

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF SASKATCHEWAN
April 8, 1980

The Assembly met at 2 p.m.

On the Orders of the Day

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

FIRST ASSISTANT CLERK: — Mr. White, from the select standing committee on Crown corporations, presents the first report of the said committee which is as follows:

Your committee met for organization and elected Mr. White as Chairman and Mr. Banda as Vice-chairman.

This committee recommends to the Legislative Assembly that the matter of video and audio taping of the proceedings of the Crown corporations committee be referred to the special committee on rules and procedures for a report thereon with all convenient speed.

MR. C.O. WHITE (Regina Wascana): — Mr. Speaker, I will be moving a motion, respecting the matter referred to in the report and I will take only a minute to introduce it. The subject referred to in the report has been discussed extensively in Crown corporations committee. The recommendation of this committee is incorporated in the report you have just heard.

An intersessional committee on rules and procedures is presently examining the subject. I will later be moving that the matter be referred to that committee. I therefore urge the House to adopt the following motion:

That the first report of the select standing committee on Crown corporations be now concurred in.

MR. SPEAKER: — Who seconds the motion?

MR. ALLEN: — I second the motion.

Motion agreed to on the following recorded division.

Yeas — 35

Pepper	MacMurchy	Cody
Allen	Mostoway	Koskie
Bowerman	Banda	Matsalla
Smishek	Kaeding	Lusney
Romanow	Hammersmith	Prebble
Snyder	Kowalchuk	Long
Kramer	McAuley	Johnson
Robbins	Feschuk	Engel
Baker	Byers	Poniatowski
Skoberg	Vickar	White

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Shillington

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Nays — 14

Berntson
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Katzman
Duncan
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McLeod

MR. C.O. WHITE (Regina Wascana): — Mr. Speaker, in introducing this motion, I'd like to point out one thing: one committee cannot refer a matter to another committee. The House must do that. However, as Chairman of the Crown corporations committee, I wish to urge the rules and procedures committee to make a prompt recommendation particularly on the use of tape recorders as aids to reporters in preparing accurate accounts, as opposed to taping for broadcasting. Having said that, I want to move, seconded by the member for Assiniboia-Gravelbourg, by leave of the Assembly:

That the matter of video and audio taping of the proceedings of the Crown corporations committee be referred to the special committee on rules and procedures for a report thereon, with all convenient speed.

Leave not granted.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

MR. A.S. MATSALLA (Canora): — Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to introduce to you and to the members of the house on behalf of the hon. member for Yorkton, Mr. Randy Nelson, a very special group in the legislature. Seventeen young men and women of Yorkton from ages 13 to 18 are seated in the Speaker's gallery. They are members of the Canadian Ukrainian Youth Association known as Sumk in Ukrainian. The president of the group is Lorne Derenowski and he's present with the group. Accompanying the group are four advisors: George Skwarchuk, Jim Belan, Iris Derenowski and Phyllis Stanicky. Earlier this day they visited Northern Telecom as well as the RCMP Museum and following the visit here, they will visit the Museum of Natural History. I would ask with your permission, Mr. Speaker, to have the group stand in the Speaker's gallery so that we might be able to greet them and recognize them.

HON. MEMBERS: — Hear, hear!

MR. MATSALLA: — I'd ask the members of the House to join with me in greeting this fine group and extending a very warm welcome from the legislature in the tradition of Ukrainian culture. This is through the display of braided bread, known as Kolach in Ukrainian, and salt. Both of these represent the staff of life as you are all aware. The braiding in the bread, which has been very finely done, represents dignity, love and charity and those together represent togetherness. Hopefully here this afternoon we may be able to work together in trying to move the business of this House. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

HON. MEMBERS: — Hear, hear!

QUESTIONS

Inadequate Sentences in Saskatchewan for Rapists

MRS. J.H. DUNCAN (Maple Creek): — Mr. Speaker, a question to the Attorney General. On two previous occasions I have raised with you the issue of the inadequate sentences in Saskatchewan for rapes and the issuing of personal passes to convicted rapists. In light of the recent two rapes which occurred in the North Battleford area by a paroled rapist, will you now make representation — and strong representation — to the federal authorities for the removal of the right to parole and the issuing of passes to convicted rapists?

HON. R.J. ROMANOW (Attorney General): — Mr. Speaker, I cannot make that undertaking for the hon. member because I would hope that she and her caucus would subscribe to the view that parole, if properly used and properly administered is a very valuable tool for the rehabilitation of offenders — be they assault offenders or rape offenders. In the particular instance I am advised that the person involved had just finished service (I believe) eight years of a term of imprisonment with respect to certain offences when the alleged incident took place and the balance on parole was cancelled forthwith. I want finally to stress that the matter of parole is exclusively a federal responsibility and the decisions taken here throughout the piece were by federal officials.

MRS. DUNCAN: — Supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Well obviously Mr. Attorney General, in these instances the rehabilitative process of issuing passes and granting of parole is perhaps not working and as chief law officer for the province is not your duty to inform your federal counterpart that the whole scope of rape in Canada has to be looked into?

MR. ROMANOW: — Well, I think again, Mr. Speaker, the hon. member is trying to divorce the general principle of parole with respect to a particular offence, the offence of rape. I think that is the wrong way to approach this. The issue should not be whether parole for rape is or isn't working. The issue would be (in my respectful submission) whether or not parole generally is working, be it for a rape offence or an assault offence, a theft offence or a fraud offence or whatever. From my point of view, if the hon. member has any information or concrete evidence which would indicate it is not working on a systematic basis then I think that would be something which would be subject and worthy of presentation to federal authorities. This is a very unfortunate circumstance which if the facts are true, apparently took place but I do not know whether it justifies the cancellation of the parole program. I think we would have to look at all the facts and circumstances over a little longer period of time.

MRS. DUNCAN: — Final supplementary. I think your answer is rather wishy-washy as the chief law officer. I am not asking for the removal of parole or issuing of passes in the whole penal system. What I am asking is that you make representation with regard to the issuing of passes and paroles in the instances of rape. You must admit that in cases like this, one last spring and one now, a one week sentencing not too long ago, the whole process is just not working.

MR. ROMANOW: — Well, Mr. Speaker, I would only say to the hon. member again that in my judgment the question of parole as isolated to a particular offence is not the correct way to approach this. I don't think it can be argued that rape, as serious and heinous a crime as it is, should someone be singled out and made more special or more important than say the crime of assault, manslaughter, fraud or break and entry

all of which are also subject to parole because the victims there are equally offended and hurt by a parole system which doesn't work. Surely the law must not pick and choose; the lawyer must see whether or not it works fairly throughout the piece.

HON. E. KRAMER (Minister of Highways and Transportation): — Mr. Speaker, I have veterinary equipment out at the ranch. You could handle these fellows very nicely with little expense.

Dismissal of Employees re SGEA Strike

MR. R. KATZMAN (Rosthern): — A question for the minister responsible for the public service. Has the SGEA (Saskatchewan Government Employees' Association) asked for the dismissal of certain employees re the SGEA strike, those who attended work?

HON. E.L. TCHORZEWSKI (Minister of Finance): — Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of any such request. No such request has come to me. Whether or not such request has come to the public service commission, I would have to inquire with the public service commission and as a result of that I will take notice of the question and get back to the member.

MR. KATZMAN: — While the minister is taking notice, would he also like to answer this? There are several hundred letters SGEA has prepared information employees that they are about to be removed from their union membership. What action will you take when you are presented with copies of these letters where they are moving union membership from SGEA employees?

MR. TCHORZEWSKI: — Mr. Speaker, that is a hypothetical question. I have not received such letters and until I do, I will not be able to make comment.

Removal of PCBs from Federal Pioneer Site

MR. G.S. MUIRHEAD (Arm River): — Mr. Speaker, a question to the Minister of the Environment. In light of your recent announcement that PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) from Federal Pioneer could very well be removed to a cement pit for storage and your convenient suggestion that they be located somewhere in the south part of the province neatly avoiding Kelvington, Wadena and Shellbrook, I should like to ask the minister, on what grounds can you justify this?

HON. G.R. BOWERMAN (Minister of the Environment): — Mr. Speaker, I am not in any way attempting to justify anything. We have a report of the National Research Council which says that the contaminated soils at Federal Pioneer should be removed and that they should be disposed of. We have a subsequent report from Reid Crowther which says that there are a number of possible locations within a 50-mile radius of Regina. I have made no case either for or against the recommendations of Reid Crowther.

MR. R.H. PICKERING (Bengough-Milestone): — A supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Has the minister given any consideration to locating the PCBs in the area around Quill Lake which was used as a bombing site during World War II, and if he hasn't would he assure the Assembly he will take this under consideration?

MR. BOWERMAN: — Mr. Speaker, I have advised this Assembly on other occasions earlier under questions that we would review the advice which we have received by way of consultants' reports and we will review the considerations and recommendations of

the action committee with respect thereto.

Indian Land Entitlements

MR. R.L. ANDREW (Kindersley): — A question to the Minister of Environment. A stated policy of your government is to settle some of the Indian land claims with resource properties in the North and as I understand, perhaps uranium mines or some such thing. Can you advise the House whether or not those negotiations have commenced either with the province of Saskatchewan or some Crown corporation and if so what's the progress of same?

MR. BOWERMAN: — Mr. Speaker, we have not said that we would resolve the issue of Indian land entitlements with uranium properties or any other mining properties. What we have said is that we will place on the table unoccupied and occupied Crown lands for selection purposes. Selection does not necessarily mean automatic transfer — that we have said — and if there has been a selection of lands that do have mineral depositions on them (I believe that there are some lands that have mineral depositions on them), that they have been transferred or if they have not been transferred, that they are in the process of being transferred.

Cold Lake Heavy Oil Project

MR. G.M. McLEOD (Meadow Lake): — Mr. Speaker, a question to the Minister of Environment. Mr. Minister, the Premier took notice of this question on your behalf—I believe it was March 10. Are you now prepared to state to the House your government's position regarding the disposal of the massive amounts of surface waste water at the Cold Lake heavy oil project that's proposed in Alberta?

MR. BOWERMAN: — I'm not sure if I have the question clearly, Mr. Speaker. The answer to the way I interpret the question is no, we have not arrived at a conclusion as to how or in what way this issue will be resolved, primarily because the project hasn't advanced that far.

MR. McLEOD: — Supplementary. Surely, Mr. Minister, when you say to me that the project hasn't advanced that far, the approval for the project is pending. Now will you tell me, have you entered into discussions with the Government of Alberta in view of the fact that the decision is now pending? Have you entered into discussions to give your government's position in view of the proximity of that project to the Saskatchewan border and the proposal that the waste water will either go into the Beaver River system and subsequently the Churchill River system or the North Saskatchewan — one or the other? What I am asking you is what your view is and which do you favor? I want to know, have you made any representations to the Government of Alberta other than the paper that you presented to the Alberta Energy Conservation Board — any representations recently?

MR. BOWERMAN: — Well, the member, as he kept on asking his question and talking, obviously knows that we have made representations to the Alberta hearing board. He really answered his own question. Yes, we have made representations both to the Alberta government and to the hearing study. We've made interventions there. But as he also indicated, the decision has not finally been made. The decision is pending. Therefore, the ultimate decisions with regard to the disposal of waste water from the project will have to await the final decisions in relationship to the proposals that will

finally be made with respect to the project. But I can say, Mr. Speaker, yes, the Department of the Environment has made representation to both the Alberta government and to the study board set up for hearing purposes.

MR. McLEOD: — Final supplementary. Mr. Minister, very simply, will you tell this House today, the people in that area and especially the people of Saskatchewan, which waste disposal area proposal you favor as the Government of Saskatchewan and as the Department of Environment?

MR. BOWERMAN: — Well, Mr. Speaker, I'm not prepared to answer that, simply because it's a hypothetical question at this point in time. The decision is still pending. The matter is under constant review by the Department of the Environment and by this government. We are in regular communications with and observation of what is taking place in the Cold Lake area. We will certainly, when the time is appropriate, make not only our stand known (which has been done already), but we will take whatever actions and whatever course is available to us to object or to see that proper mitigation measures are enforced.

Position Paper Relative to Delivery Quotas

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition): — Mr. Speaker, a question to the Minister of Agriculture. Your marketing and economics branch has spent some considerable time and money putting together a position paper relative to proposed changes for the review committee on Canadian Wheat board delivery quotas. I'm sure you'll agree this information is of great interest to the farming community of Saskatchewan. I wonder if you'll indicate to this House when you will be tabling that report.

HON. G. MacMURCHY (Minister of Agriculture): — The hon. member has caught me off guard with respect to when. I think I can say it will be tabled in due course. I can't respond to the member as to the exact time. It may well be convenient to table the documentation prior to agricultural estimates so that there will be an opportunity to debate the issue at that time.

Interior Terminal Elevators

MR. BERNTSON: — While the minister is tabling that document prior to the agricultural estimates, I wonder if he would also table the report that relates to the role of interior terminal elevators — obviously for the same reasons.

MR. MacMURCHY: — Mr. Speaker, I'm not familiar in my mind with a report on interior terminals. I'll do some research on that and consider the hon. member's suggestion after having reviewed the report itself.

Mining Industry Concerns

MR. LARTER: — Mr. Speaker, a question to the Minister of Mineral Resources. Mr. Minister, in the March 29 issue of the Financial Post mining companies voiced some concern that the confrontation of oil pricing between Ottawa and the provinces could very well spread to the mining industry. Do you believe in fact this is going to happen?

HON. J.R. MESSER (Minister of Mineral Resources): — Well, Mr. Speaker, the member is, I think, alluding to what may very well be a hypothetical circumstance. Although we

do consider the discussion between the provinces and the federal government in respect to pricing of energy a very serious one, we hope those deliberations will not be protracted so as to have negative or detrimental effects on the resource development activities Canada should be enjoying at this time.

MR. LARTER: — Supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Minister, would you not agree that the Government of Canada should not be singling out, for instance, gas and oil. Why shouldn't they be going after hydro-power, iron ore mining? Why would you not stand firm now in the West, both on oil as well as the other resources, with Alberta on this and really make a good deal for western Canada? You still haven't said you're going to stand up for western Canada?

MR. MESSER: — Mr. Speaker, the member tempts a speech, one that has been given by a good many members of this side of the Legislative Assembly on a number of occasions beginning with the Premier of this province. We have consistently suggested to the federal government, as we have to other provinces, that we cannot expect to resolve the energy pricing question for any length of time or in a proper manner unless we look at energy in total, including not only oil and natural gas but hydro-electric power and other sources of energy which we rely on and which may well be exported south of the Canada-U.S. border or exported from this country. It's a matter of record. Our position is very clear in that respect.

The member also asks whether or not we should be looking at other resources as well. I think that a simple look through the Debates and Proceedings of this House, and again, transcripts of the first ministers' conferences and other ministers' conferences, would show we have said that it is improper to allow Tory governments such as the one now in power in the province of Ontario to develop resources with a tax base that brings no real revenues to the general public of that province and expect us then to subsidize the energy consumption of that province. It's a matter of record where we stand on this. We do very much support western Canada and the development of its resources. We cannot force on other provinces in western Canada our position but I think the people in Saskatchewan as in other parts of western Canada and, indeed, in Canada, look to Saskatchewan for leadership in resource development.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: — Hear, hear!

Amendment of The Trade Union Act

MR. J.G. LANE (Qu'Appelle): — I'd like to direct a question to the Minister of Labour. The Minister of Labour has reported that at the annual convention of the Moose Jaw and District Labour Council that, in fact, The Trade Union Act was going to be amended notwithstanding the supreme court decision. The quote runs, I believe:

A Court of Queen's Bench decision which found the Saskatchewan Government Employees' Association strike last fall illegal will be reversed one way or another, Labour Minister Gordon Snyder said Saturday.

I have before me a letter from one Larry Brown, at the time executive secretary to the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour, wherein he refers to section 11(2)(d) of The Trade Union Act and he, if I can quote:

It has come to our attention the provincial Department of Labour is giving out, when requested, an interpretation of section 11(2)(d) of The Trade

Union Act dealing with a strike vote that we have some real problems with. The department's interpretations . . .

And these are the important words.

. . . is that in order for there to be a proper strike vote, a majority of the members in the local affected have to vote in favor of a strike by secret ballot.

Would the minister not admit that the rather inconsistent approach he is taking, on the one hand saying he's going to change, and the department's interpretation which follows the court's interpretation, is not helping the strike situation at this time and, in fact, is causing confusion and disruption?

HON. G.T. SNYDER (Minister of Labour): — In answer to the hon. member's question, Mr. Speaker, here has been nothing inconsistent in my remarks with respect to 11(2)(d) since the question was initially raised and a judgment was rendered by two courts in Saskatchewan and has since that time been appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada. My indication from the earlier point was (it was my impression that 11(2)(d) provided for a majority of those who actually cast their ballot to make the decision as to whether a strike would be validated or not.

I think the hon. member will also agree that something less than a year ago in this House, section 19 of The Construction Industry Labour Relations Act spelled out in a very precise way, the manner in which a strike vote would be validated. There is nothing inconsistent in what I have said over a period of time since the 11(2)(d) section of The Trade Union Act was originally challenged. My position has been that I cannot be placed in a position where a section dealing with identical circumstances in two provincial statutes are at variance, one with the other.

My indication was that after the supreme court's decision was rendered, the department would then make its judgment with respect to the need for any necessary amendments to The Trade Union Act.

MR. LANE: — By way of a supplementary, is the minister then recanting the press statement that in fact the department was going to make amendment to The Trade Union Act, no matter the judgment? And would the minister justify to this Assembly his commenting on cases before the courts, which this government has held up as a reason for not commenting on other matters before the Assembly? Would you indicate why it is right for you to comment on court cases but not for the minister responsible for DNS?

MR. SNYDER: — Well, I would think the member for Qu'Appelle would be the last person to be raising that question in light of his performance and the performance of his colleagues over a period of time in this House.

My only comment has been with respect to proposed action by the Department of Labour in the event that the supreme court decision upholds the lower court decisions. In that event I believe I will have two pieces of legislation for which I am responsible that are not consistent, one with the other. That has been my only comment and I don't believe in any way this can be seen to prejudice any action that is being taken, or the case being taken to the Supreme Court of Canada. I see that would in no way prejudice the position of that body.

Review of Claims by SGI

MR. P. ROUSSEAU (Regina South): — My question is to the minister responsible for SGI. Mr. Minister, in light of your reply last Thursday that the 400 per cent limitation had been removed from the total replacement cost insurance, will you or your officials review any claims made prior to that date to correct any unsatisfactory settlements by SGI, since SGI was in fact in contravention of The Combines Investigation Act, by virtue of the advertising of your policy?

