

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF SASKATCHEWAN

December 19, 1984

The Assembly met at 2:00 p.m.

Prayers

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS

Mr. Sveinson: — Mr. Speaker, today I have some questions that I'd like to read into the Assembly. And I give notice that I shall on Friday ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Prince Albert Daily Herald*?

Also, Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall ask on Friday next, I shall ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Preeceville Progress*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that on Friday next I shall ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Big Muddy Round Up*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Radville Star*?

I would also, Mr. Speaker, give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Redvers Optimist*?

I would like to give notice, Mr. Speaker, that I shall Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Briarpatch*?

I've got to have this information, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in *The Carillon*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in *The Commonwealth*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in *Dome* advertising?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

From the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Farm Light and Power*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Leader-Post*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *New Breed Journal*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Saskatchewan Motorist*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Saskatchewan Stockgrower*?

Mr. Speaker, I shall give notice that I will on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *School Trustee*?

Mr. Speaker, I would like to give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Western Sportsman*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Rosetown Eagle*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Saskatchewan Valley News*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the

Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Co-operative Consumer*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Cross Country Shopper*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Express News Farm Edition*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Green & White*?

Mr. Speaker: — Order, please. To facilitate the operation of the House I would advise the hon. member that he could table them all and they would be printed and answered in the normal process of business.

Mr. Sveinsson: — I respect that, Mr. Speaker, but I'll continue to read these into the record.

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Saskatchewan Bulletin*?

Mr. Speaker, I shall give notice that on Friday next I shall ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Saskatchewan Ski Journal*?

Mr. Speaker, I shall give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Saskatoon Shopper*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in *The Sheaf*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Star-Phoenix*?

Mr. Speaker, I shall give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in *Take Five*?

Mr. Speaker, I shall give notice that I will on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *TV Close Up*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *TV Close Up - Country Edition*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Union Farmer*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Western Producer*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Hi-Way 15 Gazette*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Shellbrook Chronicle*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Spiritwood Herald*?

Mr. Speaker, I shall give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Swift Current Sun*?

Mr. Speaker, I shall give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Southwest Booster*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Parkland Review*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Tisdale Recorder*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Northwest Herald*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Northland News*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Wadena News*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Wakaw Recorder*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Watrous Manitou*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Watson Witness*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Weyburn Review*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Oxbow Herald*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Whitewood Herald*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of culture and youth in the *Wilkie Press*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Wynyard Advance*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Yorkton Enterprise*?

Mr. Speaker, I would like give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Yorkton Supersaver*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Health in the *Shellbrook Chronicle*?

Actually the House Leader asked me whether I was putting anything on the blues, and I guess this is his answer.

I shall give, Mr. Speaker, I shall give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984 how much was spent by the Department of Health in the *Spiritwood Herald*?

Mr. Speaker, I shall give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Yorkton This Week*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Health in the *Swift Current Sun*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Health in the *Southwest Booster*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Health in the *Tisdale Parkland Review*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following

question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Health in the *Unity Northwest Herald*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Health in the *Uranium City Northland News*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in *This Week Marketplace*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in *This Week* shopper?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Health in the *Wadena News*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

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Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Health in the *Watrous Manitou*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Outlook Review*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Health in the *Watson Witness*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Health in the *Weyburn Review*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Health in the *Whitewood Herald*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Health in the *Wilkie Press*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Health in the *Wynyard Advance*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Health in the *Yorkton Enterprise*?

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Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Health in the *Yorkton This Week Market Place*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Health in the *Yorkton This Week shopper*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the North Battleford *News-Optimist*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the North Battleford *Advertiser-Post*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Norquay North Star*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Nokomis Times*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Nipawin Journal*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the Muenster *Prairie Messenger*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the Moosomin *World-Spectator*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the Moose Jaw *Times-Herald*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Melville Advance*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Melfort Journal*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Meadow Lake Progress*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Maple Creek News*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Maidstone Mirror*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Macklin Mirror*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Lloydminster Times*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Lloydminster Meridian-Booster*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Leader*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Kipling Citizen*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Kinistino Post*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Birch Hills Gazette*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Kindersley Clarion*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Kerrobert Citizen*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Kelvington Radio*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Kamsack Times*?

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Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Indian Head-Wolseley News*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Humboldt Journal*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the Hudson Bay *Post-Review*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Herbert Herald*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the Gull Lake *Advance*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the Gravelbourg *Gazette*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Fort Qu'Appelle Times*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Fort Qu'Appelle Local Exchange*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Eston Press*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Estevan Mercury*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Estevan Mercury*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Esterhazy Potashville-Miner Journal*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Elrose Review*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Davidson Leader*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Highway 40 Courier*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Carnduff Gazette-Post-News*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Carlyle Observer*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Canora Courier*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Biggar Independent*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Battleford Telegraph*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Culture and Recreation in the *Assiniboia Times*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by Saskatchewan Telecommunications by Sask Tel in the *Yorkton This Week Market Place*?

