

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF SASKATCHEWAN
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34th Day

March 23, 1967

The Assembly met at 10:00 o'clock a.m.
On the Orders of the Day.

SECOND READINGS

MR. G.G. LEITH (Elrose) moved second reading of Bill No. 90 — **An Act to amend The Medical Profession Act.**

He said: Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to introduce this Bill to amend The Medical Profession Act and I wish to say just a very few words about the purpose of the proposed amendments.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons has proposed the amendments to The Medical Profession Act contained in this Bill. Some of these amendments are intended to safe-guard the quality of medical care being provided in this province. All the other amendments are related to administrative procedures already provided for in the Act.

The Bill provides for the establishment of an Educational Register for the registration of hospital interns in residence. The supervision of physicians who have been appointed as hospital interns or residents, is generally recognized as an appropriate responsibility of the College. But to date there has been no statutory authority for the College to assume this responsibility. The Bill revises the basis for registering physicians from Great Britain and the Republic of Ireland. This change has been recommended in the interest of maintaining good standards. The change will not materially affect the supply of physicians in the province either at this time or at any time in the future.

You will note, Mr. Speaker, that Section 53 is being repealed by this Bill and a new provision is being substituted respecting a physician who may be mentally ill. It is considered advisable that definite provisions be enacted in this regard, so that the duties of the Council and its mental health committee and the position of the physician will be clearly understood. The other proposed amendments are concerned with proceedings of the Discipline Committee and the other committees appointed by the Council. They represent measure to improve the administrative efficiency of these committees. I understand, Mr. Speaker, that officials of the College have studied these provisions of the Act extensively and that these remaining amendments are proposed as a result of this study.

I therefore move that this Bill No. 90 now be read a second time.

MR. G.T. SNYDER (Moose Jaw City): — Mr. Speaker, I beg leave at this time, to adjourn the debate.

Debate adjourned.

ANNOUNCEMENT RE: SITTINGS

HON. D.G. STEUART (Minister of Natural Resources): — Mr. Speaker, I move and seconded by Mr. Cameron (Minister of Natural Resources):

that when this House adjourns on Thursday, March 23, 1967, it do stand adjourned until Monday, March 27, 1967.

MR. J.H. BROCKELBANK (Kelsey): — Just a matter of a question. Did the Government say what its intentions are with regard to today? Do we sit until 10:00 o'clock or do we adjourn at 5:30 o'clock?

MR. STEUART: — Mr. Speaker, there was a suggestion by some of our Members that I was going to discuss it with the Members opposite when we get into Committee of Supply or Committee of the Whole, that we stop the clock maybe at 5:00 or 5:30 and carry on until 6:30 and then adjourn. If we agree then we will make the arrangements later on. Normally it was expected that we sit through until 10:00 o'clock.

Motion was agreed to.

ADJOURNED DEBATES

SECOND READINGS

The Assembly resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Hon. G.B. Grant (Minister of Public Health) that Bill No. 82 — **An Act to amend The Saskatchewan Medical Care Insurance Act** be now read a second time.

MR. W.E. SMISHEK (Regina East): — Mr. Speaker, I wonder, could we have this Bill stand.

MR. SPEAKER: — Well you can't ask for it to stand, you can ask to adjourn the debate. That's the correct procedure.

MR. SMISHEK: — Well, Mr. Speaker, I received the report of the Medical Insurance Commission just yesterday. There are a number of things that are in this Bill that I would like to discuss and I would like to beg leave to adjourn debate.

Debate adjourned.

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