HON. W.A. ROBBINS (Minister of Revenue, Supply and Services): — As I said before, Mr. Speaker, other insurance companies also had the 400 per cent clause, and some of them still do. The fact of the matter is that we have never had a claim where we have had a depreciation allowance in excess of 70 per cent.

MR. ROUSSEAU: — Mr. Speaker, the other insurance companies weren't advertising as you were the total replacement cost, when you were, in fact, limiting. I'm asking you again if you had claims prior to the date of March 8, when the endorsement called for a 400 per cent limitation and you were, in fact, advertising total cost replacement? Will those claims be reviewed to pay the proper amount that you were advertising as such?

MR. ROBBINS: — I repeat, Mr. Speaker, we have never had a claim that ran into that clause at all.

Supply of Treated Water — North Saskatoon

MR. KATZMAN: — A question to the minister responsible for the water supply board, because you missed it last time and you still haven't brought it back. As you are aware, the city of Saskatoon is having problems supplying the total needs of treated water to the people on the north Saskatoon treated line. Is your department now negotiating with the city of Saskatoon to either assist them in enlarging their facilities so they can handle the extra load, or are you still planning to build your own water treatment plant, as you have indicated you are considering in water supply, Crown corporations?

MR. BOWERMAN: — I don't have the answer to the hon. member's question; I will take it under advisement and report back, Mr. Speaker.

Health Food Outlets

HON. H.H. ROLFES (Minister of Health): — Mr. Speaker, last Thursday, I believe, or Wednesday, April 2, I took notice of question from the member for Maple Creek as to whether or not we investigated and had control over health food stores. The answers to her question are no, and no.

MR. LANE: — A supplementary to the minister. Is the minister saying that he is retracting his statement that they were reviewing these health food stores to ensure that the public was protected? Is he now saying that no such review is taking place, and the government is not taking any action?

MR. ROLFES: — Mr. Speaker, I did not say that. She asked me specifically if I was investigating and I said no to that. Are we studying it. the answer is yes.

Air Service

MR. J.W.A. GARNER (Wilkie): — Mr. Speaker, a question to the minister in charge of transportation in Saskatchewan. Mr. Minister, about a year ago (we have discussed this before and it has to do with the air service between Saskatoon and Regina) you told me I think at that time that it was going to be under review. Still we have no air service on the weekends between Saskatoon and Regina. My question to you is when is this government going to start doing its job and accept the responsibility to provide air traffic between the two major cities in this province on the weekends?

MR. MacMURCHY: — Mr. Speaker, I can check into the files for the hon. member on any representation that the Government of Saskatchewan has made to (and it's the carrier that's involved) Norcanair and provide him with that information. I will forward it to him so he can get a picture of the provincial government's involvement in this area.

MR. GARNER: — Mr. Minister, while you are looking into that, I think maybe it should be looked into with a little more depth. Last spring or last summer, I don't remember exactly when, Norcan said they were starting up an air-bus service between the two major cities. With that new air-bus service one flight per day was added on Wednesday. Now this isn't air service in the province so we really don't have good air service during the week and we haven one on the weekend. I think it needs to be reviewed and there has to be something done about this.

MR. MacMURCHY: — Mr. Speaker, I will, as I indicated, provide information to the hon. member. I think that the hon. member would be wise to direct some of his arguments to the carrier itself, which is a private carrier operating within the province. A representation came from him on behalf of his constituent in the northwest corner of the province along with the provincial government's position and it may assist in providing better service to the province.

Price of Oil

MR. ANDREW: — Many people are calling now, in the name of oil and gas conservation, that the Government of Canada raise the price of oil to the world level or a component of that world level. Now your government has sort of skirted that issue. Could you advise the Assembly as to a time frame, whether it is 1982 or 1986 or anything from that, that you would advocate we move the price of oil toward, in the sense of conservation?

MR. MESSER: — Mr. Speaker, the Premier has answered similar questions on numerous occasions in this House. I've talked to the press and I believe our position is known and that is, there has to be adjustment upward for the price of oil, primarily to turn on new Canadian production not only in the province of Saskatchewan but in the province of Alberta and other areas as well. It would also encourage development and research into other resources of energy, be they non-renewable or renewable. We will await some further response from the federal government as to what kind of time frame it is proposing (and that is not dissimilar to the position the province of Alberta is taking) before we talk to them precisely about time frames and the kind of adjustments we believe are practical and realistic.

MR. LARTER: — Mr. Minister, can you tell this Assembly, have you taken on any new policies regarding uncapping Saskatchewan gas or Saskatchewan oil? As you know, there are many gas wells owned by Saskatchewan producers in the western part of the province or do you still have that philosophy of leave it in the ground, it won't spoil?

MR. MESSER: — The answer to the member's question is no, Mr. Speaker.

STATEMENT BY MR. SPEAKER

MR. SPEAKER: — I have a statement. On April 2, 1980 the member for Qu'Appelle raised a matter he referred to as "privilege."

Parliamentary privilege is the sum of the peculiar rights enjoyed by each House collectively as a constituent part of the High Court of Parliament, and by Members of each House individually, without which they could not discharge their functions and which exceed those possessed by other bodies or individuals.

Beauchesne's Parliamentary Rules and Forms, Fifth Edition, citation 16.

I have examined pages 1345 and 1346 of Debates and Proceedings, April 1, 1980. On page 1345 the member for Thunder Creek made the following comment:

It's wonderful how you choose to inject yourself into the question period, Mr. Speaker.

Beauchesne's Parliamentary Rules and Forms, Fourth Edition, citation 68, says in part:

Reflections upon the character or actions of the Speaker may be punished as breaches of privilege. His actions cannot be criticized incidentally in debate, or upon any form of proceeding except by way of a substantive motion.

While I judge the comment of the member for Thunder Creek to be a damaging impression against the Chair, I did not judge it to be evidence of privilege. Members will note the record on page 1345 and 1346 shows that I was unable to obtain a retraction and apology for the Chair, which was free from argument or qualification. Having requested retraction four times, which I consider to be generous opportunity for the member for Thunder Creek, I proceeded to name him. At this point I cited rule 25(2) of the Legislative Assembly. Citation 134(1) of Beauchesne's Parliamentary Rules and Forms, Fourth Edition, outlines the practice of naming in some further detail. I can find no prima facie evidence of privilege. I regret having to review this matter since I said previously I assumed the matter was closed and should not be resurrected.

On April 2, 1980, the member for Qu'Appelle asked me to have a look at the answer that was given by the Minister of Social Services to a question raised by the member for Rosetown-Elrose. I've examined the record and I find two paragraphs of answer to the question placed by the member for Rosetown-Elrose. I do find that the first paragraph is indulging in debate which is contrary to the rules of the Assembly, and I would caution the Minister of Social Services against that in the future, as I would caution all members who are answering question or placing questions. The matter must not be put forward as debate. I find the latter half of the submission at that time made by the Minister of Social Services was quite in order and in answer to the question placed by the member for Rosetown-Elrose.

MR. LANE: — Today in question period we had a rather lengthy response from the Minister of Mineral Resources which I would consider verging on debate, Mr. Speaker, but that's your ruling. My question is, would Mr. Speaker advise this Assembly why or

how the rule has developed that a member questioning a minister in question period can have a peremptory ruling that it's not in order, or that it's verging on debate, but that we're not finding out until well after the response of the cabinet minister — very lengthy ones — that in hindsight it's a matter of debate. I'm wondering if Mr. Speaker would clarify, certainly for my edification, how the rule has developed that the opposition has their question ruled immediately, and the government not until sometime after.

MR. SPEAKER: — Order. I listened very carefully to the response provided by the Minister of Mineral Resources to the question that was asked him earlier in the question period. While I found the answer to be extensive as was warranted by the question as I judged it. I found the Minister of Mineral Resources did utter one word which I found questionable in debate. Now it was impossible for me to intervene at that moment because in a fleeting moment the word was gone. However, I do take the opportunity to interrupt ministers, as I have today, and call them to order. I do take the opportunity when members of the opposition are out of order in asking questions to call them to order. I've repeated time after time the rules which govern the question period. I have not only interrupted members who place questions, I have interrupted ministers who answer questions.

I think the members, in the future, can only raise matters with regard to whether subjects were debatable or not. We will deal with it at the time and hope that no rule develops as the member for Qu'Appelle says.

MR. LANE: — Mr. Speaker, on further point of order referring to your answer to the question of privilege and your response thereto, I believe I asked at that time if Mr. Speaker, in his response to the Assembly, would consider the words of the member for Thunder Creek, on April 1, 1980, when he specifically states:

I am quite prepared to withdraw any aspersions against the Chair, and I am not aware of having made any. If you view them as being aspersions, which I don't, I will withdraw them in an unqualified . . .

Mr. Speaker did not refer to those words and I am wondering why he did not take those as an unqualified withdrawal?

MR. SPEAKER: — I think my ruling is . . . order . . . I gave my ruling. My ruling is now in the records. The member for Qu'Appelle can avail himself of the record tomorrow. He will see that I dealt with the charges which were made and the retraction (so-called) and I don't intend to indulge in discussion of the ruling any further at this time. In support of that, I want to cite Beauchesne's Rules and Forms, Fourth Edition, 1958, citation 68:

He takes no part (and this is referring to the Speaker and his position) in debate and must be careful not to indulge in arguments with members on the soundness of his rulings.

