

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF SASKATCHEWAN**  
**Second Session - Fifteenth Legislature**  
**44th Day**

Thursday, April 7, 1966

The Assembly met at 9 o'clock a.m.  
on the Orders of the Day.

**QUESTION RE SESSIONAL PAPER NO. 269**

**Mr. J. H. Brockelbank** (Kelsey): — Mr. Speaker, Before orders of the Day, I want to bring to the attention of the government and the house a complaint I have to make in regard to sessional paper no. 269 which was return no. 118, and it reads:

On motion of Mr. Brockelbank (Kelsey) an order of the legislative assembly was issued on March 22, 1966 for a return showing:

copies of (a) Any resignation submitted by Mrs. C. E. Schwartz, former secretary to the Minister of Mineral Resources; (b) The Order-in-Council terminating her employment as secretary to the minister, and (c) The Order-in-Council appointing her successor.

As I noted that was passed by the legislature on March 22, and it comes back with this on it:

Secretarial or clerical assistants for each member of the Executive Council are specifically placed in the unclassified division of the public service under the provision of section 9c of the Public Service Act.

I didn't ask that at all. That is just padding put in for some reason, but then the next statement is:

It is not in the public interest to make public correspondence relating to employment between a minister and an employee in the unclassified service except where there is statutory provisions for doing so.

If shelter was to be taken behind the question of public interest, this should have been raised on March 22nd when the question was in the house, Sir. Because when this was passed by the house, it was beyond the power of the minister or anybody else to take shelter under this provision for it was then an order of the house. Consequently we did not get that. Then it goes on and the answer to (b) is:

The Order in Council terminating her employment as secretary, cancelling the appointment of Mrs. Schwartz . . .

Then there is supposed to be an Order-in-Council appointing her successor and there is no copy of an Order-in-Council appointing her successor here with this return. I think it is deficient in two ways: (1) — the letter of resignation is not with it, and (2) — the Order in Council appointing her successor is not here.

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**Hon. D. V. Heald** (Attorney General): — Mr. Speaker, the minister in charge of this department and in charge for preparing the return is not here, all I can tell the hon. member is that as soon as he comes I will take it up with him.

**Mr. Brockelbank** (Kelsey): — He hasn't got a resignation that is why he didn't give one.

**Mr. Heald**: — I don't know, but all I can do is take it up with him.

#### **QUESTION RE INCENTIVE GRANTS — EDUCATION**

**Mr. W. S. Lloyd** (Leader of the Opposition): — Mr. Speaker, before Orders of the Day, during the discussion on education estimates, the minister undertook to provide us with a copy of an explanation as to the basis of the distribution of the so-called incentive grants. The minister has not yet seen fit to do so. Does this mean that we are not going to receive this explanation?

**Hon. G. J. Trapp** (Minister of Education): — It doesn't mean that at all, Mr. Speaker, I must say this though. You know there are over 200 school systems. We had the budgets in, looked them over and made assessment of these. We find there are two or three boards who have errors in their budgets. Now they did not intend to; they were honest mistakes. We have checked with them and there will be some changes. I didn't want to put out a report that somebody would hold up to me in a year and say "Here is what you said last year in print and now this is changed." The changes are legitimate because of errors in accounting, shall I say, in reporting. But you will get them as soon as we have the final figure.

**Mr. Lloyd**: — Mr. Speaker, with deference the minister has not answered my question. My question as to the basis of determining the grants, of course, has nothing whatsoever to do with examining the budgets. They must have had a basis to determine them before they examined the last two budgets. That is the explanation as to the basis on which these grants were determined that the minister undertook to give during estimates.

#### **QUESTION RE SASKATCHEWAN SAVINGS BONDS**

**Mr. W. A. Robbins** (Saskatoon City): — Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day are called, I wonder if the Provincial Treasurer would care to give a report on the final results in relation to the 6th series of Saskatchewan Savings Bonds. I believe the last time he reported he said they had \$12,247,000 in, but he anticipated there would be a bit more.

**Hon. W. Ross Thatcher** (Premier): — I speak from memory but I think the final figure was \$12,370,000.

### THIRD READINGS

**Hon. W. Ross Thatcher**, (Premier), moved third reading of Bill No. 82, **An Act Respecting Home-owner Grants**.

**Mr. W. S. Lloyd** (Leader of the Opposition): — Mr. Speaker, the position of this group with respect to this particular bill was made clear at the time of second reading, by the member from Swift Current (Mr. Wood) and by myself during the Throne Speech debate. At that time we did indicate our opinion that the bill would be of value, the plan would be of value to a considerable number of people. We had some suggestions which, in our opinion, would improve the bill. Before the bill gets its third reading, I want to express the regrets of those of us in this area of the house that the government rejected every amendment which we proposed and suggested to them. Had they not so rejected them, Mr. Speaker, the plan would have provided more benefits, and distributed them with more fairness.

