

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA**

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**PRAYERS**

[Mr. Speaker in the Chair]

**head: INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS**

MR. STROMBERG: Mr. Speaker, may I take this opportunity to introduce to you and to members of this Legislature a special group of grade 9 and 10 students from my constituency, about 30 in number, from the rival of Sherwood Park and St. Albert in growth, New Sarepta. Last year I had the pleasure of addressing these students at their graduation. With them today is their teacher, Mrs. Bair. They are sitting in the public gallery. I would ask that they now stand and be introduced to yourself and members of the Legislature.

MR. R. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to introduce to you, and through you to members of the Assembly, a group of 60 students from Fort Saskatchewan. I'm making the introduction on behalf of my colleague the Member for Clover Bar. The students are in the members gallery. I would ask the good folks from Fort Saskatchewan to stand up and be recognized by members of the Assembly.

MR. STEWART: Mr. Speaker, it's my privilege this morning to introduce to you and to the Legislature two distinguished people from my constituency who are serving the people of Alberta on the municipal level, Mr. Howard Johnson and Mr. Phil Valleau. I would ask that they rise and receive the welcome of the Assembly.

**head: ORAL QUESTION PERIOD****Anniversary Celebrations**

MR. R. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, this morning, on what may be the last day of the session, I'd like to direct this first question to the minister responsible for Alberta's 75th Anniversary. I'd like to preface my question by pointing out that I asked yesterday if the minister would please outline what plans for major events have been formalized, what these major events are, and when they will take place.

The minister said yesterday, and I quote from the Blues: "I will take that question as notice, get the information, and answer later in the question period." I noticed that after question period the minister went outside the House and made comments about some of the activities in which Alberta would be involved [for] the 75th Anniversary. I'd now ask the minister if she would do the members of the Assembly the honor of advising members inside the House what Alberta's plans are.

MRS. LeMESSURIER: Mr. Speaker, the only major events will be taking place the week of August 26 to

September 1. We, the 75th Anniversary, will announce it to the people of Alberta. We are asking that on January 1 the various municipalities and IDs fly the 75th Anniversary flag. We did announce yesterday in the House that we would be presenting to Canada a Canadian encyclopedia, and at this time I would like to speak a little longer on the encyclopedia. It will be a one-volume encyclopedia; it will be approximately 750 words; it will . . .

SOME HON. MEMBERS: How many?

MRS. LeMESSURIER: Sorry, 1750 pages; it will have approximately 300 illustrations; and it will be supplied to all the schools in Canada and the libraries in universities.

MR. R. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question. Can the minister indicate if the office of Mr. Dowling has recently engaged a consulting firm to put together the pieces of Alberta's 75th Anniversary, and did Mr. Dowling's office receive the report of the consulting firm last Monday?

MRS. LeMESSURIER: Mr. Speaker, I'm not aware if he received the report last Monday. This coming Monday morning we will be meeting to go over the various projects of the 75th Anniversary. Yes, a consulting firm was hired by the 75th Anniversary. It was done through the public affairs department in the usual way.

MR. R. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, a further supplementary question. Can the minister be somewhat more definitive on the major events which will take place during the latter part of August and the first part of September?

The reason I ask is that I understand a number of major advertising accounts from across Canada have been inquiring as to what major events will be taking place in Alberta during the 75th Anniversary, so they can tie their advertising in with Alberta's 75th Anniversary events.

MRS. LeMESSURIER: Mr. Speaker, we'll be announcing all the major attractions and things that will be going on during the 75th, in our news conference, which will be between the first and midweek of December.

MR. D. ANDERSON: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question to the hon. minister. With respect to the encyclopedia which the minister announced will be sent to Canadian schools, will the encyclopedia be translated into French and given to the appropriate schools and universities in the province of Quebec?

MRS. LeMESSURIER: Mr. Speaker, at the moment what is going to be done is that this will be published in English here in Alberta. It will be given to a French publisher in the province of Quebec to translate. Further details of that will be announced later. At this time I would like to add that, because it's able to be done in one volume, it will be for sale to the people of Alberta at a very reasonable cost.

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question to the hon. minister is: since Mr. Dowling was appointed some months ago, I believe, in developing its timetable why did the government formulate a date in mid-December to make all these announcements, as opposed to a timetable which would have allowed the minister to make a ministerial announcement in the Legislature

so the announcement could be made to all members of the House, as opposed to a press conference called when the House isn't in session?

MRS. LeMESSURIER: Mr. Speaker, we had a deadline of October 15 for submissions to be received by the commission. Yesterday I stated well over 1,200 proposals were received; [it] has taken a long time going through these proposals. Some of them are of very, very high quality and are going to be very exciting to the people of Alberta. Consequently, this is not something we want to rush. As I said, we are meeting on Monday; we will be going through some of the proposals, bringing them to cabinet and to caucus.

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question to the hon minister. It really relates to the major events the minister indicated would be taking place between August 26 and September 1. Why is the minister not in a position to outline to the Assembly at this time what those major events are?

I'm not talking about the many other proposals in the communities. I'm talking about the major provincial events. Surely the committee has come together with a concrete proposal for the major events at this time.

MRS. LeMESSURIER: Mr. Speaker, I stated earlier that the cabinet and the cabinet committee have not had a chance to finalize the major items that will be held through the week August 26 to September 1.

DR. PAPROSKI: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if the minister would indicate to the House whether this exciting Canadian encyclopedia that will be flowing through all the schools and universities in Canada is going to be printed and manufactured in Canada by an all-Canadian firm, and how many schools will be involved.

MRS. LeMESSURIER: Mr. Speaker, it will be printed in Canada. As a matter of fact, it's going to be printed in Alberta. It is going to 23,000 schools and 3,600 university libraries. It's the only one that's going to be all-Canadian

#### Public Lands Lease

MR. R. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct the second question to the Associate Minister of Public Lands and Wildlife. Earlier this session Motion for a Return No. 118 was voted down by the Assembly. Since the notice of motion was placed on the Order Paper, has the minister had an opportunity to familiarize himself with the circumstances surrounding the Department of Energy and Natural Resources, public lands division, file 780092ML?

MR. MILLER: Mr. Speaker, I'll have to take that question as notice.

MR. R. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, can I pose a supplementary question to the minister and ask if since that motion for a return was placed on the Order Paper, the file has been delivered to the minister's office and been retained there for some time?

MR. MILLER: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have that file in my office.

MR. R. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, to the hon minister. Is the minister in a position to indicate to the members of the Assembly who received the 25-year lease in the file referred to?

MR. MILLER: Yes, Mr. Speaker. The lease, and all leases of public land, are public information, and can be seen by members of the public.

MR. R. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, the question was is the minister in a position to indicate to the Assembly who received that lease? Does the minister know who received that lease?

MR. SPEAKER: It can hardly be expected of the Chair to know whether the information is in the file and perhaps not available to the public for the time being.

MR. R. CLARK: Will the minister indicate to the Assembly who received that particular lease?

MR. MILLER: Yes, it was a gentleman by the name of Mr. Wachowich.

MR. R. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, is the minister in a position to indicate if, initially, the application this gentleman made had been turned down, and that later the lease was made in a manner that is not the same manner in which ordinary citizens would have received consideration on a lease?

MR. MILLER: Mr. Speaker, initially — and this is the case of most miscellaneous leases — it wasn't acceptable, but on further review and when consideration was given, it was agreed that this was the best utilization of this portion of Crown land.

MR. R. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, to the minister. What additional factors came to light which had the minister or the department change its mind? From the first application till the lease was granted, what new information came to light?

MR. MILLER: Mr. Speaker, the information came to light that it was accessible, that there was a road into the lease, that it wouldn't be used as a permanent residence, and that there were no infrastructure requirements

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question, if I may, to the minister. Normally, in granting leases, an interdepartmental review is undertaken by other branches — water resources, fish and wildlife — as well as the lands branch. Is the minister in a position to advise the Assembly, whether that review took place in this particular case, and whether the advice of the other branches of government was either to grant the lease or not to grant the lease?

MR. MILLER: Mr. Speaker, I would have to take that question as notice.

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question. In view of the rather precedent-setting nature of the awarding of this particular miscellaneous lease on a 25-year basis about 10 or 12 miles from Peace River, is the minister in a position to advise the Assembly how many miscellaneous leases of a comparable nature have in fact been granted by the department?

MR. MILLER: Mr. Speaker, I do not have that information at my fingertips. But other miscellaneous leases have been given to individuals.

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question. Is the minister in a position to indicate to the House whether at that time a memo went from the minister's office — from the minister's administrative or executive assistant — to the director of public lands, and that the memo in fact asked for a review?

MR. CRAWFORD: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order. The matter the hon. member is now dealing with relates to the motion which is already on the Order Paper. At such time as that motion for a return in respect of the file is dealt with, these matters can be . . .

MR. R. CLARK: It's been defeated.

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, the motion was defeated.

MR. CRAWFORD: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I was going to make the observation that I thought the motion yesterday had been allowed to stand. But if it was defeated, then the matter's been dealt with.

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, the motion for a return was defeated, but that does not mean the entire issue can't be raised in the form of questions to the minister.

The question I asked quite frankly was: was a memo directed from the associate minister's office to the director of the lands branch concerning this particular case? Did that memo either ask or direct that a review take place?

MR. CRAWFORD: Mr. Speaker, even in the hon. member's mind there must have been some principle involved in the defeat of the hon. leader's motion for a return on this item. On the point of order, the principle is that interdepartmental memoranda are not produced by way of motion for a return. The question is related to the very matter that was dealt with yesterday.

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, on the point of order, first of all, I would suggest to the hon. Government House Leader that, in view of the fact that this particular memo was not tabled in the House, but a copy of it was sent to the gentleman in question, the memo is in fact becoming public.

In view of that fact, my question to the minister is: are we going to get confirmation from the government that the memo, which in a matter of a few hours will be well known in the province, was sent?

Well, Mr. Speaker, was the memo sent? Did the memo in fact direct or request the director of the lands branch to review this particular miscellaneous lease application?

MR. SPEAKER: The somewhat interesting question seems to have this purport: will the hon. minister please admit what I'm about to prove?

MR. NOTLEY: Well, that's true.

MR. R. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, it may not be nearly as humorous as some individuals think it is.

AN HON. MEMBER: The hon. member laughed.

MR. R. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, when I raised the motion for a return I indicated we wanted to find out if prominent Albertans had received preferential treatment. We were admonished somewhat by some members on the government side for asking the question at that time.

Now, Mr. Speaker, it's become public information that the application was made, it was turned down, and then it was reviewed again, and what now appears to be a precedent-setting lease has been granted in the Peace River country. That's the reason the question, in my judgment, has to be answered.

In fact, was special treatment given here that ordinary citizens wouldn't receive? That's why, in my judgment, the question is in order, and should be answered.

MR. MILLER: Mr. Speaker, we do give out miscellaneous leases. Every individual is given due consideration. We look at each application as it comes in. So, when they're insinuating that we give preferential treatment, that's just nonsense.

MR. NOTLEY: On the point of order. The question really relates not to the normal . . .

MR. SPEAKER: I'm not aware of any point of order that's before the House.

