

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTATitle: **Wednesday, May 18, 1977 2:30 p.m.**

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

PRAYERS

[Mr. Speaker in the Chair]

**head: PRESENTING REPORTS BY
STANDING AND SELECT COMMITTEES**

MR. HORSMAN: Mr. Speaker, the Standing Committee on Private Bills has had under consideration the undermentioned private bills, and begs to report same with the recommendation that they be proceeded with: Bill Pr. 3, An Act to Amend an Act respecting the Holding of [Real] Property by the Alberta Command and Branches of the Royal Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League, 1957; Bill Pr. 6, An Act to Incorporate St. Mary's Hospital, Trochu.

The Standing Committee on Private Bills has had under consideration the undermentioned private bill and begs to report same, with an amendment, with the recommendation that it be proceeded with: Bill Pr. 2, An Act to Amend The Alberta Wheat Pool Act, 1970.

The Standing Committee on Private Bills begs to inform the Assembly that the remaining private bills have been set over for consideration at the fall sitting of the Legislature.

head: INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**Bill 209
An Act to Amend
The School Act**

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to introduce Bill No. 209, An Act to Amend The School Act. The purpose of the bill would be to require school boards to ensure that all handicapped children receive a satisfactory education. It's modelled on legislation now on the statute books of the province of Saskatchewan.

[Leave granted; Bill 209 read a first time]

**Bill 55
The Condominium Property
Amendment Act, 1977**

MR. HORSMAN: Mr. Speaker, I request leave to introduce a bill, being The Condominium Property Amendment Act, 1977. This bill reflects the recommendations contained in the report of the condominium study group tabled in this Legislature in 1976. The bill also reflects, in part, changes to those recommendations as a result of submissions received following publication of the condominium study group report. For example, instead of a purchaser having a

right of rescission only on failure of a developer to disclose, rescission or damages will be available at court discretion. There are other examples which will be dealt with.

This bill will not be taken to second reading until the fall, to permit the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs to obtain the views of municipalities, developers, condominium owners, and other interested groups and individuals during the summer and early fall.

[Leave granted; Bill 55 read a first time]

MR. HYNDMAN: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill No. 55, The Condominium Property Amendment Act, 1977, be placed on the Order Paper under Government Bills and Orders.

[Motion carried]

head: TABLING RETURNS AND REPORTS

MR. HARLE: Mr. Speaker, I wish to table the annual report of the Alberta Automobile Insurance Board, pursuant to statute.

MR. MOORE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to table three copies of the annual report of the Farmer's Advocate. Copies will be made available today to all members of the Legislature.

MR. LEITCH: Mr. Speaker, I would like to table a response to Motion for a Return No. 211.

MISS HUNLEY: Mr. Speaker, I wish to table copies of the report of the task force on day care. Could I also at this time express appreciation to members of the task force for the diligent and realistic manner in which they carried out their assignment.

MR. RUSSELL: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to file two copies of a department report dealing with the matter of algae in the South Saskatchewan River.

MR. KOZIAK: Mr. Speaker, I would like to file with the Legislature Library two copies of a study of compulsory physical education programs in Alberta. Should members desire copies of either the complete report or the summary of the report, these can be made available through my office.

DR. HOHOL: Mr. Speaker, I wish to table documents in response to Motion for a Return 140, the response being entitled Foreign Students in Advanced Education Institutions.

head: INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

MR. MOORE: Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure today to introduce to you, and through you to members of this Assembly, Mr. Peter Hyland, who is seated in your gallery. Mr. Hyland is the assistant director of agriculture in Victoria, Australia, and a member of the department's directorate there. He is currently conducting a tour of Canada and the United States to study approaches to and methods of overall policy

formation in federal and provincial services to agriculture.

Mr. Hyland is accompanied by his wife and by Mr. Alfred Birch of the Alberta Department of Agriculture. I would ask that Mr. and Mrs. Hyland rise and receive the welcome of this Assembly.

MR. APPLEBY: Mr. Speaker, this afternoon we have an invasion from the north country. It's my pleasure to introduce to you and to members of the Assembly 124 bright, eager, ambitious, intelligent junior high school students from the town of Westlock. They're accompanied by a number of adults: their teachers Grace Nelson, Elsie Wishloff, Mrs. Prodaniuk, and Mr. Chodan; parents Mrs. Gottschalk, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Richter, Mrs. Primeau, Mrs. Delong, Mr. Kostiw, and Mrs. Czarnecki; and three drivers to haul all this bunch into Edmonton, Mrs. Nutt, Mrs. Guthier, and Mr. Cloutier. I would ask them to rise in both galleries and receive the welcome of the House.

head: **MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS**

Office of the Premier

MR. LOUGHEED: Mr. Speaker, further to my statement in the House on Monday, with regard to the Hall commission, I thought it would be important to inform you and members of the Assembly of the nature of the communication I've made to the Prime Minister today. With reference to his letter of April 18, I've informed the Prime Minister of our view that the commissioner has labored very hard and effectively to assess the whole question of grain handling and transportation in the western region. I've informed him of the contents of the ministerial statement with regard to the Hall commission report, made in this Legislature on Monday last.

I submitted to him that his government should commit itself to implementing the basic thrust of the Hall commission report as a tangible and meaningful follow-through on his April 18 speech in Winnipeg, and that our Deputy Premier and Minister of Transportation would be pleased to arrange an early meeting with his Minister of Transport to report back to us. I've sent copies of this communication to the federal Minister of Transport and to the other western premiers.

head: **ORAL QUESTION PERIOD**

Rapeseed Processing Plant

MR. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct the first question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. It flows from an order in council passed on April 17 with regard to the Northern Alberta Rapeseed Producers Co-op Limited. My question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs or to the Minister of Agriculture is: could either minister indicate to us the total commitment of funds at this time, both guarantees and loans, through the co-operative activities people, the Ag. Development Corporation?

MR. HARLE: Mr. Speaker, I would have to take the question as notice and respond on another occasion, unless the Minister of Agriculture has that detail.

MR. CLARK: A supplementary question then to the Minister of Agriculture. When he shakes his head like that, I take it he doesn't have the precise figure. Is the minister in a position to indicate the size of the guaranteed loan that the Ag. Development Corporation has made available for Northern Alberta Rapeseed Producers Co-op Limited?

MR. MOORE: Mr. Speaker, I couldn't indicate the exact amount of obligations we have under two different guarantees. The first, of course, is the guarantee of 85 per cent of the individual farmer/shareholder's equity through The Co-operative [Associations] Act guaranteed by the Provincial Treasurer. Of course, that is not dependent upon repayment by the plant, rather on repayment by some 3,200 individual farmers.

The second guarantee is through the Ag. Development Corporation for a loan obtained through the Citicorp bank to finance some of the operations. That loan is not to the co-operative but to the joint venture in total, which is 60 per cent owned by the co-operative.