Point of Order on Question Period

MR. J.W.A. GARNER (Wilkie): — Mr. Speaker, a point of order before orders of the day, and I refer you to page 1453 of Hansard, April 3, 1980. There you state on the second line:

. . . questions must be stated without preamble or speech or be in the nature of a debate . . .

I refer you back to page 1450, April 3, 1980 to my own remarks, going in on a supplementary where we crossed up: "Mr. Speaker, a supplementary to the Premier." Then I went to a new question because I thought you had called order, order: "New question, Mr. Premier, do you not agree" (Mr. Speaker, in my own estimation I deemed that a question —I didn't have a preamble before it) "that in this time of astronomical interest rates . . .

MR. SPEAKER: — Order, order! What is your point of order?

MR. GARNER: — My point of order is, Mr. Speaker, that I am questioning your decision regarding my point of order last Thursday.

MR. SPEAKER: — I read the citation to the member. If he wants we can obtain a copy of Beauchesne's Parliamentary Rules and Forms, Fourth Edition, and refer him to citation 68. He can read it himself. He doesn't have to depend on me.

Now if the member is referring to something which happened on April 3, I will remind him this is April 8. If he raised it on April 3, I suggest he check the records and see what kind of response he got from me with regard to whether it was in order or out of order. I cannot deal with the matter now because the rules prohibit me from dealing with points of order which occurred at some other time.

MR. LANE: — Point of order, Mr. Speaker. Would Mr. Speaker advise this Assembly why there was no comment from the Chair as to the interruptions of the Minister of Highways, the member for The Battlefords today?

MR. SPEAKER: — Order! If the member for Qu'Appelle had been listening, and the record will clearly show, the Speaker said order, order. Thereupon the member for Qu'Appelle was out of order and I said order to him.

Now I am attempting to keep order on both sides of the House. The member for The Battlefords was out of order. He at least was on his feet. The member for Qu'Appelle was out of order and he was in his seat!

PRIORITY OF DEBATE

High Interest Rates

MR. E.A. BERNTSON (Leader of the Opposition): — Before the orders of the day, I rise in accordance with Rule 17, for which notice has been filed and acknowledgement received.

I hereby give notice of our intention to move that a matter be given priority of debate for the purpose of discussing an urgent matter of public importance. I state the matter to be:

1. Many farmers in Saskatchewan as result of poor markets for beef, hogs and other livestock, as a result of poor crops last year, and as a result of the current high interest rates, find themselves in a financially untenable position.

2. Many homeowners in Saskatchewan as a result of the current high

interest rates now suffer an unbearable financial burden.

3. Many small businesses in Saskatchewan are unable to carry on a viable business operation because of the effect of the current high interest rates on overhead costs.

4. As a result, there is an urgent and compelling need for his Assembly to debate the methods of providing economic relief for the farmer, homeowner and small businessmen of Saskatchewan.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: — Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: — A notice regarding this matter proposed for priority of debate was received in the Clerk's office at 11:40 a.m. today, for which I thank the hon. member.

I refer all hon. members to a ruling of the Chair on February 23, 1971. I quote a section of that ruling as follows:

The fundamental principle underlying Rule 17 was to provide an opportunity within a proper framework of parliamentary procedure where none otherwise existed for the immediate discussion of any matter deemed to be of such urgency and importance that all of the normal or special business of the Assembly should be put to one side in order to provide the complete right-of-way to a discussion of one specific, particular subject.

The subject matter of a debate under Rule 17 must not be of a continuing nature and must be so pressing that public interest will suffer if it is not given immediate attention.

I refer all hon. members to Beauchesne's Parliamentary Rules and Forms, Fifth Edition, paragraph 286, page 92:

The fact that a grievance is continuing is not sufficient if it is not of recent occurrence.

Erskine May's Parliamentary Procedure, 17th Edition, page 365:

Although the matter raised is of great public importance, it is not of sufficient urgency that all normal business of the Assembly should be put to one side.

MR. D.G. TAYLOR (Indian Head-Wolseley): — Mr. Speaker, in listening to your comments, you point out that there has to be no other means by which this problem could be addressed, that this is a very important problem, a very important situation facing the people of this province, that it is of a pressing nature. I think the conditions outlined in the motion by the member certainly must fit all those criteria, Mr. Speaker. Therefore, I would urge you to allow us to debate this most important topic facing the people . . .

MR. SPEAKER: — I think my ruling was very clear. The member will have access to it when the record comes out. I am not going to repeat my ruling. I carefully considered the matter from the time it was brought to my attention and it is based on sound parliamentary precedent.

MR. LANE: — Speaking to your ruling, if I may . . . Speaking to the point of order . . .

MR. SPEAKER: — Order, order! Just in case I heard the member correctly when he said he was speaking to my ruling. Of course, I will check the record to make sure he said that. Beauchesne's Parliamentary Rules and Forms, (which I have just finished referring to) Fourth Edition, cites section no. 68, and it's referring to the chief characteristics attached to the office of the Speaker. It says:

He takes no part in debate and must be careful not to indulge in any argument with members on the soundness of his rulings.

I repeat that for the benefit of all members who were unfortunate in not to be able to hear that before, and just in case someone is concerned about that particular point.

MR. LANE: — A further point of order is that the opposition has attempted in question period on three different occasions this session to raise the matter of high interest rates — at least three times and at all times there's been no response from the government. We haven't . . .

MR. SPEAKER: — Order, order! That's not a point of order. It's quite clear it's not a point of order.

MR. BERNTSON: — On the point of order, Mr. Speaker. Your ruling indicated that public interest would have to suffer, that the issue would have to be of recent occurrence. I don't know how recent it should be. The interest rate rises every week and I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker. . .

MR. SPEAKER: — Order, order, order! I listen to what the member says. If the member is rising on a point of order, which he started to do correctly, he then began debating the issue about interest rates rising; that's the issue the member thinks is important and he wants to debate that. Unfortunately my ruling prevents that and as I said, it's based on sound parliamentary precedent, which I took the trouble to cite in the ruling and which I considered for some time before I entered the Chamber.

MR. BERNTSON: — Mr. Speaker, I challenge your ruling.

MR. SPEAKER: — There's no provision for the member to challenge the Speaker's ruling.

CONDOLENCES

HON. R.J. ROMANOW (Attorney General): — Mr. Speaker, I had indicated to the hon. members of the House that we would have immediately on the orders of the day a few moments of condolences for one of our members, Alexander Hamilton McDonald, and I will have at the conclusion of my remarks two resolutions to present. One is the traditional one expressing sorrow and regret at the passing of a former member. On passage of that resolution, there will be then a second motion with respect to transcripts of oral tributes which I would ask the Leader of the Opposition to indeed second for me.

Mr. Speaker, we are here today to pay a few moments of tribute to Alexander Hamilton McDonald, more popularly known by all of us as Hammy McDonald.

Hammy McDonald was a man whose life was dedicated to public service. I think this is generally understood by all people who knew him and people who followed the daily press journals. Throughout his public career Hammy McDonald, I say, earned the respect and admiration of all who knew him. He was the son of a Saskatchewan farm family and was the third generation of his family to farm in the Fleming area. He entered provincial politics in the general election of 1948 running as a Liberal Progressive Conservative candidate, having been nominated by a joint constituency convention of the two parties. Soon after he took his seat in the Assembly, he devoted his political career solely to the Liberal Party and ran successfully as a Liberal candidate for the constituency of Moosomin in the general elections of 1952, 1956, 1960, and 1964. Indeed, as one will readily recognize, Mr. Speaker, he went through five general provincial elections successfully. That is quite an accomplishment in itself given the high rate of turnover that unfortunately or fortunately, depending upon your point of view, all of us politicians face.

During his career in provincial politics, Hammy McDonald rose rapidly in prominence in public life and particularly rose rapidly to positions of importance within the Liberal Party. In 1954, he became the leader of the Liberal Party in Saskatchewan, a position which he held for five years until 1959. One of the articles which I ran across in preparing for my remarks this afternoon, described the career of Mr. McDonald in this context:

The swift and dazzling rise of 37-year-old Alexander Hamilton McDonald to the leadership of the Liberal Party in Saskatchewan has no parallel in Canadian political history.

It certainly indicates how dramatic and how important his contribution was. During this five-year period, he was an effective and hard-working leader of the opposition and brought a great deal of energy and dedication to his work in the Assembly. Unfortunately, I never served in the House at the same time as Hammy McDonald. I entered in 1967 and at that time his political career had moved him on to other public circles. But those who did serve with him confirm the observation I have made that he was a very effective and hard-working leader of the opposition and brought a great deal of energy, dedication and high principle to his work in the Assembly.

Hammy McDonald continued to hold responsible positions within the Liberal Party after his tenure as leader of the party. For the last year of his career in this Assembly after the late former premier, W. Ross Thatcher, was elected to government, Hammy served as his minister of agriculture and deputy premier. Hammy McDonald then resigned as an MLA. After his resignation, he was summoned to the Senate and remained a very active member of that body until his death on Monday past.

His contributions to the Senate were varied and the list of his activities ranged from being a Canadian observer at the United Nation as General Assembly in 1966 to chief whip and assistant leader of the government in the Senate in 1969.