MR. NOTLEY: Well, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to rise on a point of order, and say to the House that in a question of this nature it seems to me that it is quite proper to . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Excuse me. No one has said that the question was improper, except that the purpose of the question period is to get information. I made an observation which follows from the principle that you seek information; you don't try to get confirmation of what you already know.

MR. NOTLEY: Well, Mr. Speaker, on the point of order. Surely in the question period the basic principle that we can seek information has been well established. It strikes me that it is clearly in order to ask a minister of the Crown whether or not an executive assistant to that minister sent a memo to the director of the lands branch requesting or directing that a review be taken on a particular lease.

It seems to me, Mr. Speaker, that it is perfectly in order to ask that question. If the minister chooses not to answer the question, that's up to him, and he will have to take the consequences for so doing. But the question is clearly in order, and I put it to him again.

MR. MILLER: Well, Mr. Speaker, we do have the lease, which is available and which the public can see. But we don't release interdepartmental communications. It has been our policy that we don't allow files to be tabled in the Legislature.

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question to the minister. What is the policy of the government of Alberta with respect to, not releasing interdepartmental correspondence in the Legislature, but in fact making that kind of correspondence available to other people, outside the Legislature?

MR. MILLER: Mr. Speaker, to the best of my knowledge this information has not been made available. All that is available is the actual lease.

MR. NOTLEY: Bud, wait for half an hour.

#### Grain Handling — Prince Rupert Terminal

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct this question to the Minister of Economic Development. Where do things stand at the moment with respect to negotiations between the government of Alberta and the wheat pool consortium concerning the discussed loan from the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund to the consortium building the facility in Prince Rupert?

MR. PLANCHE: Mr. Speaker, there's been no change in that since the announcement made by this government that they would participate in Prince Rupert. The decision as to the precise location is waiting on soil sampling, which should be accomplished probably in the next 10 days. Then we'll move forward.

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question to the minister. Has the minister obtained any estimates of the amount of the loan? Figures of \$100 million have been indicated, but larger figures as well. Is the minister in a position at this stage to advise the Legislature what the expected size of the loan from the heritage trust fund will be?

MR. PLANCHE: Mr. Speaker, I believe this government is committed to \$100 million in total: \$70 million in a structured loan and \$30 million to be negotiated. If there has been any change, it hasn't been brought to my attention. A final price on that facility can't be determined until the site is selected.

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question to the minister. Have negotiations on the loan commenced with the consortium, or are negotiations being held in abeyance until such time as the site is chosen?

MR. PLANCHE: Other than the initial commitment to lend the money, Mr. Speaker, no formal arrangements are being negotiated at this time.

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question to the minister. Has any review taken place at this stage on interest to be charged on the loan to the consortium? Is it the position of the government that we should be seeking market interest, or is the government prepared to look at some form of sheltered interest, in view of the importance of this project to Alberta farmers?

MR. PLANCHE: Mr. Speaker, my impression is that the \$70 million will be at commercial rates, and the \$30 million will be negotiated.

MR. MANDEVILLE: A supplementary question to the hon. minister, Mr. Speaker. Could the minister indicate at what stage the rail line being improved going into Prince Rupert is at this time?

MR. PLANCHE: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I can. I discussed that problem with the CNR. There is an instability through the mountains that will continually cause some difficulty, and historically has. That factor will have to be considered when we design a surge capacity to allow us to have a constant flow of grain into vessels at the port. But nothing can be done about that financially; it's just the

way of things. The track has to be refurbished every determined period of time.

#### Human Rights

MR. PAYNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question this morning is to the hon. Minister of Labour. I wonder if the minister could advise the House if the government is currently re-examining its policies regarding protected groups within The Individual's Rights Protection Act.

MR. YOUNG: Mr. Speaker, the examination of who or what groups should be included in The Individual's Rights Protection Act is commencing. I would like to say that it needs to be a very careful examination, because we are talking about very fundamental rights in our society. We are talking about very special considerations which could have impact on the future of our society. As the examination proceeds, I hope all hon. members will consider very closely that in our examination and in our decisions we arrive at conclusions which reinforce the esteem and the credibility of the legislation and of the Alberta Human Rights Commission, the agency which administers the legislation.

MR. PAYNE: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if the hon. minister could indicate or specify to the House what types of representations he might have received regarding this policy matter?

MR. YOUNG: Well, Mr. Speaker, I don't know that I could specify all the different types of representations. But in my view there are representations, which include characteristics over which the individual has no control; that is, no choice in the matter. They are inherent characteristics and very obvious visually.

Other suggestions have been advanced which may well need to be examined on the basis of whether or not they are a form of conduct based upon the choice of the individual. If that is so, I would suggest that that may lead us to the need to examine whether conduct based upon the choice of the individual may not also be in confrontation with what others in our society perceive as offensive to rights they have.

MR. PAYNE: One final supplementary please, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the minister's interest in pursuing this policy of re-examination with due concern and caution. I also recognize the traditional ministerial resistance to specific details . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Could the hon. member come to the question. A considerable number of members would like to ask questions before the Assembly is prorogued.

MR. PAYNE: Could the hon. minister indicate to the House the time that he anticipates will be required for this policy re-examination?

MR. YOUNG: Mr. Speaker, the hon. Member for Calgary Fish Creek asks a very difficult question for me to respond to, other than to say that one of the very important groups which will be making representation is the Alberta Human Rights Commission. I expect to have had those representations completed by the end of the first month in 1980; beginning very shortly, I might add. There are other groups. I'm not aware of how long may be required for a full and keen debate, which is necessary

given the fact that some of the suggestions which appear to be coming forth I believe do not have the clear unanimity of agreement in society that some of the original rights, as now enshrined in the legislation, had.