As to the exact amount today, Mr. Speaker, I would have to check. But as I recall, the original order in council was a guarantee on the amount of \$6 million. That of course was made public when the O.C. was passed.

Hall Commission Report

MR. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct the second question to the Premier. In addition to the letter that has now gone to the Prime Minister, and the offer of Alberta's Minister of Transportation to meet with the federal Minister of Transport, what steps does the provincial government plan to take between now and the fall session to spur on the federal government to deal with the major recommendations in the Hall report?

MR. LOUGHEED: Mr. Speaker, to a fair degree — and I think the hon. leader would understand that — I would prefer to wait for the return of the Deputy Premier and Minister of Transportation to discuss further moves. I have mentioned in the Legislative Assembly two other aspects in addition to the direct communication to the Prime Minister: co-operation and meetings with the other three western governments with regard to the report by the ministers of transportation that came out of our discussions in Brandon; and a possible discussion — I believe I responded to a question from the hon. Member for Spirit River-Fairview earlier in the week with regard to the premiers' conference this summer, although it may not be appropriate on the agenda. We will be examining other aspects of it.

While I'm on my feet with regard to the Hall commission report, Mr. Speaker, I was delighted to see that the commissioner himself, in responding to the matter raised yesterday that the rail network in northwestern Alberta was beyond the scope of his reference according to the federal Minister of Transport, is prepared to stay with his commission report

and stay in the middle of the public debate, and he responded accordingly.

MR. CLARK: We share the enthusiasm for Mr. Justice Hall's comments yesterday.

Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question to the Premier. Is it the intention of the government to itemize in more detail than was done in the House Monday, I believe, of this week those areas in the report where in fact the province has strong support, and some areas where the government, let's say, is less than enthusiastic about the recommendations, so that prior to the fall session members of the Legislature would have a good feel for the position of the province on each of the report's major recommendations?

MR. LOUGHEED: Mr. Speaker, I think that's a very reasonable request. I could make no commitment with regard to time. Certainly it's a matter that should be the subject of debate in the fall session, either by way of a special government resolution or by way of the general resolution that would be on the Order Paper. I'll take that into consideration and discuss it with the Minister of Transportation upon his return.

It may be possible that prior to the fall session, or at least at the commencement of it, we could have a general document that might be tabled to list the government's responses to the various areas in terms of strong support, moderate support, or no support. I think that would be useful and effective for the members, because of both the importance and the magnitude of the document.

MR. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, just one further question. Is the government prepared to consider seriously setting aside a period of time — be it resolution or one or two days — at the fall session where there could be the kind of free-flowing debate in the House?

MR. LOUGHEED: Mr. Speaker, yes. That matter was raised earlier in the week. I think it's an excellent suggestion. We would set time aside either as part of the general motion that commences the fall session or a separate resolution that could be debated. I think we as a Legislature would be very well advised to do so.

Provincial Parks Act

MR. YOUNG: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Recreation, Parks and Wildlife. It concerns the regulations which could be put in place pursuant to Section 6(1) of The Provincial Parks Act. I'm wondering if the minister can give us any specific reason why they have not been put in place to date.

MR. ADAIR: No, Mr. Speaker. As a matter of fact we've been working on the regulations necessary to cover the dispositions. One of the problems we have had is the number of areas we've had to work on. We're working on getting the regulations in place for some 32 areas. I'm hoping to have them ready for the first part of June. They are somewhat delayed from what we had initially stated. We had hoped to have them in place by March.

MR. YOUNG: Supplemental, Mr. Speaker, to the minister. I'm wondering if it would be possible for the minister to give some indication how long after the first of June might be required to clear the backlog of lease renewal applications which have been building for some time now.

MR. ADAIR: Mr. Speaker, I would hope we can do that. It's a top priority, as soon as we get the regulations in place. We have been covering the various disposition requests for continuance by letters of authority, so there is no problem other than a communication problem to those people as to what that means. I would hope we would have it cleared up by late summer.

MR. YOUNG: One additional supplemental, Mr. Speaker. Do I understand correctly that all lease renewal applicants have been receiving letters of authority? Is that the understanding?

MR. ADAIR: Mr. Speaker, not all of them. We have discussed with them what in fact that means and, if necessary, we would provide them with a letter of authority.

Age of Minors

MR. TAYLOR: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the hon. the Attorney General. Has any decision been made on the age of a boy or girl under the Juvenile Delinquents Act?

MR. FOSTER: Mr. Speaker, for internal planning purposes, we are using the age of 16 for both male and female. While not yet ratified by cabinet, we have taken that decision for the purposes of planning, particularly with the departments of the Solicitor General and Social Services and Community Health.

We are expecting the next Kirby report, with respect to young offenders and juveniles, sometime this summer and will then proceed to make a series of formal decisions with respect to policy in that area. It will shortly be appropriate, however, for cabinet to consider the formalization of the age, then perhaps take whatever steps may be appropriate to make the necessary changes in law.

MR. TAYLOR: One supplementary. Has the decision been made that the same age will be used for both boys and girls?

MR. FOSTER: Mr. Speaker, yes, I intended to convey that. The approach is that the age would be the same for both male and female, and the age would be 16. Now that decision has been taken for our internal planning purposes, but there has been no formal decision as such and no change to be reflected in the law. As the hon. member may realize, something called the young offenders act is currently being proposed by the federal government. That subject will be discussed with the federal ministers by my colleagues and me, and our provincial counterparts, I think later in June.

Occupational Health and Safety

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct this ques-

tion to the hon. Minister of Labour. Has the minister had an opportunity to review the report published by Labour Canada regarding where Canada stands on the implementation of International Labour Organization conventions on occupational health and safety, specifically the section which notes 24 areas in which there has been no compliance by Alberta and 24 areas of only partial compliance?

MR. CRAWFORD: Mr. Speaker, I haven't reviewed the document the hon. member is referring to. That would be done in the ordinary course, and I don't know whether the items referred to would call for any public comment.

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question to the hon. minister for clarification. In view of the fact that this report is based on the ILO conventions, will it be the basis for reviewing and assessing the Alberta occupational health and safety program?

MR. CRAWFORD: No it wouldn't be, Mr. Speaker. The work done in preparation for the enactment of The Occupational Health and Safety Act was very, very widely based. It involved a great deal of work done in Alberta by Albertans. At the time the Gale commission made its study — it represented both Alberta workers and Alberta management people — other things that are done in other countries and on the international scene were taken into account. So I wouldn't think the observations made in that forum would be of as much importance to us as the observations made here.

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, a further supplementary question to the hon. minister. In view of the fact that the International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Asbestos Workers is attempting to negotiate health and safety provisions in their contract, has either the minister or any officers of the occupational health and safety division held discussions with the Alberta Construction Labour Relations Association regarding this matter?