Mr. Speaker, I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by Sask Tel in the *Yorkton This Week*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by Sask Power in the *Yorkton Supersaver*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by Sask Power in the *Yorkton Enterprise*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

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In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by Sask Power in the *Wakaw Review*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by Saskatchewan Power Corporation in the *Wadena News*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by Sask Power in the *Uranium Northland News*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question . . .

On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I would ask whoever put whatever it is on my desk in the last two or three minutes, to remove it. I'll just wait until it is taken away.

Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask that you maybe ask the Assembly that other assemblages of a similar nature not be placed on my desk.

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by Sask Power in the *Unity Northwest Herald*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by Sask Power in the *Tisdale Parkland Review*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by Sask Power in the Swift Current — or the *Southwest Booster*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by Sask Power in the *Swift Current Sun*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by Sask Power in the *Spiritwood Herald*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by Sask Power in the *Shellbrook Chronicle*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

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In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by Sask Power in the Saskatoon *Western Producer*?

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Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by Sask Power in the *Saskatoon TV Close Up — Country Edition*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

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Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by Sask Power in the Saskatoon *Take Five*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

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Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by Sask Power in the *Saskatchewan Bulletin*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by Sask

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Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by Sask Power in the Saskatoon *Express News Farm Edition*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by Sask Power in the Saskatoon *Cross Country Shopper*?

Mr. Speaker, I would like to give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by Sask Power in the Saskatoon *Co-Operative Consumer*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by Sask Power in the Rosthern *Saskatchewan Valley News*?

Mr. Speaker, I would like to give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by Sask Power in the Rosetown *Eagle*?

Mr. Speaker, I would like to give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by Sask Power in the Regina *Western Sportsman*?

Mr. Speaker, I would like to give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by Sask Power in the Regina *School Trustee*?

Mr. Speaker, I would like to give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by Sask Power in the *Saskatchewan Stockgrower*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Saskatchewan Government Insurance corporation in the *Saskatchewan Motorist*?

Mr. Speaker, I would like to give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by Sask Power in the Regina *New Breed Journal*?

(1515)

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by Sask Power in the Regina *Leader-Post*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by Sask Power in the Regina *Farm Light and Power*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by Sask Power at Dome Advertising?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by Sask Power in the Regina *Commonwealth*?

I think it's just the *Commonwealth*. I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by Sask Power in the Regina *Carillon*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by Sask Power in the *Briar Patch*?

Mr. Speaker: — Order, please. Why is the member on his feet . . . (inaudible interjection) . . . The member has asked leave to introduce guests. Is leave granted? Proceed.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Hon. Mr. McLaren: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and colleagues. I would like to advise that there are three representatives of the Professional Firefighters Association in the gallery today, Mr. Speaker, and through you and to the members of the legislature I would like to introduce them. These gentlemen are here today in connection with the appointment of a second

representative from the professional fire fighters association to the advisory committee on curriculum for the fire college and outreach program. And it's a real pleasure for me to introduce the three gentlemen in the Speaker's gallery.

I would ask them to stand as they're introduced: Mr. Lew Tolley of Prince Albert, who will be joining the advisory committee early in the new year; Eugene Fletcher, president of the professional fire fighters association; and Kenneth Deans, vice-president of the professional fire fighters association.

As all members will know, the report of the special committee on fire prevention, tabled in the House on March 23, 1984, recommended the establishment of a fire college to train both volunteer and professional fire-fighters. And to date the requirements for the training of volunteer fire-fighters have been developed. Work is now proceeding with the development of the requirements for professional fire-fighters.

I'm pleased to report that the professional fire fighters association has offered assistance and support in the development of a program of fire-fighter training. And I know that it is the association's hope that we will have a fire college in operation in Saskatchewan in the not too distant future.

So, I would ask that all my colleagues and members in the legislature please welcome them here today in the usual manner.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Engel: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the opposition caucus and as vice-chairman of the special committee I would like to extend a welcome to the three of you here today. It was a pleasure meeting you when we were meeting with the groups around, and particularly congratulate Mr. Tolley for being willing to joining this advisory board.

I'm sure that the co-operation that the fire-fighters have offered both to the committee, and the pressure they've put on to both the government and the former government to get a college established in Saskatchewan is, in a large part, due to the pressure you put on and the needs you've determined that we should do so.

I congratulate you for the efforts you've done and thank you for your co-operation in the past, and welcome you here.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Sveinson: — Mr. Speaker, as a fellow member on the same standing committee, I welcome the three gentlemen to the House today, and continued success in your endeavours in fighting fires in Saskatchewan.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS

Mr. Sveinson: — Mr. Speaker, I shall give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period of January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984 how much was spent by Sask Power in the *Prince Albert Daily Herald*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by Sask

Power in the *Radville Big Muddy Round Up*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by Sask Power in the *Radville Star*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by Sask Power in the *Preeceville Progress*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Rosetown Eagle*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Regina Western Sportsman*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department . . . I'm sorry, by Sask Power in the *Oxbow Herald*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by Sask Power in the *North Battleford News Optimist*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

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In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Saskatchewan Stock Grower*?