DR. PAPROSKI: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if the minister would indicate to the House whether he or his department have examined legislation on this matter that's in place in other provinces in Canada?

MR. YOUNG: Yes.

#### Grain Handling — Alberta Terminals

MR. MANDEVILLE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the hon. Minister of Economic Development. Has the minister developed a comprehensive plan for the use of the three grain terminals recently purchased in Alberta?

MR. PLANCHE: Mr. Speaker, there's no change in the status of the three elevators since we last discussed it in the House. As I tried to point out then, it's part of a full chain. Until all parts of the puzzle are in place, the only thing we're going to do with those three elevators is bring them up to satisfactory status for moving grain, as they have been in the past.

MR. MANDEVILLE: A supplementary question to the hon. Minister of Agriculture. We have some 30 grades of grain in Alberta and Canada. In light of the number of grades, has the minister made any representation or had any discussions with officials with regard to reducing the number of grades of grain that will be stored in the terminals?

MR. SCHMIDT: Mr. Speaker, that is one area we've certainly had some discussion in and one area where perhaps some answers will have to be forthcoming before the total transportation system is solved. We haven't made any direct representation on that particular matter, but we have collectively, in a much broader way, discussed the number of grades and the responsibilities that it places on transportation and storage in the total system . . . [inaudible]

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I could ask a supplementary question of the Minister of Economic Development. At this stage do we have estimates of the costs of — I shouldn't say rehabilitating, but at least upgrading the three terminals that have been purchased by the government of Alberta?

MR. PLANCHE: Mr. Speaker, I'm not sure if the question was directed toward bringing them to a serviceable level now or refurbishing them in the future.

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, the question really relates in two parts: upgrading them so they will function more efficiently in the short term, and the long-term upgrading. I've been given to understand that the long term will involve fairly substantial amounts of money.

MR. PLANCHE: I would judge that's right, Mr. Speaker. I think initially \$900,000 is set aside for things like explosion-proof motors, some rewiring, and one thing and another to bring them to standard for insurance

purposes. But the longer pull will definitely be more expensive, depending on what kind of activity we expect from those elevators, which will depend on what kind of activity we can expect from the coast, which will depend on what kind of activity we can expect from the trains.

#### Labor Shortage — Grande Prairie

MR. BORSTAD: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Labour. The Grande Prairie Chamber of Commerce recently completed a labor needs survey which points out a critical labor shortage in that area of approximately 1,000 skilled and semi-skilled laborers now and an expected 2,000 by next summer. Can the minister advise the Assembly what action his department is taking on this report?

MR. YOUNG: Mr. Speaker, the hon. Member for Grande Prairie asks a question which I think is partly the responsibility which I have and partly the responsibility of the Minister of Advanced Education and Manpower. Perhaps I should respond to the one portion that I can respond to.

There had been a suggestion that there should be a relaxation of the regulations as they pertain to the employment of adolescents, defined as being between the ages of 12 and 15 years. In examining the situation in Grande Prairie, the Board of Industrial Relations took the view that the concern of society should be as to the effect on adolescents of that age in terms of what is best for their development, rather than having as a priority the provision of manpower. Accordingly, they decided not to relax the regulations, in particular for the restaurant and fast-food industry in Grande Prairie. They may, however, examine the broader policy as it would have to apply across the province.

MR. BORSTAD: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Was there any consideration of reducing it from 15 to 14 years, rather than leaving it down to 12 as was originally suggested?

MR. YOUNG: Mr. Speaker, it is one of the considerations, but again the Board of Industrial Relations took the view that any change should apply broadly, to the whole industry across the province, rather than to the industry in one area of the province. That is a broader question which would need much more examination, so the board's response at the moment is no to the relaxation to 14-year-olds in Grande Prairie.

MR. BORSTAD: A supplementary then, Mr. Speaker, to the Minister of Advanced Education and Manpower. Has his department considered this report?

MR. HORSMAN: Mr. Speaker, at this stage I don't recall having seen that report myself. However, I will certainly discuss that matter with the manpower division of the department and the planning secretariat, which is responsible for identifying manpower requirements throughout the province.

I think it's important to point out, however, that through the co-operation of the boards of governors at Grande Prairie community college and Fairview College, an extensive upgrading of the apprenticeship programming in the Peace River country is being undertaken and will be enhanced in the next few years. In addition, of course, much of the manpower requirement in the highly

skilled trades and technologies is being provided by increased programming at Northern Alberta and Southern Alberta Institutes of Technology.

Certainly it's very important to my department and to the government to have these manpower requirements identified early so we can take the necessary steps to increase our programming. I certainly appreciate the question from the hon. member.

#### **Employment of Juveniles**

MRS. FYFE: A supplementary question to the Minister of Labour, Mr. Speaker, relating to the employment of juveniles. Has there been any change in your department's policy relating to the work experience program of those students, particularly 14- and 15-year-olds?

MR. YOUNG: Mr. Speaker, I'm not aware of a change in departmental policy and therefore don't believe that there has been a change. I am aware of a problem that the hon. Member for St. Albert brought to my attention with respect to work experience programs in schools. I think one of the policy questions which my department will have to address is whether, in fact, the employment of adolescents between 12 and 15 years in work experience programs is true employment in the generally accepted meaning of the term, or whether it relates much more to an educational experience and could be exempted from the normal regulatory control on the basis that very close supervision and, for that matter, individual attention would be given by educational authorities. It seems to me that that is a different kind of program, and perhaps we need to examine our policies to make sure that there is, in fact, that differentiation.

#### **Assured Income Plan**

MRS. CHICHAK: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct my question to the Minister of Social Services and Community Health, and I'd like to indicate at this time that I would have at least a couple of supplementaries.