MR. CRAWFORD: Mr. Speaker, I don't know how far the hon. member wants to go into discussions which officials of the department might have with parties who are in the midst of a collective bargaining sequence. I'm aware of a newspaper report that undoubtedly has prompted the hon. member to ask the question he has, and would only say that where an occupational health and safety issue relates to the responsibilities of the department, officials can be expected to take an interest in it. I think it would be inappropriate to add to that, particularly in view of the fact that the parties named by the hon. member are in negotiations.

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question to the hon. minister. In light of the minister's answer that in fact negotiations are taking place and part of those negotiations apply to health and safety, is the minister in a position to advise the Assembly of the reasons for establishing a committee on occupational health and safety in the insulating industry over the objections of one of the parties to those collective negotiations?

MR. CRAWFORD: Mr. Speaker, I'm not aware of any objections to the establishment of any working group within the department. The hon. member has chosen to put his question in a way that really adopts the statements made in one of the Calgary papers in the last few days.

For some time we have recognized the area of asbestosis to be current and one of the principal causes of concern in the area of occupational health in Alberta at the present time. Hon. members may remember I dealt with that very subject at some length during my estimates this year.

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, a further supplementary question to the hon. minister flowing from his statement on October 21 regarding the engagement of Dr. Grant Buckle of Calgary to review hazards associated with asbestosis. It's my information Dr. Buckle was then under contract to the Asbestos Workers for a similar study. Mr. Speaker, my question is: where do things now stand with respect to Dr. Buckle being employed by the department? Is he in fact employed or engaged by the department?

MR. CRAWFORD: Mr. Speaker, I'd have to check the particular status of any arrangement the department might have with Dr. Buckle. Going from memory — [I have] no reason to believe the situation has changed since the last report I had on it — the department had undertaken an important research project, which was the one I discussed during the estimates of the Department of Labour some few weeks ago. My memory is that Dr. Buckle's work in the field was recognized, and that it was thought he would be a useful consultant to the researcher involved.

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, one last supplementary question to the hon. minister. Can the minister advise the members of the Assembly whether the committee on occupational health and safety in the insulating industry was discussed with both the unions in the field as well as the Alberta Construction Labour Relations Association before its selection?

MR. CRAWFORD: Mr. Speaker, I am not aware what discussions officials of the department might have had before setting up such a committee. As a matter of fact, in fairness to the newspaper article the hon. member is referring to, other than that I am not aware that the committee referred to has in fact been set up, and would have to check with officials in that respect.

Borrowers and Depositors Bill

MR. MANDEVILLE: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the hon. Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Has the minister been contacted by the federal government with regard to implementation of the amendments to the borrowers and depositors protection bill?

MR. HARLE: Not yet, Mr. Speaker.

MR. MANDEVILLE: Mr. Speaker, could the minister indicate whether the Alberta government objects to any sections of the proposed bill?

MR. HARLE: Well, Mr. Speaker, as I understand the situation at the moment from the reports I've read, certain proposals were made by the federal Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs to the committee of the Parliament of Canada presently studying that legislation. It certainly hasn't passed through all the legislative procedures of the House, so I think it's premature yet to know how the bill will finally look.

MR. MANDEVILLE: One supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is it the intent of the minister to have some input or recommendations on the bill in light of the hearings on the bill?

MR. HARLE: Very definitely, Mr. Speaker. In fact, I alluded earlier in the session to the fact that meetings are now arranged between the federal Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and the provincial ministers. It is my recollection that the proposal for the Borrowers and Depositors Protection Act is one of the items to be discussed.

Oil Sands Research Program

MR. R. SPEAKER: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of the Environment with regard to the Alberta Oil Sands Environmental Research Program. The minister yesterday commented that the deputy minister had knocked the noses of a few academics and scientists to get the program into shape. Is the minister aware of how successful these blows have been?

MR. RUSSELL: Well, Mr. Speaker, I suppose that's a matter of opinion. The reports and progress that the program has carried out to date are most encouraging, and we're looking forward to another good year.

MR. R. SPEAKER: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary to the minister. Would the minister confirm that the terrestrial fauna committee is defunct and that all its projects are being phased out because the provincial department of fish and wildlife will not sign the projects due to the present structure of the program and the lack of scientific rationale to the program?

MR. RUSSELL: No, Mr. Speaker. That's a serious misunderstanding that the hon. member has. There is an employee in one department who feels bad about the way his particular viewpoints on his project are being received. But we have an agreement with the federal government which will be carried out, and all the committees will be doing their work.

MR. R. SPEAKER: A supplementary to the minister. Is the minister saying the program is now operational? Is it or is it not?

MR. RUSSELL: Mr. Speaker, there are eight of these task forces or subcommittees at work, and it may be that at some time one committee will not have a project under way. It may be that another one could have eight or 10 under way. But all committees are functional, all committees will be receiving funds, and all committees will do the work we've agreed to do with the federal government.

MR. R. SPEAKER: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary to the minister. Is the minister aware that the aquatic

fauna committee is practically defunct and that major portions of the research program have been severely cut?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member is making a series of representations under the guise of questions. Apart from the fact that they don't qualify for the question period, the hon. member is aware that he makes himself responsible to the Assembly for the accuracy of the representations he's making.

MR. CLARK: He knows.

DR. BUCK: Too bad the minister doesn't.

MR. R. SPEAKER: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary to the minister with regard to the two scientists who are being hired. Could the minister comment on the reasons three or four senior men associated or familiar with the project were offered the job of working with the project manager and turned the jobs down? Could the minister confirm?

MR. RUSSELL: Mr. Speaker, I don't want to respond to presentations like that because I'm aware of the innuendoes, rumors, and complaints that are floating around in some academic and scientific circles about this project. I can only repeat that it's a \$40 million project being carried out according to the agreement we have with the federal government. If, in following good project and budgetary guidelines, a few people's noses are out of joint, that's just too bad. We're getting on with the job.

DR. BUCK: Maybe they don't buy blue cards.

MR. R. SPEAKER: They want to be scientists.

Mr. Speaker, a supplementary to the minister. Can the minister confirm that he's not prepared to use scientists or people from the University of Alberta to work on this project?

MR. RUSSELL: Mr. Speaker, the record will show that the bulk of the research funds to date have gone to the academic community. We're making an effort to try to spread some of this work to the private sector.

MR. SPEAKER: Might this be the last supplementary on this topic.

MR. R. SPEAKER: Mr. Speaker, could the minister indicate why the funds are being terminated from these people, and has he discussed the termination with the people from the university?

MR. RUSSELL: Mr. Speaker, I repeat, no funds are being terminated. This Legislature approved an additional \$2 million for the fiscal year we're entering, as did the federal government. Another \$4 million is committed. Some particular individuals are not getting as much money as they asked for. That's not unusual in a project of this type.