Mr. Speaker, as members of this House, we cannot survey Hammy McDonald's life without admiring his dedication, his courage, and his commitment to principle and philosophy. Whether we consider his service as a Spitfire pilot during World War 11, his background and career as a farmer, or his hard-fought and hard-won political endeavors, in the end I think we can conclude that we see here a man who had clearly defined ideals and goals and who pursued them with intelligence, honesty, and

sincerity. On behalf of Premier Blakeney, who is out of the province on government business, and members of this side of the House and on behalf of all members of the House. I'm sure that they will share with me when I extend to his wife and family and to all of those who knew him, our most sincere condolences on this occasion of his passing.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Berntson):

That this Assembly records with sorrow and regret the passing of a former member of this Assembly and expresses its grateful appreciation of the contributions he made to his community, his constituency and to his province.

Alexander Hamilton McDonald who died on March 31, 1980, was a member of this Assembly for the constituency of Moosomin from 1948 to 1965. He was born at Fleming, Saskatchewan, in 1919, attended school in Moosomin and later farmed in that area. During World War II he served overseas as a flight lieutenant in the RCAF. From 1955 to 1960 he served as leader of the opposition, and in the years 1964 to 1965 he was the minister of agriculture and deputy premier. He resigned his seat in this Assembly in 1965 and later that year was appointed to the Senate where he ultimately served as assistant leader of the government and chief whip. Throughout his parliamentary career he was active in the affairs of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. He took part in community activities as a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, the United Services Institute and the Elks Lodge. In recording its own deep sense of loss and bereavement, this Assembly expresses its most sincere sympathy with members of the bereaved family.

MR. E.A. BERNTSON Leader of the Opposition): — Mr. Speaker, just a few remarks to join the Attorney General. Although I did not know Mr. McDonald, the pilot, nor Mr. McDonald, the MLA, nor Mr. McDonald, the senator, his record shows that he served his community, his constituency and his province and indeed his country well. On behalf of the official opposition, Mr. Speaker, I join the Attorney General and I am sure all members of the Legislative Assembly in offering our condolences to the bereaved family.

MR. BIRKBECK: — Mr. Speaker, I would join with members of the Assembly in expressing condolences to the family of the late Alexander Hammy McDonald. The motion before the floor is certainly an appropriate motion. The former member of the Moosomin constituency was a man, a politician, whom I as member for the Moosomin constituency now hear many things about and they are good things; they are ideals; they are standards; they are good principles that I as a member for Moosomin would attain to set as a standard for myself.

I did know him very briefly. I did not have the fortunate opportunity of spending a considerable length of time with him but I did meet him on a number of occasions. I think that his record is certainly most admirable — born in a small town in Saskatchewan, Fleming, and attending school in Moosomin which is quite a renowned school. It is very a very strong farming area. Hammy McDonald was a farmer as well. That particular area produced many veterans of World Wars I and II. Hammy McDonald was one of those veterans, having served overseas as a flight lieutenant in the RCAF.

Mr. Speaker, in joining with the members and the Attorney General and Leader of the Opposition, in just looking at the record that has been well laid out on this particular motion, it certainly is a record that all members of this Assembly should consider as they look forward in their political careers. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I would just express my personal sympathies along with the other members in expressing our condolences to the family of the late Senator Hammy McDonald.

HON. E. KRAMER (Minister of Highways and Transportation): — Mr. Speaker, it is with some sadness and nostalgia that I rise to speak to this motion.

When I first entered this House in 1952 Hammy McDonald was already a four year veteran. I had the opportunity to watch his career first-hand. I say, with some nostalgia, because I saw him rise to the leadership of the Liberal Party and saw his performance in this House as leader, as a member, and as a cabinet minister for a year during the Thatcher government, Mr. McDonald's behaviour in this House was always circumspect. He bore himself honourably and I believe those of us who remember him can only remember him and his name with respect. The career is undoubtedly one of the star careers in Saskatchewan for Saskatchewan's sons. I would like to add my few words of condolence to his family. He will long be remembered and recognized as a true son of Saskatchewan who served his province, his country, well.

HON. E.B. SHILLINGTON (Minister of Culture and Youth): — Mr. Speaker, very briefly, I never had the opportunity to meet Alexander Hamilton McDonald. I did come to know of him, having lived for some years in Moosomin and having run there once. I suppose we shared one thing in common — he was never defeated in Moosomin and I was never elected in Moosomin. I'm not sure how much that is in common, but that's about as close as our political careers ever got. I did come to know him second hand. Though he had left the community some ten years before I arrived, he was very well liked. One couldn't live in Moosomin without coming to know the name of Hammy McDonald. I left Moosomin before I knew his full name. He was called everywhere, Hammy McDonald. Indeed, that was evident at the funeral. The church in Moosomin was overflowing with dignitaries from Ottawa and other provinces, but a lot of common folk in Moosomin will remember with real affection the service he provided. He had always been able to communicate with the people of that constituency and they remembered it and enjoyed it.

One other thing that hasn't been mentioned extensively and perhaps it should, is his very distinguished war record. Hammy McDonald came back from the war a genuine war hero and genuinely earned it. He was shot down several times. He flew a Spitfire. He had learned to fly before the war. Apparently a doctor in the community in which he grew up had a plane and taught him and several other boys how to fly. So he knew how to fly when war was declared. He was thus one of the very earliest pilots in the RCAF, having joined in 1939. Until 1944 he flew a Spitfire with real distinction. He was shot down several times, more than once in Europe and made his way back through enemy territory to fly again. He was shot down once in the English Channel. He spent several hours in his Mae West and by sheer luck was picked up by an English fishing boat. He was flying again in Europe a week later. He came back with several medals; the Distinguished Flying Cross was one. He came back a genuine war hero and I gather he earned it. His war record was, as everyone has said, equalled by his service to the province as a coalition member, Conservative-Liberal, for Moosomin, and then as leader of the opposition for some years later.

One of the things that interested me when I was in Moosomin on Saturday for the

funeral — I noted in reading a book written by Chris Higginbotham, *The CCF Record*, the comment that Hammy McDonald was genuinely liked by both sides of the House and genuinely liked by the CCF although they respected his effectiveness. I think that it's true from the comments my colleagues have made — something not every leader of the opposition manages to achieve: an affection on this side of the House. But he seems to have been well liked by everyone.

It was appropriate therefore that at the funeral in Moosomin two members elected under the NDP banner, myself and my colleague for Regina West (Les Benjamin), were honorary pallbearers. I had an opportunity when I was in Moosomin to extend my condolences to the family. I do so again in this more formal way and I'm sure all members will want to join us.

MR. N.E. BYERS (Kelvington-Wadena): — Mr. Speaker, I rise to join other members of this Assembly in paying tribute to Hammy McDonald. I did not serve in this legislature with Hammy McDonald but Knew him in perhaps two capacities. I knew him as the member of the legislature for Moosomin, where my wife and I lived for some five years while he was the member of the legislature, and I knew him as the leader of the Saskatchewan Liberal Party, particularly during the 1956 election campaign.

As the member for the constituency of Moosomin he was certainly held in very high regard by his constituents. He came from an established farm family and had a very illustrious war record in the air force. These were qualities which I am sure had a large bearing on his being selected by his constituents as their candidate by two parties and to have ultimately served them in the legislature for some five terms.

I remember him as an opposition MLA, as a youngster listening to the debates from this Chamber broadcast over the radio. As an opposition member he had the somewhat difficult task of criticizing the policies of offering constructive criticism as the government of the day undertook a number of reconstruction policies in the post World War II era. And I can vividly recall Hammy McDonald pleading the plight of the farmers of Smokey Bern where the provincial government assisted some vets after the war to start a co-op farming arrangement. Hammy, while not opposed to the idea, was somewhat critical of how things were handled there. I remember him offering constructive criticism when the power grid was put in and when the grid road system was built. I say this only to illustrate that I believe his criticism reflected the true concern Hammy McDonald had for the well-being of the farming population in particular.

A lot of people have referred to him as Mr. McDonald. His political opponents, I know, tried to refer to him always as Mr. McDonald, but the name Hammy stuck and could not be erased. He was Hammy McDonald to all who met him.

I came to know Hammy best perhaps I the 1956 election campaign in Moosomin. He was the Liberal candidate and the leader of the Liberal Party for the province of Saskatchewan in that election campaign. I was the campaign manager for the CCF candidate. Hammy was a tough campaigner on the provincial hustings and in his own riding. I can attest that within his own riding he had the loyalty of a great many who showed their loyalty to him in a very impressive way.

Hammy McDonald, in my opinion, exemplifies the self-made man, a person who upon graduating from high school served in the services overseas, then returned home to a very long and colourful career in the legislature of this province, later in the Senate. I think the passing of Hammy McDonald means that another self-made man who

contributed a great deal to the vitality of the political process in this province and in this country has departed from the political stage. I offer sincere condolence and sympathy to the members of his family.

Motion agreed.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Indian Head-Wolseley:

That the resolution just passed, together with the transcripts of oral tributes to the memory of the deceased member, be communicated to the bereaved family on behalf of this Assembly by Mr. Speaker.

Motion agreed.

MOTIONS FOR RETURN

Return No. 259

MRS. J.H. DUNCAN (Maple Creek) moved, seconded by the member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 259 showing:

Since March 1, 1979 the total amount of money the highway traffic board spent on printing with printing and publishing firms, and in each instance the name and address of the firm, amount of money spent with each firm, and the purpose.

