going; when the bills are paid I suspect that it shouldn't be too difficult for the next session to have the amount that we received. First of all you'd have the report from the commission. I would hope that you'd have it by then. Then we will give you an accounting of the money we received, where the money was spent. But in the meantime I'm giving you this information as closely as I can. I don't know if that satisfies my honourable friend. I answered any questions during the debate on the estimate. If he reads Hansard I think he'll find out most of it.

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MR. McGill: Yes. Well dealing with the latter part of the Minister's reply first. He indicates that he is responsible for the distribution of the grants to cultural and recreational organizations and that there is no place where this information is presently now available to the public. Is that essentially right?

MR. DESJARDINS: I'll make this promise right now, that as soon as possible a complete list of all these grants will be given each member even if the Estimates are finished. Now I might say that before any money can be spent an O/C, an Order-in-Council has to be passed. This is public opinion, we've made a statement, a press release on all of this.

Now I understand of course my honourable friend wouldn't have all those, but I'm trying to say that the statement will not show commitments, the statement will show only the money that has gone in. Nearly every day there is a certain — there's a group that qualify be it Neepawa or somebody else and they're sent the money. So this is why I think that in a few months we'll have all this information, but I will, not endeavour, I'll promise, I'll go on record that, I'll guarantee that every member will have a list of every cent that was spent by this department be it on the cultural side or the recreational side.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Brandon West.

MR. MCGILL: Yes. Well getting back to the tabling of the report. The Minister apparently was aware that the Act said the Minister of Finance would table it and this list said he would table it. And in the confusion then apparently nobody tabled it. Is that right? This is the March 31st . . .

MR. DESJARDINS: No, it's not the confusion . . .

MR. MCGILL: Well it's confusing to me when it says two different things.

MR. DESJARDINS: All right, the Act says it's Finance. This report said Tourism and Recreation. I checked with the Minister of Finance, he said it doesn't matter as long as they get it, because I knew that I was going to be questioned. I got in touch with the Commission and asked for the report. I don't think it matters too much who tables it. So there is no confusion there as far as the Minister of Finance or myself were the ones . . .

MR. MCGILL: Was it tabled?

MR. DESJARDINS: No. We haven't got it yet.

MR. MCGILL: I got it here.

MR. DESJARDINS: What year? Read which one you're talking about.

MR. MCGILL: This is filed in the Library September 72.

MR. DESJARDINS: September — well September 72 is not the last one. -- (Interjection) -- That's right it isn't tabled. -- (Interjection) -- Oh, this one's tabled. Well that one's tabled. How in the heck have you got a copy if it's not tabled? -- (Interjection) -- Oh well that — if you're talking about that one, that I can't answer because that wasn't my responsibility then at all. I'm talking about the new one. If you're talking about another one I don't know if that's been tabled or not, in the House, but it's been released.

MR. MCGILL: Now, Mr. Chairman, the Minister has pointed out that the one I have covers the period up to March 31, 1972, and has been out for sometime, and he's suggesting that there's another one that's imminently available. But all I'm asking for really is a list of the distribution of the funds that were received more than a year ago now, so surely those are now distributed to the various cultural and recreational organizations. This is 13 months ago, and you must surely have in your department the distribution of the net proceeds of the lotteries for March 31, 1972.

MR. DESJARDINS: The Lottery Commission have received this money. They have turned it over to the Consolidated Fund and very little of that money at that time was spent. You don't just get the money and spend it right away. There were no programs, and the list that I'm going to give you, that I guarantee that you will get, will comprise, will be a complete list from day one. That money was in there, the Consolidated Fund, and wasn't being spent for quite a while. That money wasn't spent last year. The first distribution took place only this year.

MR. MCGILL: Mr. Chairman, to the Minister. Will there be any way to relate the total of the distribution of your list to this statement of funds received? You know, this is what I'm trying to get at that you have related in detail the participating agencies. Now these are the people who sold the tickets, presumably, that are listed in here. Now could you relate in detail some amount that checks with the net proceeds of the total lotteries for March 31/72.

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MR. DESJARDINS: That's exactly what I said I would do, and this is what I've tried to do during the debate on the Minister's salary. To date we have received, we, the department, has received 2,200,000 or so dollars in all from day one, from the first day that this lottery started. Two million something, and you will have a list of every single penny that has been spent, and the anything that has been committed, and what's left. Now there's more committed than the money received. There's more money committed than the money received because we know that there'll be more of this, of these funds coming in.

MR. MCGILL: Mr. Chairman, perhaps we can have a list of the money actually paid out up to this date. -- (Interjection) -- Fine thank you, there was just the other question then about the facing report, report on the racing industry in Manitoba.

MR. DESJARDINS: Well, my friend . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please. We are on cultural development and I do not see where racing reports enter into the cultural development.

MR. DESJARDINS: Mr. Chairman, if I may my friend is being patient with me and I think that I should do the same thing. Maybe he should have asked when we started what this was -- this should have been covered on grants and miscellaneous in Administration (e) and that's passed, but if I may, with leave of the House, I will give a very short answer.

There is no cost to this report as such. It is something that was done; it's an inhouse report; it is a staff of senior personnel of different departments. There was a subcommittee of Cabinet named, chaired by myself, to look into the industry, the racetrack industry, the horsebreeders, and so on, and there was just an inhouse study and recommendation that came after they talked to different people, and we're working on that now. There's no announcement that could be made at this time but we hope that very shortly there'll be an announcement, but it is not the kind of study that my honourable friend is talking about. It is not a report on a specific matter; it is recommendation that came in. The legwork was done by the senior personnel of two or three different departments -- Finance, Agriculture, and this department, and this information was sent to the Ministers to arrive at a decision and I'm sure that fairly soon something will be announced.

