LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF SASKATCHEWAN Fourth Session — Thirteenth Legislature 36th Day

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The House met at 2:30 o'clock p.m.

WELCOME TO STUDENTS

Hon. C.G. Willis (Melfort-Tisdale): — Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day are proceeded with, I wish to call the attention of the House to the Grade 12 pupils here from Daleville High School in the community of Pleasantdale, in the constituency of Melfort-Tisdale. They are accompanied by their teacher, Miss Henderson. They are enjoying themselves immensely, and I am sure they will carry home with them a lot of memories of a day well spent.

Mr. A.T. Stone (Saskatoon City): — I, too, Mr. Speaker, would like to welcome a group of students from Saskatoon. I am sure all members will join with me in saying how pleased we are to have them with us, and hope they have an enjoyable trip.

QUESTION RE MEDICAL CARE PROGRAM

Mr. G. Herman Danielson (Arm River): — Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question of the Government. I don't know whether I am in order, or not, but the reason is purely personal. What I would like to ask the Minister is this, and I do this because I have the Speech from the Throne before me in regard to the health legislation and medical scheme: "Legislation established in the framework of this program will be introduced for your consideration." Will that be done?

Premier Douglas: — Mr. Speaker, it is unlikely that legislation will be introduced now regarding the health program. The legislation would have been purely enabling legislation, setting out the framework within which the Committee on Medical Care would have operated. It was our hope that this Committee would be set up in February or March, and that it would be possible to submit to them the draft of this Bill. The Committee hasn't been set up. It will be set up, we think, in the course of the next few days. I think it has already been announced by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan, that they are now ready to make their appointments to the committee. However, that Committee wouldn't have time to review this legislation before submitting it to the House. We feel it would

be discourteous to them to introduce legislation which they haven't seen. This does not in any way interfere with the timetable which the Government has in mind. It is hoped that this legislation can be submitted in 1961, which would still provide ample opportunity for setting up a medical care program sometime in that year.

NEWSPAPER CORRECTION

Hon. J.T. Douglas (Minister of Highways): — Mr. Speaker, yesterday I drew to the attention of the House an error that appeared in the 'Leader-Post' of March 30. I note in today's issue that correction has not been made. It is a very serious omission and one I can understand could easily happen, but I am going to ask that the press be informed that this mistake be rectified. I do not want to have it said that I had admitted in this House that the fees for truckers had been raised very materially. I did not make that statement.

The Assembly then adjourned at 10:00 o'clock p.m.