

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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PRAYERS

[Mr. Speaker in the Chair]

head: **TABLING RETURNS AND REPORTS**

MR. SPEAKER: I'm pleased to be able to table the annual report of the Legislature Library. I know this hasn't been done previously, but the work of the library has progressed in such an impressive fashion that I thought we should share this report with all members.

head: **INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS**

MRS. FYFE: Mr. Speaker, I would like to introduce to you, and through you to Members of the Legislative Assembly, three gentlemen from St. Albert representing the Alberta Summer Games committee: the chairman Mr. Richard Fowler, Mayor Ronald Harvey, and Mr. Robert Byron.

The Alberta Summer Games and Festival '79 commence August 2 and run to August 6. The official ceremonies will be attended by Premier Lougheed, the Hon. Peter Trynchy, and the Hon. Mary LeMessurier — perhaps amongst others that I'm not aware of — and by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

The gentlemen have asked me to extend an invitation to each of you to attend any portion of the games you may wish. The welcoming ceremonies are on the evening of the 4th. The mayor particularly asked me to mention that for the first time this year's games comprise a cultural component, and there will be competition for senior citizens and handicapped people.

I would ask the three gentlemen to rise and receive the welcome of this Assembly.

head: **MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS****Department of Municipal Affairs**

MR. MOORE: As members are aware, Mr. Speaker, the Local Authorities Board will soon be in the process of hearing the very important matter of the Edmonton annexation application. The complexities of the proposed annexation and expansion of the city of Edmonton by over 700 square miles and by a population of approximately 100,000 will necessitate very close scrutiny, evaluation, and consideration to achieve a recommendation by the LAB and a decision by the government.

One of the most important factors, Mr. Speaker, is that of naming individuals to review the application and to respond to it. In the selection of those individuals we have given careful consideration to experience, professional capabilities, and capacities for impartiality and fairness in dealing with such important public

concerns.

It is the intention of the Executive Council to appoint, by order in council, three individuals to preside over these hearings. The individuals we have selected to serve on the Local Authorities Board for the Edmonton annexation hearing are: as chairman, the former Chief Justice of the trial division of the Supreme Court of Alberta, Mr. J.V.H. Milvain of Calgary; the current reeve of the municipal district of Kneehill No. 48, Mr. Ralph Brown of Acme; and Mr. Tom Lauder, a current member of the Local Authorities Board.

Mr. Milvain, who will act as chairman of the panel, has been a prominent jurist in the province of Alberta. He has a record of integrity and fairness dating from his service in the legal profession in Calgary to his recent retirement as Chief Justice. In 1959 he was named to the Supreme Court trial division, and in 1968 he was named Chief Justice of the trial division of the Supreme Court of Alberta, a position he served until his retirement earlier this year. Mr. Milvain's wide-ranging experiences in the legal profession will certainly complement his duties as chairman of the Local Authorities Board.

Mr. Ralph Brown has a wide and varied experience in municipal affairs spanning some 25 years. He is involved as vice-chairman of the Calgary Regional Planning Commission and is chairman of the subdivision committee. He served as a rural member of the Land Use Forum during the years 1973-76. He was a member of the executive of the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties for eight years and has served as president for five of those years.

Mr. Tom Lauder, currently a resident of the city of St. Albert, has been involved in municipal government for approximately 20 years.* He served in the finance department of the city of Edmonton from 1962 to 1974, at which time he assumed responsibilities with the Local Authorities Board. In 1977 he was appointed as a member of the board.

Mr. Speaker, I am confident that these individuals will very capably hear the annexation application. I am sure that their appointment will be welcomed by participants to the application and by all members of this Assembly.

head: **ORAL QUESTION PERIOD****Alcan Pipeline**

MR. R. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct the first question to the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources. It is a result of a study done by the general accounting office of the American Congress concerning the Alaska natural gas pipeline. Has the government had an opportunity to assess this report? Is it the intention of the Alberta government, in co-operation with the government of Canada, to go to Washington to put what some at least would regard as the other side of the proposition, if necessary?

MR. LEITCH: Mr. Speaker, we have not yet had an opportunity to assess the report. In light of that, I think the second part of the question of the hon. Leader of the Opposition is premature.

MR. R. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, to the minister. Is it the intention of the Alberta government, either directly

*See page 711, left column, paragraphs 2 and 3

from Edmonton or through the Alberta government offices in Ottawa, to acquire a copy of the report and, secondly, to consider making direct representation to Washington via Ottawa?

MR. LEITCH: Mr. Speaker, the answer to the first part of the question is yes. Again, I think the second half of the question is premature until we've carried out the first.

MR. R. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, to the Provincial Treasurer or to the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources. At what stage is the government's thinking with regard to possible investment from the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund in the aforementioned project — on the assumption, naturally, that it goes ahead?

MR. HYNDMAN: Mr. Speaker, we haven't received any proposals which would suggest that those backing it would like to get funding from the Heritage Savings Trust Fund. If a proposal were received, we would certainly look at it.

MR. R. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, to the Provincial Treasurer. I ask the supplementary question in light of page 19, I think, of the budget which came down during this session, where the Provincial Treasurer referred to a number of major projects such as the northern pipeline from Alaska.

What contingency plans does the Alberta government have in place in the eventuality that the project does not go ahead? I ask in light of the mention in the budget speech of the project and of the positive impact such a pipeline would have on general economic conditions in the province.

MR. HYNDMAN: Mr. Speaker, I don't think it's appropriate to phrase the question in terms of contingency plans, because if the hon. leader will look carefully in the budget he will see that I have used the words, when and if the pipeline goes ahead certain situations would arise.

MR. R. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, I take it from the comment the Provincial Treasurer just made that should this project not go ahead the government basically has no set of alternative plans — if the minister would prefer that term — as far as the provincial budget is concerned, in light of the fact that it was mentioned in the budget speech?