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In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the Regina *New Breed Journal*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the Regina *Leader-Post*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the Regina *Light and Power*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance through Dome Advertising?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Commonwealth*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the Regina *Carillon*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Briarpatch*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Redvers Optimist*?

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Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

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Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

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In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Oxbow Herald*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *North Battleford News Optimist*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *North Battleford Advertiser Post*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Norquay North Star*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Nokomis Times*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Nipawin Journal*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Muenster Prairie Messenger*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Moosomin World Spectator*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Moose Jaw Times-Herald*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Melville Advance*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Melfort Journal*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Meadow Lake Progress*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Maple Creek News*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Maidstone Mirror*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by Sask Power in the *Redvers Optimist*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Macklin Mirror*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Lloydminster Times*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Lloydminster Meridian Booster*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Leader News*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Kipling Citizen*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Kinistino Post*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Swift Current Sun*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Kinistino-Birch Hills Gazette*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Kindersley Clarion*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Kerrobert Citizen*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Kelvington Radio*

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

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Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Spiritwood Herald*

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Indian Head-Wolseley News*

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Humboldt Journal*

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Hudson Bay Post-Review*

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Herbert Herald*

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Gull Lake Advance*

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Gravelbourg Gazette*

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Fort Qu'Appelle Times*

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Fort Qu'Appelle Local Exchange*

Mr. Speaker, I would like to give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Eston Press*

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the government the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Estevan Mercury*

Mr. Speaker, I would like to give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Esterhazy Potashville Miner-Journal*

(1545)

Mr. Speaker, I would like to give you notice at this time that I will on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Kyle-Elrose Review*?

Mr. Speaker, I give you notice that I would like at this time to give you notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Davidson Leader*?

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Cut Knife Highway 40 Courier*?

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Carnduff Gazette Post News*?

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I would like to give you notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Carlyle Observer*?

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to give notice that I shall on Friday next — I'm sorry, Mr. Deputy Speaker — ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Canora Courier*?

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Battleford Telegraph*?

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Biggar Telegraph*?

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Assiniboia Times*?

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Shellbrook Chronicle*?

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Semans Hi-way Gazette*?

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Saskatoon Western Producer*? (I believe it's just *The Western Producer*.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Saskatoon Union Farmer*?

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the

Department of Finance in the Saskatoon *TV Close Up* - Country Edition?

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In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the Saskatoon *TV Close Up*?

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In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the Saskatoon *Take Five*?

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In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the Saskatoon *Star-Phoenix*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in *The Sheaf*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

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Mr. Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Saskatchewan Ski Journal*?

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the *Saskatchewan Bulletin*?

Mr. Speaker, I would like to give notice at this time that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the Saskatoon *Green and White*?

Mr. Speaker, I would like to give notice at this time that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the Saskatoon *Express-News Farm Edition*?

Mr. Speaker, I would like to give notice at this time that on Friday next I will ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the Saskatoon *Cross Country Shopper*?

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Mr. Deputy Speaker, I shall give notice that I will on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the Rosthern *Saskatchewan Valley News*?

Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the . . . I'm sorry, Sask Power in the North Battleford *Advertiser Post*?

Mr. Deputy Speaker, I would like to give notice that I shall on Friday next ask the Government of Saskatchewan the following question:

In the period January 1, 1984 to December 1, 1984, how much was spent by the Department of Finance in the Yorkton *This Week Marketplace*?

Mr. Speaker, I hate to take any more of the time of the House.

I am interested in answers relating to the advertising expenses of this government. I expect these answers will be forthcoming. I've heard from them in comments during the debate that these answers will be forthcoming, and forthcoming soon. I will wait with bated breath. And, Mr. Speaker, if they aren't forthcoming, I shall, in fact, introduce more in the same way.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: — Order.

Hon. Mr. McLeod: — Mr. Deputy Speaker, I give notice that I shall on Friday next move:

That notwithstanding rule 3, this Assembly shall on Friday, December 21, Saturday, December 22, and Monday, December 24, 1984 meet at 10 o'clock a.m. until 10 o'clock p.m., and the business of the Assembly on Saturday shall be the same as that on Friday.

(1600)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wishes for a Happy Chanukah

Mr. Katzman: — Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask the members of the House to join me in wishing the people of the Jewish faith in the province a Happy Chanukah. Today is the first day of Chanukah. It started last evening. There's a member of the press and myself of that faith, and to the rest of the people in the community, we wish them a happy Chanukah, and may they have a good time.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Blakeney: — Mr. Deputy Speaker, may I join with the member for Rosthern in wishing the citizens of Saskatchewan of the Jewish faith a happy Chanukah. Chanukah is, as we well know, a time when relatives and friends come together for special religious services and to exchange gifts, and a time of rededication to a family life and a joyous family occasion, having some similarities with the way Christmas is celebrated by members of the Christian faith.

My colleague, my former colleague, the member for Melfort, Norm Vickar, used to be able to reply to this perhaps more appropriately than can I, but I'm happy to join with my colleague, the member for Rosthern, in expressing our felicitations to the citizens of Saskatchewan of the Jewish faith.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

ORAL QUESTIONS

Problems at Rocanville Mine

Mr. Birkbeck: — Mr. Deputy Speaker, I, unfortunately, have had to wait quite a long time this morning, rather this afternoon, to ask a very important question. I would like to direct a question to the minister responsible for the Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan.

Now, Mr. Deputy Speaker, I have been monitoring the problems at the Rocanville division of PCS for a considerable length of time with regard to water flow rates into that mine. They started out at 500 gallons per minute as of about November 18, 1984, and they have increased, Mr. Deputy Speaker, to 3,500 gallons per minute today.

Mr. Minister, my concern is for the safety of the personnel there, the potential loss of jobs, and of course, Mr. Minister, the future operations of the mine. I wonder, Mr. Minister, could you give this House the assurance and, of course, myself the assurance that this problem is going to be brought under control in the very near future?

Hon. Mr. Andrew: — Mr. Deputy Speaker, the situation at the Rocanville mine, I am advised, is constantly being monitored. I am assured by the officials from the potash corporation that there is no danger to the personnel in this situation. We are concerned that yesterday the brine inflow has markedly increased from 900 gallons per minute to 3,500 gallons per minute.

I am further advised that this brine is being pumped to the mined-out section of the mine. The pumping capacity is 4,000 gallons per minute with standby capacity of another 3,000 gallons per minute. The capacity in the mined-out section with bulkheads being put in will handle that capacity for a further six-week period. We have brought in the expertise — and I'm advised by the potash corporation, the best expertise they can find — to try to come to grips with this problem. It was their hope that it was under control and could put cement plugs into the brine leakage problem.

I am further advised that should that fail, they are looking at alternative methods by which to plug the hole and pump cement into it.

Mr. Birkbeck: — Mr. Speaker, I would just ask one supplementary. Mr. Minister, I wonder, could you give myself the assurance that if this problem is not brought under control within a week or 10 days, that you yourself will personally travel with myself and some of your officials and go to the mine site and visit directly with those people to see that everything possible is being done that should be done to correct that problem?

Hon. Mr. Andrew: — Mr. Speaker, I can advise the hon. member and I can advise the House

that the corporation is concerned about it. I think I, as minister responsible, am concerned about it, and I am sure that the entire Assembly is concerned that this matter is, in fact, brought under control and brought under control as soon as possible. I will keep you informed of any information that I have, and I will keep the Assembly informed of any information I have.

At this point in time it's a technical question at the mine site. Engineers, obviously, know far more than I do. I'm not sure what I could contribute at this particular point in time at the mine site. Certainly if the occasion requires my assistance there I would be only too happy to go, but at this point in time I'm not sure what I could do.

Farm Credit Corporation Loans

Mr. Engel: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question to the Minister of Agriculture this afternoon now, and it deals with your government's continuing inability to provide family farmers with financial help they need in these really troubled times. Farmers are under severe oppression not being able to cope and meet their power bills, etc.

Yesterday there was news that one in four Saskatchewan farmers who have loans with Farm Credit Corporation are behind in their payments — 5,700 farmers are about \$53 million in arrears, Mr. Minister. And even worse, 660 of these farmers are the second year in arrears. A few days ago your Legislative Secretary told the public meeting that many of these farmers were inefficient and should get out of business. Is that your government's position, and is that why the farm legislation before this House today doesn't contain a thin dime for farmers?

Hon. Mr. Hepworth: — Mr. Chairman, our commitment to farmers in Saskatchewan, I think, is underscored and underlined by the Bill that's before this Assembly. We are not prepared to see thousands of farmers driven off their land. I think it's been well established that many of the farmers that in fact are in trouble today are not inefficient. They are not small farmers, but there is a group out there who are burdened with high debts who may have been farming as long as 10 years. They've been hooked with high interest rates and high land costs and low commodity prices. But all the surveys identify that group as being very productive, very aggressive farmers. They are good farmers. They are viewed in the community as good farmers, and of course, I think that's the reason for bringing a Bill such as this before the House to protect and provide some opportunity for them to survive in these difficult times.

We've had cycles in this province before. We've had global cycles in terms of the economy. I suspect that we'll get through this one, and we're prepared to provide some breathing room, to be an economic shock absorber, and in fact as I would warn the hon. member again not to view this Bill in isolation, but to view it collectively. Put it together with our 8 per cent interest rate programs that are available for young and beginning farmers, and it's very unfortunate, it's very unfortunate during that eight and nine and 10 years when those productive farmers were getting themselves into difficulty because of high interest rates, that your administration didn't move to put in place a program like the farm purchase program which gave them low interest money at 8 per cent so they wouldn't have got hooked on this 16 and 20 per cent money, and we wouldn't be dealing with some of the problems we're dealing with today. But your administration, the NDP party in this province, chose not to provide interest rate support during those years. And now those farmers are paying the price for it. And you must view this in context as well in terms of what might happen in cash . . .