MR. MCGILL: Mr. Chairman, would this report be available to the members of the House?

MR. DESJARDINS: No it won't be, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 112(a)(1) -- The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. FROESE: I just wanted to have it on the record that we receive reports from various departments that are better than a year old right along, and these are subject to discussion because those are the latest reports that we have similar to this one on the Lotteries Commission. It's better than a year old but it's still the latest report that is out and the only one that we can discuss. And therefore I think it is perfectly in order to have the report discussed under this particular item because we are now dealing with Cultural Affairs and we have the latest report of the department that we're discussing also is of the fiscal year ending December 1971-72, so it's -- a lot of it is old too.

And when I look at the Cultural Development Branch referred to under this item we find here statements made to the effect, and I'm quoting now, "the Manitoba Centennial Corporation was formally disbanded as of March 31st, 1972, and residual, financial and program responsibilities were transferred to the Manitoba Centennial Centre Corporation." That was this particular report referred to by the Member for Charleswood. Certainly this was the earliest time that we had to discuss that report and therefore it is perfectly in order that these reports and the items contained therein be discussed.

There's also made mention here in this department's report here on Page 31, and I'm quoting again, "the Manitoba Centennial Centre Corporation became an official agent of the Lotteries Commission, and is in the process of selling Sweepstakes tickets to help support the complex, finance further development, and assist cultural activities generally in the Province." So this is a clear indication that the moneys are going toward these purposes, and therefore we are entitled to an accounting of the funds that were received by the Lotteries Commission, and so that we know where these funds went to.

And I'm interested where these funds did go to because I'm thinking that our community probably didn't get its just share, and for that reason I would like to know where those moneys went. And I feel that the reports of this type should be tabled well in advance before we deal

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(MR. FROESE cont'd) with the Estimates of the particular department, so that we can study them and discuss them intelligently when we discuss the items under consideration. Certainly the report that was received from the Library there should have been tabled long ago so that we would have some idea what it contained. The Member for Brandon West says that it doesn't contain the information that he's looking for in that an accounting of the moneys would be made. We're informed now by the Minister himself that the funds go to the Consolidated Fund and as such that they are then allotted to his department, and to these other organizations, and are made available from time to time as they are needed.

I certainly feel that someone has to be responsible to this Legislature for a proper accounting of these Lottery Commission funds, and I think we should have had them under this particular item.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please. I just want to set the Honourable Member for Rhineland straight. I was not objecting to the point that he was. The point that I raised with the Honourable Member for Brandon West was the Horseracing Report, which does not come under this item.

The Honourable Minister of Tourism and Recreation.

MR. DESJARDINS: Well, Mr. Chairman, I also am getting a little annoyed, getting annoyed with the remarks of the last spokesman. At no time did I say that these reports shouldn't be discussed, but if we're going to follow the rules I'm saying that now we are on specific items that are not covered in that, so that I was ready to give, at least to give whatever information I have, and I've done that. And I've also stated very clearly that there will be a statement given of the money spent.

Now my honourable friend is mixing oranges and apples. He's talking about this report. First of all if we're going to talk about the law, or about the act, this is not going to be the responsibility to table the report that he's talking about is not mine, so let's remember that. I'm still ready to give you any information that I have because I've thought that that was the main thing, you wanted some information.

Secondly the report is supposed to be tabled the end of June I think I read, or something like that, the latest report. So that there is nothing wrong so far; and any other report are supposed to be tabled 15 or 30 days after they've been received, and this has been done, and I'm not trying to hide anything. Any reports that I receive will be tabled immediately. Now -- (Interjection) -- and I'm told, and I don't accept responsibility for this, but I'm told that to the best of my knowledge that there was a typewritten report tabled a year ago on this, but I wasn't responsible, and I don't know what happened. And I was going to say I can find out but I won't. There's enough mix-up now; let the Minister of Finance find this out.

Now my friend talks about on this, he talks about the somebody, he's referring to the Centennial Centre as an agent . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please.

MR. DESJARDINS: . . . as an agent. It's an agency to sell these tickets this is all what it's all about on this report here. This is something else. Now most of the information that my friends seem to want, they've got it already if they'd bother reading Hansard; and what wasn't covered in Hansard, what I didn't cover, was certainly covered in press releases that were given, not only to the members but to the whole world. It was printed in newspapers, and so on, so nobody, I hope nobody, is insinuating that we're trying to hide anything, but if this is the case I certainly resent that. Because every single bit of information has been given. I'm stating today that you'll get the rest of the information as soon as possible. You'll get it for the third time if you want it.

MR. FROESE: Mr. Chairman, I did not at any time suggest that the department or the Minister was trying to hide anything. Certainly I've never indicated that at all and not inferred that at all, but I just object to the way in which the information is made available in such a haphazard way.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 112(a)(1)--passed; (2)--passed; (3)-- The Honourable Member for Rhineland.

MR. FROESE: Under Item 3, I would like to get a breakdown of the 1,663,000. I asked for a breakdown under 9(c) Cultural and other Miscellaneous Grants of 1,663,000.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister of Tourism and Recreation.

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MR. DESJARDINS: The Museum of Man and Nature \$924,000, the Manitoba Arts Council \$376,000, the Ethnic Cultural Development Program Project \$130,000, the Winnipeg Art Gallery \$233,000.00.

MR. CHAIRMAN: (The remainder of Resolution 112 was read and passed.)