MR. ROMANOW (Attorney General): — Mr. Speaker, I will be introducing an amendment for this, as I have for the previous ones last Tuesday. Before I do so I would simply make a suggestion to the opposition. We have on the blues 307 motions for returns (debatable) which stand in the name of the individual opposition members and according to the rules of the House we must follow the order. If the opposition members in whose resolutions these motions for returns stand are willing to stand the items, I'm sure that when we get to page 51 motions, Mr. Prebble would be prepared to stand his item, and this would allow us to get into a resolution by Mr. Engel on high interest rates which was the subject matter of an earlier emergency debate effort by the PCs. We could then debate the whole interest rate operation. I think this would then give everybody a chance to debate interest rates. Unfortunately it would mean we stand on the blues but that is the one offer I could make to the hon. members.

On this particular item I have to move an amendment. I simply draw that to the challenge. I would move, seconded by the Minister of Labour (Mr. Snyder) that all words after the word "showing" be deleted and the following be substituted therefor:

For the period March 1, 1979 to March 31, 1980 the name and address of each private printing or publishing firm to whom the highway traffic board made payments for printing: (1) the number of payments to each firm, (2) the reason for each payment, and (3) the amount of each payment.

I will leave it up to the opposition whether they will take up our suggestion that we get right to the debating of Mr. Engel's motion.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 260

MRS. J.H. DUNCAN (Maple Creek) moved, seconded by the member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 260 showing:

Since March 1, 1979 the total amount of money the Department of Industry and Commerce spent on printing with printing and publishing firms, and in each instance the name and address of the firm, amount of money spent with each firm, and the purpose.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I will only do it one more time. I hereby again offer our co-operation if the opposition will stand all the motions in their name given the urgency of interest rates to get to debate motion no. 2.

MR. SPEAKER: — Order. I think the Attorney General is getting into a political debate here whether he knows it or not.

MR. ROMANOW: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Presumably the opposition will stand if they want the urgency to debate the interest rates and accordingly, I move . . .

AN HON. MEMBER: — Never mind the show.

MR. ROMANOW: — The hon. member talks about a show — I didn't move the special motion today. I'm now giving you the chance to debate interest rates and you don't want to do it. Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Minister of Labour (Mr. Snyder) that all the words after "showing" be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

For the period March 1, 1979 to March 31, 1980 the name and address of each private printing or publishing firm to whom the Department of Industry and Commerce made payments for printing: (1) the number payments to each firm, (2) the reason for each payment, and (3) the amount of each payment.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 261

MRS. J.H. DUNCAN (Maple Creek) moved, seconded by the member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 261 showing:

Since March 1, 1979 the total amount of money the Department of Intergovernmental Affairs spent on printing with printing and publishing firms, and in each instance the name and address of the firm, amount of money spent with each firm, and the purpose.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Minister of Labour (Mr. Snyder) that all the words after the word "showing" be deleted and the following

substituted therefor:

For the period March 1, 1979 to March 31, 1980, the name and address of each private printing or publishing firm to whom the Department of Intergovernmental Affairs made payments for printing: (1) the number of payments to each firm, (2) the reason for each payment, (3) the amount of each payment.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 262

MRS. J.H. DUNCAN (Maple Creek) moved, seconded by the member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 262 showing:

Since March 1, 1979 the total amount of money the Department of Labour spent on printing with printing and publishing firms, and in each instance the name and address of the firm, amount of money spent with each firm, and the purpose.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Minister of Labour (Mr. Snyder) that all the words after the word “showing” be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

For the period March 1, 1979 to March 31, 1980, the name and address of each private printing or publishing firm to whom the Department of Labour made payments for printing: (1) the number of payments to each firm, (2) the reason for each payment, (3) the amount of each payment.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 263

MRS. J.H. DUNCAN (Maple Creek) moved, seconded by the member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 263 showing:

Since March 1, 1979 the total amount of money the liquor board spent on printing with printing and publishing firms, and in each instance the name and address of the firm, amount of money spent with each firm, and the purpose.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, again with respect to this particular proposed Return No. 263, I move, seconded by the Hon. Minister of Labour (Mr. Snyder) that all the words after the word “showing” be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

For the period March 1, 1979 to March 31, 1980, the name and address of each private printing or publishing firm to whom the liquor board made payments for printing: (1) the number of payments to each firm, (2) the reason for each payment, (3) the amount of each payment.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 264

MRS. J.H. DUNCAN (Maple Creek) moved, seconded by the member for Estevan (Mr. Larter) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 264 showing:

Since March 1, 1979 the total amount of money the liquor licensing commission spent on printing with printing and publishing firms, and in each instance the name and address of the firm, amount of money spent with each firm, and the purpose.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, with respect to proposed order for Return No. 264, I move, seconded by the Minister of Labour (Mr. Snyder) that all the words after the word “showing” be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

For the period March 1, 1979 to March 31, 1980, the name and address of each private printing or publishing firm to whom the liquor licensing commission made payments for printing: (1) the number of payments to each firm, (2) the reason for each payment, (3) the amount of each payment.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 265

MRS. J.H. DUNCAN (Maple Creek) moved, seconded by the member for Meadow Lake (Mr. McLeod) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 265 showing:

Since March 1, 1979 the total amount of money the local government board spent on printing with printing and publishing firms, and in each instance the name and address of the firm, amount of money spent with each firm, and the purpose.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, with respect to proposed order for Return No. 265, I move, seconded by the Minister of Labour (Mr. Snyder) that all the words after the word “showing” be deleted and the following substituted therefore:

For the period March 1, 1979 to March 31, 1980, the name and address of each private printing or publishing firm to whom the local government board made payments for printing: (1) the number of payments to each firm, (2) the reason for each payment, (3) the amount of each payment.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 266

MRS. J.H. DUNCAN (Maple Creek) moved, seconded by the member for Meadow Lake (Mr. McLeod) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 266 showing:

Since March 1, 1979 the total amount of money the milk control board spent on printing with printing and publishing firms, and in each instance the name and address of the firm, amount of money spent with each firm, and the purpose.

MR. ROMANOW: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With respect to the proposed order for Return No. 266, I move, seconded by the Minister of Labour (Mr. Snyder) that all the words after the word “showing” be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

For the period March 1, 1979 to March 31, 1980, the name and address of each private printing or publishing firm to whom the milk control board made payments for printing: (1) the number of payments to each firm, (2) the reason for each payment, (3) the amount of each payment.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 267

MRS. J.H. DUNCAN (Maple Creek) moved, seconded by the member for Meadow Lake (Mr. McLeod) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 267 showing:

Since March 1, 1979 the total amount of money the Department of Mineral Resources spent on printing with printing and publishing firms, and in each instance the name and address of the firm, amount of money spent with each firm, and the purpose.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, with respect to proposed Return No. 267, I move, seconded by the Minister of Labour (Mr. Snyder) that all the words after the word “showing” be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

For the period March 1, 1979 to March 31, 1980, the name and address of each private printing or publishing firm to whom the Department of Mineral Resources made payments for printing: (1) the number of payments to each firm, (2) the reason for each payment, (3) the amount of each payment.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 268

MRS. J.H. DUNCAN (Maple Creek) moved, seconded by the member for Meadow Lake (Mr. McLeod) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 268 showing:

Since March 1, 1979 the total amount of money the minimum wage board spent on printing with printing and publishing firms, and in each instance the name and address of the firm, amount of money spent with each firm, and the purpose.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Minister of Labour (Mr. Snyder) that all the words after the word “showing” be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

For the period of March 1, 1979 to March 31, 1980, the name and address of each private printing or publishing firm to whom the minimum wage board made payments for printing: (1) the number of payments to each firm, (2) the reason for each payment, (3) the amount of each payment.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 269

MRS. J.H. DUNCAN (Maple Creek) moved, seconded by the member for Meadow Lake (Mr. McLeod) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 269 showing:

Since March 1, 1979 the total amount of money the municipal employees’ superannuation commission spent on printing with printing and publishing firms, and in each instance the name and address of the firm, amount of money spent with each firm, and the purpose.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, with respect to proposed Return No. 269, I move, seconded by the Minister of Labour (Mr. Snyder) that all the words after the word “showing” be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

For the period March 1, 1979 to March 31, 1980, the name and address of each private printing or publishing firm to whom the municipal employees’ superannuation commission made payments for printing: (1) the number of payments to each firm, (2) the reason for each payment, (c) the amount of each payment.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 270

MRS. J.H. DUNCAN (Maple Creek) moved, seconded by the member for Rosthern (Mr. Katzman) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 270 showing:

Since March 1, 1979 the total amount of money the municipal water assistance board spent on printing with printing and publishing firms, and in each instance the name and address of the firm, amount of money spent with each firm, and the purpose.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Minister of Labour (Mr. Snyder) that with respect to order for Return No. 270 that all the words after the word “showing” be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

For the period March 1, 1979 to March 31, 1980, the name and address of

each private printing or publishing firm to whom the municipal water assistance board made payments for printing: (1) the number of payments to each firm, (2) the reason for each payment, (3) the amount of each payment.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 271

MRS. J.H. DUNCAN (Maple Creek) moved, seconded by the member for Rosthern (Mr. Katzman) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 271 showing:

Since March 1, 1979 the total amount of money the Office of the Ombudsman spent on printing with printing and publishing firms, and in each instance the name and address of the firm, amount of money spent with each firm, and the purpose.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, with respect to proposed order for Return No. 271, I move, seconded by the Minister of Labour (Mr. Snyder) that all the words after the word “showing” be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

For the period March 1, 1979 to March 31, 1980, the name and address of each private printing or publishing firm to whom the Office of the Ombudsman made payments for printing: (1) the number of payments to each firm, (2) the reason for each payment, (3) the amount of each payment.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 272

MRS. J.H. DUNCAN (Maple Creek) moved, seconded by the member for Rosthern (Mr. Katzman) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 272 showing:

Since March 1, 1979 the total amount of money the Office of the Rentalsman spent on printing with printing and publishing firms, and in each instance the name and address of the firm, amount of money spent with each firm, and the purpose.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, with respect to proposed order for Return No. 272, seconded by the Minister of Labour (Mr. Snyder) that all the words after the word “showing” be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

For the period March 1, 1979 to March 31, 1980, the name and address of each private printing or publishing firm to whom the Office of the Rentalsman made payments for printing: (1) the number of payments to each firm, (2) the reason for each payment, (3) the amount of each payment.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 274

MRS. J.H. DUNCAN (Maple Creek) moved, seconded by the member for Rosthern (Mr. Katzman) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 274 showing:

Since March 1, 1979 the total amount of money the provincial auditor spent on printing with printing and publishing firms, and in each instance the name and address of the firm, amount of money spent with each firm, and the purpose.