Mr. Speaker: — Order, please. I'd advise the ministers that lengthy answers to questions are not allowed in question period.

Mr. Engel: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Minister, the straight simple question was: your Legislative Secretary told a group of farmers — I suggest that there were only 17 at that meeting the other day, they tell me there was 117 people there, as the word you came back with — told those farmers that they were in trouble because they were inefficient and poor operators,

and they've got to fall by the wayside. I'm asking you: is that why you don't have any help in this legislature? We're called together, we're here, Mr. Speaker, to deal with the serious problem facing farmers, and you have a Bill here that doesn't give them a dime. This is the first time since 1971 that, in one week, four of my constituents phoned me and said that . . .

Mr. Speaker: — Order, please. The member rose on a supplementary and is making a speech, and I would ask him to get directly to the question.

Mr. Engel: — Mr. Speaker, in light of the fact that he didn't answer my question, I'm asking a new question. We have run into a situation, Mr. Minister, where people — since you're in office — don't have enough money to even pay their power bills, let alone their other bills. What are you doing for the farmers that are in trouble, farmers that can't get their money from crop insurance, farmers that are waiting for their drought assistance payments, and are facing Christmas? You know, when a farmer's wife cries on the phone and says, we don't have money for Christmas presents, let alone we're threatened with registered mail that their power is going to be cut off. What are you planning to do for them?

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Hepworth: — We will continue to put in place programs to protect those families and those farmers out there on their farms. We will continue to put programs in place to help ease cash flow and make sure they can, in fact, have operating funds to continue. And I can only remind the hon. member, in terms of what has been done in that past and what will be done in the future in terms of this government, we will do what is necessary. And I would only remind you that in 1971 when an even more extreme form, even more extreme form of debt moratorium legislation was put in place, not one thin dime was advanced by your government at that time. Now you're extremely generous in opposition. On one day, you proposed \$30 an acre, a one and a half billion dollar payment — an irresponsible kind of solution. The next day, it was 7 per cent money. We will do what is necessary.

Mr. Engel: — Mr. Speaker, a new question. Mr. Minister, have you bothered to go yourself or send some of your high-paid officials, former bankers, etc., have you bothered sending them out to our neighbouring areas to see what kind of programs are in place to salvage farmers? Have you bothered yet? Have you bothered going down to Montana, for example, and seeing what a democratic party in power can do for farmers when things are tough? Have you bothered looking at their interest abatement program, and seeing what farmers can do to survive that are in dire straits? Have you bothered looking around? Do you know what's happening around you? Have you looked?

Hon. Mr. Hepworth: — Mr. Speaker, hon. member, yes, I have looked around. And looking around I become even more proud of what our government has done to help farmers. I looked around and I . . .

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Hepworth: — . . . and I looked to the east of me. And what did I find? There in Manitoba, by every measure, by every statistic, by Farm Credit Corporation survey which I tabled in this House yesterday, the farmer problem is every bit as severe. And today I receive in this Assembly a press release from the minister over there.

And what are they doing in Manitoba? Have they got a Bill before the House to deal with the debt problems out there? No. In fact, Mr. Speaker, is the house even sitting in Manitoba to deal with the farm problem? No. But what does the hon. member, who says I should look to the east for my answer, say? And what do I find in the east? We find nothing, literally.

And in fact we find there the hon. minister suggesting that the answer lies with the federal

government. And as well, I'm happy to say that we have had good co-operation from the federal government. In 1971 there was go grains stabilization fund to fall back on. And we expect full well to see a very good payment out of that this next spring.

(1615)

We asked for years for removal of the federal tax on farm fuels, and we got that. We asked for years to see the domestic price of wheat moved up. We got that, putting another \$35 million in the hands of farmers' pockets.

So yes, I have looked around and I see action out of the federal government I see less action out of some provinces to the east. But in terms of what's happening across the border, yes, in fact, we have examined and had some discussions and looked at some material in so far as what Mr. Reagan's administration has proposed for some of his farmers that are suffering through the same kinds of problems here.

And I would suggest to you that this province here is showing leadership, and many other provinces and jurisdictions are watching what we do. Because just as we introduced 8 per cent money in this legislature for our young and beginning farmers a year, a year and a half ago — two years ago today, almost — others in this country followed. Ontario followed, because they see it as a good program. And I would suggest to you, others will follow. We will continue to be leaders.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Engel: — Short supplementary. I can understand why the minister refuses to answer the question. I suggested to him that he look — or his officials, his former banker deputy minister — did he look at a program that's affecting the banks in Montana, not be a Reagan administration, but by Governor Schwinden, who has a program in place that says to the banker, if the farmer's in trouble your interest is zero? Why don't you try that? Why don't you try a program that works? Why don't you save the farmer millions of dollars like they do in Montana and a program that works? And don't go trying to defray the . . .

Mr. Speaker: — Order, please. Order! The member is abusing the privileges of the House when he asks supplementaries that long.

Hon. Mr. Hepworth: — Mr. Speaker, hon. member, I am not specifically familiar with that proposal. I know we've looked at some of the programs in the United States, Mr. Speaker, and I'd be happy to examine this one.

I see a certain confusion on the opposition benches as to what their agricultural policy is. In the last 10 days I've heard them put forward a solution to the agricultural problem in this province: \$30 an acre. Then when I blew them out of the water by pointing out their arithmetic was out by one decimal, and not 150 million by a \$1.5 billion package that would have tripled taxes in this province and doubled the deficit, they backed off that one. then, two days later, they came to this House and said, no, not \$30 an acre. Let's have the 7 per cent solution. Now they're backing off that one because the arithmetic doesn't work out again, and they're suggesting we should look at the Schwinden solution. I'll look at it, but it may be as ludicrous as everything else you propose in this House.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Engel: — Mr. Speaker. New question, Mr. Speaker. The minister couldn't figure out a \$30 an acre payment that costs \$150 million. He has inability to figure a drought program out. So we give him a second offer on an interest rate. Well, here's another offer that Schwinden has put in the place that doesn't . . .

Mr. Speaker: — Order, please. The member is giving information rather than asking for it. If you have a question, get to the question.

Mr. Engel: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker, but the minister asked me a question and suggested . . .

Mr. Speaker: — If the member has a question, get to it. If not, I'll call on another member.

Mr. Engel: — Short supplementary question. Will you assure this House that before a couple of days are out, before Christmas, that you would look at a program that works like Montana has in place, to salvage some farmers? Will you at least do that much, your closest neighbour to the south?

Hon. Mr. Hepworth: — Looking at programs, options, and possibilities to help out the farm sector is an ongoing process with this administration.

Mr. Lusney: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Minister, in a appearance before the Commons agricultural committee yesterday, the federal Minister of Agriculture, the Hon. John Wise, admitted that financial assistance for flooded farmers in north-east Saskatchewan is not a priority with them.

Mr. Minister, are you aware of your federal counterpart's attitude, and do you plan to call him today and tell him that financial assistance for north-eastern Saskatchewan farmers is long overdue by the federal government?

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Hepworth: — Mr. Speaker, I have talked to the Minister of Agriculture for Canada on more than one occasion. In fact, aid for north-east farmers was one of the first things I had on my agenda at the very first meeting I had with him. I haven't seen exactly what went on relative to the committee in Ottawa yesterday. My understanding is that Mr. Wise said it is going through the treasury board process. He believes it will be positive. And I suspect that we will be seeing something positive out of there as soon as they can accommodate him.

Mr. Lusney: — Supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Minister, the Minister of Agriculture, the Hon. John Wise, says that it is before treasury board. But he also states that it is not a priority with the treasury board.

Will you get in contact with him today and say that the farmers of north-east Saskatchewan do need that help and that he should make it a priority?

Hon. Mr. Hepworth: — Mr. Speaker, hon. member, as I said earlier, I have been in contact with him on more than one occasion. He knows that I view it as a priority. And I would suggest to you that we're wanting to see the actual transcript and not rely on your head research division the *Leader-Post*, for your back-up, that you may well be taking what he said out of context.

I know he views it as a priority. I have raised it with him on more than one occasion. And I suspect that he will be accommodating us just as soon as he can.

Backlog in Dental Plan for Children

Mr. Lingenfelter: — Question to the Minister of Health. Mr. Minister, you will know that your government has continually underfunded and understaffed the area of children's dental plan in the province of Saskatchewan. Mr. Minister, when you came to power you immediately removed the four-year-olds from the plan and stripped away the increase in the plan to include 17-year-olds.

Now we are getting many questions from parents who are talking about backlogs in the schools, and I would like you to inform the Assembly: how many children are waiting to see a dentist in the schools of Saskatchewan?

Hon. Mr. Taylor: — Mr. Speaker, of course, the hon. member opposite is not correct in his preamble. We have not caused cuts in the dental plan. As far as the number of students, and as to the backlog of today, I'd have to take note.

Mr. Lingenfelter: — Mr. Speaker, I have here a letter, a new question, which I would like to quote the minister that would bring him up to date. And members call for it to be tabled. I will table it when I have an opportunity after question period. The letter is addressed to a parent which says in the first paragraph:

It is not possible for us to treat all of the children enrolled from your school at the present time. Therefore, it is necessary to divide the children into two groups: one, those currently receiving treatment; and secondly, those awaiting treatment. And your child is in the group awaiting treatment.

Now this letter, Mr. Minister, has been sent to hundreds of parents in the city of Regina because there aren't enough dental nurses to perform the duty. You will know In the budget of this year the number of people working in that program has been reduced from 510 to 427. And I would like you to inform the Assembly, and those parents who have children waiting, what they should do in the interim while they're waiting for dental care.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: — Mr. Speaker, again, the member is wrong. If he would keep up with what's taking place he would know that quoting the figure from the blue book is not an accurate assumption of what's taking place in the dental plan.