Mr. Speaker, my first question to the hon. minister is: could he indicate to what degree there has been refinement and clarification of the regulations on assured income for the handicapped?

MR. BOGLE: Mr. Speaker, as I indicated when we were debating the Bill during the spring sitting of the session, regulations would be fine-tuned as time went on. We've had an opportunity as a government to do that. That's not to suggest further fine-tuning may not be required as we go along. But there has been some adjustment to the regulations to the benefit of recipients.

MRS. CHICHAK: Mr. Speaker, my first supplementary is with respect to the income test consideration for applicants. Is it the policy of the minister and the government that the income of a common-law spouse would be considered as income of a family unit, where there is no issue of such a relationship?

MR. BOGLE: Mr. Speaker, there are two categories in determining income; one is for a single person, the other for a family unit. If there is a situation where there is in fact a family unit, that would come under that category.

MRS. CHICHAK: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to have perhaps a little more clarification on the hon. minister's response

in indicating where there is a family unit. Would it be the minister's understanding that where two young people are cohabiting, not having that cohabitation legalized or legitimized, and one individual has met with a disastrous accident and become an invalid, does the hon. minister then take the position that the income of the cohabiting individual has the responsibility of the other individual . . .

MR. SPEAKER: Order please. There's a growing suspicion in the Chair that we are exploring regulations. If that's the purpose of this line of questions, it shouldn't happen here.

MRS. CHICHAK: Well, Mr. Speaker, can I perhaps clarify? The point of my question would really indicate whether it's a matter of policy, what the recognition of cohabitation is insofar as the income and the requirement of one individual to support another when there isn't a legalized relationship.

MR. BOGLE: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

#### **Rail Transport — Damaged Bridge**

MR. LYSONS: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct my question to the Minister of Economic Development. It's regarding the bridge in Vancouver that was knocked out by a ship. I wonder if he has any information as to when the bridge may be replaced or be back in service.

MR. PLANCHE: Mr. Speaker, the repairs to the Second Narrows Bridge are on schedule. We would expect the bridge to be back in service in late January.

DR. PAPROSKI: A supplementary to the minister, Mr. Speaker. It's to follow up a question I asked earlier in this sitting regarding making representation to the British Columbia government regarding this matter. I wonder if the minister would now indicate to the House whether he has made that representation directly to the B.C. government.

MR. PLANCHE: I have not, Mr. Speaker, but I'd refer to the hon. Premier for some comments in that regard.

MR. LOUGHEED: Mr. Speaker, I did raise the matter in a discussion with the Premier of British Columbia, in the sense that we were having a growing concern here in the province of Alberta of our dependency with regard to that particular port. We recognized it was in another province, and I advised him we were doing a further assessment with regard to the degree in which we are subject to the difficulties inherent within that port. To that degree and also with discussion with the business community in British Columbia we're following up on the high degree of dependency of the people of Alberta on the efficiency, or lack of it, of the port of Vancouver.

#### **First Ministers' Meeting**

MR. KNAAK: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the hon. Premier. It concerns a recent announcement by the Prime Minister of Canada concerning a first ministers' conference on the economy.

Mr. Premier, has a date been finalized regarding the conference, and has the agenda been struck? In particu-

lar, will the government of Alberta be recommending that interest be one of the main items for consideration?

MR. LOUGHEED: Mr. Speaker, the meeting dates have been established, or re-established. When we met in Ottawa on Monday with regard to energy, we confirmed the desire of all first ministers to have a conference on the economy during December. I would answer the second part of the hon. member's question and say definitely that the question of interest rates will be raised by the government of Alberta and our concern with the present monetary policy of tracking the United States rate.

MR. KNAAK: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Will the Alberta government be taking a position contrary to the federal government's on the issue that a reduction in the interest rate will lower the exchange value, and that lowering the exchange value of the Canadian dollar will not solve the current account imbalance at present? In other words, will the Alberta government be taking the opposite position of the federal government, that lowering the foreign exchange rate will not solve Canada's problems?

MR. LOUGHEED: Mr. Speaker, I think it would be premature for us to respond to that at this time. We have had discussions of that nature with the premiers, both at the meeting of western premiers in Prince George and again with the premiers in Quebec this summer. I'm sure there will be an extensive debate on the nature of the important issues raised by the hon. member. But as to the precise position the government of Alberta would take at that conference, I just could not advise the House at this stage.

#### **Grain Handling — Hopper Cars**

MR. STEWART: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Economic Development. Since the recent announcement of the thousand hopper cars that the province is developing, and recognizing the lead time necessary for their construction, I wondered if he'd had consultation with the federal counterpart relative to the availability of leasing similar equipment from other jurisdictions to be used in the interim.

MR. PLANCHE: No, Mr. Speaker, I have not.

#### **Professions Legislation**

MR. R. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to direct a question to the Attorney General and ask what is the anticipated action by the government between now and the spring session with regard to The Architects Act, 1979, and The Health Occupations Act?

MR. CRAWFORD: Mr. Speaker, I think those questions were answered a day or so ago in the Assembly by my hon. colleagues. But in summary, the situation is that in light of representations received, those pieces of legislation will be considered as to their present form for reintroduction, taking into account the various observations that have been made.

I think the forecast, to the best of my ability to give it, Mr. Speaker, would be that sometime in the next session the legislation would be back, but that it would not be in precisely the same form hon. members have already seen.

MR. R. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary question to the minister. I ask the question from the standpoint of individuals and organizations who have concern.

Is it the expectation of the government that those people or groups who have concern would in fact make their concerns known to the Minister of Housing and Public Works as far as The Architects Act, 1979, is concerned, and the minister who introduced The Health Occupations Act? Or in fact is the more acceptable route through the Government House Leader or some caucus committee? What is the government's expectation in that area?

MR. CRAWFORD: Mr. Speaker, I don't want to encourage too many representations in regard to those matters to be made to the House Leader, but I think the other routes the hon. member has suggested are the ones people will use. The Architects Act, 1979, and The Health Occupations Act have been before the House since spring. They have been brought to the Assembly by members of Executive Council, and I would think that they would receive representations. Some further representations will undoubtedly be made to caucus committees, and indeed to individual MLAs. I expect to receive them from constituents.

MR. NOTLEY: The firemen could have been treated the same.

MR. R. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, to the Government House Leader. For those individuals or organizations who have concern about the general overall format of the professional legislation approach, as I think it's fair to say was somewhat exemplified in The Architects Act, 1979 — should that kind of very basic representation about the overall approach to legislation for occupations go to the Minister of Housing and Public Works, or in fact to the Government House Leader?

MR. CRAWFORD: Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Advanced Education and Manpower has assumed the overall responsibility for co-ordination in that area, so that sort of representation could be made to him.

#### **Oil Extraction**

MR. PAHL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources. I wonder if the minister could advise this Assembly as to the average current rate of recovery of light- and medium-gravity crudes from our conventional oil fields.

MR. LEITCH: Mr. Speaker, I take it the hon. member's question relates to the volume of the reserves we're now able to produce. On average, we produce between 30 and 35 per cent of the reserves in place.

MR. PAHL: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if the minister could advise the House what is being done at present to improve that 30 to 35 per cent rate of recovery of our declining reserves.

MR. LEITCH: Mr. Speaker, for some time we have had an enhanced-recovery royalty relief program. That program provides royalty relief if an enhanced-recovery scheme — that is, a scheme over and above the ordinary secondary water flood schemes, including such things as liquid flooding, miscible flooding, polymer flooding, and

C O<sub>2</sub> flooding — is approved by the Energy Resources Conservation Board but, because of the economics, could not go ahead without some royalty relief. An application is then made and granted for royalty relief. It takes into account the capital and operating costs directly related to the enhanced-recovery program. In accordance with the regulations, those costs are offset against royalty payments.

MR. PAHL: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. In light of the legislation this House is passing, specifically Bill 58 increasing the role of the Alberta oil sands environmental research program and Heritage Savings Trust Fund in enhanced recovery of secondary and tertiary reserves, could the minister advise the House whether any specific projects will go forward as a result?

MR. LEITCH: Mr. Speaker, the hon. member's question highlights a very important policy change on the part of the government, which has been endorsed by the Assembly through the passage of that legislation and the approval of funding from the capital projects division of the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund. That program is designed to have industry to work in partnership with the Alberta Oil Sands Technology and Research Authority to develop new technologies designed to increase the volume of oil that would be produced from our conventional reserves.

Mr. Speaker, we have not yet been able to enter into any specific arrangements with the industry, but I know AOSTRA personnel will be working very hard to endeavor to do so as soon as possible because, in their judgment — and I certainly concur — this is one of the most likely places where we can increase the so desperately needed oil supplies in Canada.

MR. SPEAKER: The time for the question period has elapsed, but if the Assembly agrees, I believe the hon. Minister responsible for Culture would like to supplement an answer.

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

**Anniversary Celebrations**  
(continued)

MRS. LeMESSURIER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to clarify about the medals for the 75th Anniversary. The first point is that approximately 200 medals will be given to residents 75 years of age and older who were resident in Alberta or the Territories in 1905. Approximately 60,000 medals will be given to a very special group of people, those 75 years of age and older. Medals will be given to children who will be born on September 1. Also, we'll be giving medals to the distinguished visitors to our province during the year.

MRS. EMBURY: Mr. Speaker, could I beg leave of the Assembly to ask the hon. Premier a very short question?

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

**Grey Cup**

MRS. EMBURY: Does the hon. Premier plan to be in Montreal on November 25, and does he plan to wear a white Stetson? [laughter]

## ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

head: **PRIVATE BILLS**

(Committee of the Whole)

[Mr. Appleby in the Chair]

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

**Bill Pr. 9**  
**The Canadian Union College**  
**Amendment Act, 1979**

MR. CHAIRMAN: There is an amendment, which I believe has been circulated. Are there any questions or comments regarding the amendment?

[Motion on amendment carried]

[Title and preamble agreed to]

MR. THOMPSON: Mr. Chairman, I move that Bill Pr. No. 9 be reported as amended.

[Motion carried]

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

[Motion carried]

[Mr. Speaker in the Chair]

MR. APPLEBY: Mr. Speaker, the Committee of the Whole Assembly has had under consideration, and reports with some amendments, Bill Pr. No. 9.

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

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

head: **GOVERNMENT MOTIONS**  
(Committee of Supply)

[Mr. Appleby in the Chair]

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Committee of Supply will please come to order.

ALBERTA HERITAGE SAVINGS TRUST FUND  
· CAPITAL PROJECTS DIVISION  
THE ALBERTA HERITAGE FOUNDATION  
FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH  
1979-80 ESTIMATES OF PROPOSED INVESTMENTS

**Executive Council**

**1 — The Alberta Heritage  
Foundation for Medical Research Act**

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are there any comments regarding this appropriation?

Agreed to:

1 — The Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Act	\$300,000,000
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MR. LOUGHEED: Mr. Speaker, I move the resolution be reported.

[Motion carried]

ALBERTA HERITAGE SAVINGS TRUST FUND  
CAPITAL PROJECTS DIVISION  
1979-80 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES  
OF INVESTMENT (A), 1979-80

Agreed to:

**Agriculture**

1(a) — Farming For the Future Program	\$600,000
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**Education**

1(a) — Alberta Heritage Learning Resources	\$1,191,800
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**Environment**

1(a) — Capital City Recreation Park	\$1,215,000
2(a) — Fish Creek Provincial Park	\$3,300,000

MR. HYNDMAN: I move the resolutions be reported.