(Resolution 114(a)(1) to 114(c)(1) was read and passed.) (c)(2) -- The Honourable Member for Rhineland,

MR. FROESE: Under Regional Libraries, how many do we have in the province, and on what basis are they given assistance? Do they get so much money per library, or does it vary from location to location, or is the money granted on the basis of requests made by these various regional libraries?

MR. DESJARDINS: There is a formula, and I think I can give the member the list of the people that receive grants and the amount of grants, but my honourable friend knows that there's a study being made. We have a new director of Public Libraries, Mr. Peter Hanlam and there should be some fairly important change next year. I think this was announced not too long ago. I'll try to give you the -- have we got the list?

In addition to the annual basic grants, each library is paid a percentage grant calculated on the following basis: 30 percent of the first \$10,000 derived from local taxation for library purposes, 10 percent of the next \$10,000 derived from local taxation for library purposes, five percent of any revenue in excess of \$20,000.00.

There are five municipal libraries at \$200.00 per library: The Town of Steinbach, Leaf Rapids Town Centre, and three other municipal libraries, and two regional libraries at 10,000 per library. Well do you want the list of the total grants? All right, the total then:

Boissevain and Morton Regional Library, 5,860; Bourne Regional Library, 5,220; Charleswood Public Library, 6,303; Dauphin Public Library, 4,670; Evergreen Regional Library, 13,529; Flin Flon Public Library, 5,076; Fort Garry Public Library, 9,420; Glenwood -- Souris Regional Library, 4,930; Henderson Regional Public Library, 13,493; Lakeland Regional Library, \$15,081; Morden-Winkler Regional Library, 7,135; Northwest Regional Library, 9,259; Pinawa Public Library, 2,798; Portage la Prairie Public Library, 5,800; Rivers Public Library, 2,450; Russell and District Regional Library, 7,110; St. Boniface Public Library 10,656; St. James-Assiniboia Public Library 23,000; St. Pierre Public Library, 5,260; St. Vital, 9,900; Ste. Rose, 4,638; South Interlake Regional Library, 10,117; Southwestern Manitoba Regional Library, 5,155; The Pas Public Library, 3,500; Thompson Public Library, 6,602; Transcona Public Library, 8,000; Virden-Elkhorn, 9,104; Western Manitoba Regional Library, 14,197; West Kildonan Public Library, 8,109; Winnipeg Public Library, 63,131.

MR. CHAIRMAN: (The remainder of Resolution No. 114 was read and passed.)

MR. DESJARDINS: Mr. Chairman, just if I may, I was waiting until the very last minute. I would like to take advantage of this to congratulate the St. Boniface Mohawks who have won the Western Canada Championship. I was hoping that we could add - and I'll still take a chance and congratulate the Portage Club also for doing quite well and I hope we will support it today; maybe they can wrap it up tonight. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That completes the Department of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs. The Honourable House Leader. The Honourable Attorney-General.

HON. A. H. MACKLING, Q.C. (Attorney-General) (St. James): Mr. Chairman, the next Estimates are the Minister of Health and Social Development, the resolutions accordingly.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you. I would refer honourable members to Page 21.

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SUPPLY - HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

MR. CHAIRMAN: Resolution 55 (a) (1). The Honourable Minister of Health and Social Development.

HON. RENE E. TOUPIN (Minister of Health and Social Development)(Springfield): Mr. Chairman, in presenting my Estimates today, I do so with considerable pride in my department's accomplishments. The Throne Speech outlined the major new programs embodied in these Estimates, which are in part extension of Medical and Hospital Insurance, Revision of Social Allowance Rates, a Work Incentive Program, a Day-Care Program, Subsidization of Drug Costs for the Elderly - and the list goes on.

When the Budget Speech was presented it was revealed to this House that not only health insurance premiums for senior citizens would be abolished, but after June 1st, 1973, no Manitobans would be required to pay these premiums. The Budget Speech also provided some details of the increases in social allowance rates. These were essential to help those most in need in our society to cope more adequately with the rising cost of living, and I will have more to say on this subject later during my Estimates.

It gives me tremendous satisfaction that available resources of the Government have been applied to do two important objectives in my department: to do away with the special health tax and at the same time to develop and improve in a most substantial way the health and social services for the people of Manitoba. It is my hope, Mr. Chairman, that we will witness from all sides of this House enthusiastic support for these programs and see an end to the flow of reactionary rhetoric that has characterized the contribution of some members of the Opposition to the discussion of my departmental Estimates during the last three sessions.

I would like to refresh the memory of members on the record of achievement and progress under our government in the last four years. We began by having the medical premium and adding a wide range of insured services. In our first two years in office this government made substantial and long-needed changes in our social allowance programs, including significant improvements and benefits with a substantial enlargement in the eligibility of individuals. During this last year we have carefully reviewed the effectiveness and efficiency of many of our programs and undertaken the planning of new programs and policies. I made these intentions known at the last session. The Estimates of Health and Social Development for 1973-74 are clear evidence of the success of this year of consolidation, economy and rational planning.

Our main effort has been, not the building of new programs on top of the substantial existing base, but diverting existing resources into new directions. As a result of these efforts we are able to present to this House a program which includes the most major expansion of services that has occurred since the introduction of medical insurance. Not counting the cost of abolishing the health premium tax, we have accomplished all this with hardly any increase over the amount voted the department in 1972-73. Including the additional amount in the supplementary estimates, total increases over last year's vote will be 15.2 percent. Fully 13 percent of this represents a reduction in taxes, not a change in the cost of services.

In this province we have been successful in maintaining the cost of health services at a lower level than is the case in other jurisdictions in Canada. As a result, our recoveries from the Federal Government, which are partly based on national per capita costs, have been greater than originally estimated. Thus we may justly claim, Mr. Chairman, that the extra federal moneys we received were not a windfall but were due to prudence and economy in the management of health services.

At the very outset I wish to impress on the Committee the guiding principle which governs the planning and the development of programs and services in the Department of Health and Social Development. This principle is that we provide for all the people of Manitoba, without discrimination, those services which are essential to individual well-being and for which society has accepted collective responsibility. It is our purpose to insure that essential services are equally available to all citizens without regard to their financial means.

I would include under this heading all the basic necessities of life which are provided for those who for one reason or another are not able to depend solely on their own productive efforts to supply their needs. I would include a wide range of services to individuals, such as home nursing and homemaker services, which, by the way, after the first of July, you will see in the Province of Manitoba a coverage of health care facilities that you will not see anywhere else in Canada or in North America. The wide range of services will include family

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(MR. TOUPIN cont'd). . . . and individual counselling, training and rehabilitation of the mentally and physically handicapped, assistance to those with special psychological and other problems, and other similar services. I would include under the same heading the wide range of health services which, in addition to hospital and medical services, will shortly include care institutions of every kind.

Let me highlight a few facts on cost. Whereas the year 1972-73 has seen a substantial gain in program development in many areas, we have also experienced a credible performance in the way of cost constraints. Major items of saving occurred in social allowances where we expect to spend \$4.4 million under budget largely. I might add, because of the success in job creation undertaken by this government, another major area of saving is in the insured medical and hospital programs where expenditures are expected to be fully \$2.6 million under budget.

On the other side of the ledger, our cost-sharing revenues from the Federal Government had been considerably above the budgeted amount, due to two factors. Firstly, as I have already stated, to the extent that these contributions are based on national average per capita cost figures, we are able to benefit from the higher costs incurred in other provinces. Secondly, because of our diligent efforts we are able to maximize and exploit all cost-sharing possibilities. The long list of major new programs and program improvements has been accomplished not only with very minimal new money, but also with hardly any increased staffing provisions in the department. Only in the staffing of the Portage School for the Retarded has there been a substantial increase, in order to provide a better level of service for these unfortunate and handicapped members of our society. In spite of the massive program developments that are underway in the department, the net increase of our staff complement will be only six staff man years, even though no less than 41 additional staff are earmarked for the Portage School. When premium collection staff at the Manitoba Health Services Commission are phased out during the course of the year, we will end up with a net reduction of perhaps 100 staff.

I would like to pay tribute to the staff who have taken on enormous additional workloads. To this I would add that we will only be able to carry out our programs for the betterment of the people of Manitoba effectively if we are able to obtain sincere and energetic community support and a minimum of negative and defeatist interference. In this regard I would like to appeal to friend and foe alike in this House to put partisan feelings aside and to support as one the constructive proposals that I am presenting for the welfare of the people of this province. I say it with pride, Mr. Chairman, and confidence, that I believe we are developing and administering our programs with an appropriate sense of balance between the social conscience which reflects the best and the highest principles of the New Democratic Party and a sense of fiscal responsibility which will safeguard the economic stability of the community.

In this context let me say, let me say something about our social allowance programs. In absolute figures, the number of social allowance recipients carried on welfare rolls had gone down by some 800 cases from January, 1972, to January, 1973. We now have on provincial rolls under 27,000 cases. I would estimate that this represents approximately 55,000 persons, or just about 5.5 percent of the provincial population. I submit, Mr. Chairman, that this is one of the lowest figures of social allowance recipients of any province in Canada.

In order that Manitobans are aware of the facts of social assistance; we have for the first time described in the Estimates the categories of people who receive provincial assistance. Please note who they are. They include mothers and their children who are deprived of their father's support. They include the aged and infirm who need support additional to what is available from federal and other pension income. They include the physically and mentally handicapped. They include children who are neglected or where special problems require alternatives to parental care. Thus, Mr. Chairman, it is the aged, the infirm, and sole support mothers who make up the vast majority of those receiving support. I suggest, Mr. Chairman, that our society is well able to carry this relatively small burden. It is our collective responsibility to do so. I am proud to be able to report on the provision of the Estimates for an increase in the rates of social allowance pertaining to food, clothing and other necessities to reflect increases in the cost of living.

This subject has been dealt with in the Budget Address itself. Food rates were increased by some 10.6 percent for various categories of recipients. Clothing allowances

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MR, TOUPIN cont'd). . . were increased in order to correct existing disparities and discrepancies in the rate structure. The total cost of those rate adjustments is estimated at \$3.9 million that vary from 10.6 up to 60 percent increase in different categories. Also, we provide the actual cost of accommodation both for people who are renters and for those who own their own homes. I should like to emphasize here that in the case of people over 65 we had been very careful to ensure that the increase in social allowances rates applicable to them has the effect of permitting them to benefit from the increases in the old age pension granted by the Federal Government.

Mr. Chairman, we cannot claim that the people on social allowance are able to live in luxury. I personally would wish that we could afford to assist them and other poor people in the province at a higher standard of living than it is the case now. However, we can take some satisfaction from the fact that our present level of social allowances is coming reasonably close to the poverty line established by the Economic Council of Canada. Thus a family consisting of one adult and one child aged ten, according to our current calculation will receive 90.5 percent of the Economic Council's 1972 poverty line; a family with two children, aged 8 and 10, will receive 96.4 percent; a family with three children age 8, 10, and 13 will receive 96.3 percent. These examples will enable the honourable members to make suitable comparisons with similar reference in the Barber Report.

We have not stopped there, Mr. Chairman. We are aware of the dilemma that faces people on social allowances who, because of extra trouble and cost involved, find it to their disadvantage to obtain part-time or full-time employment. We have therefore adopted a new policy to provide a substantial incentive by permitting persons on social allowances to retain up to 30 percent of their earnings while the remaining 70 percent will be offset against their social allowance entitlement. In addition to that, we will make it easier for single parents to accept employment by providing day care services for their children.

We are also embarking on an ambitious program in co-operation with the municipalities, of providing work, opportunities and training for persons who appear on the provincial and municipal assistance rolls from time to time and who have difficulty for one reason or another in obtaining steady employment. The Department is making good progress with the development of work activity projects in various parts of the province, and we hope to increase our efforts in this regard. These projects combine useful and productive work experience with the opportunity to learn new skills and aptitudes.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, let me say a word about what has become the *bête noir* of the Member for Fort Rouge and her grand, eloquent, millionaire friend, the Leader of the Opposition.

A MEMBER: I thought you meant her husband.

MR. TOUPIN: I'm referring to the assumption that there are a great number of people who deliberately defraud and exploit the social allowance system. I would point out that as a result of an intensive and continuing audit of our social allowance rolls, we have over the past year had occasion to question 149 cases. Of these, 64 were brought to court and 18 convicted; 75 investigations are still being pursued. All this, Mr. Chairman, out of a total of 27,000 cases. I venture to say, Mr. Chairman, without fear of contradiction, that a thorough investigation of the income tax returns submitted by the pillars of our society, the so-called pillars of our society, would show a less favorable result.

While working energetically on the improvement of the existing income security system, we are not neglecting to look into the possibility of a more fundamental revision. We have been successful in designing a guaranteed annual income demonstration project which we will put into operation during the coming fiscal year, with 75 percent cost-sharing from the Federal Government. The experiment is unique in Canada and could be instrumental in pointing the way to our future policies on a national scale.

To briefly review, Mr. Chairman, for the people beyond working age, those over 65, we have made a special provision in their personal needs allowance to enable them to reap the benefit of increased pensions. We have balanced this by providing substantial work incentives in the case of those social allowance recipients who are younger and able to work. We are rationalizing our income security system with work activity and training projects. And finally, we are undertaking a major research project in the entire question of income security programs.

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In the area of social services we are not just satisfied to respond to need. We are also redoubling our efforts to make services universally available which will prevent need from occurring. In planning our services we have accepted the fact that individual family and even community needs and problems are all inter-related and inter-dependent. It is sometimes difficult to determine what is cause and what is effect, whether physical or mental ill health is caused by the stresses and strains of social and inter-personal relationships or, conversely, whether the economic and social misfortunes of a person or family are the result of inherent health factors. However that may be, the inevitable conclusion is that we must attack these problems in a unified way.

The realization that we must do away with the existing fragmentation has dictated an entirely new approach to the delivery of services by the department. We are now developing teams in which social workers, doctors, nurses and a variety of other health workers operate together in teams and direct their efforts in a unified way to persons, families and community groups. It is vital that the communities themselves, with their doctors, hospitals, personal care homes and other institutions, take part in the new kind of integrated health and social services system. This is the concept of the government's White Paper on health policies. It is a concept which is even now being actively pursued in all regions of Manitoba. It is in this context that the government will introduce universal coverage in all care institutions below the level of hospital care. This will provide the flexibility we need to provide that level of care which is most appropriate in each particular case. It will at last be possible for a patient to move from one hospital bed to an institution providing long stay or convalescent care, without being subjected to costs which consume his modest life savings and in many cases leave his family destitute.

I would like, Mr. Chairman, at this point to provide some details on the government's program in this regard. The target date for inception is July 1, 1973. A great deal of planning and organizing needs to be done between now and then and we earnestly invite the whole-hearted participation and support of all interested community groups in the planning exercise from now to July 1st. The officials of the Manitoba Health Services Commission and of other divisions in my department have already extended this invitation, and have enjoyed assistance from many institutions and still some are forthcoming.

Because for many persons these institutions become their long term or permanent residence, it seems fitting that individuals should be responsible for that amount which represents an appropriate compensation for board and room. The personal charge in all institutions will be limited to \$4.50 per day. This is an amount which persons in receipt of old age pension, augmented by the guaranteed income supplement, can afford to pay and still have money left over for clothing or other personal needs. Persons who are confined to institutions, who do not have sufficient income, will continue to have this charge paid through social allowances.

As a further integral part of the spectrum of services available to the community, we will accelerate the development of home care programs. Teams of social workers, nurses and other personnel will be heavily involved in these programs. In addition, particularly in rural communities where these services are now almost completely absent, and that includes the north, there will be opportunities for the employment of local nurses and homemakers to provide care to persons in their own home. Services which the department delivers directly to the community are being integrated for greater efficiency and effectiveness. Services provided by other agencies in the community should also be co-ordinated. We hope that community representatives now serving on various boards, be it hospital boards, personal care home boards, health unit advisory boards, etc., will combine their efforts and together with the physicians, dentists, pharmacists and others in the community will seek to provide a unified health service. I am able to report to you that substantial strides have already been made in this direction. This includes a broad approach to the integrated planning of health facilities and the gradual amalgamation of separate boards of management into single district health boards in these communities.

