

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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[The House met at 2:30 p.m.]

PRAYERS

[Mr. Speaker in the Chair]

head: NOTICES OF MOTIONS

MR. LOUGHEED: Mr. Speaker, I would like to propose a notice of motion to this Assembly.

But before doing so, I am sure all hon. members will be delighted, as I am, to welcome back to the Assembly the hon. Member for Calgary Currie. [applause]

If I might say so, Mr. Speaker, he looks about the healthiest person in the Assembly today. I would like to say that the hon. Member for Calgary Currie has advised me that he feels he will be able to continue to effectively serve his constituents in Calgary Currie. He's also undertaking some important assignments directly for me with regard to matters of petrochemicals in my trip to the United States next month.

However, I would like to move:

Be it resolved that the constitution of the select committee of this Assembly established by resolution on November 24, 1975 to consider and recommend on certain matters relating to trucking regulations be amended to the following:

Chairman, Mr. Planche; Members, Dr. Buck, Mr. Horsman, Mr. Kroeger, Mr. Shaben, and Mr. Stewart.

Mr. Speaker, if it's agreeable to the House, I would like to seek the unanimous approval of the House to actually propose that motion. It relieves Mr. Peacock of the chairmanship of that committee and replaces him as chairman with Mr. Planche. Mr. Kroeger is therefore added to the committee, if that would be acceptable.

MR. SPEAKER: May the hon. Premier have the unanimous leave requested to waive notice?

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. LOUGHEED: Mr. Speaker, I therefore so move.

[Motion carried]

head: INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**Bill 59****The Dependent Adults Act**

MISS HUNLEY: Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to introduce Bill 59, The Dependent Adults Act.

The principle of this bill is to establish a procedure whereby a guardian may be appointed to act on

behalf of another adult who is incapable of making decisions on his own behalf. The guardian will act in the same manner as a parent acts on behalf of his or her minor child. Another principle of this bill is that a similar procedure will be established to the appointment of a trustee, which is already in the statute.

I would urge hon. members to keep the two positions clearly separated when they review this bill, because one deals with financial matters, and the other principle which is so important is that this bill primarily is intended to deal with personal matters of the dependent adult.

Because of the nature of this important bill, it is our intention to leave it to stand over the summer, receive input from interested citizens, and then deal with it further in the fall.

Another important principle that I would like to stress, Mr. Speaker, is that a judge will appoint the personal guardian for the dependent adult. We would hope that in every instance the guardian would be a relative. But in the event that a relative is not available, or is not found suitable by the judge, we would have a guardian appointed who would become known as the guardian of that particular dependent adult and would stand in place of the relatives.

[Leave granted; Bill 59 introduced and read a first time]

Bill 60**The Fatality Inquiries Act**

MR. FOSTER: Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to introduce Bill 60, The Fatality Inquiries Act. This being a money bill, His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor, being informed of the contents of this bill, recommends the same to the Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, this bill is in response to the first report of the Alberta Board of Review, otherwise known as the Kirby Board of Review, in that it repeals The Coroners Act of this province and creates a new system for better investigation and better certification of death in the province. It creates a medical examiner system. It creates a fatality review board, which will be independent. Its responsibilities will be to review sudden death and to recommend, in appropriate circumstances, the holding of an inquiry. It creates the office of chief medical examiner, who will be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Mr. Speaker, it is also our intention to give this bill first reading, to return to it in the fall, and in the interim to hold extensive meetings of individuals involved and affected by this bill which, together with a companion bill which will be introduced shortly, will be returned to the Assembly for further proceedings in the fall.

[Leave granted; Bill 60 introduced and read a first time]

Bill 61**The Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 1976**

MR. WOLSTENHOLME: Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to introduce Bill 61, The Vital Statistics Amendment Act. The principle of the bill is to relate The Vital Statistics

Act, particularly as it relates to the issuance of death certificates and burial permits in accordance with The Fatality Inquiries Act. There are also some minor amendments which relate to microfilm. Because it relates to The Fatality Inquiries Act, this bill will be held over and discussed during the course of the summer.

[Leave granted; Bill 61 introduced and read a first time]

MR. HYNDMAN: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill 61, The Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 1976, be placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders.

[Motion carried]

head: INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

MR. SPEAKER: I'm sure hon. members will wish to welcome the distinguished Consul General of the Netherlands for this territory, who is present in my gallery, Mr. Christian Thirkow, accompanied by the Vice-Consul in charge here in Edmonton, Mr. van der Lugt. I would ask the hon. members to welcome our two distinguished visitors.

DR. WARRACK: Mr. Speaker, it's my very great pleasure today to introduce a Grade 6 class from Huxley School in my constituency. They came up this morning and are engaging themselves in a number of very interesting events, not the least of which is participation in the Legislature. So it's my pleasure to introduce to you, and through you to members of the Legislature, teacher David Buck, bus driver Mr. Cecil McArthur, and parents Mrs. Sonia Kennedy and Mrs. Doris Kennedy, from the Huxley School in Huxley. They're directly behind me in the public gallery. I'd ask them to rise and you to join me in welcoming them.

MR. DIACHUK: Mr. Speaker, I wish to take this opportunity to introduce students from two schools. If I may be permitted, I will do this jointly; the East Edmonton Christian Grade 9 class from the constituency of Edmonton Beverly, accompanied by their teacher, Hank Smit; and another class of Grade 4 students from the West Edmonton Christian School in the constituency of Edmonton Jasper Place — my colleague Les Young is not able to be in the Assembly just now — accompanied by Mrs. Tiemstra and Mrs. Van Weelden. We may feel that the Christians are taking over the gallery today watching the lions at work, but I hope members of the Assembly give the students from these two Christian schools the usual welcome. Will they please stand?

MR. LOUGHEED: Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to introduce to you, and through you to members of the Assembly, a class from a school in my constituency of Calgary West. Members will recall that I'm always delighted on these occasions standing in this place in the Assembly to introduce a class from the Ernest Manning High School in Calgary West. This is a Grade 12 class, accompanied by their teachers, Mrs. Brown and Mr. Dyck. They are 55 in number. I've

had the delightful opportunity of meeting them and attempting to answer some of their questions. I know they're in the public gallery. I would appreciate it if they would rise and be welcomed by the Assembly.

MR. APPLEBY: Mr. Speaker, it's my special pleasure this afternoon to be able to introduce to you and to members of the Assembly a very gracious and charming lady who is seated in your gallery. I refer to Mrs. Gladys Bigg, widow of the late Jack Bigg, who was a Member of Parliament for Athabasca from 1958 to 1968, and later for the Pembina constituency from 1968 to 1972. Gladys Bigg was very active in public life when her husband was a member of the House of Commons. She now takes a very active part in community life in Westlock and participates in many activities there. With her this afternoon is her nephew, one of our interns, Gary Bigg. I'd like Gladys to stand and be welcomed by the Assembly now.

Sergeant-at-Arms Retires

MR. SPEAKER: Before we conclude this item on the daily routine, and although he's by no means a visitor, I would like to draw to the attention of hon. members that our distinguished Sergeant-at-Arms has come to bid farewell to the Assembly this afternoon. As you know, he had a long and distinguished military career, and he has crowned that with a long and outstanding service to this Assembly. I've always thought it a privilege and a great reassurance, from the time I came into the Chair until now, to have Mr. Reed as Sergeant-at-Arms, with his sense of parliament, his feeling for what is right, and the valuable experience he has had under my predecessors.

On behalf of the Assembly, I would like to wish Mr. Reed many long, happy years of retirement with his family, and to express the thanks of all hon. members for the way in which he has made it easier for us to do our work in this Assembly.

MR. HYNDMAN: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the government, I'm very pleased indeed to associate us with your remarks and to pay tribute to Mr. Reed on this occasion of his retirement. He certainly has provided years of dedicated service, not only to this Assembly but to the province of Alberta and to his country.

He has also, in my experience, maintained an even balance between order and efficiency. I recall very well, in terms of his obligations to ensure that members do not become too unruly, an occasion in 1968, when I had just entered this Assembly. I was very conscious of him sitting very close to me. I was engaged in a debate with the former Member for Calgary Mountain View, and I thought I was simply carrying forward a reasonable degree of obstreperousness at that time.

However, when I sat down, Mr. Reed was hitching his sword, and I think he was reading *Beauchesne*. I think the quotation he was reading at that time, which I had read just the day before about the duties of the Sergeant-at-Arms, was this:

[The Sergeant-at-Arms] is entrusted with the execution of all warrants of arrest for the commitment of persons ordered into the custody of the House, and for removing them to the

tower . . .

I thought that wasn't the AGT Tower, Mr. Speaker. But he did nothing, showing his balanced good judgment on that particular day.

We do wish him well, Mr. Speaker, and we wish him many years of good health and happy days in the future.

MR. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my colleagues in the official opposition, might I take this opportunity to wish Mr. Jim Reed the very best of health and happiness in his retirement.