A number of children in Regina and various parts of Saskatchewan are being serviced by the private sector dentists in this province, and I should say well serviced. And certainly there are some people that are waiting for service, as there always has been. I said I would take note, as of today, how many are waiting. But the children are waiting for service. Whether it be with the dental nurses or the private practice dentist is no different than it has ever been.

Hon. Mr. Blakeney: — Supplementary, Mr. Speaker. I wonder whether the minister would, in the course of taking notice, also advise the House whether or not the practice of sending out letters to parents in Regina saying their children were put on hold has been a practice which has been widely used in the past, as it is now being widely used? Or whether this is something new so far as its widespread use is concerned.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: — Well, I would certainly take note. I would say that this government is certainly a government that is in connection, and deals with the parents, deal with the people of this province. I don't know if the previous government ever notified anyone about anything. I think they though they had all the answers. Certainly, if there's a waiting list, we would let the parents know that there's a period of time that their child had to be waiting.

Also, yes, my colleague beside me indicates something that I've noticed for sometime here, that I'm very suspect of portions of letters that are read by the people opposite. I'd like them to table the whole letter.

Premier's Letter to Public Servants

Mr. Shillington: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is to the Premier. Ten days ago I asked him about a letter which he sent to our public servants. I asked you for how much information . . . I asked you for information on how the letters had been sent out, how many

there were, the cost of them, and the reason for the mass mailing.

On page 340 of *Hansard*, you clearly said you would supply this information to the Assembly and the public. I ask you for that information now.

Hon. Mr. Devine: — Mr. Speaker, I don't have it with me, but I will provide it.

Mr. Shillington: — New question. It is my understanding, Mr. Premier, that such letters went to all of the public service and all Crown corporation employees.

My question is: how many of these letters were delivered to employees, and at what cost? And why should the Saskatchewan taxpayer be footing the bill, in these difficult times, for the Conservative Party's propaganda?

Hon. Mr. Devine: — Mr. Speaker, I told the hon. member that I would provide the information, and, Mr. Speaker, the hon. member knows that it has nothing to do with the Conservative Party. It is from the Premier of the province to employees saying, thank you very much for all your hard work, for your co-operation, for your conscientious efforts. And I would believe, Mr. Speaker, that that would be generally well received from public employees across Canada.

I don't recall letters of congratulations, and thank you, and so forth, being provided by the NDP when they were in power. Maybe they were. If they did, I would congratulate them. If they weren't, then I would think maybe it's something that they should have considered, and maybe it's one of the reasons that they're sitting over there today, and we're sitting here.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Availability of Public Accounts

Hon. Mr. Blakeney: — Mr. Speaker, I direct a question to the Minister of Finance, and it deals with the availability of public accounts. The minister will know that it has been, at least for the last three or four or five years and I hadn't checked how much farther back, the Auditor has given his certificate dates in September, or perhaps the 15th of October, and the *Public Accounts* have therefore been at least available in one sense of the word, although not always distributed.

My question to the minister is: are the *Public Accounts* available for distribution? And if the answer is, no, not at this time, will he distribute them in between this portion of the session and the following session so that they will be available for use by members prior to the convening of the session in March or whenever it is?

Hon. Mr. Andrew: — Mr. Speaker, I could advise the hon. member that the publishing of the *Public Accounts* falls under the jurisdiction of the Minister of Revenue and Financial Services and the comptroller.

Hon. Mr. Rousseau: — Well, Mr. Speaker, I will advise the members opposite that, yes, we will distribute the *Public Accounts* to all members of the House as soon as they're printed, which should be in the new year, shortly in the new year.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

WRITTEN QUESTIONS PUT BY MEMBERS

Hon. Mr. McLeod: — Mr. Speaker, I would ask that questions put by members numbered 14 through 356 inclusive be converted to notice of motion for return, debatable.

Mr. Speaker: — Motions 14 to 356 converted to orders for return, debatable.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

MOTIONS

Night Sitting

Hon. Mr. McLeod: — Mr. Speaker, just prior to committee of the whole I wonder if I might move a motion. I would ask for leave of the Assembly to move the following motion:

That notwithstanding rule 3(3) there shall on Wednesday, December 19, 1984 be a recess from 5 o'clock p.m. until 7 o'clock p.m., and that the sitting shall be continued from 7 o'clock p.m. until 10 o'clock p.m.

With leave of the Assembly, I would move that.

Motion agreed to.

(1630)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Bill No. 1 – An Act respecting the Security of Farm Land in Saskatchewan

Clause 9 (continued)

Clause 9 as amended agreed to on division.

Clause 10

Mr. Chairman: — Clause 10, House amendment. Proposed House amendment, moved by the member . . . from the Minister of Agriculture:

Section 10 of the printed Bill, subsection 10(5) of the printed Bill be amended by striking out "means" where it appears in clause (a), in clause (b), in clause (c), and in clause (d), and each case substituting "includes."

Clause 10 as amended agreed to on division.