MR. HYNDMAN: Mr. Speaker, as the budget indicates, it's difficult to predict whether and, if so, when that project or the other two large projects mentioned would go ahead. But the government is certainly in a posture of flexibility with respect to the timing during which or whether one, two, or all three of those projects go ahead.

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question to the hon. Minister of Energy and Natural Resources. The minister indicated that no formal proposal has been made. Have there been any informal discussions on this matter during the last year with any of the principals?

MR. LEITCH: No, Mr. Speaker.

Government Appointments

MR. R. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct the second question to the Premier. What negotiations are presently under way with former cabinet ministers regarding their appointments to various positions within the government?

MR. LOUGHEED: None currently, Mr. Speaker.

MR. R. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question to the Premier. Has a decision been reached regarding payment to government MLAs for serving either as chairmen of task forces or government committees, or as members of those committees? What extra remuneration will they be receiving?

MR. LOUGHEED: Mr. Speaker, I'm not precisely sure how to answer the question relative to the way it's phrased. If it relates to caucus work, obviously if any compensation were given it would flow not through government sources but through other sources.

Minister's Visit

MR. STROMBERG: Mr. Speaker, rumor has it that the Minister of Advanced Education and Manpower will . . .

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member has launched on an unfortunate introduction. Possibly he could [ask] the question directly, without expecting ministers to chase down the veracity of rumors.

MR. STROMBERG: I'll rephrase it then. It's a known fact, Mr. Speaker, [laughter] that the Minister of Advanced Education and Manpower will be visiting Camrose Lutheran College next week. I am curious to know the purpose of the minister's visit. Is it a courtesy call? Or will the minister be announcing that his department will be helping financially the CLC deficit of \$193,000? Or will the minister be announcing that his department's student grant will be raised from the current \$2,300 to the \$6,000 per student the University of Alberta is receiving? Or will the minister be . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Of course I have no idea how long this list is going to be, but it does seem the sort of communication that could take place outside the question period.

MR. STROMBERG: I beg your pardon, Mr. Speaker. I have just one more question on my shopping list, and it's very important to the people in my constituency.

MR. SPEAKER: With great respect, I certainly don't wish to discredit the hon. member's effort to give publicity to these concerns, but quite frankly it is the sort of thing that ordinarily would take place between a minister and an MLA. If we were to translate all that into the question period, we might miss a few other things.

MR. STROMBERG: Mr. Speaker, one supplementary question then. Will the minister be asking the MLA

for the Camrose constituency to accompany him on his visit to Camrose?

MR. SPEAKER: The questions are now on the record, and hopefully they can be dealt with briefly outside the question period. [interjections]

Calgary Stampede — Proposed Facility

MR. PAYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the absence of the Minister of Agriculture today, I wonder if I could direct my question to the hon. Premier. In light of the announcement in the House yesterday by the Minister of Agriculture regarding increased program assistance for agricultural societies and class A fairs throughout Alberta, would the proposed multipurpose agricultural complex planned by the Calgary Stampede be considered eligible for assistance?

MR. LOUGHEED: Definitely yes, Mr. Speaker. I think within a few minutes an announcement will be made by the Minister of Government Services and the chairman of the Calgary caucus jointly with the Calgary Stampede board. They've come to the conclusion that the nature of the program, which provides support, as the statement by the Minister of Agriculture reflected yesterday, would fit within the proposal by the Calgary Stampede board. My understanding is that that's a proposal for both an agriculture and trade complex. Therefore the announcement yesterday by the Minister of Agriculture would be of a nature to permit that project to go ahead without delay.

MR. PAYNE: A supplementary to the Premier. Can the Premier confirm that the Calgary Stampede, as a class A fair, would also receive the operating grant increases announced yesterday by the hon. Minister of Agriculture?

MR. LOUGHEED: My understanding, Mr. Speaker — and I don't have the precise figures at hand — is that approximately 50 per cent of the project, and I believe it is a project of some \$13 million, would be covered by the grant, but that in the statement by the minister yesterday the other 50 per cent could be covered by a guaranteed loan. Then a remission of one-quarter of the pari-mutuel tax would permit the Stampede board to finance the other 50 per cent of the project.

Rent Controls

MR. NOTLEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to direct this question to the hon. Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and ask what reasons went into the determination of an 8 per cent increase allowed landlords under The Rent Decontrol Act from January 1 to June 30 next year, in view of the increase of something over 50 per cent during the present control period of four years — since it was brought in the Legislature — and the wage guideline policy announced in the budget speech.

MR. KOZIAK: Mr. Speaker, our feeling was that the level and rate of inflation probably would be in the same arena in that six-month period as it has been this year and the last year during the rent decontrol period. We felt that the rate for rental increases that would be

allowed under the Act should then also remain in the same arena.

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question to the hon. minister. Was any consideration given to relating the increase to the wage guideline policy of the provincial government of 6 to 7 per cent for a year, considering that we're looking at 8 per cent over six months?

MR. KOZIAK: Mr. Speaker, I think it would be wise to keep these matters in perspective. Of course, the hon. member should be aware that the entire concept of rent control was an adjunct to the federal anti-inflation program, and that the rent decontrol procedure we have adopted with the passage of that Act permits us to come out of that process. The relationship of rent levels and increases in those levels, then, is not with respect to any tied figure on wage levels. We must remember that the rest of the employment market is not tied to guidelines, and the guidelines we have for provincial public servants and for those employed by agencies of government, and of course guidelines we recommend to municipal and school bodies, are not set in law. Those may vary, and have in fact varied, from the 6 to 7.5 per cent framework. So we don't have a specific set of guidelines, as in the case of the anti-inflation program, that are tied to law; and secondly, we don't have a set of guidelines that applies equally to all wage earners in the province.

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question to the hon. minister. Was any consideration given by the government to relating the two? In view of the fact that the government has suggested guidelines to public bodies — school boards, hospital boards, municipalities, what have you — of 6 to 7.5 per cent, was any consideration given to a similar policy with respect to rents?