MR. ROMANOW: — Item 16, 273, what happened to that?

AN HON. MEMBER: — It was dropped.

MR. ROMANOW: — Well, Mr. Speaker, with respect to proposed Return No. 274, I move, seconded by the Minister of Labour (Mr. Snyder) that all the words after the word “showing” be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

For the period March 1, 1979 to March 31, 1980, the name and address of each private printing or publishing firm to whom the provincial auditor made payments for printing: (1) the number of payments to each firm, (2) the reason for each payment, (3) the amount of each payment.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 275

MRS. J.H. DUNCAN (Maple Creek) moved, seconded by the member for Rosthern (Mr. Katzman) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 275 showing:

Since March 1, 1979 the total amount of money the provincial library spent on printing with printing and publishing firms, and in each instance the name and address of the firm, amount of money spent with each firm, and the purpose.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, with respect to proposed order for Return No. 275, I move, seconded by the Minister of Labour (Mr. Snyder) that all the words after the word “showing” be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

For the period March 1, 1979 to March 31, 1980, the name and address of each private printing or publishing firm to whom the provincial library made payments for printing: (1) the number of payments to each firm, (2) the reason for each payment, (3) the amount of each payment.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 276

MRS. J.H. DUNCAN (Maple Creek) moved, seconded by the member for Rosthern (Mr. Katzman) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 276 showing:

Since March 1, 1979 the total amount of money the provincial mediation board spent on printing with printing and publishing firms, and in each instance the name and address of the firm, amount of money spent with each firm, and the purpose.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Minister of Labour (Mr. Snyder) that all the words after the word “showing” be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

For the period March 1, 1979 to March 31, 1980, the name and address of each private printing or publishing firm to whom the provincial mediation board made payments for printing: (1) the number of payments to each firm, (2) the reason for each payment, (3) the amount of each payment.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 277

MRS. J.H. DUNCAN (Maple Creek) moved, seconded by the member for Rosthern (Mr. Katzman) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 277 showing:

Since March 1, 1979 the total amount of money the provincial planning appeals board spent on printing with printing and publishing firms, and in each instance the name and address of the firm, amount of money spent with each firm, and the purpose.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, with respect to proposed Return No. 277, I move, seconded by the Minister of Labour (Mr. Snyder) that all the words after the word “showing” be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

For the period March 1, 1979 to March 31, 1980, the name and address of each private printing or publishing firm to whom the provincial planning appeals board made payments for printing: (1) the number of payments to each firm, (2) the reason for each payment, (3) the amount of each payment.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 278

MRS. J.H. DUNCAN (Maple Creek) moved, seconded by the member for Rosthern (Mr.

Katzman) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 278 showing:

Since March 1, 1979 the total amount of money the Provincial Secretary spent on printing with printing and publishing firms, and in each instance the name and address of the firm, amount of money spent with each firm, and the purpose.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Minister of Labour (Mr. Snyder) with respect to proposed order for Return No. 278 that all the words after the word “showing” be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

For the period March 1, 1979 to March 31, 1980, the name and address of each private printing or publishing firm to whom the Provincial Secretary made payments for printing: (1) the number of payments to each firm, (2) the reason for each payment, (3) the amount of each payment.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

MR. SPEAKER: — I might say to the House that there is an occasional time that a date is wrong or a signature is omitted and I’ve been asking the appropriate side of the House to correct this minor technical difficult with the motion. Otherwise, they’re in order.

Return No. 279

MRS. J.H. DUNCAN (Maple Creek) moved, seconded by the member for Rosthern (Mr. Katzman) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 279 showing:

Since March 1, 1979 the total amount of money the public and private rights board spent on printing with printing and publishing firms, and in each instance the name and address of the firm, amount of money spent with each firm, and the purpose.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Minister of Labour (Mr. Snyder) with respect to the proposed order for Return No. 279 that all the words after the word “showing” be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

For the period March 1, 1979 to March 31, 1980, the name and address of each private printing or publishing firm to whom the public and private rights board made payments for printing: (1) the number of payments to each firm, (2) the reason for each payment, (3) the amount of each payment.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 280

MRS. J.H. DUNCAN (Maple Creek) moved, seconded by the member for Meadow Lake (Mr. McLeod) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 280 showing:

Since March 1, 1979 the total amount of money the public employees

superannuation plan spent on printing with printing and publishing firms, and in each instance the name and address of the firm, amount of money spent with each firm, and the purpose.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Minister of Labour (Mr. Snyder) with respect to proposed Return No. 280, that all the words after the word “showing” be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

For the period March 1, 1979 to March 31, 1980, the name and address of each private printing or publishing firm to whom the public employees superannuation board made payments for printing: (1) the number of payments to each firm, (2) the reason for each payment, (3) the amount of each payment.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 281

MRS. J.H. DUNCAN (Maple Creek) moved, seconded by the member for Meadow Lake (Mr. McLeod) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 281 showing:

Since March 1, 1979 the total amount of money the public service commission spent on printing with printing and publishing firms, and in each instance the name and address of the firm, amount of money spent with each firm, and the purpose.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, with respect to proposed order for Return No. 281, seconded by the Minister of Labour (Mr. Snyder) that all the words after the word “showing” be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

For the period March 1, 1979 to March 31, 1980, the name and address of each private printing or publishing firm to whom the public service commission made payments for printing: (1) the number of payments to each firm, (2) the reason for each payment, (3) the amount of each payment.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 282

MRS. J.H. DUNCAN (Maple Creek) moved, seconded by the member for Meadow Lake (Mr. McLeod) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 282 showing:

Since March 1, 1979 the total amount of money the public service superannuation board spent on printing with printing and publishing firms, and in each instance the name and address of the firm, amount of money spent with each firm, and the purpose.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, with respect to proposed order for Return No. 282, I move, seconded by the Minister of Labour (Mr. Snyder) that all the words after the word

“showing” be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

For the period March 1, 1979 to March 31, 1980, the name and address of each private printing or publishing firm to whom the public service superannuation board made payments for printing: (1) the number of payments to each firm, (2) the reason for each payment, (3) the amount of each payment.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 283

MRS. J.H. DUNCAN (Maple Creek) moved, seconded by the member for Rosthern (Mr. Katzman) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 283 showing:

Since March 1, 1979 the total amount of money the Department of Revenue, Supply and Services spent on printing with printing and publishing firms, and in each instance the name and address of the firm, amount of money spent with each firm, and the purpose.

MR. ROMANOW: — With respect to proposed order for Return No. 283, I move, seconded by the Minister of Labour (Mr. Snyder) that all the words after the word “showing” be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

For the period March 1, 1979 to March 31, 1980, the name and address of each private printing or publishing firm to whom the Department of Revenue, Supply and Services made payments for printing: (1) the number of payments to each firm, (2) the reason for each payment, (3) the amount of each payment.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 284

MRS. J.H. DUNCAN (Maple Creek) moved, seconded by the member for Rosthern (Mr. Katzman) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 284 showing:

Since March 1, 1979 the total amount of money the Department of Rural Affairs spent on printing with printing and publishing firms, and in each instance the name and address of the firm, amount of money spent with each firm, and the purpose.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Minister of Labour (Mr. Snyder), that all of the words “showing” be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

For the period of March 1, 1979 to March 31, 1980, the name and address of each private printing or publishing firm to whom the Department of Rural

Affairs made payments for printing: (1) the number of payments to each firm, (2) the reason for each payment, (3) the amount of each payment.

Amendment agreed.

Debate continues on the motion as amended.

MR. R. KATZMAN (Rosthern): — Mr. Speaker, it is interesting to note we have a strange situation here. The Department of Rural Affairs is not even created yet, yet the Attorney General has amended the motion to go back to March 1, 1979, before the minister was appointed and before the department has been approved by this House. At this point it is still not approved. So I am assuming the government is going to have a retroactive date on rural affairs back to March 1, 1979. Or what is the Attorney General going to do, pull it through municipal affairs, or where? Rural affairs doesn't exist, but we had to put the question on because they have a habit of backdating legislation. For that reason we had to put it on. We notice now he is going to use March 1, 1979 for that department. Mr. Attorney General, would you care to comment?

MR. SPEAKER: — Order. The comments of the member for Rosthern has precipitated what I believe to be a point of order. I wonder if any members wish to comment on the point of order before such time as I make a ruling on it?