We have also made some concentrated efforts to develop a more highly sophisticated type of community clinic as pilot and demonstration projects. These efforts are now under way in such places as Churchill, Leaf Rapids, Gladstone, North Winnipeg, and others are under

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(MR. TOUPIN cont'd). . . . current consideration. I wish to emphasize, however, that the co-ordination or integration of health and related social services is not dependent on the creation of new edifices called community clinics or community health centres; what is more important is the gradual transformation of existing services into a unified system where all the necessary services are planned, developed and operated in proper balance and relationship with each other, and the people who are involved either as consumers or providers of the service, have an opportunity to be heard and to be recognized.

While improving the delivery of services to the community, we also have in mind expanding these services themselves. I have mentioned the greater effort that is to go into the provision of home care services. I have also alluded to the fact that we wish to make counselling and other services available to the broad range of the population as a preventive measure to inhibit the breakup of families, juvenile delinquency, alcohol and drug abuse, economic instability, and other problems that afflict families and communities. Heretofore our services were predominantly directed towards persons who had already been identified as being in economic need. Now we will be making a greater effort to prevent this need from occurring. We will augment this effort by adding new counselling services to assist social allowance recipients and others to develop better skills of home management, to improve nutritional standards as well as general standards of health care and hygiene.

Another focus of family counselling is to increase non-marketable productive activity in the home. This too should help materially in improving standards of living for people on social allowances. Strong emphases are being placed on positive efforts, not only to prevent disease but to preserve health. We are developing a new nutritional and physical fitness program in co-operation with federal authorities, primarily directed towards combatting heart disease. We have already launched an intensified campaign against VD which will enlist the help of private practitioners in an attempt to eradicate this scourge.

In the area of mental health and retardation, we are placing increased emphasis on community-oriented programs. In close co-operation with the Canadian Association of the Mentally Retarded and with the Canadian Mental Health Association, we are extending our operation of community facilities in many directions. I will shortly table a report on mental health and retardation programs undertaken at the request of my department. This will provide an opportunity to discuss this subject in greater depth.

In corrections, the year 1973 -74 will see important developments. The Manitoba Youth Centre in Tuxedo has been officially opened April 18, 1973. Planning for a new institution at Brandon is well advanced and construction may commence by summer or fall. Planning for a system of community-based correctional facilities in the north is also proceeding. New physical facilities are the first requirement to permit us to put into effect the improved rehabilitation programs which are so vital if we are to fulfill our obligations to society in this important area. Meanwhile, our correctional staff are undergoing strenuous orientation studies to be ready for what I firmly believe will be the dawn of a new era in which we will more successfully lead most juvenile and adult offenders back into a creative life within the mainstream of society.

Mr. Chairman, there are many other programs to mention. A program to cover 80 percent of prescription drugs after the first \$50.00 of annual expense for all persons 65 and over. This will be effective July 1, 1973. From that date, all pensioners are asked to save their bills and claim their rebate for the first six month period at the end of the calendar year.

A substantial program of services to deal with alcohol and other chemical abuse. In Winnipeg a centre has been established at the Health Science complex, and additional community facilities have been acquired to augment the existing program. Since the first of the year we have added 26 beds in Winnipeg and will add another 40 very shortly. Facilities are being developed for our parting operation at The Pas, Thompson, Gillam and Churchill, and the General Hospital at Brandon. Eventually we should have places for over 60 alcohol and drug patients in these locations.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please.

MR. TOUPIN: I only have one paragraph, can I . . . ?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Does the Minister have leave to continue? (Agreed.) Continue.

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Chairman, this does not exhaust the list of significant programs

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(MR. TOUPIN cont'd). . . undertaken by my department. The limit placed on my speaking time does not permit me to give you as much information as I would like at this time. I am proud of the achievements and I invite the honourable members to share this pride and to support, without exception, the program I have placed before you. These vital services for the people of Manitoba deserve the support of every conscientious member of this Assembly, and I have no doubt that this support will be forthcoming.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Member for Fort Rouge.

MRS. INEZ TRUEMAN (Fort Rouge): Mr. Speaker, the Minister has given us a very comprehensive list of the aims and the ambitions and accomplishments of his department and has, in effect, asked us to be charitable, shall we say, in our remarks and to support them. However, it's within the responsibilities of the Opposition to very carefully scrutinize the work of the departments whose Estimates are up for debate, and in the process of preparing for debate on this department's Estimates I found there were many documents which had to be read in an attempt to gain understanding of the functions and the effectiveness of the programs that have been undertaken.

Now the Annual Report, after one year in which we had a sort of a lapse and found that we were presented with really a slick brochure, the Annual Report has returned to its traditional form and I find it a much more valuable guide to the expenditures of this department, which after all is responsible for many millions of dollars and the Minister is accountable to the Legislature and to the public for these moneys.

There is the Statistical Report, which is appended to the Annual Report. There's a Barber Report. Public Accounts. All of these are useful reading material, and then of course more recently we've received Guidelines for the Seventies Volume 11, just to cap it all off.

Well, the Annual Report, which I found most interesting, is on a very high tone. I think it's idealistic and optimistic to the point where sometimes it seems a bit out of touch with reality, and in fact the statistics that we receive from time to time, and of course we compare it with this, vary considerably and therefore in some instances are almost useless. Now the Minister has talked about the really small amount of welfare abuse and I was going to ask him to update his information for us in that respect. In February, for instance, or usually I think the public regards the unemployed employables as being the people who are likely to be abusing the system. Or on February 1st, the Minister of the department said that only 3 percent of Manitoba welfare recipients or 859 persons are employable. Four days later the Premier stated in Portage la Prairie that about 4,600 persons are unemployed employables, or about 5 percent of Manitoba's total welfare recipients. Well we have to wonder where this great variation in a matter of four days, just who is providing the statistics and . . . to determine what statistics to use.