Had they not so rejected them, then a number of the discriminatory features of the bill would have been removed. Had they accepted our suggestions, the government would not have had the extraordinary and unwarranted power which the bill proposes to give them. The power provides them with the quality to make decisions of considerable importance to individuals, to make those decisions without any possibility of appeal. These powers enable the government without cause, and without need, to explain or to justify and without any recourse by the homeowner concerned to deny the people benefits which this Act proposes to confer.

Some of the suggestions which were rejected by the government I want to state briefly. One of these would have prevented the exclusion of renters. Renters are people who indirectly pay taxes. They make up about one-quarter of Saskatchewan families. They are being excluded by the means test which the government has included in the bill. These suggestions, if accepted, would have directed the payment of the grants through municipalities, rather than by the cheques signed by the Premier, to the successful applicant homeowner. This procedure would have made the grant administratively more simple, would have made the plan less of a political mechanism. It would have removed from each homeowner the necessity of personal application for his rights.

Some of these suggestions, Mr. Speaker, would have prevented the odious procedure now allowed of excluding the homeowners of Lloydminster and district by a stroke of the cabinet's pen. The use of the government authority to punish a group in this way is at least one of the more odious features.

Undoubtedly the most serious inclusion in the act is that of section 12, and I want to read specifically what that section says:

The determination of the minister that the applicant for the Home-owner grant is not entitled to such a grant is final.

This section cannot be condemned too strongly. This is an authority, one without any appeal, an authority to be exercised without conditions or cause being spelled out for which no government should ask.

The government refused to remove it. And they refused, Mr.

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Speaker, suggestions which would have improved the act in its administration, in its substance, in its fairness. They lost an opportunity to improve their legislation and in so doing, I want to emphatically express our regrets that they did not move in some of the ways suggested.

**Hon. W. Ross Thatcher** (Premier): — Mr. Speaker, at this late date, I am not going to prolong the debate, but one of the features of the current session has been that time after time the Socialists have got up and complained about legislation. Then after talking against the bill for hour after hour, they invariably get up and vote for it.

Now, they have told us this is an iniquitous piece of legislation; it doesn't help the right people, it has got too much compulsion in it, and a lot of other things. Nevertheless, they lack the courage, as usual, Mr. Speaker, to vote against this very progressive legislation.

This bill will help every property owner in the province of Saskatchewan. Just to show how honest these Socialists are again, Mr. Speaker, we are going to call for a recorded vote on third reading. After all the talk, after the speech of the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Lloyd) this morning, just watch him get up and vote for this bill.

Motion agreed to on the following recorded division.

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Thatcher	MacDonald	Blakeney
Howes	Gallagher	Davies
McFarlane	Breker	Thibault
Cameron	Leith	Willis
Steuart	Radloff	Whelan
Heald	Romuld	Nicholson
Gardiner (Melville)	Weatherald	Kramer
Guy	MacLennan	Berezowsky
Merchant (Mrs.)	Hooker	Smishek
Loken	Coupland	Brotten
MacDougall	Gardner (Moosomin)	Larson
Grant	Mitchell	Robbins
Coderre	Lloyd	Pepper
Bjarnason	Wood	Brockelbank (Saskatoon City)
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**WELCOME TO STUDENTS**

**Mr. C. G. Willis** (Melfort-Tisdale): — Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome to the assembly a group of students from Pleasantdale, from Dalville High School. Their teacher, Mrs. Neufeldt, is accompanying them. They have spent the morning touring the RCMP buildings, the IPSCO plant, and this building. I am sure by the time they have

completed the day and the other tours which have been arranged for them, they will have found that this has been both an educational and informative occasion for them. I want to welcome them on your behalf, Mr. Speaker, and on behalf of the assembly.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**Mr. W. G. Davies** (Moose Jaw): — Mr. Speaker, before we begin this afternoon, I would also like to introduce a group of 78 students in the east gallery from another pleasant valley near Regina, namely the friendly city of Moose Jaw, and in this case, King George School. The students are in grade eight and are accompanied by their principal, Mr. Murray and the Social Studies teacher, Mr. Reid. They too, I understand, are on a tour of the city besides the Legislative Building.

I should inform them that we are informal this afternoon in committee and are in the declining part of the legislative session. This is supposed to be the last day, hopefully, and I know everyone here in the legislature would want us to wish them a pleasant stay here and an instructive and very enjoyable afternoon.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

## SECOND READINGS

**Hon. D. V. Heald** (Attorney General): — moved second reading of Bill No. 104, **An Act to amend the Land Titles Act.**

He said: Mr. Speaker, I would move second reading of this bill and I think I should say a word in explanation. I have discussed this matter with hon. members and I must say that I am indebted to them for agreeing to give me leave to bring the bill in at this late time.