I would say to all members, and especially to the Government House Leader, that in the course of some 16 years I have never seen the Sergeant-at-Arms in fact draw the sword. I think that perhaps says something for the decorum of the House. Likely it says a great deal more for the respect the members have for Mr. Reed's ability to draw the sword if it's necessary.

So might I simply associate myself with the comments of the Government House Leader and you, Mr. Speaker, in saying to you, Mr. Jim Reed, thanks for a job well done. Good luck and good health in the future.

MR. SPEAKER: I don't wish to impose on the House with any lengthy rebuttal, but in view of the references made to the sword of the Sergeant-at-Arms, I thought hon. members might be interested in knowing that I don't think he's ever had to wipe the blade.

I should mention that one of my cherished souvenirs is a memorandum, a note, which Mr. Reed received from the Reverend Peter Dawson, one of my predecessors, in which he said: "Those members who do not recognize the Chair should have the point of your sword."

I just wanted to assure all hon. members that a similar note has not gone from me to the Sergeant at Arms.

[applause]

head: **TABLING RETURNS AND REPORTS**

MR. YURKO: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to table Motion for a Return 173.

MR. LEITCH: Mr. Speaker, I would like to table the response to Motion for a Return No. 205.

MR. FOSTER: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to table the response to Question No. 200.

MR. JOHNSTON: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to table a response to Motion for a Return No. 136, asked by the hon. Leader of the Opposition, and Motion for a Return 160, asked by the hon. Member for Clover Bar.

MR. HYNDMAN: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to table the reply to Motion for Return 145.

head: **MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS**

Department of Transportation

DR. HORNER: Mr. Speaker, I think all hon. members have received a copy of the transportation safety position paper which has been distributed. I don't intend to read it in full. However, I would like to suggest to hon. members that the badges that are available should only be worn after they have in fact ridden the Convincer. The Convincer will be on display at the front of the Legislature Building. I would encourage all hon. members to have a ride in it. I know some of my friends in the media took their lives in their hands and did so, so they can very readily wear their buttons. Members will note when they peruse the position paper the attitude of the government — and I say government, having regard to the fact that this paper is a joint effort of a variety of departments concerned with safety including, of course, the Solicitor General, the Minister of Social Services and Community Health, and others.

The primary concern is to do something about changing the attitudes of the driving public generally towards highway safety. Many Albertans appear to feel that highway crashes happen to somebody else, and not to them. In our view, they are not sufficiently safety conscious.

In my own department, we have established a consolidated transportation safety branch which will be charged with the responsibility for co-ordinating the government's attack on transportation accidents. Its primary responsibilities have to relate first to the driver, secondly to the vehicle, and thirdly to the roadway. I intend to establish an advisory committee which will be made up of representatives of all transportation safety interests such as law enforcement officials, educators, the safety councils, government departments, and the insurance companies.

It is our intention to increase the emphasis on driver education, and the updating and improvement of driving skills, in an attempt to convince the public of the benefits of safe driving habits, and the advantages of using safety equipment. One of our objectives is that anyone wishing to obtain a driver's licence shall possess the right attitudes towards safety and demonstrate good judgment before he takes to the road. We want to identify, in time to help, those drivers who demonstrate potentially dangerous driving habits and/or who have problems affecting their driving ability.

I might add here, Mr. Speaker, I think it's incumbent upon my own profession, the practice of medicine, to have regard for some of the prescription drugs that they're giving and their effect on the driving capacity of patients. We're going to be suggesting to the medical profession the question of whether or not these drugs should have that on the label as they're prescribed.

Today I'm also announcing the reduction of speed limits for certain areas in the province. I'll be tabling a list of the ministerial orders that relate to the reduction of those speed limits. We would also expect, in conjunction with the Solicitor General's department, a more determined effort in enforcing the existing speed limits in order to reduce excessive speeds, particularly in certain areas. Mr. Speaker, in that regard, I intend to file for the information of the

House and for any interested member the latest annual report of motor vehicle accidents produced by Statistics Canada, relating to the situation in Alberta. The interesting thing about this document, Mr. Speaker, is that the major increase in accidents has occurred, if you like, in what we call the metropolitan fringe areas. When they see the list of speed reductions hon. members will appreciate that they are primarily identifiable with that area; I think rightly so, once one appreciates the report on accidents in the past year.

In respect to the question of vehicles, we hope to introduce regulations that will require compliance with new vehicle safety standards. We will continue to work with other authorities in regulating and inspecting vehicles carrying dangerous goods. Mr. Speaker, I might add that this area will be headed by the Disaster Services Agency in conjunction with the federal government.

Mr. Speaker, as the buttons denote — and I hope the Convincer outside will convince you all to support a campaign that will promote the use of seat belts through public awareness of their value. We hope that by doing so we will be able to avoid further intruding into the lives of the people of Alberta by mandatory legislation. I think if we can avoid that and change the attitude of our drivers, we'll have a much pleasanter province to live in, and hopefully a safer one.

The monitoring of accidents will be extended in order to assist in establishing priorities for roadway improvements. We are particularly concerned by the severity of railway crossing accidents. We'll undertake measures to encourage motorists to practise greater caution at railway crossings.

We intend to establish highly trained teams to investigate each of the accidents that occur and try to learn from them the causes and what other steps need to be taken.

Mr. Speaker, our attempt has to be a major one. I would solicit the support of all hon. members here and in their constituencies in a major attempt to improve the awareness and the attitude of the citizens of this province towards highway safety.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, we have analyzed the MacKenzie report in some detail, as I've said, through a variety of departments. Many of the recommendations of the MacKenzie report are contained in the transportation safety paper. Other recommendations will be instituted through a variety of means. Naturally, to completely implement the recommendations of the MacKenzie report would require a substantial sum of money. I think we have to balance that with slowing down a bit, and perhaps using stop lights and better illumination at certain intersections rather than spending the kind of capital that would be required to fully implement the recommendations of the MacKenzie report.

So, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to file with the Legislature four copies of the policy position, a copy of the release relative to speed reductions, and a copy of the Statistics Canada annual report of motor vehicle traffic accidents. Additional copies of these documents are available for any interested hon. member.

Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs

MR. HARLE: Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce today a new program which the insurance industry will launch to aid motorists in making insurance claims for automobile repairs. The program results from discussions officials in the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and I have had with representatives of the Insurance Bureau of Canada.

The Insurance Bureau of Canada will foster the organization of a number of drive-in damage appraisal centres in Alberta.

When a motorist reports an accident to his insurance company, he will be given the option of making an appointment at the drive-in appraisal centre. It is expected that most and perhaps all automobile insurance companies will make use of the centres. The centre will inspect the damage and issue a work order to a repair shop of the motorist's choice.

The centres will provide the motorist with two immediate benefits. First, there will be the convenience of obtaining only one appraisal, rather than visiting two or three body shops for quotations, as is now required.

Secondly, there will be greater quality control over the work done, as it will be the responsibility of the appraisal centre to spot-check body shops where the work is actually in progress, and to spot-check automobiles after the work has been completed and the motorist has had a chance to road-test his vehicle.

There are advantages for the insurance companies as well. The appraisal centres will provide them with better control over the costs of repairs, both parts and labor. Control will also be greater over repairs not related to the accident, which are occasionally done while the car is in the repair shop, and charged to the insurance company. The appraisal fee for each car inspected will be borne by the insurance company responsible for the claim. There will be no cost to the motorist.

The drive-in centres will be owned and managed by local operators, and will be subject to operating requirements and inspection by the Insurance Bureau of Canada.

The first drive-in appraisal centre will be in Calgary, and will be followed by others in Alberta and across Canada. Three months ago, a drive-in centre was set up in Kitchener, Ontario, as a pilot project, and I understand it has been very successful.

Mr. Speaker, this program represents a very positive response by the automobile insurance industry to some current problems. The insurance companies have been facing escalating repair costs, for parts and labor, and these have been reflected in higher premium rates. In addition, there has been criticism of the claims procedures employed by the companies.

I believe the insurance industry and the Insurance Bureau of Canada are to be commended for finding a procedure intended to provide greater customer convenience, and at the same time dampen the inflating costs of repairs and hence premiums.

head: **ORAL QUESTION PERIOD****Oil and Gas Revenue**

MR. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct the first question to the Provincial Treasurer. Has he done an estimate of the amount of additional revenue that will come to the province of Alberta general revenue fund as a result of the announcement from Ottawa last night? This is on the presumption that the federal government will, in fact, agree to the conditions put forward by the province of Alberta. I ask the amount of money that would come to the general revenue fund, recognizing that 30 per cent of that increase would go into the Alberta heritage savings trust fund.

MR. LEITCH: Mr. Speaker, I haven't done detailed calculations; or, more accurately, personnel in the department have not yet done detailed calculations. I have some information. I'm not sure it's in the precise form that the Leader of the Opposition has asked.