Hall Commission Report (continued)

MR. WOLSTENHOLME: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the hon. Premier. Because of the Hall commission

report, will a hold be put on agribusiness loans as far as agricultural processing is concerned?

MR. LOUGHEED: Mr. Speaker, that is a possibility I haven't had a chance to discuss with the Minister of Agriculture or the Minister of Transportation. There's no question that if some of the recommendations with regard to agribusiness and agriculture processing are implemented, it would strengthen the agriculture business potential in this province and the very project that has been referred to here earlier in the question period.

I'd have to take the question as notice, though, to discuss with my colleagues whether we can significantly assess the probabilities of implementation of that portion of the Hall commission report within a reasonable time frame, because if that could occur it would obviously strengthen agribusiness in the province and would warrant some reassessment of future agribusiness loans in the province.

Rural Electrification Associations

MR. BATIUK: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct my question to the Minister of Utilities and Telephones in reference to the financial difficulties some REAs experienced last fall, particularly those which had to reconstruct power lines. Could the minister advise the status of these REAs, and if the other REAs in the province are doing anything to prevent such a problem in the future?

DR. WARRACK: Mr. Speaker, yes I can. At least three major steps of progress are under way. One of these is that I believe slightly more than 100 of the rural electric systems across Alberta have now increased their contributions to the deposit reserve account funds that provide for maintenance and major reconstruction in the future. That's a major step forward.

Secondly, all hon. members will note that in this year's budget, upon the advice of the REA caucus committee, \$1 million has been provided to assist in rebuilds where safety and continuity of service is in question.

Thirdly, Mr. Speaker, for the first time in some considerable long time, there is now a process by which the participants in the rural electric distribution process, as of this past November or December, have begun to sit down together and work toward solving the mutual problems all participants see for these systems in the future. That is now under way.

MR. BATIUK: Mr. Speaker, I don't know whether it's a supplementary, but I had asked whether the minister could advise the status of those REAs which were in that predicament last fall.

DR. WARRACK: Mr. Speaker, I was referring to them with respect to the second point of the financial assistance available in this year's budget. That is, we'll be working with them and with the Energy Resources Conservation Board, from whom the operating permits are held, to devise a fair and equitable means by which these systems can be rebuilt where the safety and continuity of service is in question. That's the status at this time. We'll be working on them in 1977 once we're finished in this Chamber.

Highway Clean-up

MR. BUTLER: Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Agriculture. Do you regard the highway clean-up by the 4-H clubs throughout the province on May 7 to be a worth-while effort?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member is clearly asking a question of opinion. No doubt it will permit of a yes or no answer.

MR. MOORE: Mr. Speaker, I think the question, although perhaps improperly put, is a very important one. I would say, particularly in the absence of the Deputy Premier and Minister of Transportation, that the 4-H people across the province and the Department of Transportation did just an excellent job. In one day more than 5,000 miles of highway in this province were cleaned up by 500 4-H clubs. There has never been any project undertaken by the 4-H clubs across this province that's been so successful in such a short time. I think all of us should be extremely pleased with the effort that was put in, not only by the 4-H'ers themselves but by the hundreds of volunteer leaders right across the province.

MR. PURDY: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question. In view of the fact that most 4-H clubs dissolve their activities on June 30, I wonder if the minister could advise the Assembly if the moneys will be available to them before the clubs are actually dissolved, so they're not lying in the post office for two months before they reconvene.

MR. MOORE: Mr. Speaker, we would expect that the payments to the individual 4-H clubs would go out within three to four weeks. The clubs themselves are responsible for sending in the signed contracts. The sooner they do that the better. But we would hope they would all be paid by June 15 if they have now submitted their contract to the Department of Transportation.

MR. BATIUK: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary to the minister, in the absence of the Minister of Transportation. It was a busy day that Saturday. I have quite a number of 4-H clubs in my constituency and quite a number of them expected me to come out and do a little picking up. I had noticed that a number of them . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Is the hon. member intending to ask a question?

MR. BATIUK: Mr. Minister, because a number of 4-H clubs ran short of garbage bags and were forced to purchase them in the local store, I wonder whether the minister could advise whether these 4-H clubs will be compensated for those extra expenditures?

MR. MOORE: Mr. Speaker, as far as I'm aware the payment is \$8 a mile for both sides of the highway, and no extra payments would be involved.

In my original remarks I forgot to mention there were probably more MLAs out on the highway that day than any day for some considerable time. It would have been an excellent day for the voters to be driving.

MR. TAYLOR: A supplementary to the hon. Solicitor General. Now that our rights of way have been cleaned so beautifully, will the police force exercise greater vigilance in laying charges against those who are inclined to litter our highways?

MR. FARRAN: Mr. Speaker, I'll give consideration to that suggestion.

MR. HORSMAN: Mr. Speaker, a further supplementary to the Minister of Agriculture. Can he advise the Assembly how much money the 4-H clubs made on bottle refunds on that particular day?

MR. SPEAKER: Possibly that might be addressed to the 4-H clubs.

Grain Markets

MR. KUSHNER: Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Minister of Agriculture. Since a record crop has been planted in the United States this spring, I wonder if the minister can inform this Assembly if he sees a problem in marketing Alberta grain due to the heavy surplus anticipated in the United States.

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. The tempting prospect for the minister to prophesy should perhaps be exercised outside the question period.

Male/Female Pay Differential

DR. BUCK: Mr. Speaker, I would like to address my question to the Provincial Treasurer. In light of information tabled recently in the Legislature indicating that the gap between the starting salaries of male and female employees in the public service is widening, I would like to know if the minister could indicate if he has received a report from the personnel planning career development division of his department outlining the reasons for this situation.

MR. LEITCH: No specific report, Mr. Speaker. As I pointed out earlier, the difference or gap in salaries paid is largely due to the fact that there are far more men applicants for the higher paid jobs in government, such as trades people and so on, and far more women applicants for the lower paid jobs, such as clerks and typists.

DR. BUCK: Supplementary to the Minister of Social Services and Community Health responsible for the Women's Bureau. Can the minister indicate if the Women's Bureau is currently studying the problem of the large spread between men's and women's wages?

MISS HUNLEY: Mr. Speaker, in relation to that I was just advising my colleagues that I believe I get paid the same as they do, but I'm really worth more. [laughter]

Mr. Speaker, we gather information, but principally we resort to the other departments for compilation of statistics and so on. We are looking with interest at the new personnel section in the Provincial Treasurer's department, even though it was the wish of the opposition to delete that from the estimates. I'm

pleased it's there. Perhaps that will encourage more women to apply for the higher paid jobs. Thus the average will not appear quite as significant.

Rural Health Care

MR. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct a question to the Minister of Hospitals and Medical Care. I know he wouldn't want to be missed today.