MR. KOZIAK: Mr. Speaker, the guidelines for the 1978 calendar year were 6 to 7 per cent and for the 1979 calendar year are 6 to 7.5 per cent. No guidelines have been made with respect to 1980. The regulation with respect to the rents chargeable is for 1980, not for previous years. I suppose if one were to take the approach the hon. member takes in this question, the guideline for rent increases in 1980 might have been 8.5 per cent to accommodate the 0.5 per cent increase in the wage guidelines the hon. member refers to.

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question to the hon. minister. What information did the government use to arrive at the 8 per cent? Was there a specific cost index, or was it a general assessment of the inflation rate as opposed to a specific index of costs?

MR. KOZIAK: Mr. Speaker, in all these things we're dealing with the future. We're dealing with the period that begins six months from July 1. In that six-month period, we don't expect that circumstances relative to inflation will vary much from what we're experiencing now, and the rate reflects that.

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question to the hon. minister. Is the government in a position to outline at this time what policies there will be for monitoring rents after the decontrol period, as to

whether the government will tolerate a certain level of rents once the decontrol period finishes?

MR. KOZIAK: Mr. Speaker, as I indicated in this Assembly approximately a month ago on a similar question, a promise of monitoring now holds out an indication of a return to controls. It's not our intention to move in that direction. The controls were part of an anti-inflation program. Then a well-handled decontrol process was developed by this Assembly and overseen by Mr. Cavanagh, the former Ombudsman, and Mr. Barry. We're seeing a successful decontrol period and moving back into the free market system, which is the best method of controlling rents.

Mr. Speaker, we're also seeing an increase in the vacancy rates in the two major areas of the province, Edmonton and Calgary, where the concern for control would be greatest. In some areas of the province, of course, vacancy rates are even higher. Those are the best method of providing for ceilings on rent escalations.

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question to the hon. minister. Is the minister able to confirm for the Assembly that the increase in rental accommodation and vacancy rate is primarily in upper-income accommodations that are presently not controlled and that the market is still very tight in accommodations under the present controls?

MR. KOZIAK: Mr. Speaker, that would only be logical. As all members are aware, new units coming on the market after the control period began were excluded from control. So you can't build units that are in control. Of course the units presently being built and built since we first entered into control are in the higher end of the market, because they've never been controlled.

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, a final supplementary question, if I may, to the hon. Provincial Treasurer. Is the Provincial Treasurer in a position to inform the House at this time whether the government is proposing wage guidelines, not for the current year, as suggested in the budget, but for the coming year, to correspond with the rent decontrol legislation?

MR. HYNDMAN: Mr. Speaker, I'm not prepared to put forward any information at this time; possibly this fall.

MR. GOGO: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Could the minister clarify to the House that The Temporary Rent Regulation Measures Act was brought in at the request of the government of Canada, and that The Rent Decontrol Act was at the initiative of the government of Alberta?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member has successfully made his representation.

Medical Fees

MR. R. SPEAKER: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Hospitals and Medical Care. I'd like to ask

the minister if the Alberta Medical Association has forwarded to his office a Gallup poll taken in April 1979, with regard to balance billing.

MR. RUSSELL: No, they haven't, Mr. Speaker, but I did receive a copy of it.

MR. R. SPEAKER: Mr. Speaker, the poll indicates that Albertans are split 50:50 for and against balance billing. I would like to ask the minister whether public hearings will be [held] with regard to balance billing, and would the caucus committee be directed to carry out those public hearings?

MR. RUSSELL: No, Mr. Speaker, it's not our intention to do that.

MR. R. SPEAKER: Mr. Speaker, could the minister indicate why public input isn't necessary at this time?

MR. NOTLEY: Because they know best.

MR. RUSSELL: Mr. Speaker, I think it's misleading to say there's been no public input, when I look at the polls, the messages from various MLAs, the mail, and the phone calls we've received. We've had very extensive public opinion, and it's been very worth while.

MR. R. SPEAKER: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary to the minister. The minister has indicated in the Assembly that the report will be available in approximately three weeks. Would a final decision be made following the receipt of that report, or would there be the opportunity this fall to discuss the report further in the Legislature?

MR. RUSSELL: Mr. Speaker, is the hon. member talking about the report of our caucus task force?

I think an educated guess is that it would be ready in three weeks. I've always said that we're treating it as a current, urgent matter and are working on it continuously. I can't say whether it will be finished in three weeks. In a situation like this, it's always difficult to put a specific date. I think three weeks would be a fair guess, although it can't be a guaranteed date. And as a caucus report, of course, it will remain within our caucus.

Oil Development

MR. LYSONS: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct my question to the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources. Mr. Minister, I wonder if you could tell us if PetroCan has applied either formally or informally to build a heavy oil upgrading plant in east-central Alberta?

MR. LEITCH: Mr. Speaker, I'm not aware of any formal or informal applications, although there have been discussions with departmental officials about such a plant.

Dickson Dam

DR. BUCK: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to ask, the hon. Minister of Environment several short questions on the Red Deer dam. Is the minister in a position to indicate if the cost of the dam is going to run quite a bit above

the early projected figures, in the vicinity of \$100 million?

MR. COOKSON: Mr. Speaker, I don't think the two parts to the question . . . Whether it's going to run higher: yes, generally speaking these costs do escalate with time, and there is an escalation factor in the total estimated cost which was tabled in the Legislature. But, based on '79 dollars, that cost is not at \$100 million at the present time.

DR. BUCK: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary to the hon. minister. Can the minister indicate if all the land has been acquired for the dam site and the surrounding lands?

MR. COOKSON: Mr. Speaker, perhaps I could throw out some general figures on that point. Approximately 25 parcels of property are to be purchased. I think we've been able to purchase in the area of six. Something like eight parcels are going through the provision of The Expropriation Act which permits joint agreement on a price. I think some 25 to 30 per cent has been purchased or is in the process. The balance is pending.

DR. BUCK: My last supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Is the minister in a position to indicate if there will be a power-generating plant in this dam?

MR. COOKSON: In the total cost of the project, Mr. Speaker, there is a calculation factor which would provide in the initial construction for expansion at a later date for power purposes. We have some of our professional people reviewing that. The decision to include that in the construction of the dam has not yet been made.

MR. R. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question to the minister. Mr. Minister, what's the time frame for an anticipated decision either to include or not to include the generating capacity?

MR. COOKSON: I couldn't say exactly, Mr. Speaker. I hope reasonably soon we'll be able to determine that so we can get on with the total construction concept of the dam itself.

MR. R. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, to the minister. Have discussions been held with officials of the electrical planning council and the electrical industry in the province of Alberta regarding their desire to be a part of this project? Have those discussions taken place?

MR. COOKSON: Mr. Speaker, generally speaking the different industries, et cetera, have had input, certainly into the feasibility, I think Calgary Power has made some representation. The report indicates clearly that even though it would be a small power plant, it could be an economically viable inclusion in the total construction of the dam. So discussions have been held.

While I'm on my feet, Mr. Speaker, I might suggest that we're hoping that based on our report power companies themselves now will come forth, and/or others, possibly municipalities, that may have some interest in developing that capacity.

MR. R. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, just one last question to the minister. Is the minister in a position to confirm that exclusive of land acquisition, land damages, and relocation costs, the anticipated cost of the project when it's finished will be in the vicinity of \$103 million as opposed to the \$63 million the government first talked about when the decision to go ahead was announced?

MR. COOKSON: Mr. Speaker, I couldn't confirm that.

Hospital Construction

MR. BORSTAD: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Hospitals and Medical Care. The Grande Prairie hospital has been mentioned many times in this spring sitting. I would like to ask the minister if and when the Grande Prairie hospital is going to be built and how soon the contract will be let.

DR. BUCK: He's waiting for the second visit of the Queen.

MR. RUSSELL: Mr. Speaker, that's an appropriate question to have on this, I think, last day of the session, because it has been a difficult project to get under way.

MR. R. CLARK: It's already been announced twice during election campaigns.

MR. RUSSELL: I met with the board last week. I'm happy to say that the last of the difficulties and differences of opinion have been resolved, and the budget agreed upon. Some of the initial tendering is out now. The first major tender will go out in the middle of August, and the architects are hard at work. So finally this \$45 million project is on the road.

DR. BUCK: Are you going to turn the sod again?

MR. WOLSTENHOLME: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. I haven't heard the High River hospital mentioned too much. Can the minister give me the same assurance?

MR. RUSSELL: Mr. Speaker, the hon. Member for Highwood has alluded to an important aspect of hospital capital projects. Four in the province were in a very difficult position, having been lifted out of the temporary holding pattern. We were having some difficulty agreeing on guidelines and budgets for these projects. Naturally, the local boards were anxious to get at work.

The case of the High River hospital was very difficult because we could not agree on costs. Over a series of weeks just recently concluded, we've reached agreement for a \$12 million project for High River. Again, that project, with the concurrence and agreement of the board, is well under way now in the drawing stage.

MR. PENGELLY: A supplementary question to the minister, Mr. Speaker. While he's on the topic of hospitals, could the minister give a status report on the Innisfail hospital?

MR. RUSSELL: Mr. Speaker, Innisfail was one of the others I mentioned that had been lifted out of the

temporary holding pattern. Quite frankly, after the election when I assumed my office and saw on paper what they were doing, I was dismayed. I think they had been given some bad advice by their own consultants and, frankly, by our department in trying to resolve a difficult site problem. We suggested to them that they erase what had been done on paper, take an extra six months, and start over with new approved areas. After their initial dismay, they saw that that was probably the best thing to do for Innisfail in the long run. I'm happy to report to the hon. member that they are now happily at work, too.

MR. PLANCHE: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Maybe we could make it four out of four. I wonder if the minister could report on the expansion of Rockyview in southwest Calgary.

MR. RUSSELL: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Again, there was a difficult decision there with respect to siting and whether or not to add to the structure or start afresh on a new site. We've reached agreement with the board, done some budget-paring, and agreed that the expansion should proceed immediately on the site of the existing building. The board is now busily at work preparing its revised program for a budget just in excess of \$40 million.

MR. SPEAKER: Starting with the hon. Member for Drayton Valley, I guess we have to cover three more hospitals.

MRS. CRIPPS: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Drayton Valley has been holding and holding and holding. I hope to heaven we're not left holding the bag. Can the hon. minister give us any indication of where our hospital is in this holding pattern?

MR. RUSSELL: Mr. Speaker, maybe I could respond to concerns I'm sure all MLAs in the Assembly have with respect to capital projects within their constituencies. Since the holding pattern was lifted June 1 and the new planning manual has been issued along with the supporting bulletin for board members, we've held seminars with the Alberta Hospital Association throughout the province so boards will know how to quickly and properly get their projects in for approval. I think I've copied all members of the Assembly with the kinds of letters we're using to acknowledge receipt of these applications. I'm very hopeful that by the end of the year we'll have a well co-ordinated and well thought out total provincial program which recognizes the high priorities that some localities have vis-a-vis others. Perhaps that would answer the concern of the hon. member.

MR. R. CLARK: You're still holding.

MRS. EMBURY: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to revert to the announcement by the minister in regard to plans for the Rockyview hospital. Could the minister assure the Assembly that until such time as the Rockyview expansion goes on stream, the overall bed capacity in acute care hospitals is adequate to cope with the illness needs of the ever-increasing population of Calgary?

MR. RUSSELL: Mr. Speaker, I think I can respond to that with some assurance. It's my understanding that hospitals will go into their usual annual program of shutting down some beds in the summer months because of lack of customers wanting to use them during that period. We would always have those beds that we could fall back on in case of an emergency. I'm very hopeful that shortly we'll conclude arrangements with the federal government regarding the acquisition of the Colonel Belcher hospital, which I think will also improve the active-bed situation for the city.

MR. SPEAKER: A final hospital from the hon. Member for Edmonton Mill Woods.

MR. PAHL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A supplementary to the minister. In view of the decision of hospital board 106 to select a site in the Mill Woods area of southeast Edmonton, would the minister advise the House whether his department has approved that decision?

MR. RUSSELL: I'll put it this way, Mr. Speaker: we've gone along with it under The Alberta Hospitals Act. Of course that decision is the responsibility and the right of the board to make, and they've made it. I told them there was not unanimity among members of the Edmonton metropolitan region with respect to the site. But it was one of those situations where, with so many regions vying for it, one community was going to be happy and others were going to be disappointed. So I recognize that it was their decision to make.

Government Decentralization

MR. D. ANDERSON: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the hon. Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. It relates to comments he made in this House last Friday with respect to the companies branch. He indicated: "I have a number of proposals before me as to how we can improve service to Albertans". That's rather vague, and I wonder if the minister is in a position to indicate to this House today that he will be placing an office of the companies branch in the city of Calgary.

MR. KOZIAK: Mr. Speaker, I am giving very serious consideration to the establishment of an office of the companies branch in Calgary.

MR. D. ANDERSON: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question to the hon. minister. Will this serious consideration result in an announcement in the immediate future that the people who badly need that service in Calgary can hang their hat on?

MR. SPEAKER: In spite of the positive phrasing of the question, it's really hypothetical.

Annexation Hearings

MR. MACK: Mr. Speaker, my question to the hon. Minister of Municipal Affairs pertains to Edmonton's proposed annexation hearings. I wonder if the minister is in a position to advise the Assembly as to the time frame of the commencement of these hearings, and when he might with some assurance feel that he would have the completed report — the date of that report.

MR. MOORE: Mr. Speaker, I'm not in a position to advise with any degree of accuracy when the hearings might commence. But I have discussed the matter with Mr. Milvain, and it would be our intention to follow the outline I provided earlier; that is, with hearings beginning about mid-September and hopefully a decision by the Local Authorities Board by the end of this year or early in 1980. That, of course, will depend to some extent on the degree to which the applicant, in this case the city of Edmonton, provides information to the Local Authorities Board and to other interested parties. My understanding is that the city withheld the release of certain information pending today's announcement, and I would hope that with the announcement that information would be forthcoming quickly.

Mr. Speaker, while I'm on my feet, on a matter of privilege I'd like to refer to a mistake I made earlier today in a ministerial statement. I said that Mr. Tom Lauder, who would be one of the members of this panel we're referring to, was currently a resident of the city of St. Albert. That is incorrect. Mr. Lauder is a resident of the MD of Sturgeon.*

I provided copies of the ministerial statement to a number of people, and I'd like it noted for *Hansard* as well that he's a resident of the MD of Sturgeon, not the city of St. Albert.*

MRS. FYFE: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask the Minister of Municipal Affairs if he could advise how municipalities affected by the Edmonton annexation can obtain copies of information that Edmonton submits to the Local Authorities Board.

MR. MOORE: Mr. Speaker, I'm afraid I cannot. It was my understanding, however, that the city of Edmonton would be providing that information, either directly or through the Local Authorities Board, as soon as they were in a position to make it public. But that's something I will undertake to follow up and advise the hon. member on.

MR. PAHL: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, to the Minister of Municipal Affairs. In view of the rather extensive nature of the annexation, could the minister advise this Assembly whether the panel hearing the application will be considering the larger picture, such as the environmental constraints of the size of the city, the water supply, and those sorts of things?

MR. MOORE: Mr. Speaker, I've not yet had an opportunity to discuss with the panel the terms of reference. They will be generally those followed by the Local Authorities Board. In addition to that, of course, we will want to be sure that the panel does consider all aspects of the application before them. Without any doubt, that simply has to include the matter of the provision of municipal services, I think to some large degree, as well social and economic considerations that might be raised with them. I have no doubt that, because of the extensive nature of the hearings, all those matters will be raised by at least one of the many participants who might be involved.

Pipeline Safety — Monitoring

DR. C. ANDERSON: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Associate Minister of Telephones. In view of the large oil spill that occurred last night, I wonder if the minister could tell us if AGT is in a position to offer new technology to industry and to pumping stations to provide continuous monitoring to prevent such a large spill from occurring.

DR. WEBBER: Mr. Speaker, the monitoring technology AGT is involved in is well advanced. In fact the new fibre-optics technology enables AGT to get involved in a pilot project in Calgary with regard to remote reading of meters.

I gather that AGT is involved in monitoring gas leaks and leaks of that sort. However, I'm not aware of the degree to which they are involved in this area or if, in fact, they are involved in the Sherwood Park area where this incident took place.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Member for Edmonton Gold Bar, followed by the hon. Member for Edmonton Kingsway.

MR. HIEBERT: Mr. Speaker, my question has been answered. Thank you.

Tourist Industry

DR. PAPROSKI: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Tourism and Small Business. Recognizing the importance of tourism and my previously expressed concern regarding the importance of awareness of public relations and quality of service in tourism, I wonder if the minister would indicate to the House whether the Alberta government is participating in sponsoring the program Tourism Is Important to Us.

MR. ADAIR: Mr. Speaker, that's the handshake program of the federal government. We support it morally at this particular point and have our own programs going on within the province relative to tourism.

DR. PAPROSKI: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the minister would also indicate to the House whether he is planning such a program specifically orientated for the province of Alberta with a high index of public relations in that regard.

MR. ADAIR: Mr. Speaker, the degree to which the promotion of tourism within the province has taken place in the past will be maintained, and we intend, with the acceleration of the homecoming part of the seventy-fifth birthday, to accelerate that in the next year.

DR. PAPROSKI: Mr. Speaker, another supplementary on that topic if I may, since he raised it. In that public relations forum of invitation to people outside the province to a homecoming, what has been the result so far of the sponsorship?