[Motion carried]

MR. HORSMAN: Mr. Chairman, I move the Committee of Supply rise and report.

[Motion carried]

[Mr. Speaker in the Chair]

MR. APPLEBY: Mr. Speaker, the Committee of Supply has had under consideration the following resolutions and reports as follows:

Resolved that from the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund a sum not exceeding \$300,000,000 be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1980, for the purpose of making an investment for the purpose of The Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Act, to be administered by the president of Executive Council.

Resolved that from the Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund sums not exceeding the following be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1980, for the purpose of making further investments in projects to be administered by: the Minister of Agriculture, \$600,000 for Farming for the Future; the Minister of Education, \$1,191,800 for Alberta Heritage Learning Resources; the Minister of Environment, \$1,215,000 for Capital City Recreation Park and \$3,300,000 for Fish Creek Provincial Park.

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

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. CRAWFORD: Mr. Speaker, before proceeding with third reading, I ask the consent of the House to take more than one step today with respect to Bill Pr. 9, which has been in committee.

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: Might I just interrupt briefly. Would the Assembly agree that the hon. Member for Cardston might revert to Introduction of Special Guests?

HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

head: **INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS**  
(reversion)

MR. THOMPSON: Mr. Speaker, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to introduce to you, and through you to the House, 31 members of the Cardston 4-H Club, who are accompanied by Fran and Ralph Salt, and Ida Lowe. They have travelled over 300 miles to be with us today. They are seated in the members gallery, and I would ask that they rise now and receive the welcome of the House.

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

**Bill 35**

**The Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund  
Special Appropriation Act, 1980-81**

MR. HYNDMAN: Mr. Speaker, I move third reading of Bill No. 35, The Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Special Appropriation Act, 1980-81.

[Motion earned; Bill 35 read a third time]

**Bill 40**

**The Partition and Sale Act**

MR. CRAWFORD: Mr. Speaker, I move third reading of Bill No. 40, The Partition and Sale Act.

MR. R. CLARK: Mr. Speaker, before we have third reading of the Bill, I want to make two points very clearly. I have no serious problem with the Bill other than Section 16. But I believe Section 16 is so absolutely wrong that it's my intention to vote against the Bill on third reading and to attempt to have a standing vote on it.

MR. NOTLEY: Mr. Speaker, with respect to third reading of Bill 40, without going over all the arguments that took place in committee yesterday, I would be less than honest if I didn't say that I remain unconvinced, notwithstanding the best efforts of the hon. Attorney General to argue the case. It seems to me that with respect to Section 16, we still have what many people feel, I think with some justification, is a loophole in the Act that the municipalities and counties affected are very concerned about.

Mr. Speaker, I really think the government would have been much wiser to have held over this Bill to the spring session so they could have formally discussed with the affected municipalities as well as the Association of

Municipal Districts and Counties the impact of Bill 40, with particular reference to Section 16. That was not done.

It seems to me it will cause no small amount of concern that we are prepared, apparently, to do that in the case of some people. That's fair enough. It's reasonable that we're holding over The Architects Act because of the representation made. It's reasonable that we're holding over the health profession Act. We should have done the same with the firemen's Act. But it appears that in this instance we're going to rush ahead in the same way we did with the fire fighters' Act.

Mr. Speaker, I would say that in view of the concern expressed by the municipalities involved, that course is neither wise nor justified. Therefore, I will vote against the Bill on third reading as well.

MRS. CRIPPS: Mr. Speaker, I think two points need clarification. First, it needs to be made abundantly clear that subdivision by partition did, in fact, bypass the intent of The Planning Act, and that's land use. I was at the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties last evening, and the councillors are concerned — rightly so — about the loss of good farm land. They have a responsibility under The Planning Act to consider land use — a responsibility they do not take lightly.

Secondly, a bypassing of The Planning Act was never the intention of the government. That's why the amendment was passed in 1976, making it absolutely clear that land could no longer be subdivided by partition. While it was now illegal to subdivide by partition, it was not the intention of the government to create a legal jungle by regarding the partitions passed prior to the 1976 amendments.

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

[Three minutes having elapsed, the House divided]

For the motion:

Adair	Harle	Payne
Anderson, C.	Hiebert	Pengelly
Anderson, D.	Horsman	Planche
Appleby	Hyndman	Purdy
Batiuk	Isley	Reid
Bogle	Knaak	Schmid
Borstad	Koziak	Schmidt
Bradley	Kroeger	Shaben
Campbell	Kushner	Sindlinger
Carter	Leitch	Stevens
Chambers	LeMessurier	Stewart
Chichak	Lougheed	Stromberg
Clark, L.	Lysons	Thompson
Cook	Magee	Topolnisky
Cookson	McCrae	Trynchy
Crawford	McCrimmon	Webber
Cripps	Miller	Wolstenholme
Diachuk	Oman	Woo
Embury	Pahl	Young
Fjordbotten	Paproski	Zaozirny
Fyfe		

Against the motion:

Clark, R.	Mandeville	Notley
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Totals:	Ayes - 61	Noes - 3
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[Bill 40 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
46	The Irrigation Amendment Act, 1979	Isley (for Hyland)
54	The Provincial Parks Amendment Act, 1979	Trynchy
57	The Oil and Gas Conservation Amendment Act, 1979	Leitch
59	The Petroleum Marketing Amendment Act, 1979	Leitch
60	The Natural Gas Pricing Agreement Amendment Act, 1979	Leitch
61	The Alberta Order of Excellence Act	LeMessurier
62	The Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Act	Lougheed
63	The Appropriation (Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Capital Projects Division, The Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research) Act, 1979	Hyndman
69	The Motor Transport Amendment Act, 1979	Kroeger
71	The Occupational Health and Safety Amendment Act, 1979	Diachuk (for Little)
72	The Appropriation (Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Capital Projects Division) Supplementary Act, 1979	Hyndman
73	The Appropriation (Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Capital Projects Division) Act, 1979	Hyndman
77	The Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Amendment Act, 1979	Hyndman