Mr. Speaker, some time ago the minister was discussing the need for a new health care policy for rural Alberta. Has the minister arrived at any policy decision?

MR. MINIELY: Mr. Speaker, in response to the hon. leader, I was beginning to feel left out.

In the ministerial announcement I indicated this would be part of the in-depth consideration we would give to longer term hospital construction cost control, also a reassessment during the same period of some new or more flexible approaches to the provision of health care facilities in rural communities in Alberta.

MR. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, to the minister. Is that a commitment that at the end of the freeze on hospital construction the minister will also be announcing a new health care policy for rural Alberta?

MR. MINIELY: Mr. Speaker, I wouldn't think those would necessarily be tied together. But I would say that it's my intent, as I've said in the Legislature, to present policies in the portfolio before the House and the citizens of Alberta over the next period of time. I think the hon. Leader will be able to judge at that time.

MR. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, in light of the nine-month moratorium on some hospital construction, has the government stopped its consideration of refurbishing and renovating programs for rural hospitals?

MR. MINIELY: Mr. Speaker, I would refer the hon. Leader of the Opposition to the ministerial announcement. It covers all the factors and questions he is raising today. The ministerial announcement indicates that any repairs or renovations essential for meeting patient safety requirements would continue during this holding pattern period.

Hospital Construction Cost Report

MR. R. SPEAKER: Supplementary to the minister relative to the announcement on hospitals. Could the minister indicate whether he prepared through his office the report that was filed with the library — Health Facility Construction Cost?

MR. MINIELY: Mr. Speaker, I'm not sure I understand that question.

MR. R. SPEAKER: Mr. Speaker, repeating the question to the minister, would the minister indicate whether his office or consultants prepared the Health Facility Construction Cost report that was filed in the Legislature Library?

MR. MINIELY: Mr. Speaker, the request for the analysis was a result of the involvement of officials, con-

sultants, and me as the minister, in watching the cost comparisons, as I indicated and is on the record in [unofficial] Hansard for yesterday's question period.

The actual preparation of the report was done by officials of the Hospital Services Commission.

MR. R. SPEAKER: Mr. Speaker, to the minister. Could the minister indicate whether any sections were deleted after presentation of the report to the minister? I note the report seems to be awkwardly written in places and spaces [are] left in it.

MR. MINIELY: Mr. Speaker, the report was prepared in terms of a report and supplementary information. Information supplementary to the report does exist in the commission.

MR. R. SPEAKER: Mr. Speaker, could the minister confirm that the problems that have developed relative to hospital costs are indicated, or show up more specifically, in the last two and a half years, as indicated by this document?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member appears to be asking the minister to interpret the report.

MR. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question to the hon. minister. Why did the minister feel it was necessary to have several areas of the report from the commission blacked out or left out of the information tabled in the Assembly?

MR. MINIELY: Mr. Speaker, that's not so at all. I indicated that the report which was tabled before the Assembly is a report of the conclusions of the officials of the Alberta Hospital Services Commission, as a result of my request [for] a preliminary examination of the increase in hospital construction costs and the trends which had started some years ago, not just in the last two and a half years. That information is all in the document which the hon. Member for Little Bow has provided.

In every report tabled before the Legislature, there are detailed working papers and back-up working papers which are in the nature of supplementary information. Mr. Speaker, this report has been tabled as the conclusion. There are certainly working papers and other documents internal to the commission.

MR. KUSHNER: A supplementary question to the Minister of Hospitals. Can the minister at this point in time, since he's been receiving these studies, inform in what particular area the costs have escalated beyond the acceptable? Is it in fact in construction? Is it in labor? Is it in mechanical? Can the minister pinpoint the area?

MR. MINIELY: Mr. Speaker, I don't mind repeating — as I have to the hon. Leader of the Opposition, the hon. Member for Little Bow, and the hon. Member for Calgary Mountain View — what I said yesterday in [unofficial] Hansard relative to this entire matter. I would refer all three Members of the Legislative Assembly to what I said, which is on the record in [unofficial] Hansard yesterday relative to this matter. I believe it is perfectly clear, and easily readable by all hon. members.

Wildlife Traps

DR. PAPROSKI: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Recreation, Parks and Wildlife. I wonder if the minister would indicate to the House what the department is doing to increase or assure the use for trapping of quick-kill traps rather than the slow, lingering traps.

MR. ADAIR: Mr. Speaker, to start with, all the traps being used are to the best of our knowledge the most humane used at present. We are a member of a federal/provincial committee working diligently toward improving those traps to ensure that the animal in the trap is killed as quickly as possible.

DR. PAPROSKI: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if the minister would indicate to the House whether he has statistics to indicate what percentage of the traps used are the quick-kill type rather than the other type.

MR. ADAIR: I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker, I don't have that percentage with me.

DR. PAPROSKI: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if the minister would assure the House that he will expedite reviewing that matter, and assure that quick-kill traps are being used rather than the other type.

MR. ADAIR: Mr. Speaker, I thought I had assured the House when I made my first statement.

DR. PAPROSKI: For clarification, Mr. Speaker, one final question on the trapping industry. I wonder if the minister would indicate to the House the importance of the trapping industry relative to other industries in the province.

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. The hon. member will have to do his research in another manner.

DR. PAPROSKI: Well then, Mr. Speaker, one supplementary. Rephrased, the minister may be able to answer it. Has the trapping industry increased its activities over the past two or three years?

MR. SPEAKER: Even this interesting facet of the research should not be done in the question period.

Fatality Inquiries Act

MR. TAYLOR: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the hon. the Attorney General. Have the regulations under The Fatality Inquiries Act been drafted?

MR. FOSTER: Mr. Speaker, The Fatality Inquiries Act passed by this Assembly last year will come into force and effect on June 1. The regulations prepared pursuant to that act will come into force on the same date.

MR. TAYLOR: A supplementary. Will there be any opportunity for the College of Physicians and Surgeons and the provincial organization of funeral directors to have a look at those regulations before they become effective?

MR. FOSTER: Mr. Speaker, it's my understanding that both organizations and I think additional organizations were consulted by the Chief Medical Examiner of the province, Dr. Butt, prior to the preparation of the regulations. That is my information.

MR. GOGO: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker, to the Attorney General. Have the medical examiners been appointed to perform under the new act?

MR. FOSTER: Mr. Speaker, not at this time. But I expect those appointments will be made sometime between this moment and June 1.

Antelope Hunting

MR. MANDEVILLE: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the hon. Minister of Recreation, Parks and Wildlife. Could the minister indicate what areas of the province are going to be open this year for the harvesting of female antelope?

MR. ADAIR: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I could have the question again. I didn't hear the first part of it.

MR. MANDEVILLE: Could the minister indicate what areas in the province are going to be open for the hunting of female antelope this year?