MR. ADAIR: In relation to the invitations that went out to the public at large, some 670,000 invitations were served to the public of Alberta, and to date we have some 40,000 responses.

*See page 705, right column, paragraph 5

DR. PAPROSKI: A final supplementary, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if the minister would indicate whether he would like to raise at this time for the House any other positive programs being developed regarding the seventy-fifth anniversary celebration.

MR. SPEAKER: With great respect, I would think the hon. member's question would have to be a little more specific than that.

Serviced Lots — Edmonton Area

MR. KNAAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the hon. Minister of Housing and Public Works. It's a follow-up to my question last Wednesday and arises from my concern over the decision of the city of Edmonton to intervene in any private applications before the Local Authorities Board, and its apparent decision not to service any further land that may be approved by the Local Authorities Board and this Executive Council. Representations have been made to me that there's only a two-year supply of land . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Possibly the hon. member could come directly to the question and refer to the representations elsewhere.

MR. KNAAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The decision is possibly going to lead to a shortage of serviced lots. Has the department been able to advise the minister whether this will lead to price increases in the supply of moderately priced lots, of which apparently only a two-year supply is available?

MR. CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker, I think it's fair to say that I was certainly disappointed in the resolution passed by city council. There's no question that in terms of affordability fewer available lots exert an upward pressure on price, the corollary being the more lots we can get on stream, the more favorable the impact would be on lot price. So I'm disappointed in that decision.

MR. KNAAK: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary please. Without prejudice to the speed of the Local Authorities Board hearing, assume that we do have the possibility to make a decision within a year. Will the annexation proposal undo the possible harm of the decision of the city of Edmonton to the price of housing?

MR. SPEAKER: With great respect to the hon. member, the question is hypothetical. In addition to that, it is asking the minister to speculate about some possible future event.

MR. KNAAK: With great respect, Mr. Speaker, I think this is a matter of economic analysis and not necessarily hypothetical. It's a fairly exact science, and I think the answer is fairly straightforward. But I won't ask that question. [laughter]

A further supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Does the minister intend to make any representations to the city of Edmonton with the view of having the city reverse that decision?

MR. CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker, I suppose by responding to the Member for Edmonton Whitemud today I'm making representation to the city. It wouldn't be ap-

propriate to get into the overall annexation question. But in terms of the member's question on lot supply, I think the important thing is an adequate supply of lots within a region, regardless of the municipality.

MRS. FYFE: A further supplementary, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if the Minister of Environment could advise us as to whether there has been any progress on regional water provisions in light of the Edmonton resolution.

MR. COOKSON: Mr. Speaker, based on the Edmonton Utilities study, the Department of Environment is making pretty good progress with regard to regional systems. I think it's extremely important on the part of our government to take the initiative because of the extreme demand for water and sewer provisions in the surrounding area.

MR. SPEAKER: The time for the question period has run out, but I have already recognized the hon. Leader of the Opposition. If the Assembly agrees, perhaps we might deal with one further question.

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

Government Appointments

(continued)

MR. R. CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question to the Premier is for clarification of the question I asked earlier in question period with regard to extra payment for government MLAs. Did the Premier indicate that members serving on caucus committees may receive payment from sources other than government funds? Are those sources the Conservative party?

MR. LOUGHEED: That would certainly be my anticipation, Mr. Speaker.

MR. R. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question to the Premier. Is it the position of the Premier that caucus committees can be delegated responsibility by the cabinet or by himself and then be paid for discharging those responsibilities by a source outside the government? If so, to whom are the MLAs on the caucus committees responsible?

MR. LOUGHEED: Mr. Speaker, the MLAs are part of a team of government members. We're elected as a team, as we've said so many times in this House. They will be asked to participate in the decision-making process. That's part of the decision-making process. They will make their recommendations to the government caucus. Then, when the government caucus makes a decision, the government will be answerable for it.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MR. APPLEBY: Mr. Speaker, yesterday afternoon when I reported for Committee of Supply as chairman, one of the resolutions was omitted. I would like to request leave of the Assembly to present that resolution at this time.

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. APPLEBY: Resolved that for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1980, amounts not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the Department of Recreation and Parks: \$1,886,603 for departmental support services, \$33,481,336 for recreation development, \$18,324,650 for provincial parks.

MR. SPEAKER: Having heard the further report by the hon. Deputy Speaker and chairman of committees, do you all agree?

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

[Certain members changed their ties]

DR. BUCK: Take it off, take it off. [laughter]

MR. LOUGHEED: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, I want the Chair to know that the colors of the province of Alberta have not changed yet.

MR. KOZIAK: Mr. Speaker, on a point of personal privilege, I'll try harder. I just won third prize this week.

MR. COOKSON: Mr. Speaker, this color doesn't indicate my politics.

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

Bill 2
The Appropriation Act, 1979

MR. HYNDMAN: Mr. Speaker, I move second reading of Bill No. 2, The Appropriation Act, 1979.

[Motion carried; Bill 2 read a second time]

MR. CRAWFORD: Mr. Speaker, just before moving that the committee go into the hole [laughter] — or that the Legislature go into Committee of the Whole ... [laughter] ... I had to get into this discussion somehow.

Mr. Speaker, before moving that the Assembly go into Committee of the Whole to consider three Bills, The Appropriation Act and Private Bills 3 and 4, I'd like to ask unanimous leave of the House for the purposes of those deliberations and third reading pursuant to Standing Order 63(2), to allow more than one step in respect to a Bill to be taken in one day.

MR. SPEAKER: Does the Assembly agree with the motion by the hon. Government House Leader?

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

[On motion, the Assembly resolved itself into Committee of the Whole]

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

[Mr. Appleby in the Chair]

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

Bill 2
The Appropriation Act, 1979

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there comments, questions, or amendments with respect to this Act?

[Title and preamble agreed to]

MR. HYNDMAN: Mr. Chairman, I move the Bill be reported.