But I can perhaps respond by saying our preliminary estimates indicate that for a full 12-month period with respect to the \$1.05 on July 1 and a further 70 cents on January 1, 1977, the increased royalty revenue for crude oil and related products would be approximately \$225 million.

The increase in natural gas prices that would result in keeping the price relationship between natural gas and crude oil the same as it now is, that is, 85 per cent of parity, would be approximately \$75 million for a full 12-month period. That portion of the natural gas price increase that would deal with exports of natural gas and flow back to the province of Alberta would be approximately \$75 million, again for a 12-month period.

The question related to general revenue. We'd simply have to take 70 per cent of those figures as flowing to the general revenue fund. On the assumption that Bill 35 is passed, 30 per cent of it would flow to the Alberta heritage savings trust fund.

MR. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question to the Provincial Treasurer. Looking at it on a 12-month basis, and admittedly it isn't that for this fiscal year, the figures come close to about \$370 million. My question is: is the government giving active consideration to reduction of the gasoline tax?

MR. LEITCH: Mr. Speaker, that's not a matter we have had under consideration up to this moment.

Heritage Fund — Select Committee

MR. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct the second question to the Government House Leader, and ask him to outline the procedure which will be used on the assumption that Bill 35 goes through in its present form. I ask it with regard to that portion of the bill that deals with the select committee.

Is it the government's intention to bring forward a motion at the fall session? I ask it because of the timing of when the select committee would meet for the first time.

MR. HYNDMAN: Mr. Speaker, it's the government's present intention to introduce a motion during the fall sittings this year with regard to the establishment of the select committee.

Oil and Gas Revenue
(continued)

MR. LEITCH: Mr. Speaker, I just realized that I inadvertently, I think, used the figure \$225 million for the increase in royalties as a result of the increase in the price of crude oil. It should be \$275 million.

MR. CLARK: All the more reason for [inaudible].

Planning Act

MR. PURDY: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to address a question to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, and ask what plans he has for releasing the planning act to MLAs and interested Albertans before the commencement of the fall session.

MR. JOHNSTON: I welcome the opportunity to bring the Assembly up to date on the planning act, which is an extremely important piece of legislation to the government. I have been unable to get it into completed form for introduction this spring. One of the goals of the government was to have the widest possible circulation of the act during the summer for careful consideration by members of the Assembly and the public. To achieve that end, I intend to publish it as a position paper for the careful consideration of all MLAs in their leisure hours this summer, and look forward to a sparkling debate this fall.

MR. R. SPEAKER: Nice guy.

MR. PURDY: A supplementary to the minister. Will any public hearings be held after the working paper becomes a public document?

MR. JOHNSTON: Mr. Speaker, I don't foresee public hearings. We have had careful consideration, both at caucus level and previously, as we published the red book on planning. But I would, of course, appreciate any kind of input on the bill itself from the Assembly and from the public.

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question for clarification. We've had the red book for three or four years. We're going to have another position paper.

Is the minister assuring the Assembly that it is the government's express intention to proceed with the new planning act during the fall session; that it will be introduced, given first reading, second reading, committee stage, third reading, and royal assent?

AN HON. MEMBER: It's up to you.

MR. JOHNSTON: Mr. Speaker, it is my intention. With the best efforts of myself and government, we'll attempt to achieve that end, yes.

Accident Investigation

MR. TAYLOR: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the hon. Minister of Transportation. I might say that the report tabled is certainly very excellent. My question involves accident investigation and research.

Is it the intention of the hon. minister to have these research teams appointed internally from civil servants, or from people outside government?

DR. HORNER: I think that's an excellent question, Mr. Speaker. Initially they will be internal. But I hope that we could discuss with the special advisory committee the matter of a great variety of people who are interested and involved in transportation safety. If necessary, we could perhaps enlarge it outside of just departmental people.

MR. TAYLOR: A supplementary to the hon. minister. Will one of the functions of this committee be to study not only the cause but the factors leading up to the cause of the accident?

DR. HORNER: We would certainly anticipate that, Mr. Speaker. Indeed, I think that unless we do that, we're not really going to get down to the root cause of some of these accidents.

Government Services to Native People

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct this question to the hon. Minister of Social Services and Community Health. I would ask the minister whether she can advise the members of the Assembly whether the department or members of the department have prepared or are in the process of preparing a comprehensive report on the delivery of government services to native people in the province of Alberta.

MISS HUNLEY: Mr. Speaker, the officials in the department are constantly reviewing all aspects of all services we offer to all people. We also — and it's been publicly announced — have been talking with the Indian Association and, I believe, the All Chiefs council, as well as the federal government, [about] the delivery of social services. That's an ongoing process.

MR. NOTLEY: To the hon. minister. Has a working paper been prepared on this matter? If so, has it been circulated among the appropriate government departments?

MISS HUNLEY: There would certainly have to be a working paper of sorts, but it has not been accepted as an official position. It's rather acquiring information, putting it into a form which is useful in the negotiations, in order that we can attempt to establish some type of ballpark figure of what kind of money we're talking about.

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question to the hon. minister. Can the minister advise the Assembly what major concerns the working paper has uncovered? Are there serious problems in the

delivery of government services to native people in Alberta?

MISS HUNLEY: Actually, Mr. Speaker, what we are attempting to do, and what we have talked about from the beginning is that we have Alberta citizens — period. We try to treat all people in that manner, whenever possible. That, of course, was not at one time readily received by the Indian Association, because they rather feared what might happen to their agreements with the federal government. It's very important that we honor their concerns and that we work with them on it. That is one of the major areas we must always keep in our minds.

But also, we must determine, of course, how we're going to deliver a program. The federal government is interested, of course, in what kind of negotiations they should carry forward with us.

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question to the hon. minister. Does the working paper make specific recommendations as to how the government might move to ensure that in fact there is equal delivery of services to all citizens, regardless of their racial or ethnic origin?

MISS HUNLEY: To my knowledge, I've not read the working paper. I still refuse to call it that. I think we have to accumulate some information. The officials have done that in order to guide them during their discussions with the federal government.

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question to the hon. minister. Is the minister in a position, in view of her answers today, to give the Assembly some indication of a timetable as to when this information, supplemented by the discussions, will in fact be in a form that the Alberta government will be able to proceed on the basis of solid recommendations?

MISS HUNLEY: I'd be very happy to do that. I hope we can move a little more expeditiously than the last negotiations that took place. I think they were back in the 1960s. We're still kind of limping along with some temporary agreement that was reached at that time. Certainly we can do better than that. I don't have any specific date as our goal.

Rent Regulation

MR. KUSHNER: Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Minister of Hospitals and Medical Care, with reference to the Foothills Hospital. It is a common practice, I understand, that accommodation is provided for nurses and interns.

Do the provincial regulations apply to giving notice to move out of the residence?

MR. MINIELY: Mr. Speaker, I'm not sure what the hon. member specifically is referring to. If he's referring to nurses' residences or a specific instance, it would be better if the hon. member clarified the specific in order for me to answer accurately.

MR. SPEAKER: I don't like to interrupt the hon. member. I have misgivings about the question in its present form. The hon. member appears to be asking

about the content of some regulations. I think it's clearly established that that sort of information has to be sought by looking at the regulations. However, if the hon. member is asking about government policy or departmental policy in this regard, that, of course, is a different matter.

MR. KUSHNER: Mr. Speaker, this has been brought to my attention by a couple of constituents to bring it to the House's attention. It applies to the intern who has been given notice to move within 48 hours. I wonder if that is the policy of all hospitals across the province. I want to point out to the minister at this time, if I may, that . . .

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Order, order.

MR. KUSHNER: . . . the morale in the hospital is at its very lowest.

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. Order please. If the hon. member wishes to debate a topic, perhaps he could put a motion on the Order Paper. But insofar as his question may be related to departmental policy, perhaps the minister might wish to consider whether he wants to answer.

MR. MINIELY: Mr. Speaker, I believe the hon. member must be referring to whether or not nurses' residences or interns' residences are covered by The Rent Regulation Act of my colleague the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. I can't answer that specifically. I will have to consult the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, and report to the hon. member.

Damage Appraisal Centres

DR. BUCK: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to address my question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. The first question on a point of clarification: did the minister indicate how many drive-in damage appraisal centres there will be? I might have missed that if he did.

MR. HARLE: No, I didn't indicate. Initially, there will be one in Calgary, and then the Insurance Bureau will be trying to interest people in setting up this type of service across Alberta.

No-fault Insurance

DR. BUCK: A question to the minister on insurance. Can the minister indicate at what stage of study is the no-fault principle of insurance?

MR. HARLE: Mr. Speaker, yesterday in the House I filed with the Legislature Library the report of the Alberta Automobile Insurance Board on the no-fault question.

DR. BUCK: Mr. Speaker, is it the government's position to take any action on the no-fault principle?

MR. HARLE: Mr. Speaker, that matter will be considered. I received the report yesterday. During the

course of the summer, I will no doubt be giving it a great deal of attention, and [will] make suggestions, depending on the results of the study.

Damage Appraisal Centres (continued)

MR. TAYLOR: A supplementary to the hon. minister, with reference to the new set-up by the insurance industry. Will any work be done to the vehicles in these shops?

MR. HARLE: No, Mr. Speaker. When you say "work", I presume you mean that actual repair is done. No, it is strictly a facility to appraise the damage; that is, determine what repairs have to be made, and the cost of those repairs. The individual takes that appraisal to the garage or repair shop of his choice in order to have the work done.

MR. TAYLOR: A supplementary. If the auto body doing the work refuses to accept that charge or wants to charge more, what will the situation be then?

MR. HARLE: This is where the program has taken a great deal of study by the Insurance Bureau of Canada. As I understand the program, each drive-in appraisal centre will have the rates of the various repair shops and garages where the individual might wish to take his car. It's then a matter of applying those rates, based on the present manuals which are used to cost out this type of work. Having done that, the presumption is that that appraisal will be accepted, because the insured has indicated where he wants to take the car.

MR. TAYLOR: One further supplementary. Since the estimate will be a duplication of what's available today, what is the rationale of the insurance industry that this will cut down costs?

MR. HARLE: That type of service, Mr. Speaker, is not available today. Today you have to go around and get three estimates of the work. Then they select either the lowest or the one that does the work satisfactorily. So it really isn't available today.

The reduction in costs arises because there will be an accurate appraisal of the damages to be repaired. This avoids the problem all insurance companies face of having to decide whether in fact the damage to be repaired was done in the accident. So there's a saving if they can cut down the amount of unnecessary work done which has been attributed to the accident.

The second area is that there is a more accurate method of appraisal of the damage to be repaired. Experts involved in these drive-in centres will actually determine the proper amount of the claim.

No-fault Insurance (continued)

MR. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct a supplementary question to the minister. It flows from the Auto Insurance Board report yesterday and their comments that there was no indication of saving with no-fault auto insurance.

Is it the position of the Government of Alberta that there would be no savings as a result of Alberta becoming involved in no-fault auto insurance?

MR. HARLE: Mr. Speaker, that is a report done by the board. We will be examining the conclusions which have been reached. I would hope that I can eventually make a statement in the House on the assessment of the report and indicate what type of improvements we should adopt, based on the report and recommendations made.

MR. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, just one further supplementary question to the minister. Does the minister have any officials of his department or outside consultants assigned to doing an in-depth look at no-fault auto insurance across Canada or the United States?

MR. HARLE: Mr. Speaker, that's just what the board has done.

Curriculum Policies Board

MR. MANDEVILLE: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the hon. Minister of Education. Could the minister indicate to the Assembly when the selection to the curriculum policies board will be announced?

MR. KOZIAK: Mr. Speaker, earlier in the session in answer to a question posed I believe by the hon. Leader of the Opposition, I indicated that I hoped it would be prior to the end of session. I have some suspicion, however, Mr. Speaker, that my understanding of the length of the session at that time was different from my understanding of the length of this session today.

MR. CLARK: We'll help you out.

MR. KOZIAK: Unless hon. members wish to continue with the proceedings for some time, I doubt that the announcement of the appointments will be made prior to the end of the session.

MR. CLARK: A supplementary question to the minister. In light of the minister's comment, I wonder if he could give us a target now as to when he plans to make the appointments to the curriculum committee. The end of May? When?

MR. KOZIAK: I'd say that we could be fairly certain that the appointments will be announced prior to the school summer holidays.

Calgary Transportation Plan

MR. LITTLE: Mr. Speaker, may I address my question to the hon. Minister of Transportation? Would the hon. minister be in a position to inform this Legislature what involvement his department will have in the Calgary transportation master plan? In answering the question, would the hon. minister make particular reference to the Deerfoot Trail extension and the Macleod Trail corridor?

DR. HORNER: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to be more specific than I can be. We are having ongoing negotiations through the mechanism we set up for discussion with urban centres relative to their transportation needs. I can advise the House that we're very pleased with the progress we've been able to make with the officials in Calgary. Hopefully, in the not too distant future we'll be able to make some joint announcements relative to such things as the Deerfoot Trail, the southern corridor along the Macleod Trail, and more specifically relative to where they are going in rapid transit in Calgary.

Anti-inflation Program

MR. R. SPEAKER: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Premier. At the Alberta Chamber of Commerce meeting this past weekend, the chamber stated their opposition to the federal restraint program and stated the chamber believes this legislation constitutes a massive intervention into the decision-making process of business.

My question to the Premier is: would the Premier indicate if the government is in agreement as a matter of policy with the Alberta chamber on this particular matter?

MR. LOUGHEED: Mr. Speaker, in his usual fashion the hon. Member for Little Bow has asked a question of a very broad nature that I would be delighted to take some time to respond to. It occurs to me it's much more appropriate to answer a matter of such a far-reaching nature, with so many variables, at another time.

MR. R. SPEAKER: A supplementary to the Premier. In addition to the recently announced Alberta chamber position, organized labor has argued that controls destroy the collective bargaining process. Does the Premier agree with that position?

MR. LOUGHEED: Mr. Speaker, I'd have to give the same answer.

MR. R. SPEAKER: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary to the Premier. When business associations and organized labor take the positions they have taken, is the Premier and his government determined to keep the present wage and price control program on for the remaining of the 18 months, into 1977?

MR. LOUGHEED: Oh yes, Mr. Speaker. The government is committed to maintaining the program at least until March 31, 1977, pursuant to the legislation passed in this Legislature.

I'd have to check *Hansard* to determine whether the hon. member supported the legislation or not.

AN HON. MEMBER: He did.

School Construction

MR. TAYLOR: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the hon. Minister of Education. With reference to the capital cost of new schools in a growing area, what is

the average length of time that the school building branch takes to give approval?

MR. KOZIAK: Mr. Speaker, it would be difficult for me to provide an exact figure of an average length of time for the approval process. Interestingly enough, it varies with school jurisdictions, with the areas of the province, and many other matters.

Some jurisdictions are very knowledgeable about The School Buildings Act, the regulations thereunder, and are able to put together a statement of need that provides all the necessary information. As a result, the approval time is much shorter than is the case with others. In some applications, the statement of need that's initially filed doesn't prove a need. Subsequent applications do prove a need because of changes that have taken place.

It's extremely difficult to indicate an average with any degree of certainty. I would say it varies from as low as a month or three months to perhaps a year.

MR. TAYLOR: A supplementary to the hon. minister. Is there an attempt on the part of the department to provide some lead time for the construction of new schools?

MR. KOZIAK: Mr. Speaker, I'm sure the hon. member and other members in the House would appreciate that the matter of school construction and the financing of school construction in this province is one which creates many pressures for the spending of dollars.

I think it would be important enough for me to share with hon. members the fact that over the last five years, although we have experienced a decline of approximately 4,000 students in the total student population, an additional 69,000 student spaces have been built throughout this province. Now, admittedly, there are reasons for that: the fact that new communities in this province, such as Fort McMurray, are building up; communities on the fringe areas of metropolitan areas are expanding; new subdivisions in metropolitan areas require schools for the population of the area.

However, we are faced with the fact that we have this declining enrolment and at the same time a burgeoning demand for expanded school facilities. It's very important that these demands be kept in balance, so that we do not in future years saddle the budgets of this province with expenditures for school facilities where those funds should otherwise go for instructional purposes.

Heritage Fund

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct this question to the hon. Premier. Could he advise the House whether the Government of Alberta has received recommendations, consulting reports recommending, or any assessment of a form of what one might term "ventures Alberta", a vehicle for channelling funds from the heritage trust fund into risk ventures in the Alberta private sector?

My question is whether or not any consulting reports or any evaluations of this sort of vehicle have been received by the Alberta government.

MR. LOUGHEED: Mr. Speaker, I'd have difficulty responding to that question. I'd just have to take it as notice and check. Naturally, we've had a number of suggestions from citizens in the province in various ways with regard to our proposals in the fund, but I can't recall anything that would specifically come to mind relative to the hon. member's question.

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question to the hon. Premier. Is the government considering any form of agency, apart from agencies already established by the Legislature, which would channel a portion of the heritage trust funds into a form of venture arrangements in the private sector?

MR. LOUGHEED: Mr. Speaker, we haven't considered that matter in any significant way. It certainly may be a matter that is considered, because of the shortage of venture capital in Canada today. But as I mentioned in dealing with Bill 35 in committee, those are matters that to this date haven't in any significant way been considered by the government.

Automobile Insurance

MR. MANDEVILLE: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the hon. Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Is the minister considering any changes in regulations which would allow automobile self-insurance by companies?

MR. HARLE: Mr. Speaker, that matter is presently under consideration, and no decisions have been reached yet.

Government Services to Native People (continued)

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct this question to the hon. Premier, too. It's to clarify answers given by the hon. Minister of Social Services and Community Health concerning an assessment of the delivery of services to native people in the province.