MR. ADAIR: Yes. I haven't got the specific area, by wildlife management unit, with me right now. I could get that and provide it for you. It primarily relates to the southeast portion of the province, Mr. Speaker.

MR. MANDEVILLE: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Could the minister indicate what information has been obtained by his department indicating that there should be a female antelope season this year?

MR. ADAIR: Mr. Speaker, it's primarily based on the information we've gathered over the last three years that the population increases are there. Incidentally, we've been able to substantiate that fact for antelope, white-tail and mule deer as well.

Rapeseed Processing Plant (continued)

MR. MOORE: If I could, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to provide some additional information with respect to a question asked by the hon. Leader of the Opposition earlier today.

The contingent liability of the Agricultural Development Corporation with respect to a loan guarantee to the Sexsmith rapeseed plant was \$5,970,000 as of March 31, 1977.

Mental Health Community Resources

MISS HUNLEY: Mr. Speaker, may I have permission to give an answer to a question asked by the Leader of the Opposition on May 9?

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MISS HUNLEY: The hon. Leader of the Opposition inquired about a province-wide inventory of commu-

nity resources, and I agreed to provide the information. It was undertaken largely by the division of mental health services in the department, but was under the guidance of the Provincial Mental Health Advisory Council, with assistance from the regional mental health councils.

The work was designed to provide a computerized inventory of resources. Approximately 1,000 agencies are included. The completed publication is due for release within one month. As I said, it is a computerized inventory of resources. This allows for the annual correction of data, almost down to a monthly basis. We consider it will be much more useful. I believe this is the first province-wide documentation of this nature. When it's ready it will be available to groups and individuals in a computerized form. There may be a small charge; that matter has not yet been resolved.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MR. SPEAKER: May the hon. Member for Whitecourt revert to Introduction of Special Guests?

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

head: INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS (reversion)

MR. TRYNCHY: Mr. Speaker, it's my pleasure today to introduce to you and to the members of the House some 34 grade 6 students from Fox Creek, Alberta. They arrived here today and expect to go to Wabamun to stay overnight. They are seated in the members gallery with their teacher Mrs. Taylor and Mr. MacIntyre. I see they have now risen so could we give them our usual welcome.

head: GOVERNMENT MOTIONS

4. Moved by Mr. Hyndman:

- (1) Be it resolved that a special committee of this Assembly be established, consisting of the following members:
Chairman: Hon. Stewart McCrae;
Members: Mr. Frank Appleby, Mr. John Batiuk, Dr. Walter Buck, Mrs. Catherine Chichak, Mr. David King, Mr. Grant Notley, Mr. Bill Purdy, Mr. George Wolstenholme.
- (2) The committee shall be constituted on the day upon which Bill 49 of 1977 is proclaimed in force as a statute and shall thereupon be deemed to have been appointed pursuant to Section 2.1 of The Election Act, enacted by Section 3 of the bill.
- (3) The committee:
 - (a) shall select and appoint a chief electoral officer, as provided for in Subsection (2) of the said Section 2.1 of The Election Act;
 - (b) may advertise for and receive applications for and interview applicants for the position of Chief Electoral Officer;
 - (c) may meet for the purposes aforesaid at the call of the chairman at such times and places as may from time to time be desig-

- nated by him; and
- (d) shall report to this Assembly at the next ensuing sitting of this Assembly.
- (4) Members of the committee shall receive remuneration in accordance with Section 59 of The Legislative Assembly Act.
- (5) Reasonable disbursements by the committee, for clerical assistance, equipment and supplies, advertising, rent, and other facilities required for the effective conduct of its responsibilities, shall be paid, subject to the approval of the chairman, out of Vote 1.0.6, Support to the Legislative Assembly.

MR. HYNDMAN: Mr. Speaker, I believe the motion is self-explanatory in all its parts, and I will not be making any submissions at this time. There will be a small procedural amendment to paragraph 2, proposed by the hon. Attorney General. If there are any questions, I'd be pleased to answer them upon closing debate.

MR. FOSTER: Mr. Speaker, I would like to amend Motion No. 4, with respect to paragraph 2, by adding the words "Section 3 of" after the word "which", and by deleting the words "as a statute", so that paragraph 2 might read as follows:

The committee shall be constituted on the day upon which Section 3 of Bill 49 of 1977 is proclaimed in force and shall thereupon . . .

[Motion as amended carried]

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

Bill Pr. 2
An Act to Amend
The Alberta Wheat Pool Act, 1970

MR. DOAN: Mr. Speaker, I [move] second reading of Bill Pr. 2, An Act to Amend The Alberta Wheat Pool Act.

This bill amends three sections of this act. The first two sections are just qualification requirements [of] metric measurements for membership. An amendment to Section 31 will be coming up in committee.

MR. SPEAKER: Having heard the motion for second reading . . .

MR. HYNDMAN: Mr. Speaker, on a point of privilege relating to this bill. I understand that Mr. Clegg the [Law Clerk] has indicated that a number of members, being members of the Alberta Wheat Pool as well as members of the Assembly, may feel they have a direct pecuniary interest in the bill, pursuant to Standing Order 31. If such members leave the Chamber on second reading, committee, and third reading, they shall be deemed to have declared that interest to the Assembly, for purposes of compliance with Standing Order 31. I'm assured there will be a quorum remaining in the Assembly. Certainly those members of the Assembly from urban areas will be pleased to vote for the bill.

[Several members left the House]

MR. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, speaking to second reading of the bill, I want to rise in my place for two reasons. First, I think it's important that it be placed on record that I am not a shareholder in the Alberta Wheat Pool. I checked before coming into the House this afternoon. I had previously indicated in the Assembly that I was. I no longer am. That's why I'm staying in my place.

Secondly, Mr. Speaker, I think the point should be made that the Alberta Wheat Pool is an organization built by Alberta farmers. I am extremely concerned about some of the comments made during the public hearing of the private member's bill. To my mind, such comments as the Alberta Wheat Pool being compared to Safeway, and the suggestion that some limits should be placed on the Alberta Wheat Pool, are extremely unfair and not at all warranted.

Earlier this session I asked the Minister of Agriculture if he was aware of a report done by Mr. Broughton, who was formerly an employee of the Wheat Pool and is now a member of the Department of Agriculture staff, which was extremely critical of the Alberta Wheat Pool. I would caution the government to look very carefully into the advice they may be receiving with regard to the Alberta Wheat Pool from some of their officials in the Department of Agriculture, and especially in the Alberta Grain Commission. I think it would be a very regrettable situation if members of this Assembly — be they members of the Pool and who aren't in the Assembly now, or members who are not members of the Pool who are here now — didn't take the time to become very familiar with some of the charges that have been made, check them out for themselves, and [check] who is really making those charges.