[Motion carried]

Bill Pr. 3
The Edmonton Convention Centre
Authority Act

MR. CHAIRMAN: There are some amendments to this Act. Are there any questions or comments with regard to the amendments?

MRS. CHICHAK: Mr. Chairman, members of the committee have before them four proposed amendments to Bill Pr. 3. I would like to give a very brief explanation with respect to the amendments.

The amendment to Section 3 strikes out the word "establish". That was determined by the Private Bills Committee to clarify the powers being granted to the Authority in the development but not the establishment of the convention centre. The Private Bills Committee wanted to make clear that the capability to establish a convention centre was to be granted to, and the responsibility of, the Edmonton City Council.

The second amendment, to Section 4(k), strikes out the word "establishment", to be consistent with the terminology being used in Section 3 of the Bill.

The third amendment strikes out Section 4(g). The Private Bills Committee felt that this section was perhaps providing the Authority with power that the municipal government [does] not have under its legislation.

The fourth amendment strikes out Section 5(c), to be consistent with Section 4(g).

Mr. Chairman, I think that explains the amendments put before the committee. I move that the amendments be adopted and the Bill be proceeded with.

[Motion on amendments carried]

[Title and preamble agreed to]

MRS. CHICHAK: Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill Pr. 3 be reported.

[Motion carried]

Bill Pr. 4
The Stockgrowers' Insurance
Company of Canada Ltd. Act

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions, comments, or amendments?

[Title and preamble agreed to]

MR. D. ANDERSON: Mr. Chairman, I move that the Bill be accepted.

[Motion carried]

MR. CRAWFORD: Mr. Chairman, I move the committee rise, report progress, and beg leave to sit again.

[Motion carried]

[Mr. Speaker in the Chair]

MR. APPLEBY: Mr. Speaker, the Committee of the Whole has had under consideration and reports Bill No. 2 and Bill Pr. 4.

The committee also reports Bill Pr. 3 with some amendments.

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

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

head: **GOVERNMENT MOTIONS**

14. Moved by Mr. Crawford:

Be it resolved that when the Assembly adjourns for the summer recess, it shall stand adjourned until such time and date in 1979 as is determined by Mr. Speaker after consultation with the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

MR. CRAWFORD: Motion No. 14 proposes resumption in the fall at such date and time as Mr. Speaker might determine in consultation with the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

[Motion carried]

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]

No.	Name	Moved by
1	The Companies Amendment Act, 1979	Koziak [for Loughheed]
2	The Appropriation Act, 1979	Hyndman

Bill 4 **The Alberta Insurance** **Amendment Act, 1979**

MR. KOZIAK: Mr. Speaker, I move third reading of Bill No. 4, The Alberta Insurance Amendment Act, 1979.

MRS. CHICHAK: Mr. Speaker, I wish to make a few remarks with respect to this Bill. In view of the representations to government, contained in the report of the Human Rights Commission, indicating contravention of The Individuals' Rights Protection Act by the insurance industry in providing preferential rates

to female drivers, I felt it necessary at this point in the debate to make a few remarks.

I think it is important to recognize the initial establishment of rates and the basis on which the rates were being determined. In one of its sections the Bill refers to automobile insurance rates and their approval by the board. The Insurance Bureau of Canada defines insurance as the business of accepting similar risks from a large number of people so that the minority who suffer losses can be reimbursed at a reasonable cost or premium to each policy holder. I'd also like to set out that the primary factors in classifying drivers relate to characteristics of the principal driver, the driving and accident records of all insured drivers under the policy, and the nature of automobile use.

Looking back at the history of insurance rates, I would like to indicate briefly that when insurance rates were being established to provide some protection for losses of automobile insurance operators or to provide assistance to those who might be involved as innocent third parties, insurance rates were initially established not on categories of male or female, or age, but on vehicle use. Initially there were two classifications: the business use of a vehicle, determined by the degree to which a vehicle was used, the purpose it was used for, and the kind of risk that might be involved insofar as safe operation of the vehicle; the other was pleasure.

Of course pleasure has now been determined as two divisions: where an operator uses the vehicle to commute back and forth between work and home, not for the purpose of carrying out business, and long trips. Then we found ourselves in a situation where pleasure was also used where the amount of mileage within a one-year period of time was very minimal. That indicated a different risk factor, so again rates were becoming differentiated.

Over time, accident statistics indicated some very clear characteristics of principal drivers. To begin, it appeared that in certain age levels there was a higher percentage of accidents than in others. At that point there was no differentiation or consideration of whether it was male or female, or even married status. But as time went on, experience showed that the fact that an individual was married, regardless of age, seemed to indicate a different kind of responsibility with which an operator operated a vehicle.

We established that there were some commonalities in the insurance industry. The maturity and responsibility with which a driver operated a vehicle, or the irresponsibility, drunkenness, and carelessness, seemed to fall into very clear classifications. There was also the unavoidable accident. As I already indicated, age groupings were a very strong factor. Marital status was a factor as to the responsibility of approach in operating a vehicle.

More recently, perhaps in the last 20 years, it became very clear that the performance of the female driver was significantly different from that of the male, regardless of age, marital status, or any other characteristic. So another rating classification was put in place. It was based not simply on male or female but on performance. I think all our laws and regulations, whether they relate to insurance premiums or to other standards we set in our society, are put in place as directives as a result of performance or non-performance of people in this society.

I really feel that the separate classification category for the female operator is based not simply on the male

or female aspect but on performance. It is very important that that be noted. Should we remove, down the road, that kind of capability of rating people with regard to performance and require everyone to pay the same rate, we would simply find ourselves with a socialized insurance program having all people pay for the irresponsible approach of a few. I think that would be even greater discrimination, irrespective of whether they are male or female.