The chart at the front of the Annual Report is interesting and in fact I found it was even interesting to compare it with the telephone directory just to see who occupies the positions or who is responsible for them. The chart shows what is entirely a vertical integration up to the Deputy Minister level, and that arrangement fails to provide the sort of communication that's necessary for the integration of the Health and Social Services that were envisioned when these two departments were amalgamated some years ago. It indicates a fragmentation of activities with no lateral co-ordination. All divisions appear to report to the Deputy Minister who reports to the Minister, just as in decades past in Boston the Lowells spoke to the Cabots and the Cabots spoke only to God. In comparing in the telephone directory it was interesting that there are even jobs that aren't listed here or services that aren't listed. For instance in the Community Operations Division I note that there has been an addition of an Administrative Analyst. I wonder if the Minister can give us some idea, some job description for this position, whether this has something to do with the improved administration, whether this is in effect an efficiency expert or just what it is. We'd like to know what services the incumbent provides.

The downgrading if not actual elimination of a social work component in the top echelons of the department has continued, with several recent appointments having been made replacing social workers with people from other disciplines, some of them with really rather doubtful qualifications towards enabling us to maintain the standards that we're accustomed to. It begins to be a serious concern in the community that the quality of services that are provided

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(MRS. TRUEMAN cont'd). . . may deteriorate, and I don't say, perhaps I should say "may deteriorate further" because I think that many people feel that services already have deteriorated to a considerable extent. I think this moving out of the social work component is part of an anti-professionalism syndrome of the New Democratic Party, which is becoming increasingly visible, the most recent example being in the area of day care for children of earning mothers. Now the Premier, under the misconception that staffing in these day-care facilities was by people who had advanced degrees such as PhDs or MMAs or so on, it's far from the facts. Most of the people who work in these day-care agencies take the two-year training course at Red River College and others are actually trained on the job. But the Premier in his statement to the Action Committee on the Status of Women, stated that he wanted to utilize the least expensive facilities in Parish Halls, Community Clubs, with one or two personnel on an itinerant basis with a core person, a lady who is used to kids and able to respond to them.

Well, one thing that's wrong with it is that at the present time the government is on a path of putting the church lunch-and-after-school programs out of business. In fact two of them have closed. I think that the Minister will probably give us another opportunity to debate the Child Caring Institutions. I believe that he plans to bring in some sort of legislation under the Child Welfare Act, but there are two faulty assumptions, I think, in the Premier's attitude. One is that when a woman's children go off to school she wants to start look after someone else's children. And of course this would also be a babysitting crisis, perhaps even as a volunteer, and I think they forget the numbers of volunteers, both male and female, who are used in the present lunch-and-after-school program.

The reason of course, that this has come about, is the change in the administration, or at least the change in the eligibility provision for children to use these facilities. It used to be that the social agencies or the schools could refer a client to the day nurseries or the lunch-and-after-school programs, and they would determine that perhaps Mother, who wanted to go out and work and not be on welfare, would pay, oh, 35 cents a day for her child or perhaps 75 cents, but the government apparently has moved in, has taken over, has audited the records of these agencies and has determined that only people who are on the welfare budget apparently are now allowed to use Knox Church, and if anyone is applying for some day nursery service or lunch or after school programs, some child care service, it now apparently has to go through the regional officers and be taken care of under the Special Dependents' Care section of the Social Allowance Act.

Now, as a result, these women have been forced onto the Welfare Budget; they have been required to pay perhaps \$2.50 a day for their child care, and as a result their benefits from going out to work - many of them can only find a job at a minimum wage - their benefits have disappeared in the cost that they have to pay for the child's care. And Westminster Church, as an example, I believe has a license for 40 children. It's been a very successful program. The consumers of the service are entirely happy with it. It has evolved according to community needs, but the women have been squeezed out because of this higher rate charged by the government now and requiring them to pay a higher portion, and so they have stopped work and gone back on welfare, and I believe their population now, in spite of their licensing for 40, is down to something like 12 or 16 children. They have taken children referred principally from Mulvey School.

Well, I think that whatever the government intends to impose on these people by way of their ideas as to what child care should be, is most unfair. The one mother who had had to give up the Knox Day Nursery service - because she was earning slightly more than the minimum wage she no longer qualified - she was told that her child was no longer eligible, and I've attended a couple of meetings recently of these women who are very upset, but this mother said that she then had to resort to finding someone in the neighborhood, some mother who was willing to take her two children in. There's no program planned for them. They sit and watch television all day long. There's no organized activity, no learning process going on except for the perhaps cultural shot that they get from television, and the mother couldn't understand at first why her children were so ravenously hungry when she got them home for dinner. She couldn't find time to cook dinner, they were too hungry; she had to feed them immediately. She learned that they had been fed only a bowl of soup for lunch. And I think that when you have a program where there is more than one person involved, you at least have a check and a balance on the activities of the person who is in charge.

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I don't know just exactly what the Minister has in mind by way of child care. He talks about some glorious new program and I think instead he's wiping out some programs that have been perfectly good, and the interesting thing is that now that, you know, all these vacancies - Windsor Park Lunch-and-After-School Program is closed down; Home School, Home United Church program is closed down; Westminster is rapidly disappearing. When the Minister can say, as he did not very long ago in this House in response to a question, he doesn't see a need for any more day care services in this city - he did, in response to a question, I was rather shocked at it and I could find it in Hansard. I have it marked because I was quite surprised, but of course with all these vacancies who wouldn't be able to say that.

MR. TOUPIN: Point of privilege.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Honourable Minister.