The point of order was essentially a point raised by the member for Rosthern with regard to the existence or non-existence of the Department of Rural Affairs.

MR. KATZMAN: — On a point of order, as you are indicating it is, I think the Attorney General has indicated across the floor, the department will be retroactive to November something when the announcement was made, when the bill is passed. Therefore it isn't out of order on this motion. We may have to amend to that date but otherwise the motion isn't out of order.

MR. SPEAKER: — My ruling is that the original notice of motion, order for Return No. 284 is out of order. Consequently, the amendment is out of order.

Return No. 285

MRS. J.H. DUNCAN (Maple Creek) moved, seconded by the member for Rosthern (Mr. Katzman) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 285 showing:

Since March 1, 1979 the total amount of money the Saskatchewan Archives Board spent on printing with printing and publishing firms, and in each instance the name and address of the firm, amount of money spent with each firm, and the purpose.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Minister of Labour (Mr. Snyder), that with respect to proposed order Return No. 285, that all the words after the word "showing" be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

For the period of March 1, 1979 to March 31, 1980, the name and address of each private printing or publishing firm to whom the Saskatchewan Archives Board made payments for printing: (1) the number of payments to each firm, (2) the reason for each payment, (3) the amount of each payment.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 286

MRS. J.H. DUNCAN (Maple Creek) moved, seconded by the member for Rosthern (Mr. Katzman) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 286 showing:

Since March 1, 1979 the total amount of money the Saskatchewan Arts Board spent on printing with printing and publishing firms, and in each instance the name and address of the firm, amount of money spent with each firm, and the purpose.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, with respect to the proposed order for Return No. 286, I move, seconded by the Minister of Labour (Mr. Snyder), that all the words after the word “showing” be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

For the period March 1, 1979 to March 31, 1980, the name and address of each private printing or publishing firm to whom the Saskatchewan Arts Board made payments for printing: (1) the number of payments to each firm, (2) the reason for each payment, (3) the amount of each payment.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 287

MRS. J.H. DUNCAN (Maple Creek) moved, seconded by the member for Rosthern (Mr. Katzman) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 287 showing:

Since March 1, 1979 the total amount of money the Saskatchewan Assessment Commission spent on printing with printing and publishing firms, and in each instance the name and address of the firm, amount of money spent with each firm, and the purpose.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Minister of Labour (Mr. Snyder) that all the words after the word “showing” be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

For the period March 1, 1979 to March 31, 1980, the name and address of each private printing or publishing firm to whom the Saskatchewan Assessment Commission made payments for printing: (1) the number of payments to each firm, (2) the reason for each payment, (3) the amount of each payment.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 289

MRS. J.H. DUNCAN (Maple Creek) moved, seconded by the member for Rosthern (Mr. Katzman) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 289 showing:

Since March 1, 1979 the total amount of money the Saskatchewan Community Legal Services Commission spent on printing with printing and publishing firms, and in each instance the name and address of the firm, amount of money spent with each firm, and the purpose.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Minister of Labour (Mr. Snyder) with respect to proposed Return No. 289, that all the words after the word “showing” be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

For the period March 1, 1979 to March 31, 1980, the name and address of each private printing or publishing firm to whom the Saskatchewan Community Legal Services Commission made payments for printing: (1) the number of payments to each firm, (2) the reason for each payment, (3) the amount of each payment.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 290

MRS. J.H. DUNCAN (Maple Creek) moved, seconded by the member for Rosthern (Mr. Katzman) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 290 showing:

Since March 1, 1979 the total amount of money the Saskatchewan Fur Marketing Service spent on printing with printing and publishing firms, and in each instance the name and address of the firm, amount of money spent with each firm, and the purpose.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, with respect to proposed order for Return No. 290, I will be introducing an amendment. The amendment, Mr. Speaker, is one which is slightly different from the amendments which we have been dealing with up to now. The amendments we've been dealing with up to now have related primarily to the line departments and agencies. We are now dealing with the Saskatchewan Fur Marketing Service, a Crown corporation. Since there is a different mechanism which is in place there, the amendment is required in order to make it answerable for a Crown corporation. I'll be doing the same standard amendment when we get to the Crown corporations later on. Essentially the same information should be forthcoming, if my information is correct, as we are providing with the amendments to the departments. So with that brief explanation, Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Minister of Labour (Mr. Snyder) that with respect to order for Return No. 290 the following amendment:

Since March 1, 1979 the total amount of money the Saskatchewan Fur Marketing Service: (1) spent on printing with printing and publishing firms, and in each instance the name and address of the firm, amount of money spent with each firm, and the purpose, (2) in each instance whether this printing was tendered or whether the contracts were awarded in another manner other than tenders, and if so the method used to determine who should receive printing business.

MR. SPEAKER: — I would like to seek the guidance of the mover of the motion on the matter. The original motion starts out: “Since March 1, 1979” and I’m not sure when the Attorney General was moving his amendment he said to delete all the words after “showing.” I don’t believe he did, and his amendment reads: “Since March 1, 1979.” Now, I don’t know what I’m to do with the words that he brought forward as an amendment.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I thought I had indicated that we delete all the words after the word “showing” but if I didn’t I’ll try it now and if that’s out of order then I guess the only option is to adjourn the debate on this.

MR. SPEAKER: — I think it’s in order because I’m not sure whether I heard it or not. I was listening to the Attorney General’s explanation. Is that acceptable?

AN HON. MEMBER: — We’ll accept it.

MR. SPEAKER: — Delete all the words after “showing” and substitute therefor.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 291

MRS. J.H. DUNCAN (Maple Creek) moved, seconded by the member for Rosthern (Mr. Katzman) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 291 showing:

Since March 1, 1979 the total amount of money the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission spent on printing with printing and publishing firms, and in each instance the name and address of the firm, amount of money spent with each firm, and the purpose.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, with respect to proposed order for Return No. 291, I move, seconded by the Minister of Labour (Mr. Snyder), that all the words after the word “showing” be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

For the period March 1, 1979 to March 31, 1980, the name and address of each private printing or publishing firm to whom the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission made payments for printing: (1) the number of payments to each firm, (2) the reason for each payment, (3) the amount of each payment.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 292

MRS. J.H. DUNCAN (Maple Creek) moved, seconded by the member for Rosthern (Mr. Katzman) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 292 showing:

Since March 1, 1979 the total amount of money the Saskatchewan Medical Care Insurance Commission spent on printing with printing and publishing

firms, and in each instance the name and address of the firm, amount of money spent with each firm, and the purpose.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, with respect to the proposed order for Return No. 292, I move, seconded by the Minister of Labour (Mr. Snyder), that all the words after the word “showing” be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

For the period March 1, 1979 to March 31, 1980, the name and address of each private printing or publishing firm to whom the Saskatchewan Medical Care Insurance Commission made payments for printing: (1) the number of payments to each firm, (2) the reason for each payment, (3) the amount of each payment.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 293

MRS. J.H. DUNCAN (Maple Creek) moved, seconded by the member for Rosthern (Mr. Katzman) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 293 showing:

Since March 1, 1979 the total amount of money the department of Saskatchewan minerals spent on printing with printing and publishing firms, and in each instance the name and address of the firm, amount of money spent with each firm, and the purpose.

MR. ROMANOW: — A point of order, Mr. Speaker. My point of order here is that the proposed return asks for an amount related to the department of Saskatchewan minerals. I could be in error, but my record is that we have already passed such an order. I suppose there is nothing that says we can't do it twice; but my point of order is that we have covered the Saskatchewan department of minerals, unless the questioner is after something else.

MR. SPEAKER: — From the point of order raised by the Attorney General, it is clear there is no department of Saskatchewan minerals which is embodied in this notice of motion, order for return, and since I don't think it is possible to make a change, I would have to declare the motion out of order.

Perhaps the hon. member can review the matter and come back at a later time with something that would be in order because it appears it could be one of two things.

Return No. 294

MRS. J.H. DUNCAN (Maple Creek) moved, seconded by the member for Meadow Lake (Mr. McLeod) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 294 showing:

Since March 1, 1979 the total amount of money the Saskatchewan Police Commission spent on printing with printing and publishing firms, and in each instance the name and address of the firm, amount of money spent with each firm, and the purpose.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Minister of Labour (Mr.

Snyder) with respect to proposed Return No. 294, that all the words after the word “showing” be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

For the period March 1, 1979 to March 31, 1980, the name and address of each private printing or publishing firm to whom the Saskatchewan Police Commission made payments for printing: (1) the number of payments to each firm, (2) the reason for each payment, (3) the amount of each payment.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

Return No. 295

MRS. J.H. DUNCAN (Maple Creek) moved, seconded by the member for Rosthern (Mr. Katzman) that an order of the Assembly do issue for Return No. 295 showing:

Since March 1, 1979 the total amount of money the Saskatchewan Securities Commission spent on printing with printing and publishing firms, and in each instance the name and address of the firm, amount of money spent with each firm, and the purpose.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, with respect to proposed order for Return No. 295, I move, seconded by the Minister of Labour (Mr. Snyder), that all the words after the word “showing” be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

For the period March 1, 1979 to March 31, 1980, the name and address of each private printing or publishing firm to whom the Saskatchewan Securities Commission made payments for printing: (1) the number of payments to each firm, (2) the reason for each payment, (3) the amount of each payment.

Amendment agreed.

Motion as amended agreed.

MR. ROMANOW: — Mr. Speaker, I wonder if you might call it 5 o'clock?

The Assembly recessed until 7 p.m.