

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF SASKATCHEWAN
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Thursday, April 4, 1963

The House met at 10:00 o'clock a.m.

On the Orders of the Day.

Mr. A.L. Stevens (Rosetown): — Before the orders of the day are called I wish to make an announcement which should be of great interest to some members of this legislature, and particularly the members from Milestone (Mr. Erb) and Morse (Mr. Thatcher). Mr. Speaker, a new era in political life of this province has been born in Assiniboia. A new party has been formed which should appeal to members out of place in their established party, and the great new Messiah is Hazen Argue.

Mr. Speaker: — That statement is out of order.

Mr. W.R. Thatcher (Morse): — Mr. Speaker, of course that is out of order and of course it is a lot of nonsense too. Mr. Hazen Argue will be the M.P. for Assiniboia after Monday – for the Liberal party.

Mr. Speaker: — I think the statement is out of order and any discussion on it will also be out of order.

Special Committee on Expropriation

Hon. Mr. Lloyd moved:

That Mr. Whelan, as Chairman, together with Messrs. Walker, Willis, Thibault, Thurston, Cameron, Gardiner and Stavelly be constituted to conduce an enquiry,

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following prorogation of the Assembly and during the inter-sessional period into all matters relating to the expropriation of lands by public and private authorities;

That the said committee have power to send for persons, papers and records and to examine witnesses under oath; to receive representations from persons employed by public and private authorities empowered to expropriate land, from interested persons and from members of the general public and for this purpose to hold meetings or hearings away from the seat of Government in order that the fullest representation maybe received without inconveniencing those desiring to be heard;

That the committee have power to engage legal counsel and such advisers and assistants as are required for the purpose of the enquiry and, in addition, if considered necessary or desirable, to request the assistance of staff employed by the departments of Government; and

That the said committee do submit a report, together with a draft Bill to the Government on behalf of the Assembly, on or before December 31, 1963, in order to facilitate action being taken upon any recommendation it may desire to make arising from its enquiry, the said report to be submitted to the Assembly not later than the tenth sitting day of the next ensuring session of the Assembly.

Premier Lloyd: — The motion as it appears on the order paper is self-explanatory. It is simply a follow-up to complete the motion previously accepted by the legislature with regard to an inter-sessional committee to enquire into expropriation procedures as presently defined by the statues of the province. The members of the committee have been discussed, the names appear here. I would consequently then move, seconded by Mr. Brockelbank, the resolution as it appears on the order paper.

Mr. W.R. Thatcher: — Mr. Speaker, when the opposition was considering this particular motion, some of our members felt rather strongly that they should have the privilege of presenting a minority report if they didn't agree with the ultimate recommendation. I discussed this with the Premier and he told me he could see nothing that would prevent this. I don't see anything in the resolution but I would like to have the assurance of the Premier that this would be so.

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Premier Lloyd: — Mr. Chairman, insofar as . . .

Mr. Speaker: — I must warn members that the Premier will be closing the debate if he speaks now.

Premier Lloyd: — Mr. Speaker, insofar as I am aware, the right to propose a minority report is something that has never been rejected or never been denied. I have in mind here too the precedent which was established in regard to the legislative committee in regard to certain liquor licensing and certain extensions in the way of disposing of liquor in the province. You will recall that at that time that several of the members, while they did not submit minority reports in total, did dissent with regard to certain specific items of it and I would presume that that procedure or the procedure of a total minority report if so desired is in the hands of the committee and certainly so far as we are concerned there is no reason to have any apprehension about it being denied.

Motion agreed to.

The Assembly adjourned at 10:02 o'clock p.m.