The Premier mentioned earlier the reasons why it was necessary to introduce the bill into the house. The effect of the bill briefly, is to provide for the issuance in the province of Saskatchewan of leasehold titles; that is to say for anybody who is the holder of a lease for a term of 10 years or more, there will not be provision in the Land Titles Act for issuance of title, of leasehold title. Before there has only been a fee simple title issued. This provision in the Land Titles Act that we are proposing is similar to provisions in the Land Titles Acts of Manitoba and Alberta and other provinces. It is made necessary by virtue of the fact there are a number of large developments in the province, shopping centre developments, where it is not possible for the holders of these long-term leases to get a fee simple title. Their financing is done by way of leasehold titles and that is why it is necessary to have these amendments.

With that short explanation, Mr. Speaker, I would beg leave of the assembly to move second reading of this bill.

Motion agreed to and bill read a second time.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. K. A. BRADSHAW, CLERK

**Hon. W. Ross Thatcher** (Premier): — Mr. Speaker, as this house draws to a close, I wonder if I could just take a minute to say a word officially about our

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clerk, Mr. Bradshaw. Members have already commented on work he has done. We have all been most happy to have had him with us. He has done an excellent job, indeed such a good one that I want to tell Mr. Bradshaw if he ever decides to leave the British Civil Service and wants to join the provincial one here in Saskatchewan, we could certainly find a top job for him. It has been a pleasure . . .

**Some Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**Mr. Thatcher:** — . . . and it has been a pleasure working with him. I hope he will tell many of his friends in Westminster that we in Saskatchewan wish the British House, the British people, all the best in the future. I am not talking politically at the moment. Mr. Speaker, I say again on behalf of the government and my colleagues that it has been a great pleasure to work with Mr. Bradshaw this session.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**Mr. W. S. Lloyd** (Leader of the Opposition): — Mr. Speaker, may I very heartily concur with the remarks which the Premier has made with regard to the services of Mr. Bradshaw. I am particularly pleased, of course, that he returns to a happier country than he left. I have to admit that when I heard we were going to have a new Clerk this session, great as is my respect for Westminster and all its traditions, I was just a little bit apprehensive. I had met the Clerk for only a very short time when all of those apprehensions were removed. I don't see how we could possibly have been more fortunate in getting one who moved in, who recognized our situation and who has guided and served us so well as has been the case this year.

I do want to add my thanks and the thanks of all of us over here and our best wishes as the Clerk returns to Westminster.

**Hon. Members:** — Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** — May I crave the indulgence of the house to add a few words of my own to those already spoken in regard to our Acting Clerk, and support what has been said in every degree, and also to express my very sincere thanks for the great assistance that he rendered to Member during this session of the house.

We now await the arrival of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor.

### **ROYAL ASSENT AND PROROGATION**

At 9:45 o'clock p.m. His Honour the Lieutenant Governor having entered the chamber, took his seat upon the throne and gave royal assent to the bills presented to him.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was then pleased to deliver the following speech:

Mr. Speaker, Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is my duty to relieve you of further attendance at the Legislative Assembly. In doing so, I wish to thank you for, and

congratulate you upon the work you have done. I wish also to express my confidence that the approval of the programs and plans presented to you will continue to provide the services necessary to the growth and development of our province.

The legislation you have passed in this Second Session of the Fifteenth Legislature has been designed to both speed the development of those resources providence has bestowed on us, and to ensure an equitable distribution of the fruits of that development.

Chief among the measures you have enacted are a series designed to reduce the level of property taxation throughout the province. This has been effected through vastly increased assistance to our municipalities.

You have also given approval to an act to provide home-owner grants of up to fifty dollars to property owners resident in Saskatchewan.

You have also approved a reduction in the level of personal income tax paid by Saskatchewan workers.

You agreed to measures to provide free textbooks to all Saskatchewan students in Grade nine.

You have given approval to legislation that will make possible the construction of the province's first pulp mill near the city of Prince Albert.

You have approved measures to make possible the construction of multi-purpose water supply schemes in the province.

A law was also passed to accelerate the development of housing and urban renewal.

You have made possible uniform legislation in respect of time throughout the province.

Finally, you have given approval to many other measures designed to improve the lot of individuals in our province and make possible the fullest development of our resources.

I thank you for the provision you have made to meet the further requirements of the public service and assure you the sum of money voted will be used economically, prudently and in the public interest.

In taking leave of you, I desire to thank you for the manner in which you have devoted your energies to the activities of the session and wish you the full blessing of providence as you return again to your respective homes.

The Hon. Mr. Heald, Provincial Secretary, then said:

Mr. Speaker, and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

It is the will and pleasure of His Honour the Lieutenant governor that this Legislative assembly be prorogued until it pleases His Honour to summon the same for the dispatch of business and the Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued.