

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF SASKATCHEWAN
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EVENING SESSION

MOTIONS FOR RETURN

Return No 127

MR. D.G. TAYLOR (Indian Head-Wolseley) moved, seconded by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Berntson) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 127 showing:

(1) Since March 1, 1979 the number of public opinion polls ordered, performed or commissioned by the office of the Provincial Secretary involving the expenditure of public funds and, in each case the (a) name of the pollster, (b) amount of the fee involved, (c) date of the poll, (d) subject matter of the poll, (e) actual result of the poll, and (f) cost of the poll. (2) In the same period, the total cost of all polls involving public funds that were commissioned by the office of the Provincial Secretary.

Motion agreed.

Return No. 128

MR. D.G. TAYLOR (Indian Head-Wolseley) moved, seconded by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Berntson) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 128 showing:

(1) Since March 1, 1979 the number of public opinion polls performed or commissioned by the Department of Mineral Resources involving the expenditure of public funds and, in each case the (a) name of the pollster, (b) amount of the fee involved, (c) date of the poll, (d) subject matter of the poll, (e) actual result of the poll, and (f) cost of the poll. (2) In the same period, the total cost of all polls involving public funds that were commissioned by the Department of Mineral Resources.

Motion agreed.

Return No. 129

MR. D.G. TAYLOR (Indian Head-Wolseley) moved, seconded by the member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 129 showing:

(1) Since March 1, 1979 the number of public opinion polls ordered, performed or commissioned by the Department of Highways and Transportation involving the expenditure of public funds and, in each case the (a) name of the pollster, (b) amount of the fee involved, (c) date of the poll, (d) subject matter of the poll, (e) actual result of the poll, and (f) cost of the poll. (2) In the same period, the total cost of all polls involving public funds that were commissioned by the Department of Highways and Transportation.

Motion agreed.

Return No. 130

MR. D.G. TAYLOR (Indian Head-Wolseley) moved, seconded by member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 130 showing:

(1) Since March 1, 1979 the number of public opinion polls ordered, performed or commissioned by the Department of Labour involving the expenditure of public funds and, in each case the (a) name of the pollster, (b) amount of the fee involved, (c) date of the poll, (d) subject matter of the poll, (e) actual result of the poll, and (f) cost of the poll. (2) In the same period, the total cost of all polls involving public funds that were commissioned by the Department of Labour.

Motion agreed.

Return No. 131

MR. D.G. TAYLOR (Indian Head-Wolseley) moved, seconded by the member for Rosetown-Elrose (Mr. Swan) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 131 showing:

(1) Since March 1, 1979 the number of public opinion polls ordered, performed or commissioned by the Department of Health involving the expenditure of public funds and, in each case the (a) name of the pollster, (b) amount of the fee involved, (c) date of the poll, (d) subject matter of the poll, (e) actual result of the poll, and (f) cost of the poll. (2) In the same period, the total cost of all polls involving public funds that were commissioned by the Department of Health.

Motion agreed.

Return No. 132

MR. D.G. TAYLOR (Indian Head-Wolseley) moved, seconded by the member for Rosetown-Elrose (Mr. Swan) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 132 showing:

(1) Since March 1, 1979 the number of public opinion polls ordered, performed or commissioned by the Department of Government Services involving the expenditure of public funds and, in each case the (a) name of the pollster, (b) amount of the fee involved, (c) date of the poll, (d) subject matter of the poll, (e) actual result of the poll, and (f) cost of the poll. (2) In the same period, the total cost of all polls involving public funds that were commissioned by the Department of Government Services.

Motion agreed.

Return No. 133

MR. D.G. TAYLOR (Indian Head-Wolseley) moved, seconded by the member for Regina South (Mr. Rousseau) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 133 showing:

(1) Since March 1, 1979 the number of public opinion polls ordered, performed or commissioned by the Department of Finance involving the expenditure of public funds and, in each case the (a) name of the pollster, (b) amount of the fee involved, (c) date of the poll, (d) subject matter of the poll, (e) actual result of the poll, and (f) cost of the poll. (2) In the same period, the total cost of all polls involving public funds that were commissioned by the Department of Finance.

Return No. 134

MR. D.G. TAYLOR (Indian Head-Wolseley) moved, seconded by the member for Regina South (Mr. Rousseau) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 134 showing:

(1) Since March 1, 1979 the number of public opinion polls orders, performed or commissioned by the office of the Executive Council involving the expenditure of public funds and, in each case the (a) name of the pollster, (b) amount of the fee involved, (c) date of the poll, (d) subject matter of the poll, (e) actual result of the poll, and (f) cost of the poll. (2) In the same period, the total cost of all polls involving public funds that were commissioned by the office of the Executive Council.

Motion agreed.

Return No. 135

MR. D.G. TAYLOR (Indian Head-Wolseley) moved, seconded by the member for Bengough-Milestone (Mr. Pickering) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 135 showing:

(1) Since March 1, 1979 the number of public opinion polls ordered, performed or commissioned by the Department of Environment involving the expenditure of public funds and, in each case the (a) name of the pollster, (b) amount of the fee involved, (c) date of the poll, (d) subject matter of the poll, (e) actual result of the poll, and (f) cost of the poll. (2) In the same period, the total cost of all polls involving public funds that were commissioned by the Department of the Environment.

Motion agreed.

Return No. 136

MR. D.G. TAYLOR (Indian Head-Wolseley) moved, seconded by the member for Bengough-Milestone (Mr. Pickering) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 136 showing:

(1) Since March 1, 1979 the number of public opinion polls orders, performed or commissioned by the Department of Culture and Youth involving the expenditure of public funds and, in each case the (a) name of the pollster, (b) amount of the fee involved, (c) date of the poll, (d) subject matter of the poll, (e) actual result of the poll, and (f) cost of the poll. (2) In the same period, the total cost of all polls involving public funds that were commissioned by the Department of Culture and Youth.

Motion agreed.

Return No. 137

MR. D.G. TAYLOR (Indian Head-Wolseley) moved, seconded by the member for Bengough-Milestone (Mr. Pickering) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 137 showing:

(1) Since March 1, 1979 the number of public opinion polls orders, performed or commissioned by the Department of Co-operation and Co-operative Development involving the expenditure of public funds and, in each case the (a) name of the pollster, (b) amount of the fee involved, (c) date of the poll, (d) subject matter of the poll, (e) actual result of the poll, and (f) cost of the poll. (2) In the same period, the total cost of all polls involving

public funds that were commissioned by the office of the Department of Co-operation and Co-operative Development.

Motion agreed.

Return No. 138

MR. D.G. TAYLOR (Indian Head-Wolseley) moved, seconded by the member for member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 138 showing:

(1) Since March 1, 1979 the number of public opinion polls ordered, performed or commissioned by the Department of Continuing Education involving the expenditure of public funds and, in each case the (a) name of the pollster, (b) amount of the fee involved, (c) date of the poll, (d) subject matter of the poll, (e) actual result of the poll, and (f) cost of the poll. (2) In the same period, the total cost of all polls involving public funds that were commissioned by the office of the Department of Continuing Education.

Motion agreed.

Return No. 139

MR. D.G. TAYLOR (Indian Head-Wolseley) moved, seconded by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Berntson) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 139 showing:

(1) Since March 1, 1979, the number of opinions polls ordered, performed or commissioned by the Department of Consumer Affairs involving the expenditure of public funds and, in each case the (a) name of the pollster, (b) amount of the fee involved, (c) date of the poll, (d) subject matter of the poll, (e) actual result of the poll, and (f) cost of the poll. (2) In the same period, the total cost of all polls involving public funds that were commissioned by the office of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

Motion agreed.

Return No. 140

MR. D.G. TAYLOR (Indian Head-Wolseley) moved, seconded by the member for Regina South (Mr. Rousseau) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 140 showing:

(1) Since March 1, 1979 the number of public opinion polls ordered, performed or commissioned by the Attorney General's department involving the expenditure of public funds and, in each case the (a) name of the pollster, (b) amount of the fee involved, (c) date of the poll, (d) subject matter of the poll, (e) actual result of the poll, and (f) cost of the poll. (2) In the same period, the total cost of all polls involving public funds that were commissioned by the office of the Attorney General's department.

Motion agreed.

Return No. 141

MR. D.G. TAYLOR (Indian Head-Wolseley) moved, seconded by the member for Rosetown-Elrose (Mr. Swan) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 141 showing:

(1) Since March 1, 1979 the number of public opinion polls ordered, performed or commissioned by the Department of Education involving the expenditure of public funds and, in each case the (a) name of the pollster, (b) amount of the fee involved, (c) date of the poll, (d) subject matter of the poll, (e) actual result of the poll, and (f) cost of the poll. (2) In the same period, the total cost of all polls involving public funds that were commissioned by the office of the Department of Education.

Motion agreed.

Return No. 142

MR. D.G. TAYLOR (Indian Head-Wolseley) moved, seconded by the member for Bengough-Milestone (Mr. Pickering) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 142 showing:

(1) Since March 1, 1979 the number of public opinion polls ordered, performed or commissioned by the Department of Agriculture involving the expenditure of public funds and, in each case the (a) name of the pollster, (b) amount of the fee involved, (c) date of the poll, (d) subject matter of the poll, (e) actual result of the poll, and (f) cost of the poll. (2) In the same period, the total cost of all polls involving public funds that were commissioned by the office of the Department of Agriculture.

Motion agreed.

Return No. 143

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 143 showing:

Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Department of Health. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. R. J. ROMANOW (Attorney General): — Mr. Speaker, I'm going to propose an amendment which will bring this question into line with the way it's been asked in previous years. In 1976 and 1977 and other years when this form of question has taken place in the legislature, we produced amendments which gave the names of all reports and studies commissioned by the department, (in this case the Department of Health) of external consultants during the period of March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980 — the names of these consultants and the final costs. This is information which has been tendered in the past and that's been wording the House has adopted. Therefore, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after 'showing' be deleted, and the following substituted therefor:

The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Department of Health to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; (2) the names of these consultants and the final costs.

And may I just say, Mr. Speaker, again to highlight the difficulty with the way the question is worded unamended — any consultants or consulting firms. Clearly the government could give any kind of interpretation and the proposed amendment does the job for the opposition.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 144

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Rosetown-Elrose (Mr. Swan) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 144 showing:

Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Department of Government Services. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after ‘showing’ be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Department of Government Services to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; (2) the names of these consultants and the final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 145

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by Mr. Taylor (Indian Head-Wolseley) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 145 showing:

Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Department of Finance. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after ‘showing’ be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Department of

Finance to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; (2) the names of these consultants and the final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 146

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Regina South (Mr. Rousseau) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 146 showing:

Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Executive Council. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Executive Council to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979, to March 25, 1980; these consultants and the final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 147

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by Mr. Pickering (Bengough-Milestone) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 147 showing:

Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Department of the Environment. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Department of the Environment to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979, to March 25, 1980; (2) the names of these consultants and the final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 148

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 148 showing:

Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Department of Education. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I've an amendment to introduce, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Department of Health to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; (2) the names of these consultants and the final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 149

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 149 showing:

Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Department of Education. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Department of Culture and Youth to external consultants during the period of March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; (2) the names of these consultations and the final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 150

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 150 showing:

Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Cultural Policy Secretariat (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Cultural Policy Secretariat to external consultants during the period of March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; (2) the names of these consultations and the final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 151

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Rosetown-Elrose (Mr. Swan) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 151 showing:

Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, with respect to this proposed order for return, there is a different amendment which is being proposed because this motion unlike the most immediate previous ones we dealt with relates to Crown corporation. It starts with the Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan and later on we get to some specific Crown corporations. On this proposed amendment, the essence will be to show the number of consultants or consulting firms awarded contracts during the period requested, the value of the contracts, and then to give the information as to who are in the province and who are out of the province. The information that will be forthcoming is slightly different because of that situation.

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after 'showing' be deleted on Return No. 151 and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The number of consultants or consulting firms who have been awarded contracts by the Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan in the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; (2) the total value of these

contracts; (3) the number of these consultants who are (a) in province, (b) out of province.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 152

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Indian Head-Wolseley (Mr. Taylor) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 152 showing:

Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Department of Co-operation and Co-operative Development. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, you mentioned 151. I think it's 152.

MR. SPEAKER: — Correct.

MR. ROMANOW: — Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, I would move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Department of Co-operation and Co-operative Development to external consultants during the period of March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; (2) the names of these consultations and the final cost.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 153

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Indian Head-Wolseley (Mr. Taylor) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 153 showing:

Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Department of Continuing Education. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Department of Continuing Education to external consultants during the period of March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; (2) the names of these consultations and the final cost.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 154

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Indian Head-Wolseley (Mr. Taylor) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 154 showing:

Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Department of Consumer Affairs. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after ‘showing’ be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Department of Consumer Affairs to external consultants during the period of March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; (2) the names of these consultations and the final cost.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 155

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Indian Head-Wolseley (Mr. Taylor) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 155 showing:

Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the communications secretariat. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, again, we’ll make the same amendment. Moved by myself, seconded by the member for Biggar (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after ‘showing’ be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the communications

secretariat to external consultants during the period of March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; (2) the names of these consultations and the final cost.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 156

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Indian Head-Wolseley (Mr. Taylor) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 156 showing:

Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Celebrate Saskatchewan (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Celebrate Saskatchewan to external consultants during the period of March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; (2) the names of these consultations and the final cost.

May I say, Mr. Speaker, before I take my chair that Celebrate Saskatchewan is doing an excellent job. If they have consulted external consultants during this period, to advise them on Celebrate '80 it would have been money well spent for the functions of the province of Saskatchewan. The hon. member says that he is thinking of hiring him. I want to tell the hon. member he needs to hire them after this session takes place.

This is a very worth-while project, I am sure all members would agree and, therefore, with your permission I would move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley), the amendment.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 157

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Indian Head-Wolseley (Mr. Taylor) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 157 showing:

Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Board of Revenue Commissioners. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of

the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after ‘showing’ be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Board of Revenue Commissioners, through external consultants, during the period of March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980, the names of these consultations and the final costs.

HON. E. L. COWLEY (Provincial Secretary): — Mr. Speaker, I just want to make a couple of comments here. I think this question, to me, typifies — I don’t know what about the opposition — but the board of revenue commissioners is hardly the most important agency of the government. It does have an important function. It meets, I would guess, maybe two or three times a year at the very most. It is the local government board and as I recall from my days in fiancé, it rules once in a while, maybe two or three times a year, if that, on appeals on the E&H tax and other things.

I think this whole afternoon, Mr. Speaker, should be a lesson to somebody in whatever the opposition is trying to do. There are 17 or 18 pages of these questions which could have very easily, by any member with half a brain — in fact, he wouldn’t have needed that much — been put into one question and saved us at least two or three hours of this House’s time. However, I think if the member Saskatchewan wish to ask their question in this form, we certainly will comply with it as we have no other choice. My guess is, if I can take a look at these questions — that by the time we total up the cost of answering all the questions on the order paper, it will be several hundred thousand dollars may approach \$1 million.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 158

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Indian Head-Wolseley (Mr. Taylor) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 158 showing:

Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the board of examiners. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, on this one I shall echo the words of the Provincial Secretary, but I was tempted to ask the hon. member for Cannington for a brief explanation of what the board of examiners is and what it does, and I am sure that we would get the relevance of that question. But I shall refrain from asking such a prerogative question and merely move my amendment, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley), that all the words after ‘showing’ be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the board of examiners to external consultants during the period of March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; (2) the names of these consultations and the final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 159

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Regina South (Mr. Rousseau) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 159 showing:

Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Attorney General's department. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, again, I am going to make the same amendment. On this one I just want to say a little word about the kind of difficulty presented by the lack of precision by the questions being asked here. I don't mean this to be a repetitive record. I don't mean it to be in any aggressive sense, but the Attorney General's department, for example, engages counsel, outside fee-for-service counsel to act as agent prosecutors out in the field. I don't view them to be external consultants. I view them to be agents of the Attorney General. One could or might interpret that to be an external consultant. I am assuming there is no difficulty in that regard. You want the names of all reports and studies not of that kind of a category incorporated in the return, and in that regard that's understood by everybody. I think with a great deal of work and a lot of effort we'll probably be able to come up with some answers on this. So, therefore, Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Hon. Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Attorney General's department to external consultants during the period of March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; (2) the names of these consultations and the final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 160

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Regina South (Mr. Rousseau) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 160 showing:

Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Alcoholism Commission. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant

or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after ‘showing’ . . . I wish it could but I have to read them out here because that is the rule and I like to follow the rules . . . be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) the names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Alcoholism Commission to external consultants during the period of March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; (2) the names of these consultations and the final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 161

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Regina South (Mr. Rousseau) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 161 showing:

Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the agricultural development corporation. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after ‘showing’ be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) the number of consultants or consulting firms who have been awarded contracts by the agricultural development corporation in the period of March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; (2) the number of these consultants who are (a) in province, (b) out of province.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 162

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Regina South (Mr. Rousseau) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 162 showing:

Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Saskatchewan Sheep and Wool Commission. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and

the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after ‘showing’ be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) the number of consultants or consulting firms who have been awarded contracts by the Saskatchewan Sheep and Wool Marketing Commission in the period of March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; (2) the value of these contracts; (3) the number of these consultants who are (a) in province, (b) out of province.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 163

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Regina South (Mr. Rousseau) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 163 showing:

Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Saskatchewan Science Council. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after ‘showing’ be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Saskatchewan Science Council through external consultants during the period of March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; (2) the names of these consultations and the final cost.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 164

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Regina South (Mr. Rousseau) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 164 showing:

Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Saskatchewan Archives Board. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant

or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after ‘showing’ be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) the names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Saskatchewan Archives Board to external consultants during the period of March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; (2) the names of these consultations and the final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 165

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Regina South (Mr. Rousseau) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 165 showing:

Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the rent appeal commission. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after ‘showing’ be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) the names of all reports and studies commissioned by the rent appeal commission to external consultants during the period of March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; (2) the names of these consultations and the final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 166

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Regina South (Mr. Rousseau) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 166 showing:

Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Provincial Planning Appeals Board. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after the word 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Provincial Planning Appeals Board to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; (2) The names of these consultants and the final cost.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 167

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Regina South (Mr. Rousseau) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 167 showing:

Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the potash corporation. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, on this one again the atmosphere and the spirit of open government that we have displayed this afternoon and tonight, may I say is unparalleled probably in any legislature in Canada. Certainly, no Tory legislature would be this open. I want to show you how far we're going in our openness, Mr. Speaker. We could say to this motion, unamended agreed, and give a nil answer because the question is directed to contracts of consulting, etc. with the potash corporation. So far as I know, Mr. Speaker, we don't, the people of Saskatchewan, have such a thing as the potash corporation. I don't know what potash corporation is referred to here, if any; but I have a hunch what the member means is the Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan, PCS. In the spirit of openness, notwithstanding what is really behind this, I'm going to tender this amendment, seconded by my colleague, the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The number of consultants or consulting firms who have been awarded contracts by the Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan. . .

May I add here parenthetically, it would be a good idea if your question writers would check with us first and we will help to clear up the questions here.

. . . in the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; (2) the total value cost; (3) the number of consultants that are in province and out of province.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 168

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Regina South (Mr. Rousseau) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 168 showing:

Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Department of Agriculture. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after the word 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Department of Agriculture to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; (2) The names of these consultants and the final cost.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 31

MR. D.G. TAYLOR (Indian Head-Wolseley) moved, seconded by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Berntson) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 31, showing:

(1) The departments, Crown corporations, boards, commissions, or any other Government of Saskatchewan entity presently issuing charge cards to employees for any job-related expenses, including transportation, car rental, hotel, meals, etc. (2) In each case, the number of cards currently authorized, the name of the person holding the card, his or her position and the credit limit of the card. (3) The name of the company which issue each commercial card. (4) In each case, the name of the individual having authority to grant the issuance of such cards and to set policy for their use. (5) List the general government guidelines or regulations that govern the issuance and use of such cards. (6) (a) The total amount charged on such cards from March 1, 1979 to March 10, 1980; (b) The highest amount charged by a individual during this period and the name of the individual; (c) The name of the individuals whose were withdrawn, the reasons and the name of the individual asking for the withdrawal; (d) The number of cards ordered withdrawn.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, again, this is another small or large example. We're going to answer the question; there has to be an amendment in order to make it somewhat manageable. But this is an example of the thing we've been trying to say all day today. The question is the departments, Crown corporations, boards, commissions, etc. issuing charge cards to employees on job related transportation, cars,

rental, etc. And down it goes in general guidelines and the like.

Now, the two points I'd like to make here, Mr. Speaker, are the obvious ones, and they are that this job alone, if adopted, would be virtually impossible to comply with — virtually impossible! . . . (inaudible interjection) . . . Yes, yes. I don't know how many cars there are in the government employ — we'll find that out during estimates. But each one of them has — how many credit cards?

AN HON. MEMBER: — Twenty or thirty.

MR. ROMANOW: — Twenty or thirty credit cards. Out of . . . [inaudible interjection] . . . Oh no. Shame. Interesting to hear that — that you would deny our civil servants, when they're travelling around the province of Saskatchewan, the access to that kind of an operation, according to your point of view . . . [inaudible interjection] . . . Just one. And if it were yours it would be Shell, not a co-op one. Would it be the co-op one? You table it. The hon. member says he has only one. Well, Mr. Speaker, it's unbelievable it happened to be the hon. member for Indian Head-Wolseley who carries one around. The Shell credit card is the one he carries around I suppose. He wouldn't carry a co-op credit card. He wouldn't carry a Petro-Can credit card. That's for sure, because those guys wanted to do away with Petro-Can. I don't want to make a speech but I could be very, very tempted to make one.

Mr. Speaker, this is a very complicated question. What we're going to do is make a small amendment which deletes part (c) of 6 of the question — the names of the individuals whose cards were withdrawn, the reasons they were withdrawn and the number of cards ordered withdrawn. The way this question is worded it would mean virtually anybody who quits has a credit card withdrawn from him or, when there is a switch in employment. Furthermore, this may or may not imply some form of a search of breaking of credit card guidelines. I don't know if it does or not — virtually impossible.

Mr. Speaker, I think what I have to propose here is a reasonable compromise for the information, although I must tell the House again, and I want to tell all members, this will take a tremendous amount of work to dig up the information. The proposed amendment will be that all the words after subparagraph 2 be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

- (2) the number of cards currently authorized;
- (3) the names of the companies that have issued credit cards to these entities;
- (4) the general guidelines or regulations that govern issuants and use of such cards;
- (5) the total amount paid to the issuing firms on such cards from March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980;
- (6) the highest amount charged to a credit card from March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980, and the holder of that card.

Now, I repeat, Mr. Speaker, when the totality of this uncovered, well I don't want to say we'll have to have a wheelbarrow to bring in the information because that may be a slight exaggeration but, there will be a lot of this. May I say, Mr. Speaker, the practice

here is one which has been established by the government now over many years — certainly before the beginning of this administration, and I don't know, I suppose since the early '60s. So it is an accepted practice used in governments, not only in Saskatchewan but outside. It's going to be a massive job, but we'll do it. It embraces the spectrum and that's what we'll do, but I simply want to pinpoint that its going to be a toughie

MR. COWLEY: — A couple of comments here. I notice the member shaking his head when the Hon. Attorney General mentioned 20 or 30 credit cards, but in all government vehicles there are government credit cards. They aren't plastic credit cards like Shell or whatever, but they could be used at any service station. You and the service station operator sign them. They are each individually a credit card and so taken literally, the way the question was asked, each and every one of those (each of which has a separate number) is a separate credit card issued not really to the individual because they are issued to the government vehicle. These are the kinds of problems you get into when you start dealing with this kind of a question, with respect to credit cards. So it wasn't 20 or 30 plastic cards, the kind we think of but there are separate, individually numbered credit cards.

The other comment I'd make is with respect to credit cards; anything charged on a government credit card has to be submitted by the employee in exactly the same way as though he had paid cash for it and got a receipt. There is every bit as much control on a credit as there is on the employees' expenditures for which he claims reimbursement. And so, whether or not there is a credit card one could argue is irrelevant in terms of what the employee is doing, because the same mode of control is used for his own expenditures through cash as is used for the employees' expenditures through a credit card. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: — Will the member take a question?

MR. COWLEY: — I'll take a question.

MR. KATZMAN (Rosthern): — Are you suggesting that the only credit card the government has is the booklet where you rip each one out, and that you have none of the plastic ones for some different company?

MR. COWLEY: — I wasn't suggesting that at all. I was talking about one kind of credit card. If we are going to answer for all the credit cards in government, each and every one of those would have to be listed as a separate credit card because that's what they are legally. Each is a separate credit card. I'm not saying there aren't other credit cards.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 172

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Indian Head-Wolseley (Mr. Taylor) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 172 showing:

(1)Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms had

been awarded a contract with the Minimum Wage Board. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after the word ‘showing’ be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by minimum wage board to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; (2) The names of these consultants and the final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 173

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Indian Head-Wolseley (Mr. Taylor) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 173 showing:

(1) Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms had been awarded a contract with the Municipal Employees’ Superannuation Commission. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after ‘showing’ be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Municipal Employees Superannuation Commission to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980. (2) The names of these consultants and final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Return No. 174

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Maple Creek (Mrs. Duncan) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 174 showing:

(1) Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms had been awarded a contract with the Office of the Ombudsman. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant

or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after ‘showing’ be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Office of the Ombudsman to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980. (2) The names of these consultants and final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 175

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Maple Creek (Mrs. Duncan) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 175 showing:

(1) Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms had been awarded a contract with the municipal water assistance board. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after ‘showing’ be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the municipal water assistance board to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980. (2) The names of these consultants and final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 176

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Maple Creek (Mrs. Duncan) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 176 showing:

(1) Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms had been awarded a contract with the municipal financing corporation. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

- (1) The number of consultants or consulting firms that have been awarded contracts by the municipal financing corporation in the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980. (2) The total value of these contracts. (3) The number of these consultants who are (a) in province and (b) out of province.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 177

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Maple Creek (Mrs. Duncan) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 177 showing:

- (1) Whether, since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Department of Mineral Resources. (a) if so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract, (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

- (1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Department of Mineral Resources to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980. (2) The names of these consultants and final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 178

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Indian Head-Wolseley (Mr. Taylor) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 178 showing:

- (1) Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms had been awarded a contract with the milk control board. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr.

Cowley) that all the words after 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

- (1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the milk control board to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980. (2) The names of these consultants and final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 179

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Indian Head-Wolseley (Mr. Taylor) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 179 showing:

- (1) Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms had been awarded a contract with the local government board. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — I wish the person who drafted all of these questions the same happiness in reading these reports as he must have had in drafting them, and it is in that spirit of open government and friendly co-operation that I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after the word 'showing' be deleted, and the following substituted therefor:

- (1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the local government board to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980. (2) The names of these consultants and final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 180

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Maple Creek (Mrs. Duncan) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 180 showing:

- (1) Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms had been awarded a contract with the Saskatchewan Liquor Licensing Commission. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after 'showing' be deleted and the following

substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Saskatchewan Liquor Licensing Commission to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980. (2) The names of these consultants and final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 181

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Maple Creek (Mrs. Duncan) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 181 showing:

(1) Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms had been awarded a contract with the Saskatchewan Liquor Board. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Saskatchewan Liquor Board to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980. (2) The names of these consultants and final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Return No. 182

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Maple Creek (Mrs. Duncan) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 182 showing:

(1) Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms had been awarded a contract with the Department of Labour. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Department of Labour to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980. (2) The names of these consultants and final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 183

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Maple Creek (Mrs. Duncan) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 183 showing:

(1) Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms had been awarded a contract with the Department of Intergovernmental Affairs. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after ‘showing’ be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Department of Intergovernmental Affairs to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980. (2) The names of these consultants and final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion agreed to as amended.

Return No. 184

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Maple Creek (Mrs. Duncan) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 184 showing:

(1) Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms had been awarded a contract with the Department of Industry and Commerce. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after ‘showing’ be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Department of Industry and Commerce to external consultants during the period March 1,

1979 to March 25, 1980. (2) The names of these consultants and final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Return No. 185

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Maple Creek (Mrs. Duncan) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 185 showing:

(1) Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms had been awarded a contract with the highway traffic board. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Hon. Minister of Agriculture (Mr. MacMurchy) that all the words after ‘showing’ be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the highway traffic board to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980. (2) The names of these consultants and final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Return No. 186

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Maple Creek (Mrs. Duncan) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 186 showing:

(1) Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms had been awarded a contract with the Department of Highways and Transportation. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after ‘showing’ be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Department of Highways and Transportation to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980. (2) The names of these consultants and final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Return No. 187

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Maple Creek (Mrs. Duncan) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 187 showing:

(1) Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms had been awarded a contract with the workers' compensation board. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I'll make a deal with the Hon. Leader of the Opposition. I'll stop making these amendments if he stops introducing these motions. What do you say? Is that a fair deal? I think nothing could be fairer. Think about that for the next motions but for the meantime on this one, Mr. Speaker, I'll move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after 'showing' and the following substituted therefor: . . . (inaudible interjection) . . . Oh, oh, sorry, excuse me. That's almost actionable — confusing him with the member for Biggar. Mutually actionable.

Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Hon. G. MacMurchy (Minister of Agriculture) that all the words after 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the workers' compensation board to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980. (2) The names of these consultants and final costs.

What about it? Will you drop the next one?

Amendment agreed.

Motion agreed to as amended.

Return No. 188

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Maple Creek (Mrs. Duncan) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 188 showing:

(1) Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms had been awarded a contract with the Department of Urban Affairs. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant

or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The number of consultants or consulting firms that have been awarded contracts by the Department of Urban Affairs; (2) total value of these contracts; (3) number of these contracts in province and out of province.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Return No. 189

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Maple Creek (Mrs. Duncan) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 189 showing:

(1) Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms had been awarded a contract with the Transportation Agency of Saskatchewan. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Transportation Agency of Saskatchewan to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980. (2) The names of these consultants and final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Return No. 190

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Maple Creek (Mrs. Duncan) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 190 showing:

(1) Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms had been awarded a contract with the Department of Tourism and Renewable Resources. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was

advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I hope that this amendment meets the pleasure of the members opposite and particularly the member for Moosomin constituency who has joined us. I want him to be assured that everything is in order with this proposed amendment and I hope that he will accept it in the spirit of open government which we have demonstrated all afternoon and all night here . . . (inaudible interjection) . . . Oh, no, these will be answers. Mr. Speaker, we will have to engage extra personnel and hours of work to get the answers but we shall do it, and the taxpayers will have lots here to look at. In any event, Mr. Speaker, I can't decide what questions the opposition wants to ask. Perhaps I could correct them a little bit here, help them along the line, but basically I can't make any decisions for them in that regard.

In the spirit of that openness, Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

- (1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Department of Tourism and Renewable Resources to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980.
- (2) The names of these consultants and final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Return No. 191

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Maple Creek (Mrs. Duncan) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 191 showing:

- (1) Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms had been awarded a contract with the surface rights arbitration board. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

- (1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the surface rights arbitration board to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980. (2) The names of these consultants and final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Return No. 192

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for

Rosthern (Mr. Katzman) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 192 showing:

(1) Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms had been awarded a contract with the Department of Social Services. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after ‘showing’ be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Department of Social Services to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980. (2) The names of these consultants and final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed to

Return No. 193

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Rosthern (Mr. Katzman) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 193 showing:

(1) Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms had been awarded a contract with the social planning secretariat. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I want to tell the hon. members I was planning to play badminton tomorrow at noon to get some exercise. Thanks to that person who has been spending all of his late nights thinking up all these questions and giving them to the opposition members to tender, I don’t think that is going to be necessary for me to do. So I am going to have make this amendment to this one as well, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after the word ‘showing’ be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the social planning secretariat to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980. (2) The names of these consultants and final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed to

Return No. 194

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Wilkie (Mr. Garner) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 194 showing:

- (1) Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms had been awarded a contract with the SaskMedia Corporation. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after ‘showing’ be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

- (1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by SaskMedia Corporation to external consultants during the period March 1, 1980 to 79 to March 25, 1980. (2) The names of these consultants and final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Return No. 195

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Wilkie (Mr. Garner) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 195 showing:

- (1) Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms had been awarded a contract with the SaskMedia Authority. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after ‘showing’ be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

- (1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by SaskMedia Authority to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980. (2) The names of these consultants and final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Return No. 196

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Wilkie (Mr. Garner) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 196 showing:

(1) Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms had been awarded a contract with the Saskatchewan Water Supply Board are in a contract with authority. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after ‘showing’ be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Saskatchewan Water Supply Board to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980. (2) The names of these consultants and final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Return No. 197

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Wilkie (Mr. Garner) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 197 showing:

(1) Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms had been awarded a contract with the Saskatchewan Transportation Company. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after ‘showing’ be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The number of consultants or consulting firms that have been awarded contracts by the Saskatchewan Transportation Company to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; (2) the total value of these contracts; (3) the number of these consultants who are (a) in the province; (b) out of province.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Return No. 198

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Wilkie (Mr. Garner) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 198 showing:

(1) Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms had been awarded a contract with the Saskatchewan Telecommunications. (a) If so,

the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The number of consultants or consulting firms who have been awarded contracts by the Saskatchewan Telecommunications to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; (2) the total value of these contracts; (3) the number of these consultants who are (a) in province; (b) out of the province.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Return No. 199

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Wilkie (Mr. Garner) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 199 showing:

(1) Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Saskatchewan Securities Commission. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Saskatchewan Securities Commission to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980. (2) The names of these consultants and final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Return No. 200

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Wilkie (Mr. Garner) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 200 showing:

(1) Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms had been awarded a contract with the Saskatchewan Power Corporation. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or

awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The number of consultants or consulting firms who have been awarded contracts in Saskatchewan Power Corporation in the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; (2) the total value of these contracts; (3) the number of these consultants who are (a) in province, (b) out of province.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Return No. 201

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Wilkie (Mr. Garner) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 201 showing:

(1) Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms had been awarded a contract with the Saskatchewan Police Commission. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Saskatchewan Police Commission to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980. (2) The names of these consultants and final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Return No. 202

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 202 showing:

(1) Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms had been awarded a contract with the Saskatchewan Oil and Gas Corporation. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to move once again, seconded by my colleague, the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) this very important

amendment, which will read as follows: that all the words after the word 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The number of consultants or consulting firms who have been awarded by the Saskatchewan Oil and Gas Corporation to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; (2) the total value of these contracts; (3) the number of these consultants who are (a) in province, (b) out of province.

HON. E.L. COWLEY (Provincial Secretary): — I'm going to say a few words here about how pleased I am this evening and this afternoon to have such an active part in this debate in seconding all of these amendments. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Amendment agreed.

MR. BERNTSON: — I'm just going to welcome the member for Biggar into the debate and suggest to him it's the most significant contribution he's made in the session so far this year. I hope his contribution continues to be as significant as it has in the past.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Return No. 203

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 203 showing:

(1) Whether since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms had been awarded a contract with the Department of Saskatchewan Minerals. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised, or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, somewhere in this plethora of devastating questions being leveled at us, it strikes me this question referred to the Department of Mineral Resources has already been asked and ordered. Yes, I believe it's item 150, Return No. 177. So it looks like it's a double question. Now, Mr. Speaker, in the spirit of openness of this government, which we have exhibited all night and all afternoon, I am recommending to the members of the House we pass this resolution. We'll do our best to provide the answer just as we have agreed to do with respect to item 177. Well, actually, I don't think we can pass it. I beg leave to adjourn the debate, Mr. Speaker.

Debate adjourned.

Return No. 204

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 204 showing:

(1) Whether, since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Saskatchewan Medical Care Insurance Commission. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was

advertised or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley), that all the words after the word 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Saskatchewan Medical Care Insurance Commission to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; and (2) the names of these consultants and the final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Return No. 205

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 205 showing:

(1) Whether, since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Saskatchewan Land Bank Commission. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley), that all the words after the word 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Saskatchewan Land Bank Commission to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; and (2) the names of these consultants and the final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Return No. 206

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 206 showing:

(1) Whether, since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley), that all the words after the word 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted

therefor:

- (1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; and (2) the names of these consultants and the final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Return No. 207

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 207 showing:

- (1) Whether, since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley), that all the words after the word 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

- (1) The number of consultants or consulting firms that have been awarded contracts by the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; and (2) the total value of these contracts; (3) the number of these consultants who are (a) in province and (b) out of province.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Return No. 208

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 208 showing:

- (1) Whether, since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Saskatchewan Government Printing Company. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley), that all the words after the word 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

- (1) The number of consultants or consulting firms that have been awarded contracts by the Saskatchewan Government Printing Company during the

period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; and (2) the total value of these contracts; (3) the number of these consultants who are (1) in province and (b) out of province.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Return No. 209

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 209 showing:

Whether, since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with Saskatchewan Government Insurance. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley), that all the words after the word 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The number of consultants or consulting firms that have been awarded contracts by Saskatchewan Government Insurance to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; and (2) the total value of these contracts; (3) the number of these consultants who are (a) in province and (b) out of province.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Return No. 210

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 210 showing:

(1) Whether, since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Saskatchewan Fur Marketing Service. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley), that all the words after the word 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The number of consultants or consulting firms which have been awarded

contracts by the Saskatchewan Fur Marketing Service to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; and (2) the total value of these contracts; (3) the number of these consultants who were (a) in province; (b) out of province.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Return No. 211

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 211 showing:

(1) Whether, since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Saskatchewan Forest Products Corporation. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley), that all the words after the word 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The number of consultants or consulting firms which have been awarded contracts with the Saskatchewan Forest Products Corporation during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; and (2) the total value of these contracts; (3) the number of these consultants who are (a) in province, (b) out of province.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Return No. 212

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 212 showing:

(1) Whether, since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Saskatchewan FarmStart Corporation. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley), that all the words after the word 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The number of consultants or consulting firms which have been awarded contracts with the Saskatchewan FarmStart Corporation to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; and (2) the total value of these contracts; (3)

the number of these consultants who are (a) in the province; (b) out of province.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Return No. 213

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 213 showing:

(1) Whether, since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Saskatchewan Economic Development Corporation. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley), that all the words after the word 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The number of consultants or consulting firms which have been awarded contracts with the Saskatchewan Economic Development Corporation during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; and (2) the total value of these contracts; (3) the number of these consultants who are (a) in province; (b) out of the province.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Return No. 214

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 214 showing:

(1) Whether, since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Saskatchewan Development Fund Corporation. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley), that all the words after the word 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The number of consultants and consulting firms who have been awarded contracts by the Saskatchewan Development Fund Corporation to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; and (2) the total value of these contracts; (3) the number of these consultants who are (a) in province (b) out of province.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Return No. 215

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 215 showing:

(1) Whether, since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley), that all the words after the word 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The number of consultants and consulting firms who have been awarded contracts by the Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; and (2) the total value of these contracts; (3) the number of these consultants who are (a) in province (b) out of province.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Return No. 216

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 216 showing:

(1) Whether, since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Saskatchewan Computer Utility Corporation. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley), that all the words after the word 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The number of consultants or consulting firms who have been awarded contracts by the Saskatchewan Computer Utility Corporation during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; (2) the total value of these contracts; (3) the number of these consultants who are (a) in province (b) out of province.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 217

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 217 showing:

(1) Whether, since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Saskatchewan Community Legal Services Commission. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley), that all the words after the word 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Saskatchewan Community Legal Services Commission to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; and (2) the names of these consultants and the final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 218

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 218 showing:

(1) Whether, since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Saskatchewan Assessment Commission. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley), that all the words after the word 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Saskatchewan Assessment Commission to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; and (2) the names of these consultants and the final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Return No. 219

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 219 showing:

(1) Whether, since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Saskatchewan Arts Board. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley), that all the words after the word 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Saskatchewan Arts Board to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; and (2) the names of these consultants and the final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 220

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 220 showing:

(1) Whether, since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Saskatchewan Archives Board. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley), that all the words after the word 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Saskatchewan Archives Board to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; and (2) the names of these consultants and the final costs.

HON. E.L. COWLEY (Provincial Secretary): — I suppose I can understand why this occurred, having sat here through the afternoon and the evening. I imagine when the member was writing out all of these questions — though I suspect he wrote out one and someone else did the others, to make a mistake like this . . . I think if the hon. members will look at page 43, item 138, Return No. 164, moved by the same member as moved

this one, they will see that it's identical. I wish that the member, in closing debate, would perhaps explain to the House why he wants to ask exactly the same questions twice. I know there is undoubtedly some Devine inspiration behind this and I'd like him to shed some light on the House for the rest of the members.

MR. SPEAKER: — I would like to warn the Assembly that the hon. member is about to exercise the right to close debate. I am sorry I am going to have to deny the Leader of the Opposition the opportunity to make a response. The question is dropped because — as was drawn to our attention — it is the same as the previous one.

Return No. 221

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 221 showing:

(1) Whether, since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Department of Rural Affairs. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley), that all the words after the word 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Department of Rural Affairs to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; and (2) the names of these consultants and the final cost.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 222

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 222 showing:

(1) Whether, since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the public service superannuation board. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — 222's, that is what I think we all need tonight, Mr. Speaker.

I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley), that all the words after the word 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the public service superannuation board to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; and (2) the names of these consultants and the final cost.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Return No. 223

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 223 showing:

(1) Whether, since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the public service commission. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley), that all the words after the word ‘showing’ be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the public service commission to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; and (2) the names of these consultants and the final cost.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Return No. 224

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 224 showing:

(1) Whether, since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the public and private rights board. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley), that all the words after the word ‘showing’ be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the public and private rights board to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; and (2) the names of these consultants and the final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Return No. 225

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 225 showing:

(1) Whether, since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Office of the Provincial Secretary. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley), that all the words after the word 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Office of the Provincial Secretary (the guardian of the great seal) to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; and (2) the names of these consultants and the final cost.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 226

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 226 showing:

(1) Whether, since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Provincial Mediation Board. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley), that all the words after the word 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Provincial Mediation Board to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; and (2) the names of these consultants and the final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 227

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 227 showing:

(1) Whether, since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Provincial Library. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley), that all the words after the word 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Provincial Library to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; and (2) the names of these consultants and the final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Return No. 228

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 228 showing:

(1) Whether, since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the provincial auditor. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley), that all the words after the word 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the provincial auditor to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; and (2) the names of these consultants and the final cost.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Return No. 229

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 229 showing:

(1) Whether, since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I am going to ask the members of the House to defeat this motion. This requests information respecting the Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute, which the hon. members should know is a tripartite corporate company set up by consultation and agreement for the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta. As such, we only have one-third say over it, and accordingly, there's no way we can deliver on this. I am asking the members to defeat.

Motion is negatived.

Return No. 230

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 230 showing:

(1) Whether, since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Office of the Rentalsman. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley), that all the words after the word 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

(1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Office of the Rentalsman to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; and (2) the names of these consultants and the final cost.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 231

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 231 showing:

(1) Whether, since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the Department of Revenue, Supply and Services. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley), that all the words after the word 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

- (1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the Department of Revenue, Supply and Services to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; and (2) the names of these consultants and the final cost.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 232

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 232 showing:

- (1) Whether, since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the public employees' superannuation plan. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley), that all the words after the word 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

- (1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the public employees' superannuation plan to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; and (2) the names of these consultants and the final cost.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 233

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition) moved, seconded by the member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 233 showing:

- (1) Whether, since March 1, 1979, any consultants or consulting firms have been awarded a contract with the teachers' superannuation commission. (a) If so, the nature of the contract or contracts, the name and address of each consultant or consulting firm, the value of the contract, and the purpose of the contract. (b) In each instance, whether the contract was advertised or awarded without advertising.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley), that all the words after the word 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

- (1) The names of all reports and studies commissioned by the teachers'

superannuation commission to external consultants during the period March 1, 1979 to March 25, 1980; and (2) the names of these consultants and the final costs.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed to.

Return No. 501

MR. G.S. MUIRHEAD (Arm River) moved, seconded by the member for Wilkie (Mr. Garner) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 502 showing:

A detailed outline from the Department of the Environment on how the Government of Saskatchewan plans to dispose of all wastes resulting from uranium mining and refining in Saskatchewan.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Estevan asks, how can I amend this one? I must confess that it is not easy especially when you consider the original question. The original questions says, Mr. Speaker — get this — a detailed outline from the Department of the Environment on how the Government of Saskatchewan plans to dispose of all wastes resulting from uranium mining and refining in Saskatchewan; a detailed outline for what the Government of Saskatchewan says, or it is alleged, it says, is responsible for disposition of the wastes.

Well it is difficult to amend the question, that kind of a question, with that all-embracing a field, but I think I have an amendment, Mr. Speaker. I have an amendment, after a great deal of thought on this, which should satisfy all the members opposite.

I would like to move, seconded by the Provincial Secretary (Mr. Cowley) that all the words after the word 'showing' be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

The manner in which the Government of Saskatchewan implements the most stringent regulation of uranium development anywhere in Canada, and outlines the measures for making licences public and regulating wastes generated by industry in uranium mining and milling operations.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 502

MR. G.S. MUIRHEAD (Arm River) moved, seconded by the member for Wilkie (Mr. Garner) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 502 showing:

Documents from (a) the Department of Health (b) the Department of Labour, and (c) the Department of the Environment showing all the rules and regulations pertaining to radiation control in the province of Saskatchewan as of March 1, 1980.

Motion agreed.

Return No. 169

MR. J.W.A. GARNER (Wilkie) moved, seconded by the member for Bengough-Milestone (Mr. Pickering) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 169 showing:

All studies, surveys, questionnaires, correspondence, reports, memoranda, aide-memoires, recommendations, and any other documents of the Department of Health with regard to the consent of minors with respect to the health care act.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I'm going to ask the members of the House to turn down this proposed Order No. 169. There are two reasons for my urging this. The first reason is perhaps in the area of trivia, although I don't think so. It's a valid point. So far as I know — I stand to be corrected here — we don't have a health care act in the province of Saskatchewan. The question asks for studies and surveys, etc. with regard to health care act as it relates to minors. We don't have one in the province of Saskatchewan, so even if we were inclined to answer it I guess we would answer nil because there is no health care act.

But it doesn't matter because the principle — and this is my second reason — for this order for return is one that asks for all studies, surveys, questionnaires, correspondence. All correspondence, Mr. Speaker, get this, including correspondence for or against people write to a minister or write to a department expressing their views! They would now have that correspondence revealed — reports, memoranda, aide-memoires — any kind of an aide-memoire that a minister would have made in the course of a conversation with an individual — recommendations, and any other documents (just in case they haven't covered the waterfront) of the Department of Health with regard to the consent of minors with respect to the health care act which is nonexistent. I stand to be corrected and I apologize if that is the case.

So I say, Mr. Speaker, that it's imply a wrong principle to do this, to table it. We've never done this before. These are internal documents which are used by the government and the department in the formulation of policy. Not only that, but it's so sweeping and so wide it would be dangerous and unwise for us to adopt the motion as proposed.

So, Mr. Speaker, I'm recommending defeat in item 209, proposed Return No. 169.

MR. GARNER: — Mr. Speaker, I'll withdraw that and work it up and bring it back in a different form. I would also like to withdraw the next one, number 210, Return No. 170, as well.

Motions for Return Nos. 169 and 170 withdrawn.

Return No. 171

MR. G.S. MUIRHEAD (Arm River) moved, seconded by the member for Wilkie (Mr. Garner) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 171 showing:

The name, department and position of every person who was not covered under the Saskatchewan Government Employees' Association contract who received remuneration from the Government of Saskatchewan for services

rendered to the Government of Saskatchewan during the period beginning midnight November 15, 1979 and ending at midnight December 4, 1979.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I think by now it will be obvious to all members of this Assembly what's been transpiring here all day and basically all sitting evening with respect to these motions for returns and proposed questions. The point I want to make is that these question are asked in areas of concern which will be very difficult, if not impossible, for the government to answer. I invite again the members of this Assembly to consider this question which is before us. The question says the member wants the name, department and position of every person who is not covered under the Saskatchewan Government Employees' Association contract who received remuneration from the Government of Saskatchewan for services rendered during the period of November 15 to December 4, 1979.

By the way, Mr. Speaker, I think we can notice that period is the period during which there was disruption and a cessation of work as a result of a dispute involving the Saskatchewan Government Employees' Association and the public service commission. I'll say a word or two about that in a moment. But even if we could answer this question, what this question gets at and what it would have us do is to list the names of all the people who are not covered by the SGEA contract who receive remuneration from the Government of Saskatchewan.

Mr. Speaker, I don't know if the framer of this question stopped for one moment to think of the consequences of what this question wanted to uncover, because if that individual had, somewhere in the back room of the Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party's offices, he would have surely realized the answer would obligate the government to list here the names, departments and positions of all people who are temporary employees, or part-time employees who have not worked long enough to qualify as SGEA members — probably amounting into the hundreds — casual employees who are not covered by the contract, members of CUPE which is another union not covered by the SGEA contract but covered in a collective bargaining agreement with the government (I don't know for sure, but my estimate is there would be probably 400 workers or more just for the CUPE bargaining units alone), out-of-scope employees, those who are not covered by any SGEA contract and so forth I don't know how much time, how much effort would be involved to answer that, but I would predict without any fear of contradiction, Mr. Speaker, it would be an inordinately large amount of time and effort — extra effort, I remind the members of the House, at taxpayers' expense — to table this kind of information.

Why was it asked, Mr. Speaker? This brings me to my second point. Why was it asked when I think — and this is my second point — the obvious intent of this motion is to try to get at — I say it is the intent — those workers who during the course of the dispute with SGEA, saw fit to return to work during the period of the dispute November 15 to midnight, December 4, 1979. You will recall, Mr. Speaker, that at the fall session of the legislature a question of this same nature was asked by the opposition, the PC opposition, and we were dealing with it at that particular time. I say there can be no other motivation behind such a question.

The hon. member for Maple Creek says it's ridiculous. If the answer is that there is another motivation for it, why is it that the dates are so particularly identified as between November 15 and December 4, 1979? I ask you if there is such a discussion in the legislature here, to take judicial notice of the fact that this was the exact period of the dispute — what they want is those people who returned to work not covered by the

SGEA contract. I don't think they realize that their net cast such a broad scope and caught so many other people such as CUPE and casuals and part-times and those who were not in SGEA membership because of the fact of the 30-day waiting period and so forth, even if we could answer it on that kind of a basis. But I say, Mr. Speaker, that what this really involves is an attempt to witch hunt, to witch hunt the number of people who took a position one way or the other during the course of the SGEA dispute.

Mr. Speaker, I make no mistake about it. This is the second question of this nature which has been put forward by the PC caucus and they want to find out what the answers are and the names and the positions in the departments. What are they going to do with this information, Mr. Speaker? How are they going to handle it? Where will this information come out? What approach will the opposition take once this information is provided to them? I say, Mr. Speaker, that it is absolutely essential to keep these questions in proper perspective.

I don't think the Liberal opposition, if they had been in this legislature at this time (if I may say comparing from my experience) would have shown the lack of attention that this motion, this order for return, does — casting such a broad net and thereby gathering in the names of innocent people or a number of people who are not related at all to this issue. What other possible conceivable reason could there be for getting this information? I invite the hon. members sometime later on during the course of the debate to explain to this House what the conceivable reason and motivation would be. Why would he motivate this to November 15 and December 4, 1979? I say that the logical conclusion is that this is an attempt — pure, simple, blatant, bold-faced attempt to get at the information related to the people with respect to the SGEA dispute.

I say, Mr. Speaker, that this is a very lamentable position to be taken by the opposition. I say, Mr. Speaker, that tonight if we assess all of the orders for return that we have now filed in this Assembly . . . We have gone through maybe about one-third of them, Mr. Speaker, there is another half to two-thirds yet to be tackled let alone those that are adjourned at the next private members' day and probably the next private members' day after that, given the contention of them.

I say that all of this shows the highest degree of irresponsibility on the part of the opposition; because, Mr. Speaker, if one had taken this particular motion and done one's homework with respect to the issues and the answers sought, you wouldn't have these kinds of wide nets which indeed have been cast with the tremendous costs and expenses which will be attached to the taxpayers of the province of Saskatchewan.

I think, Mr. Speaker, that the PC opposition has shown itself to be bankrupt of new ideas by this order for return. The PC opposition has proven itself to be bankrupt politically. Mr. Speaker, I would say the PC opposition has proven itself to be totally bankrupt — period — with respect to this session. And, Mr. Speaker, I think I've been around this Assembly — if I keep this up for a little while longer, I may end up being the dean. Oh, it's the member who does all the talking from the seated position in the House, but from a standing position outside the House . . . Sometime I'd like to welcome him into a formal debate inside the House. It would be nice to know what allegations he makes in this House rather than standing up there outside the legislature and doing that.

So I say to the hon. members opposite — to each and every one of them — they should be ashamed at the effort that has been put forward in this regard.

Now I don't know if I'd single out the hon. member for Arm River personally for this kind of a motion because I don't think he knew what he signed when he submitted this order for return. I think some poison pen writer or researcher in the back of his office gave him, like everybody else, a whole series of these questions on the order paper. Mr. Speaker, they gave no thought to what they were asking. They did not want to give any time to the research of the operation. They simply said this was the case.

Mr. Speaker, what are we hiding, the hon. members say. The hon. members who were in the House today and tonight and the press will know we have agreed to virtually all of these motions for return — all of them.

AN HON. MEMBER: — With amendments.

MR. ROMANOW: — Yes, with the amendments, necessary amendments for question which if we'd adopted as answered would have provided a nil answer, time after time after time. Amendments in order to make the questions proper for the PC caucus . . . (inaudible) . . .

SOME HON. MEMBERS: — Hear, hear!

MR. ROMANOW: — That's the kind of co-operation we give them. Mr. Speaker, the people of Saskatchewan want this PC opposition to elevate its sights away from these kinds of motions and questions. It's high time to start talking policy. Mr. Speaker, the members of this Assembly want to know where the PCs stand on uranium; where they stand on right to work; where they stand on direct billing; where they stand on developments; where they stand on Crown corporations and not to go on witch-hunting with respect to the SGEA employees. It's high time the PCs told us where they were.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: — Hear, hear!

MR. ROMANOW: — It's high time Mr. Devine took charge of this runaway caucus which puts motions like this before us. Mr. Speaker, it's high time there was a leader of the PC Party to look as this motion and say to the caucus, hold it boys, you're misdirecting your efforts. It's high time that situation be put in here. I say, Mr. Speaker, when you see the kind of leaderless, rudderless, directionless kind of approach by the PC caucus that indeed the taxpayers of Saskatchewan, and only the taxpayers of Saskatchewan, are going to pay the penalty for that.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: — Hear, hear!

MR. ROMANOW: — Now, Mr. Speaker, I'm going to have a lot more to say about this because this is an example of what I want to say. Therefore I beg leave to adjourn the debate.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: — Hear, hear!

Debate adjourned.

The Assembly adjourned at 9:48 p.m.