Mr. Speaker, has the Premier's office to this point received any information relating to this assessment or working paper?

MR. LOUGHEED: Mr. Speaker, I would have difficulty responding to that question as well, having regard to the volume of documents that pass through our office. It's something I'd be prepared to check into. I would think, unless the hon. minister can add to it, I certainly can't.

Health Care Commission Files

MR. FOSTER: Mr. Speaker, some time ago the hon. Member for Drumheller asked a question of me concerning the right of police and parents to certain information, to health care records held by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Commission. I've had an opportunity of looking at this matter now and I would just simply report briefly to the House that Section 25 of the act of that commission imposes a duty upon all employees and members of the commission to preserve secrecy with respect to all matters that come to the knowledge of the employees

as related to basic health services rendered and benefits paid out from the commission.

On the face of it, that is the only limitation that applies to the members of the commission. However, under the public service legislation, employees of the Crown are precluded from giving out any other information. So there would be a blanket prohibition, if you will, on the staff of the commission from giving out virtually any information without the prior knowledge and consent of a person in authority, in this case my colleague the Minister of Hospitals and Medical Care.

In any event, the only person who would have the capacity to release such information would be the minister, since technically he is not an employee. I understand from my colleague that it is his policy to preserve the spirit and intent of the legislation and maintain secrecy in all matters.

There have been occasions when the parent of an infant, that is to say a person under 18 years of age, has been able to get certain information from the commission because the infant has been registered as part of the parent's health care contract. But that clearly would not apply if the child were not part of that contract, and even in some circumstances if he is.

So, in short, Mr. Speaker, there are legislative procedures that would guarantee secrecy. The only exception would be with respect to the conduct or policies of the minister responsible, and on his initiative.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MR. YURKO: Mr. Speaker, on a point of privilege, in checking through the Votes and Proceedings of yesterday's events, I note that I was listed as having tabled only one sessional paper. I distinctly remember tabling four pieces of paper. Subsequently, on checking, I note that one is listed as having been tabled by the Solicitor General, a second is listed as having been tabled by the Minister of Hospitals and Medical Care.

With respect to Question 199 posed by the hon. Mr. Notley, I had tabled a reply to that question, and it's not noted in the Votes and Proceedings.

MR. SPEAKER: I'd like to express my regret to the hon. minister, and assure him that the matters he has pointed out will be remedied.

MR. ZANDER: Mr. Speaker, when I rose yesterday on a matter of personal privilege, I did not intend to imply that our *Hansard* staff was in any way remiss. I want to make this clear.

MR. SPEAKER: I regret to interrupt. May the hon. Member for Calgary McCall revert to Introduction of Visitors?

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

head: INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS (reversion)

MR. LITTLE: Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure this afternoon to introduce to you, and through you to the members of this Assembly, 35 Grade 10 Social Studies students from Dr. E.P. Scarlett School in the city of Calgary. Their visit to Edmonton is arranged and sponsored by the Rotary Club of South Calgary as part of an annual youth project. They are accompanied by Father Gregory McClellan. Mr. Speaker, they are seated in the members gallery. I would request that they rise and be recognized.

head: GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

2. Hon. Mr. Hyndman proposed the following motion to the Assembly:

Be it resolved that the Assembly adopt the following amendments to *Standing Orders* to be effective until the prorogation of the second session of the 18th Legislature:

Standing Order 7 is struck out and the following is substituted therefor:

- 7.(1) The ordinary, daily routine business in the Assembly shall be as follows:
 - Introduction of Visitors
 - Presenting Petitions
 - Reading and Receiving Petitions
 - Presenting Reports by Standing and Select Committees
 - Notices of Motions
 - Introduction of Bills
 - Tabling Returns and Reports
 - Introduction of Special Guests
 - Ministerial Statements

Oral Question Period (not exceeding 45 minutes)

- (2) When "Introduction of Visitors" is called, brief introductions may be made with the prior permission of Mr. Speaker, of visiting parliamentarians, diplomats, officials and others who are to be specially honoured.

- (3) When "Introduction of Special Guests" is called, brief introductions may be made of groups of school children and with the prior permission of Mr. Speaker, of other visitors in the galleries.

MR. HYNDMAN: I don't believe a long dissertation is necessary with respect to this motion. But first, though, I assure some of those members who felt that this motion would result in the abolition of Prayers on the daily routine of the Assembly that that is not the case. I received quite a number of submissions both written and oral, suggesting that this was going to happen, and I am encouraged by the fact that so much concern was shown.

Prayers, as members know, are covered by Standing Order No. 6, so they are not affected by this motion, which essentially introduces two categories of visitors to be introduced. I believe the motion is explanatory. It has, Mr. Speaker, to my knowledge, been discussed by the Members' Services Committee.

[Motion carried]

3. Hon. Mr. Hyndman proposed the following motion to the Assembly:

Be it resolved that the Assembly adopt the textual

changes in *Standing Orders* as set out in the copy of *Standing Orders* tabled as 575/76 on May 13, 1976.

MR. HYNDMAN: The purpose of this resolution is simply to adopt the detailed changes in the rules, none of which are substantive, in order that they will be up to date when the new printing of the rules takes place.

[Motion carried]

4. Hon. Mr. Hyndman proposed the following motion to the Assembly:

Be it resolved that when the Assembly adjourns for the summer recess, it shall stand adjourned until 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, October 13, 1976.

MR. HYNDMAN: I would hasten to assure members that if this motion is passed in the next 30 seconds, that does not mean that the Assembly will adjourn. It simply means that when the motion is made on a future hour or day, the Assembly will stand adjourned until the fall session.

MR. SPEAKER: In spite of the disappointment implicit in the hon. Government House Leader's debate, do the hon. members wish to accept Motion No. 4?

[Motion carried]

head: **PRIVATE BILLS**
(Second Reading)

Bill Pr. 1
An Act respecting a certain Agreement
between The City of Edmonton and Northern
Alberta Natural Gas Development Company,
Limited, and dated the 16th day of
November, 1915

MR. CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker, I move second reading of Bill Pr. 1. As noted in the title of the bill, it dates from November 16, 1915. In effect, it authorizes the city of Edmonton to grant a franchise for the sale of natural gas to what was originally the Northern Alberta Natural Gas Development Company. It was subsequently assigned, by a statute of 1923, to Northwestern Utilities Company. The original term of 20 years was renewed in 1935, '45, '55, and '65 for 10-year terms.

The city of Edmonton and Northwestern Utilities have agreed that the franchise should be renewed for a period of 10 years from November 16, 1975. I understand that this has been approved by the Public Utilities Board. The act was originally required because at that time the city had no power to grant such a franchise. Under subsequent legislation the city would have the power to grant or renew a franchise, but such legislation was not retroactive.

Mr. Speaker, there are some rather unique aspects to this 60-year old act. I recommend that members approve this bill and thereby allow the franchise to be extended for another 10 years to 1985.

[Motion carried; Bill Pr. 1 read a second time]

Bill Pr. 2
An Act to Amend The Mennonite
Mutual Relief Insurance Company Act

MR. GHITTER: Mr. Speaker, I move second reading of Bill Pr. 2, An Act to Amend The Mennonite Mutual Relief Insurance Company Act.

[Motion carried; Bill Pr. 2 read a second time]

MR. HYNDMAN: Mr. Speaker, I move you do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider certain bills on the Order Paper.

MR. SPEAKER: Having heard the motion by the hon. Government House Leader, do you all agree?

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

[Mr. Speaker left the Chair]

head: **GOVERNMENT BILLS AND ORDERS**
(Committee of the Whole)

[Dr. McCrimmon in the Chair]

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Committee of the Whole Assembly will now come to order.

MR. HYNDMAN: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to suggest the approach for Committee of the Whole: that we begin with Bill 2, The Appropriation Act, and then just proceed down the Order Paper as listed, with the exception of Bill 24. If any of the ministers or members are not in the House at that particular moment, we'll skip that and move back to it.

Bill 2
The Appropriation Act, 1976

MR. CHAIRMAN: There are government amendments to the bill. Are you all familiar with the amendments?

[Title and preamble agreed to]

MR. LEITCH: Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill 2 be reported as amended.

[Motion carried]

Bill 40
The Bills of Sale Amendment Act, 1976

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there any comments, questions, or amendments to be offered with respect to any sections of this bill?

[Title and preamble agreed to]

MR. FOSTER: Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill 40 be reported.

[Motion carried]

Bill 41
The Workers'
Compensation Amendment Act, 1976

MR. CHAIRMAN: There is a government amendment to this act. Are you familiar with the amendment?

[Title and preamble agreed to]

MR. CRAWFORD: Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill 41 be reported as amended.

[Motion carried]

Bill 43
The Stray Animals Act

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there any comments, questions, or amendments to be offered with respect to any sections of this bill?

MR. MANDEVILLE: Mr. Chairman, could I just ask one question to the hon. member who introduced the bill. How many inspectors and assessors will be appointed? Will the inspector or assessor be able to hold one position?

MR. BUTLER: Mr. Chairman, the number of inspectors appointed will probably have to be determined when the act is in force. There will be no more inspectors than we absolutely need. The inspector and the assessor will not necessarily be one and the same person.

MR. TAYLOR: Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to commend the hon. member and whoever is responsible for Section 7 of the act. I think one of the things that aggravates farmers and livestock producers more than anything else is when trespassers come in and leave the gates open, or sometimes when there is outright vandalism the gates are destroyed and the cattle get out. There's just almost no end to the expense, the inconvenience, and the annoyance in such cases.

This section now places it very, very clearly that where any person does open or fail to close a gate, and livestock get out and there is expense in gathering them up or they do damage to other people's property, the person who left the gate open is actually responsible. I like this type of legislation. I believe we should have more of this type of thing. Putting a man in jail might be okay, but it doesn't help the farmer who went to all the expense.

I would like to commend the hon. member sponsoring the bill and those responsible for setting out this type of legislation, where a person who causes damage to be done and expense to other people actually becomes liable for that expense. If it's rigidly enforced, I think this section will do a great deal to improve the relations between hunters, farmers, producers, et cetera.

[Title and preamble agreed to]

MR. BUTLER: Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill 43 be reported.

[Motion carried]

Bill 45
The Ground Water
Control Amendment Act, 1976

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there any comments, questions, or amendments to be offered with respect to any sections of this bill?

[Title and preamble agreed to]

MR. THOMPSON: Mr. Chairman, I move Bill 45 be reported.

[Motion carried]

Bill 46
The Credit and Loan
Agreements Amendment Act, 1976

MR. CHAIRMAN: There is a government amendment to this bill. Are you all familiar with the amendment?

MRS. CHICHAK: Mr. Chairman, I believe the hon. Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs would wish me to make just a few comments with respect to this bill and to the additional amendments. They will be brief.

I would simply like to draw attention to the fact that this bill and the amendments, bring under legislation the requirement that credit grantors and discounters be Alberta residents for a minimum of one year to be eligible for registration to do business in the province; the requirement of credit grantors and discounters to disclose interest rates charged, both on percentage basis and on dollar basis; and that the percentage basis disclosure would have to be calculated on a specified formula which will be made available and contained within the regulations.

As well, the records will be required to be kept in the province of Alberta and made available for review for a minimum of three years. As well, an annual report will be required to be filed within 60 days of each calendar year, such reports to conform to a specific format and information required to be disclosed therein.

I'd also like to note that it is the intention of the department and the hon. Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs to have regulations available and put in place at a very early date following the passage of this bill.

MR. TAYLOR: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if I could have a statement on Section 15.6(9). It may have some explanation, but it says: "No person shall publish or cause to be published any statement that he is registered under this Act". Isn't one of the purposes of the act that these people become registered? Why don't we want the public to know they are registered?

MRS. CHICHAK: Mr. Chairman, I believe the intent of this section is to prevent those providing a discounting service from using it as a mechanism to convey to the public that the credit grantor or the discounter has any kind of special recognition from the Government of Alberta, other than that he is licensed to carry on the business.

MR. TAYLOR: Mr. Chairman, I still have difficulty following the reason. If we're going to register a person, surely he can put up in his place that certificate or whatever he gets. He can tell people he has been registered. It doesn't make him a chartered accountant, a CGA, or an industrial accountant. Why do we want to make it an offence for him to publish that he's registered, when we insist on him registering and paying a fee for it? It's a little difficult for me to follow.

MRS. CHICHAK: Mr. Chairman, perhaps I didn't make myself clear to the hon. member. It's my understanding that this section is intended or worded to prevent a discounter or credit grantor from publishing in the newspapers, not in the sense of displaying within his premises the fact that he carries a license, but to prevent him from advertising to the public, by newsprint or media, that he has this kind of license, which may have some psychological transmission of message that he has special recognition or additional validity other than the fact that he carries a license. Does this clear up the question?

MR. TAYLOR: Well, I'm not going to pursue the matter, Mr. Chairman, but I think it very unwise for us to require a person to be registered and then tell him he can't tell anybody he's registered. Surely, if he's putting in the paper the fact that he wants to fill in your income tax, and we want the public to obey the law, he shouldn't be denied the right to say, I'm registered as required under The Credit and Loan Agreement Amendment Act. I just can't follow why we don't want him to do that.

[Title and preamble agreed to]

MRS. CHICHAK: Mr. Chairman, I move the bill be reported as amended.

[Motion carried]

Bill 47
The Forest and Prairie
Protection Amendment Act, 1976

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there any comments, questions, or amendments to be offered with respect to any sections of this bill?

[Title and preamble agreed to]

MR. APPLEBY: Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill 47 be reported.

[Motion carried]

Bill 48
The Co-Operative
Associations Amendment Act, 1976

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there any comments, questions, or amendments to be offered with respect to any sections of this bill?

[Title and preamble agreed to]

MR. COOKSON: Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill 48 be reported.

[Motion carried]

Bill 50
The Racing
Commission Amendment Act, 1976

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there any comments, questions, or amendments to be offered with respect to any sections of this bill?

[Title and preamble agreed to]

MR. FARRAN: I move the bill be reported, Mr. Chairman.

[Motion carried]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Could we have the permission of the House to revert to Introduction of Visitors?

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

head: **INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS**
(*reversion*)

MR. MANDEVILLE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to introduce to you, Mr. Chairman, and through you to the members of this committee, 46 students who drove here from Brooks this morning. They were coming up tomorrow, but with the fast pace we've been going at in the House, I phoned them last night and told them we could be through today. So they made the trip here today. Mr. Chairman, they are accompanied by their bus drivers, Wilbur Muhlbiel, Vi Erion, and Ted McIntyre; their teachers Mrs. Sekella, Mrs. Tarney, and Mrs. Weinmeyer. I'd ask them to rise and be recognized by the House.

head: **GOVERNMENT BILLS AND ORDERS**
(**Committee of the Whole**)
(*continued*)

Bill 51
The Department of Government
Services Amendment Act, 1976

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there any comments, questions, or amendments to be offered with respect to any sections of this bill?

[Title and preamble agreed to]

MR. SCHMID: Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill 51, The Department of Government Services Amendment Act, 1976, be reported.

[Motion carried]

Bill 52
The Manpower Development Act

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there any comments, questions, or amendments to be offered with respect to any sections of this bill?

MR. TAYLOR: Mr. Chairman, in connection with the Alberta Apprenticeship and Tradesmen's Certification Board, I would like to suggest to the minister that some consideration be given to having a rotating board — putting on particular tradesmen when that particular trade is being discussed and worked out. For instance, I think it would be inadvisable to put a journeyman mechanic, carpenter, and welder on a board considering apprenticeship for plumbers. I would like to see the minister have the authority to have what he calls a rotating board, or to put specific members on for the consideration of certain trades. I believe the authority is in the act. I'd like to know if the hon. minister has anything like that in mind.

DR. HOHOL: Mr. Chairman, the suggestion is excellent. I'll take it under real consideration, not just as a figure of speech, and see if we can work something out in that exact way. I agree with the spirit and the intent, and likely cover it now since the legislation is printed. In any case, it would likely be better covered in regulation. But we will certainly make every effort to attend to the excellent recommendation from the hon. Member for Drumheller.

[Title and preamble agreed to]

DR. HOHOL: Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill 52, The Manpower Development Act, be reported.

[Motion carried]

Bill 54
The Motor Vehicle
Administration Amendment Act, 1976

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there any comments, questions, or amendments to be offered with respect to any sections of this bill? There is a government amendment to the bill. Are you all familiar with the amendment?

[Title and preamble agreed to]

MR. MANDEVILLE: Mr. Chairman, I see one now needs two pink cards in order to obtain a licence. One area is giving concern. I'm speaking of people who have automobiles in transit. If they're moving an automobile from one point to the other, they have to have a pink card.

I was wondering if the minister has given any consideration to working out a possible method of transporting or moving automobiles. At the present time, they have to get a pink card to transport an automobile from one area to the other. The insurance companies won't write insurance unless they write it on six months. So it's a cause of burden on anyone who wants to have an automobile in transit.

MR. FARRAN: Mr. Chairman, in conjunction with the hon. Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, I'll certainly look into that problem. The intent, of course, is that any moving vehicle in the province should be insured, even if it's only moving a short distance. We'll have to take up this question of the alleged reluctance of the insurance companies to cover the risk for such a short period. At the moment, though, the law is that you must have insurance if you're going to move a vehicle on the highways.

[Title and preamble agree to]

MR. FARRAN: I move this bill be reported as amended.

[Motion carried]

Bill 55
The Mines and
Minerals Amendment Act, 1976

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there any comments, questions, or amendments to be offered with respect to any sections of this bill? There are some government amendments. Are you all familiar with the amendments?

MR. TAYLOR: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make just one short comment on the section that I think is a very excellent one, in regard to exploration companies being required either to act on their leases or to give them up. I'm referring particularly to coal leases. With the importance of coal coming on the horizon, many people are seeing that coal is going to be a very valuable commodity a few years down the road. I think it's most important that we don't have people from outside our country coming in, taking up leases, and holding them until they can make a windfall out of them at the expense of the people of Alberta or Canada. This section will require people who are given leases to act on them, or they may be cancelled. I think this is a very excellent thing and very timely, and something that will prove very valuable to the people of Alberta in the coming years.

[Title and preamble agreed to]

MR. GETTY: Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill 55 as amended be reported.

[Motion carried]

Bill 56
The Recreation, Parks
and Wildlife Foundation Act

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there any comments, questions, or amendments to be offered with respect to any sections of this bill? There is a government amendment. Are you all familiar with the amendment?

[Title and preamble agreed to]

MR. ADAIR: Mr. Chairman, I move Bill 56 be reported as amended.

[Motion carried]

Bill 57
The Gas Utilities
Amendment Act, 1976

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there any comments, questions, or amendments to be offered with respect to any sections of this bill?

[Title and preamble agreed to]

Bill 58
The Natural Gas Price
Administration Amendment Act, 1976

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there any comments, questions, or amendments to be offered with respect to any sections of this bill?

[Title and preamble agreed to]

MR. GETTY: Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill 58 be reported.

[Motion carried]

DR. WARRACK: Mr. Chairman, I believe we went past the motion to report Bill 57. If it's in order, I now do so.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The motion for what?

AN HON. MEMBER: To report Bill 57.

DR. WARRACK: It was overlooked.

[Motion carried]

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Limited, and dated the 16th day of
November, 1915

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there any comments, questions, or amendments to be offered with respect to any sections of this bill?

[Title and preamble agreed to]

MR. CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I move Bill Pr. 1 be reported.

[Motion carried]

Bill Pr. 2
An Act to Amend The Mennonite
Mutual Relief Insurance Company Act

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there any comments, questions, or amendments to be offered with respect to

any sections of this bill?

[Title and preamble agreed to]

MR. GHITTER: Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill Pr. 2 be reported.

[Motion carried]

MR. HYNDMAN: Mr. Chairman, I move the committee rise and report.

[Motion carried]

[Dr. McCrimmon left the Chair]

[Mr. Speaker in the Chair]

DR. MCCRIMMON: Mr. Speaker, the Committee of the Whole Assembly has had under consideration Bills 40, 43, 45, 47, 48, 50, 51, 52, 57, 58, Pr. 1, and Pr. 2, and begs to report same.

Mr. Speaker, the Committee of the Whole Assembly has had under consideration Bills 2, 41, 46, 54, 55, and 56, begs to report same with some amendments, and asks leave to sit again.

MR. SPEAKER: Having heard the report, do you all agree?

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

head: **GOVERNMENT BILLS AND ORDERS**
(Third Reading)

Bill 1
The Statutes Repeal Act, 1976

MR. LOUGHEED: Mr. Speaker, I move Bill 1, The Statutes Repeal Act, 1976, for third reading.

[Motion carried; Bill 1 read a third time]

Bill 2
The Appropriation Act, 1976

MR. LEITCH: Mr. Speaker, I move third reading of Bill 2, The Appropriation Act, 1976.

MR. HYNDMAN: Mr. Speaker, just to be procedurally correct, I believe we moved from Committee of the Whole on Bill 2 to third reading, without obtaining unanimous leave of the Assembly to do so notwithstanding Rule 63(1).

If I could do that with regard to, and ask for that leave with respect to, those standing in Committee of the Whole, except Bill 24 and Bills Pr. 1 and Pr. 2.

MR. SPEAKER: Does the Assembly agree with the proposal of the hon. Government House Leader?

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: So ordered.

[Motion carried; Bill 2 read a third time]

[It was moved by the members indicated that the following bills be read a third time, and the motions were carried]

No.	Name	Moved by	No.	Name	Moved by
			30	Amendment Act, 1976 The Department of Education Amendment Act, 1976	Koziak
5	The Alberta School Trustees' Association Amendment Act, 1976	Diachuk	31	The Marketing of Agricultural Products Amendment Act, 1976	Schmidt
6	The Calgary General Hospital Board Act	McCrae	32	The Department of Advanced Education and Manpower Amendment Act, 1976	Hohol
7	The Alberta Loan Act, 1976	Leitch	33	The Civil Service Association of Alberta Repeal Act	Young
8	The Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation Amendment Act, 1976	Leitch	34	The Pharmaceutical Association Amendment Act, 1976	Hunley
9	The Libraries Amendment Act, 1976	Stewart			
10	The Unfair Trade Practices Amendment Act, 1976	Harle			
11	The Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1976	(for Horsman) Miniely			
12	The Department of Transportation Amendment Act, 1976	Horner			
13	The Temporary Rent Regulation Measures Amendment Act, 1976	Harle			
14	The Real Estate Agents' Licensing Amendment Act, 1976	McCrae			
15	The Municipal and Provincial Properties Valuation Amendment Act, 1976	Johnston			
16	The Northland School Division Amendment Act, 1976	Tesolin			
17	The Alberta Income Tax Amendment Act, 1976	Leitch			
18	The Pension Statutes Amendment Act, 1976	Leitch			
19	The Alberta Home Mortgage Corporation Act	Yurko			
20	The Municipal Government Amendment Act, 1976	Gogo (for Jamison)			
21	The Hail and Crop Insurance Amendment Act, 1976	Moore			
22	The Alberta Investment Fund Repeal Act	Leitch			
23	The Plumbing and Drainage Act	Donnelly			
25	The Energy Resources Conservation Amendment Act, 1976	Getty			
26	The Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs Amendment Act 1976	Gogo (for Jamison)			
27	The Land Surface Conservation and Reclamation Amendment Act, 1976	Leitch (for Russell)			
28	The Planning Amendment Act, 1976	Cookson			
29	The Financial Administration Amendment	Leitch			

Bill 35
The Alberta Heritage Savings
Trust Fund Act

MR. LOUGHEED: Mr. Speaker, I am honored to move Bill 35, The Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Act, for third reading.

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, in making just a very brief comment or two on third reading of Bill 35, I'm sure we're all aware that this is a bill of very great historical importance for the province of Alberta: historical importance in more ways than one, inasmuch as we are embarking on a process which, in my judgment, is very seriously inconsistent with the concept of legislative control of the purse strings.

Mr. Speaker, I won't repeat all the arguments that have been raised, both during second reading and during the very comprehensive committee study which took place on Friday of last week and Monday of this week. I think it appropriate, however, to say that before this Legislature surrenders to the cabinet the authority to invest 80 per cent of the heritage trust fund money without prior approval of the Legislature, the test must clearly be on the government to show why such a move is necessary. It is not for the opposition to prove the opposite. It is clearly upon the government. Because they are changing the accepted historical precedent in this case, it is clearly incumbent upon the government to show why no other course was possible.

I've listened to the arguments of the hon. Premier. I've listened to the arguments of the other members who support this particular provision of the bill, the fact that the investment committee would be investing 80 per cent without prior approval of the Legislature. While I accept and approve the principle of the heritage trust fund *per se*, I believe the issue of prior approval remains the fundamental weakness of this bill. To surrender to the cabinet that kind of authority, in my judgment, would be a very serious mistake by this Legislative Assembly.

We have heard much from the Premier, and from others, of the argument that there is a difference between an investment and an expenditure. Again I repeat what I said during committee study. As one reviews the roots of our system — the whole concept of the power of the purse related not to the distinction between an investment or an expenditure, but rather

to the question of a financial decision — if a financial decision is going to have an impact on the future of the province, then clearly, Mr. Speaker, that financial decision should first be properly debated in the Legislative Assembly.

I raise this point reluctantly, because I know that Albertans generally approve of the idea of a heritage trust fund. I certainly want to say that the party I'm privileged to lead supports the concept of a heritage trust fund. But I also say clearly to the members of this House, Mr. Speaker, and to the Premier, that a large number of Albertans — I suspect, even a majority of Albertans — are very uncertain and very wary about the powers this bill provides to the Executive Council.

I just conclude, Mr. Speaker, by saying to the members of the House that while we are embarking upon uncharted waters — I think the Member for Calgary Buffalo [so] described this legislation the other night — it might well be that rather than rushing into legislation that extends the power of the cabinet, it would be wiser on the part of the government to carefully evaluate the arguments and recognize the importance of prior approval of the Legislature, not in terms of the political debate in this province, but in terms of the precedent this bill would be establishing, and in recognition that the history of our system depends upon parliamentary control of the purse strings. To the extent that in this bill we are abdicating that responsibility, Mr. Speaker, I think we are moving in precisely the wrong direction, a direction which in the years ahead will come back to haunt the government.

Mr. Speaker, without prior approval in the Legislature, the heritage trust fund, rather than being the tremendous potential for good it can be, may well become a political time bomb which in the years ahead will cause this government to self-destruct.

MR. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to make two very brief comments with regard to Bill 35. I think no member in this Assembly doesn't recognize the position the official opposition has taken on this bill. I don't plan to rehash those arguments. Suffice it to say that we voted against the bill on second reading because we felt the concept of legislative control of the purse strings to be that important.

I simply remake that point now and add that, as has been mentioned by several hon. members and, I believe, the Premier himself, we are in an area where the most commonly used phrase during this session has been, in uncharted waters.

I believe we moved six amendments. The most important of those amendments would have guaranteed that the members of the Legislature would have made the major decisions on commitment of funds. In addition to the members of the Legislature being able to approve the major commitment of funds, it would have guaranteed a public airing of the commitments the government was making on behalf of the Alberta heritage savings trust fund. At this late day in the session, after several days' discussion, after six amendments put forward by us, it's obvious that the government isn't going to change its position. I think it's fair to capsule the situation by saying candidly that we believe the question of controlling the expenditures and commitment of funds becomes an increasingly vital issue.

MR. TAYLOR: Mr. Speaker, I want to be on record as supporting this bill. In my view, there is no abdication of rights of the Legislature. There is no surrender of rights of the Legislature to the cabinet. There is provision for the responsibility of the cabinet to the Legislature and to the people of this province. In this bill, I see a new era arriving, an era in which there will be jobs and revenue that otherwise we could not even dream of in the future.

MR. SPEAKER: May the hon. Premier conclude the debate?

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. LOUGHEED: Mr. Speaker, in closing debate on third reading, I just want to make a few brief comments with regard to this very, very important bill that all of us have participated in.

First of all, I take extreme objection to the view presented by the Member for Spirit River-Fairview [on] the question of rushing. As I described in second reading, I don't know how legislation could have been developed in this province with more opportunity for input by our citizens. A bill was brought here last fall, allowed to die on the Order Paper, brought back into this House on April 14, debated on that occasion and later on April 23 and 26, and brought back last Friday and again on Monday, for a full and complete discussion by the elected representatives. I completely reject the suggestion that there is any rushing with regard to this legislation. I don't know any legislation that has had any more appropriate and full discussion than that.

Mr. Speaker, I am obliged to make — and I want the record because of the nature of the longer term discussions that may occur. I accept the views presented by the Social Credit opposition with regard to their commitment to the principle of this bill as they've expressed it in the House.

I take serious question with the view expressed by the Member for Spirit River-Fairview, just by the very nature and tenor of the president of the party he represents, when one uses the phrase "salted away billions" in the heritage savings trust fund. Well, if the expression "salt" is in my view the concept of what we're trying to do in the heritage savings trust fund, I reject completely that the party the Member for Spirit River-Fairview represents in this House truly believes the spirit and the objective of Bill 35.

Next, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to say that when it comes to precedent in this Legislature, I will take the view from the Member for Drumheller over the view of other members who have spoken. In this legislation I see no surrender whatsoever of the legislative authority over the executive branch. In fact, the more I think about Bill 35, the more it comes to me that if we had wanted to do them, we really could have done these things without Bill 35, without this legislation. But we felt it was important for the people of this province to have the concept of the fund in their minds. Then with the concept of the fund, we placed some very significant limitations upon the responsibilities of the Executive Council.

It would have been easier, as I mentioned when I closed my remarks in committee stage, Mr. Speaker, much easier, I have no doubt about that, to have accepted the concept of prior legislative approval, and

have come into this House, obtained prior legislative approval, and then gone on and made the investments. I don't think the course we are embarking upon is the easier course. It is the more difficult course. The easier course would be to come here and then say, it was the Legislature. It's the other way.

Finally, I know we are involved in very unique legislation. It will cause us difficulties. Of that I have no doubt. It will cause us many, many headaches and many, many concerns over the years. But I have no doubt that those of us voting on this legislation today will consider it one of the important things we did in public life.

[Mr. Speaker declared the motion carried. Several members rose calling for a division. The division bell was rung]

[Three minutes having elapsed, the House divided as follows:

For the motion:

Adair	Hohol	Paproski
Appleby	Horner	Peacock
Backus	Horsman	Planche
Bogle	Hunley	Purdy
Bradley	Hyland	Schmid
Butler	Hyndman	Schmidt
Chambers	Johnston	Shaben
Chichak	Kidd	Stewart
Cookson	King	Taylor
Crawford	Koziak	Tesolin
Diachuk	Kushner	Thompson
Doan	Leitch	Topolnisky
Donnelly	Little	Trynchy
Dowling	Lougheed	Walker
Farran	Lysons	Warrack
Fluker	McCrae	Webber
Foster	McCrimmon	Wolstenholme
Getty	Miller	Young
Gogo	Miniely	Yurko
Hansen	Moore	Zander
Harle	Musgreave	

Against the motion:

Buck	Mandeville	Speaker, R.
Clark	Notley	
Totals:	Ayes - 62	Noes - 5]

[Bill 35 read a third time]

[It was moved by the members indicated that the following bills be read a third time, and the motions were carried]

No.	Name	Moved by
36	The Department of Housing and Public Works Amendment Act, 1976	Webber
37	The Public Works Amendment Act, 1976	Shaben
38	The Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 1976	Horner
39	The Occupational Health and Safety Act	Crawford

No.	Name	Moved by
40	The Bills of Sale Amendment Act, 1976	Foster

Bill 41

The Workers'

Compensation Amendment Act, 1976

MR. CRAWFORD: Mr. Speaker, I move third reading of Bill 41, The Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1976.

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, I was out briefly during committee stage this afternoon, so didn't have a chance to raise any comments then. I would just rise, Mr. Speaker, to express some disappointment at the 10.5 per cent figure over 15 months. If one looks at that, it works out to 8.4 per cent for a period of 12 months which, in my view, Mr. Speaker, is not adequate.

I would simply say, Mr. Speaker, in general comment on this bill, I intend to vote for it because an increase is necessary even if the increase isn't sufficient. But this does place added responsibility on the special select committee which is established to review The Workers' Compensation Act.

[Motion carried; Bill 41 read a third time]

[It was moved by the members indicated that the following bills be read a third time, and the motions were carried]

No.	Name	Moved by
42	The Oil and Gas Conservation Amendment Act, 1976	Getty
43	The Stray Animals Act	Butler
44	The Alberta Energy Company Amendment Act, 1976	Getty
45	The Ground Water Control Amendment Act, 1976	Thompson
46	The Credit and Loan Agreements Amendment Act, 1976	Chichak
47	The Forest and Prairie Protection Amendment Act, 1976	Appleby
48	The Co-operative Associations Amendment Act, 1976	Cookson
49	The Natural Gas Pricing Agreement Amendment Act, 1976	Getty
50	The Racing Commission Amendment Act, 1976	Farran
51	The Department of Government Services Amendment Act, 1976	Schmid
52	The Manpower Development Act	Hohol
54	The Motor Vehicle Administration Amendment Act, 1976	Farran
55	The Mines and Minerals Amendment Act, 1976	Getty

No.	Name	Moved by	[His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor entered the House and took his place upon the Throne]
56	The Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation Act	Adair	
57	The Gas Utilities Amendment Act, 1976	Warrack	LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR: Pray be seated.
58	The Natural Gas Price Administration Amendment Act, 1976	Getty	MR. SPEAKER: May it please Your Honour, the Legislative Assembly has, at its present sittings, passed certain bills to which, and in the name of the Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

head: **PRIVATE BILLS**
(Third Reading)

[It was moved by the members indicated that the following bills be read a third time, and the motions were carried]

CLERK ASSISTANT: Your Honour, these are the bills to which your assent is prayed.

[The Clerk Assistant read the titles of all bills to which third reading had earlier been given]

No.	Name	Moved by
Pr. 1	An Act respecting a certain Agreement between The City of Edmonton and Northern Alberta Natural Gas Development Company, Limited, and dated the 16th day of November, 1915	Chambers
Pr. 2	An Act to Amend The Mennonite Mutual Relief Insurance Company Act	Trynchy (for Ghitter)

[The Lieutenant-Governor indicated his assent]

CLERK ASSISTANT: In Her Majesty's name, His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these bills.

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR: Members of the Legislature, you are shortly to recess this House. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you a good summer. Hopefully, you will come back refreshed to your fairly heavy scheduled duties once more.

MR. HYNDMAN: Mr. Speaker, His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor will now attend upon the Assembly.

[The Lieutenant-Governor left the House]

[Mr. Speaker left the Chair]

MR. HYNDMAN: Mr. Speaker, I move the Assembly do now adjourn for the summer recess.

head: **ROYAL ASSENT**

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

MR. SPEAKER: According to the motion passed earlier today, the Assembly stands adjourned until 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, October 13, 1976.

[The House recessed at 5:20 p.m.]