Neither the Alberta Wheat Pool nor any other farm organization in this province needs to be hatcheted from the backside. Unless we're very careful, that kind of thing is going to happen.

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

[Several members returned to the House]

Bill Pr. 3
An Act to Amend an Act respecting
the Holding of Real Property by the
Alberta Command and Branches of
the Canadian Legion of the British
Empire Service League, 1957

DR. McCRIMMON: Mr. Speaker, I would like to move second reading of Bill Pr. 3, An Act to Amend an Act respecting the Holding of [Real] Property by the Alberta Command and Branches of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League, 1957.

[Motion carried; Bill Pr. 3 read a second time]

Bill Pr. 6
An Act to Incorporate St. Mary's
Hospital, Trochu

MR. KIDD: Mr. Speaker, I move second reading of Bill Pr. 6, An Act to Incorporate St. Mary's Hospital, Trochu.

[Motion carried; Bill Pr. 6 read a second time]

MR. HYNDMAN: Mr. Speaker, at this time I'd ask leave of the Assembly to move to committee study of private bills nos. 2, 3, and 6, notwithstanding the fact there is not an intervening day.

MR. SPEAKER: May the hon. Government House Leader have the unanimous leave requested?

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

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

[Mr. Diachuk in the Chair]

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

Bill 30
The Attorney General Statutes
Amendment Act, 1977

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Any questions or comments?

MR. GHITTER: There is an amendment, Mr. Chairman.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Is everybody familiar with the amendment?

MR. GHITTER: Mr. Chairman, I might add that the amendment just ensures that no aspects of the bill, as far as it amends The Gas Utilities Act and The Public Utilities Board Act, will have any retroactive aspect. This relates to one of the questions by an hon. member of the opposition yesterday. That is the purpose of the amendment.

Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill 30 as amended be reported.

[Motion carried]

Bill Pr. 2
An Act to Amend The
Alberta Wheat Pool Act, 1970

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Is everyone familiar with the amendment?

MR. DOAN: Mr. Chairman, I don't know if they are familiar with the amendment. The amendment has to do with Section 31, having regard to the reserves. The amendment now reads: "'\$50,000,000.00' and substituting therefor the number '\$60,000,000.00'."

MR. HORSMAN: Mr. Chairman, on a point of order. If any members of the Alberta Wheat Pool are in the Assembly at this time, before this vote is taken perhaps they should consider their position.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Good. We'll permit the members . . . Nobody leaving? Very well.

MR. DOAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill Pr. 2, An Act to Amend The Alberta Wheat Pool Act, 1970, be reported as amended.

[Motion carried]

Bill Pr. 3
An Act to Amend an Act respecting
the Holding of Real Property by the
Alberta Command and Branches of
the Canadian Legion of the British
Empire Service League, 1957

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No discussion?

DR. McCRIMMON: Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill Pr. 3 be reported.

[Motion carried]

Bill Pr. 6
An Act to Incorporate St. Mary's
Hospital, Trochu

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Any questions?

MR. KIDD: Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill Pr. 6 be reported.

[Motion carried]

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

[Motion carried]

[Mr. Speaker in the Chair]

MR. DIACHUK: Mr. Speaker, the Committee of the Whole Assembly has had under consideration the following bills: Bill 30 and Bill Pr. 2, and begs to report the same with some amendments; and bills Pr. 3 and Pr. 6 and begs to report same, and begs leave to sit again.

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

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. HYNDMAN: Mr. Speaker, I would ask unanimous leave of the Assembly to consider in forthcoming third readings Bill No. 30, and bills Pr. 2, Pr. 3, and Pr. 6, notwithstanding Standing Order 63.

MR. SPEAKER: May the hon. Government House Leader have the requested unanimous consent?

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

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

[It was moved by the members indicated that the

following bills be read a third time, and the motions were carried]

Bill 29
The Land Titles
Amendment Act, 1977

No.	Name	Moved by	MR. FOSTER: Mr. Speaker, I move that Bill No. 29, The Land Titles Amendment Act, 1977, be now read a third time.
1	The Alberta Historical Resources Amendment Act, 1977	Hyndman (for Lougheed)	
2	The Appropriation Act, 1977	Leitch	DR. BUCK: Mr. Speaker, I wish to move an amendment to Bill No. 29, the amendment being that the motion is amended by adding at the end thereof the words "six months hence".
4	The Alberta Loan Act, 1977	Leitch	
5	The Alberta Municipal Financing Corporation Amendment Act, 1977	Leitch	MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to rise very briefly to support the amendment. It would seem to me that we in the Legislature might be well advised to take the time over the summer to have an opportunity to discuss the import of Bill 29 with our constituents. Presumably members have already done that to a certain extent. But from the representation I've received I can tell you, Mr. Speaker, that there is a good deal of concern. It's my view that it would certainly be in order if we paused for this period of six months before proceeding with legislation which is retroactive in its intent.
6	The Statutes Amendment (Grant Provisions) Act, 1977	Leitch	Mr. Speaker, among the reasons I would advance for a six-month hoist is that we have received a number of petitions. I was going to introduce a petition today of 213 residents of the isolated communities. The petition was made out to the government of Alberta, but essentially I think the intent was to have it tabled in the Legislature. Because of your ruling the other day, I didn't table it. But for the benefit of the members, before we vote on the amendment I'd just like to advise them that some 213 residents of all the isolated communities in question have asked us in fact to withdraw Bill 29.
7	The Trade Schools Regulation Amendment Act, 1977	Donnelly	In addition, we have the resolution of the Edmonton and District Council of Churches expressing very deep concern over Bill 29. We have the position of the Edmonton presbytery, of the United Church of Canada, again expressing concern over the retroactivity of Bill 29. I have a telegram from approximately 100 university chaplains meeting in a national conference in Calgary, Alberta, expressing concern over Bill 29 and urging a royal commission to look into the question of land claims.
8	The Alberta Opportunity Fund Amendment Act, 1977	Dowling	Mr. Speaker, I cite those because I think there is widespread concern. It would indeed be well for the members of the House to pause for six months and evaluate that concern before proceeding any further.
10	The Alberta Emblems Amendment Act, 1977	Russell (for Schmid)	
11	The Vital Statistics Amendment Act, 1977	Wolstenholme	
12	The Colleges Amendment Act, 1977	Walker	
13	The Forests Amendment Act, 1977	Hyndman (for Appleby)	
14	The Nursing Homes Amendment Act, 1977	Miniely	
16	The Extra-provincial Enforcement of Custody Orders Act	Ashton	
17	The Public Lands Amendment Act, 1977	Schmidt	
18	The Social Development Amendment Act, 1977	Lysons	
19	The Public Highways Development Amendment Act, 1977	Hansen	
20	The Names of Homes Amendment Act, 1977	Stromberg	
21	The Public Health Amendment Act, 1977	Backus	
22	The Beverage Container Act, 1977	Russell	
23	The Financial Administration Amendment Act, 1977	Leitch	
24	The Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act	Chambers	MR. R. SPEAKER: Mr. Speaker, making one or two comments with regard to the amendment. We move the amendment because of our concern with the principle of retroactivity being established or again used as a precedent in this particular bill.
25	The Insurance Corporations Tax Amendment Act, 1977	Harle	We feel that during the summer or the six-month period negotiations, discussions, can go on relative to the concern the government has at the present time. Hopefully things can be worked out during that time. On that basis we have moved the six-month motion.
26	The Motor Vehicle Administration Amendment Act, 1977	Farran	
27	The Mobile Equipment Licensing Amendment Act, 1977	Johnston	
28	The Alberta Uniform Building Standards Amendment Act, 1977	Zander	MRS. CHICHAK: May I be permitted to express my layman's point of view on the amendment. My understanding, interpretation — and representations made to me as well with respect to Bill 29 were really indicative of a concern being expressed that Bill 29