Mr. Speaker, I want to say it's not only a matter of those few classifications. Some insurance companies now have as many as 45, others perhaps more. In the future, when this matter has to be considered and dealt with, I hope it is considered in light of performance and not the matter of sex.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MRS. OSTERMAN: Mr. Speaker, I too have some comments relating to some inferences from the hon. Member for Edmonton Norwood, and maybe have a slightly different way of looking at this matter as a result of my experience. I too believe we should be judged and classified on the basis of performance, not on what someone thinks our performance is going to be.

In the area of the Alberta statistical territories, I can give you examples from an insurance company, which I won't name, where there are 14 classes and many subcategories under those 14 classes. When we're speaking about principal operators, I can tell you that there is a class for married males, age 20 and under, another for married males, ages 21 to 24. There are similar classes for unmarried males. No such differentiations are made for females.

As an example of what this does to our insurance rates — I'll leave you to judge how fair this is — I can give you the example of a 1978 Camaro. If a male owns this car, is the principal operator, and takes out insurance, he's going to pay an average of \$466.10 for six months. A female of similar age, with same car, will pay \$238.70. Neither of these people have had an accident. If a male has one accident, he's going to pay \$654.50 — almost \$200 more than if he had no accident. The same female — same age, same car — having had one accident will pay \$454.80. I submit to this Assembly that the male who has had no accidents is still paying more insurance than the female who has had one. I also say that when this question eventually comes up before the Assembly, I hope all members will give it very close scrutiny.

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

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. KOZIAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Member for Edmonton Norwood and the Member for Three Hills have contributed some interesting discussions to third reading debate. We will have to take into account the points of view that have been expressed as we await the final report of the Automobile Insurance Board, as promised in their report which I tabled in the Assembly earlier this session. I would imagine that uppermost in the minds of all who have considered this matter, including the two members who contributed to third reading in this debate, is that we maintain the cardinal

principle in insurance that the premium should bear some relationship to the risk.

[Motion carried; Bill 4 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
5	The Libraries Amendment Act, 1979	LeMessurier
7	The Alberta Property Tax Reduction Amendment Act, 1979	Moore
8	The Alberta Government Telephones Amendment Act, 1979	Shaben
9	The Public Lands Amendment Act, 1979	Miller
10	The Public Lands and Wildlife Statutes Amendment Act, 1979	Miller
11	The Alberta Income Tax Amendment Act, 1979	Hyndman
12	The Department of Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Amendment Act, 1979	Trynchy
14	The Fatality Inquiries Amendment Act, 1979	Pahl
15	The Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act, 1979	Crawford
16	The Calgary-Canadian Pacific Transit Agreement Act	Moore [for Little]
17	The Workers' Health, Safety and Compensation Statutes Amendment Act, 1979	Diachuk
18	The Local Authorities Board Amendment Act, 1979	Moore
19	The Alberta Hospitals Amendment Act, 1979	Russell
20	The Department of Tourism and Small Business Act	Adair
23	The Glenbow-Alberta Institute Amendment Act, 1979	Embury
24	The Department of Economic Development Act	Hyndman [for Horner]
26	The Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Amendment Act, 1979	Crawford [for McCrae]
27	The Research Council Amendment Act, 1979	Hyndman [for Horner]
28	The Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Act	Bogle
29	The Social Development Amendment Act, 1979	Bogle

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]

No.	Name	Moved by
Pr. 3	The Edmonton Convention Centre Authority Act	Chichak
Pr. 4	The Stockgrowers' Insurance Company of Canada Ltd. Act	Anderson, D.

MR. CRAWFORD: 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: Please be seated.

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.

CLERK: Your Honour, the following are the titles of the Bills to which Your Honour's assent is prayed:

Bill 1	The Companies Amendment Act, 1979
Bill 2	The Appropriation Act, 1979
Bill 4	The Alberta Insurance Amendment Act, 1979
Bill 5	The Libraries Amendment Act, 1979
Bill 7	The Alberta Property Tax Reduction Amendment Act, 1979
Bill 8	The Alberta Government Telephones Amendment Act, 1979
Bill 9	The Public Lands Amendment Act, 1979
Bill 10	The Public Lands and Wildlife Statutes Amendment Act, 1979
Bill 11	The Alberta Income Tax Amendment Act, 1979
Bill 12	The Department of Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Amendment Act, 1979
Bill 14	The Fatality Inquiries Amendment Act, 1979
Bill 15	The Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act, 1979
Bill 16	The Calgary-Canadian Pacific Transit Agreement Act
Bill 17	The Workers' Health, Safety and Compensation Statutes Amendment Act, 1979

Bill 18	The Local Authorities Board Amendment Act, 1979
Bill 19	The Alberta Hospitals Amendment Act, 1979
Bill 20	The Department of Tourism and Small Business Act
Bill 22	The Legislative Assembly Amendment Act, 1979
Bill 23	The Glenbow-Alberta Institute Amendment Act, 1979
Bill 24	The Department of Economic Development Act
Bill 26	The Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Amendment Act, 1979
Bill 27	The Research Council Amendment Act, 1979
Bill 28	The Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped Act
Bill 29	The Social Development Amendment Act, 1979
Bill Pr. 3	The Edmonton Convention Centre Authority Act
Bill Pr. 4	The Stockgrowers' Insurance Company of Canada Ltd Act

[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: Mr. Speaker, Members of the Legislative Assembly, this probably is my last occasion to be with you in this Assembly, and I would like to take this opportunity to say how much I have appreciated my term of office as your Lieutenant-Governor. It is sincerely with a bit of regret that I think I will be leaving you very soon. But I want to congratulate you and commend you for the job you have done as elected members of the people of Alberta. I'm certain that the people of Alberta are proud of the fact that you are governing this province so well.

May the Great Spirit remain with you, and will you always carry on such a well-done job. I thank you for your loyalty. I've enjoyed your company and your diligence. It's time that I have to say good-bye. [applause]

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Order!

[The Lieutenant-Governor left the House]

[Mr. Speaker in the Chair]

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

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

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to Motion No. 14, which was passed today, the Assembly stands adjourned.

[The House adjourned at 4:10 p.m.]