MR. TOUPIN: Mr. Chairman, on the point of privilege, unless the honourable member can prove by Hansard that I have said that I didn't feel there was need for more day care centres, I would ask her to withdraw. I have never said that.

MR. SPEAKER: The Honourable Member for Fort Rouge.

MRS. TRUEMAN: Well, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I have written on the covers of all my Hansards the items in which I'm interested. My Hansards are out in my file in the caucus room and I will attempt to produce that for him tomorrow and I will read it back to him. --(Interjection)--

A MEMBER: Don't worry about it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please.

MRS. TRUEMAN: . . . sensitive. --(Interjection)-- Well, I hope that the government isn't going to try to just provide more services on the cheap. We see other instances, for instance last year's requirement that the lowest price drug be substituted for a doctor's prescription, and so on. The ambulatory or outpatient care and general practitioner's services, which they apparently are going to feature in the community clinics, they are now going to work up dental technicians to take over some of the dentists' work and so on. This is all very interesting. We're watching with a great deal of interest to see whether indeed it is going to affect the quality of care.

Well, I found in reading the Annual Report, of course, that there is a great deal of centralizing going on. The government features on a regular basis the fact that they are decentralizing, and I can read you from this Annual Report some pretty interesting quotes which show the exact opposite is taking place. Starting on page 2, I quote - this is concerning the Health and Social Development centres that are to be established. I quote: "Headed by a Regional Director, each region will design its service delivery system so as to insure maximum utilization of all health resources in the community to eliminate any duplication." I'm sorry, that was the wrong quote. Actually that's the quote I wanted to use to point out the fact that the government overlooks this is an impossible goal to achieve, because the main part of all the health services are not-- they're private, they're not under governmental jurisdiction. So this was the point I wanted to make on that quote, that it appears that all health resources in the community will include the private sector.

Now, centralizing. On Page 3, and I quote: "It is anticipated that each region will receive guidance and direction from a Regional Health and Social Services advisory board." Then there's a contradiction here apparently because it goes on to say that the second stage of development "foresees the establishment of district health and social development boards or jurisdictions over an integrated system of services." Well, all right. The government again doesn't own all these services. Many of them are voluntary. I think that we have to recognize one new feature as far as the health services are concerned, and that is that now that the government is paying the whole bill for medical and hospital services, the patient and the doctor have both lost some of their independence and freedom because the government is now paying the whole shot and it will expect to be able to lay down the terms and conditions.

I found the Annual Report not to be so much a report of work accomplished, but rather a discussion of sort of intentions and directions and ideas towards which they are going to work for the future. Now these statistics again. You know, the Annual Report says in one place that 28,000 were in receipt of social allowances, and further on in the statistics says 26,000 were in receipt of social allowances, and I believe the Minister in his remarks said that it was now

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(MRS. TRUEMAN cont'd). . . . under 27, 000. I think he took more credit than he should have done for the fact that the people on social allowance had gone down by 800. We all realize that with the improvement in the unemployment insurance, the increases in unemployment insurance, its availability to more people, and also the increase in the old age pensions, that these facts have removed some people from the welfare lists.

I have another quote. (I have trouble reading my own writing.) There is an example again of the centralizing of decision-making which is occurring and I've still only referred to as far as Page 5 in that Annual Report. And I quote: "Central direction and co-ordination are provided for the following personal services programs: dental services, medical services, nursing services, child protection services, probation and parole, rehabilitation services and field staff in the regional offices involved in the provision of personal social services." Here in its own words it is once again imposing the central direction.

Now I think I'll --oh yes. The Minister has mentioned the several millions of dollars which were unspent of last year's estimates, and I would like to know just how that is reflected in this year's Estimates. I think we should hear in a little bit more detail just what amounts are expected to be spent in nursing home and other institutional care. We should have some idea of what the anticipated drug program is going to cost. The Minister hasn't told us what payments are expected to be made by the person who is receiving the nursing home care. -- (Interjection)-- Well then, I missed that, because -- perhaps he will clarify that again. I had heard or at least I had read in the papers at various times that the patient was expected to pay the first \$4. 50, everyone, and that will use up in effect the old age pension with a little left over for personal matters. Well the, perhaps the Minister will tell me whether I read correctly that the government then pays up to \$11. 50. Is there no ceiling then on the government's payment? --(Interjection)-- I see. Well that's good to clear that up. So that in effect the first \$4. 50 is what the patient is expected to pay.

The Minister took some satisfaction in noting that health costs here were at a lower level than in other places. And I thought that was a very interesting change from the alarming sounds that he made last year and the year before and the year before that, when he just was predicting absolute chaos in our health services because of the escalating rates, and we had great headlines as to how fast they were doubling and so on. So perhaps he should give a little bit of an explanation as to just why health costs are at a lower level here. There obviously is not the over-utilization that we thought there was and the hospital costs, of course, themselves are one of the principal problems.

Now there are a number of items which I am looking forward to talking about when we arrive at the various items under the Estimates. Someone the other day -- oh yes. Well someone the other day saw it -- I don't smoke but someone saw to it that I got a package of these matches put out by the Manitoba Department of Health and Social Development with a little message, "VD Gets Around,"

A MEMBER: Pretty hot stuff eh?

MRS. TRUEMAN: Yes. Well I think that's a pretty interesting way to, you know, get the message across. I don't like to think that the Minister is making it easier for people to smoke, but I then have to wonder whether on the opposite side of the situation, whether in packages of contraceptives he's going to say, "Smoking is injurious to your health."

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

Before I leave the Chair I would remind the members who are on the Private Bills Committee that there will be a meeting of the Private Bills Committee this evening at 7:45 in Room 254.