takes away a basic individual right that is or might be existent. I think the concern being expressed by citizens in that regard is based on wrong information. Surely this bill does not take away a right one might have. If there is a right of any group or individual, I think that right can be established by way of the courts. My understanding of the bill as it is, is that it is to clarify a system in existence since the formation of this province. Surely let us not allow ourselves — it would seem wrong to me — to enter the pitfall of holding back the passing of this legislation, as it is, on some other pretext which is not accurate. I would propose that we vote down the amendment and proceed with the bill.

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

[Three minutes having elapsed, the House divided]

For the motion:

Buck	Notley	R. Speaker
Clark		

Against the motion:

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

Totals:	Ayes - 4	Noes - 66
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MR. SPEAKER: Are you ready for the question on the motion?

[Motion carried; Bill 29 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
30	The Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act, 1977	Ghitter
31	The Companies Amendment Act, 1977	Harle
32	The Municipal Government	King

No.	Name	Moved by
	Amendment Act, 1977	
33	The Cultural Development Amendment Act, 1977	Russell (for Schmid)
34	The Hydro and Electric Energy Amendment Act, 1977	Warrack
35	The Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1977	Crawford
36	The Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 1977	Fluker
37	The Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1977	Hunley
38	The Municipal Election Amendment Act, 1977	Purdy
39	The Legislative Assembly Statutes Amendment Act, 1977	Hyndman
40	The Agricultural and Recreational Land Ownership Act	Hyndman

Bill 41
The Public Service
Employee Relations Act

MR. LEITCH: Mr. Speaker, I move third reading of Bill No. 41, The Public Service Employee Relations Act.

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, very briefly addressing my remarks to third reading of Bill 41. I must say at the outset that I was opposed to the basic principle contained in Bill 41, which in my view unnecessarily and unfairly restricts the right of full collective bargaining. I must also say that during committee discussion yesterday I submitted two amendments, both of which were turned down by the Assembly, which in my judgment would have made the bill somewhat more palatable.

The first issue I'd like to comment on, Mr. Speaker, is with respect to the basic principle of whether or not provincial employees should have the right to strike. I suggest to members of the Assembly that during the course of the summer it might be useful for us to review Convention 87 passed by the International Labour Organization, of which Canada is a signatory. In the view of many people, and certainly in the universal view of the trade union movement, Convention 87 recognizes as part of the collective bargaining procedure the right to terminate one's service in the form of a strike.

Mr. Speaker, during committee study yesterday I took the view that if the right to strike was in fact going to be precluded, as it is in Bill 41, at the very least the arbitration should be completely comprehensive, and cover everything that could conceivably be included in a collective bargaining contract. That amendment was turned down by the committee. Therefore, on third reading I am left with a position which really remains the same as it was in second reading. In my view Bill 41 is inconsistent with the basic proposition of providing full collective bargaining for our provincial employees.

The arbitration process — while the government expanded it somewhat in committee stage — does not go far enough. The board which will be asked to administer this act — while I appreciate that the government will attempt to choose carefully — nevertheless does not formally represent the representa-

tives of the workers, which in my view is necessary if this act is to be at all workable. When we are not permitting the right to strike, we have to be like Caesar's wife: not only beyond reproach, Mr. Speaker, but seen to be beyond reproach.

Therefore, as I review in my mind the arguments pro and con, I find that Bill 41 is a kind of legislation I cannot support.

[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 Alberta Income Tax Amendment Act, 1977	Leitch
43	The Police Amendment Act, 1977	Farran
44	The School Amendment Act, 1977	Hyndman (for Koziak)
45	The Universities Amendment Act, 1977	Hohol
47	The Alberta Government Telephones Amendment Act, 1977	Webber
48	The Department of the Environment Amendment Act, 1977	Russell
49	The Election Amendment Act, 1977	Purdy
50	The County Amendment Act, 1977	Batiuk
52	The Natural Gas Pricing Agreement Amendment Act, 1977	Getty
53	The Rent Decontrol Act	Harle

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

Bill Pr. 2
An Act to Amend The
Alberta Wheat Pool Act, 1970

MR. DOAN: Mr. Speaker, I move third reading of [An Act to Amend] The Alberta Wheat Pool Act, 1970.

MR. HYNDMAN: Mr. Speaker, I'd ask once again for a short pause so members of the Assembly who are members of the Wheat Pool could leave in order not to have a potential legal problem.

[Several members left the House]

[Motion carried; Bill Pr. 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
Pr. 3	An Act to Amend an Act respecting the Holding	McCrimmon

No.	Name	Moved by
	of Real Property by the Alberta Command and Branches of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League, 1957	
Pr. 6	An Act to Incorporate St. Mary's Hospital, Trochu	Kidd

[Several members returned to the House]

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

[Mr. Speaker left the Chair]

head: **ROYAL ASSENT**

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

[His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor took his place upon the Throne]

HIS HONOUR: Pray be seated.

MR. SPEAKER: May it please Your Honour, the Legislative Assembly has, at its present sitting, passed certain bills to which, and in the name of the Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's assent.

CLERK: The following are the titles of the bills to which Your Honour's assent is prayed.

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

[The Lieutenant-Governor indicated his assent]

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

HIS HONOUR: Members of this Legislative Assembly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the dedicated and democratic manner in which you've carried out your duties and responsibilities to the people of the province of Alberta in this spring legislative meeting.

When you take your recess, I hope that you will recoup a bit from the strains and come back in the fall in good health, with vigor, vim, and vitality. [applause]

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Order!

[The Lieutenant-Governor left the House]

[Mr. Speaker in the Chair]

[On a motion by the Government House Leader, the Assembly adjourned until Wednesday afternoon, October 12, 1977, at half past 2]

[The House adjourned at 4:40 p.m.]