#### 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. 1	The Newman Theological College Amendment Act, 1979	Hiebert

No.	Name	Moved by		and Rural Utilities Guarantee Amendment Act, 1979
Pr. 2	The King's College Act	Carter (for Mack)	Bill 44	The Firefighters and Policemen Labour Relations Amendment Act, 1979
Pr. 5	The Merchants and Traders Assurance Company Amendment Act, 1979	Knaak	Bill 45	The Mental Health Amendment Act, 1979
Pr. 6	The Prairie Trust Corporation Act	Sindlinger	Bill 46	The Irrigation Amendment Act, 1979
Pr. 7	The Highfield Trust Company Act	Sindlinger	Bill 47	The Mobile Equipment Licensing Repeal Act
Pr. 8	The University of Alberta and St. Stephen's College Perpetuities Act	Cook	Bill 48	The Attorney General Statutes Amendment Act, 1979 (No. 2)
Pr. 9	The Canadian Union College Amendment Act, 1979	Thompson	Bill 50	The Alberta Health Care Insurance Amendment Act, 1979
Pr.10	The Our Lady of The Rosary Hospital, Castor Act	Paproski	Bill 51	The Health Insurance Premiums Amendment Act, 1979
Pr.11	The Western Union Insurance Company Amendment Act, 1979	Kushner (for Planche)	Bill 52	The Chattel Security Statutes Amendment Act, 1979
MR. CRAWFORD:	Mr. Speaker, His Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor will now attend upon the Assembly.		Bill 53	The Department of Education Amendment Act, 1979
[Mr. Speaker left the Chair]			Bill 54	The Provincial Parks Amendment Act, 1979
			Bill 55	The Sale of Chattels by Public Auction Amendment Act, 1979
			Bill 56	The Alberta Labour Amendment Act, 1979
			Bill 57	The Oil and Gas Conservation Amendment Act, 1979
			Bill 58	The Oil Sands Technology and Research Authority Amendment Act, 1979
			Bill 59	The Petroleum Marketing Amendment Act, 1979
			Bill 60	The Natural Gas Pricing Agreement Amendment Act, 1979
			Bill 61	The Alberta Order of Excellence Act
			Bill 62	The Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Act
			Bill 63	The Appropriation (Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Capital Projects Division, The Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research) Act, 1979
			Bill 64	The Statute Law Correction Act, 1979
			Bill 65	The Weed Control Act, 1979
			Bill 66	The Planning Amendment Act, 1979
			Bill 67	The Real Estate Agents' Licensing Amendment Act, 1979
			Bill 68	The Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 1979
			Bill 69	The Motor Transport Amendment Act, 1979
			Bill 70	The Department of Social Services and Community Health Amendment Act, 1979
			Bill 71	The Occupational Health and Safety Amendment Act, 1979
			Bill 72	The Appropriation (Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Capital Projects Division) Supplementary Act, 1979
			Bill 73	The Appropriation (Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund, Capital Projects Division) Act, 1979
			Bill 74	The Legislative Assembly Amendment Act, 1979 (No. 2)
			Bill 75	The Trust Companies Amendment Act, 1979
			Bill 76	The School Amendment Act, 1979
			Bill 77	The Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Amendment Act, 1979
			Bill Pr. 1	The Newman Theological College Amendment Act, 1979
			Bill Pr. 2	The King's College Act
			Bill Pr. 5	The Merchants and Traders Assurance Company Amendment Act, 1979
			Bill Pr. 6	The Prairie Trust Corporation Act
			Bill Pr. 7	The Highfield Trust Company Act
			Bill Pr. 8	The University of Alberta and St.
Bill 32	The Bread Repeal Act			
Bill 33	The Revised Statutes 1980 Act			
Bill 34	The Teachers' Retirement Fund Amendment Act, 1979			
Bill 35	The Alberta Heritage Savings Trust Fund Special Appropriation Act, 1980/81			
Bill 36	The Municipal and School Administration Amendment Act, 1979			
Bill 37	The Social Development Amendment Act, 1979 (No. 2)			
Bill 38	The Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Amendment Act, 1979			
Bill 39	The Private Vocational Schools Act			
Bill 40	The Partition and Sale Act			
Bill 41	The Licensing of Trades and Businesses Amendment Act, 1979			
Bill 42	The Public Contributions Amendment Act, 1979			
Bill 43	The Co-operative Marketing Associations			

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 sitting, 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 Pr. 9 Stephen's College Perpetuities Act  
The Canadian Union College Amendment  
Act, 1979  
Bill Pr. 10 The Our Lady of The Rosary Hospital,  
Castor Act  
Bill Pr. 11 The Western Union Insurance Company  
Amendment Act, 1979

[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

In bringing this session to a close, I want to express my thanks and the thanks of all the people of Alberta for the

efficient and diligent way in which you have conducted the affairs of this province. I hope that now you will all be free for a holiday, be able to relax for a while and enjoy your families with the knowledge of a job well done. I thank you.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Order!

[The Lieutenant-Governor left the House]

[Mr. Speaker in the Chair]

MR. CRAWFORD: It is his Honour the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that this Assembly now be prorogued, and this Assembly is accordingly prorogued.

[The House prorogued at 11:45 a.m.]