Clauses 11 to 13 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 14

Mr. Chairman: — Clause 14 has an amendment, moved by the Minister of Agriculture:

That section 14 of the printed Bill be amended (a) by renumbering it as subsection (1); and (b) by adding the following subsection after subsection (1):

Where, but for this Act, a mortgagee would have permitted a farmer to renew a mortgage on farm land, the mortgagee shall permit the farmer to renew the mortgage.

Clause 14 as amended agreed to on division.

Clauses 15 to 20 inclusive agreed to.

The committee agreed on division to report the Bill as amended.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 1 – An Act respecting the Security of Farm Land in Saskatchewan

Hon. Mr. Hepworth: — Mr. Deputy Speaker, I move that the amendments be now read the first and second time.

Motion agreed to on division.

Hon. Mr. Hepworth: — Mr. Speaker, by leave of the Assembly, I move that Bill No. 1 be now read the third time and passed under its title.

Motion agreed to on division and Bill read a third time.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Bill No. 18 – An Act to amend The Automobile Accident Insurance Act

Clause 1

Mr. Chairman: — Would the minister introduce his officials?

Hon. Mr. Rousseau: — Mr. Chairman, I would like to introduce Mr. Kuss, to my left, who is the legislation advisor; and Mr. Fogg, who is vice-president in charge of AAIA (Automobile Accident Insurance Act).

Mr. Shillington: — Would the minister just confirm that these amendments, these increased benefits, will come into effect on April 1st? Will you just confirm that that's your intention or, if it is not, give me the date?

Hon. Mr. Rousseau: — Well no, Mr. Chairman, the amendments will — or the increased benefits come in effect on January 1st.

Mr. Shillington: — For the year 1985 then, what will be the cost of these increased benefits to the fund?

Hon. Mr. Rousseau: — Mr. Chairman, approximately 2.5. Somewhere between 2.5 and \$2.9 million.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 4 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 5

Mr. Shillington: — With respect to Clause 5 and the rates appeal board, will the rates appeal board be sitting in places other than Regina? If I live in Shoeho or Hooey where do I have to go to — Sheho and Hoey — sorry about that, my apologies to all the fine burghers of that community. Where would those people have to go to have it heard?

Hon. Mr. Rousseau: — Mr. Chairman, for the hon. member, I inform him that we will be appointing board members in each claims centre, and therefore in the future we will be holding hearings or appeals in each claim centre.

Mr. Shillington: — Well perhaps for these — perhaps for my benefit you could define what you mean by a claims centre.

Hon. Mr. Rousseau: — Yes, Mr. — the definition of a claims centre is where the — where adjusting is done on the vehicles, on accidents of those vehicles. I could . . .

Mr. Shillington: — Fine, I understand that, so in the incident case I've got, I guess I go to Yorkton. But what you are saying is you are going to have local people who are members of the board from each claims centre, at each claims centre, who will be available — on a whatever — weekly basis or whatever, to hear these claims?

Hon. Mr. Rousseau: — The appointments will be made by the Lieutenant Governor in Council and we will have those people in those, within those areas, appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Mr. Shillington: — And will there be any cost attached to the hearing? Will there be any fee?

(1645)

Hon. Mr. Rousseau: — Mr. Chairman, we will start the program with no fee. And we'll monitor that as we go to see how -e what the frequency of those appeals are. And if necessary we may, in due course, impose a fee on the appeal.

Mr. Shillington: — Has the minister given consideration to appointing these people for a given defined term, so that they enjoy some independence of stature? The difficulty, I think, that SGI is going to have, is that if they don't enjoy some visible degree of independence, when the decision goes against the policy-holder the public may make the accusation that it's a stacked deck.

And it strikes me as being in the best interest of Saskatchewan Government Insurance and the fund, which is the immediate, I suppose, party. It strikes me that it's in their best interest to give these people some visible degree of independence. that could be done by appointing them for a term certain.

Hon. Mr. Rousseau: — Well, Mr. Chairman, I want to remind the hon. member that previously the appellant had to appeal his case in court. What we're doing now is giving him that choice. He can appeal through an appeal board or can still go to court. It's his choice. And yes, we certainly . . . It is our intention to have it an independent appeal board.

Mr. Shillington: — The question was: will you appoint them for a term certain, so that they not only are said to be independent but, in fact are independent?

Hon. Mr. Rousseau: — Mr. Chairman, I don't see any problem with that suggestion. We don't know at this point what the term will be, but I'd suggest a limited term to start with, and then we'll review that in due course. But I see no problem with a limited term.

Mr. Shillington: — Has the minister made any decision about what compensation will be paid to the board members?

Hon. Mr. Rousseau: — We'll be, I suppose, checking the guide-lines on those kinds of appeal boards, Mr. Chairman. The Lieutenant Governor in Council will make that decision, and it will be a per diem remuneration that we'll be looking at.

Mr. Shillington: — I don't physically have the regulations section in front of me, but I seem

to remember the regulations section being broad enough to permit the Lieutenant Governor in Council to make regulations governing the operation of this appeal board. Do you have those regulations drafted now, since the thing's going into effect on January 1st, and if so, will you table those regulations?

Hon. Mr. Rousseau: — Mr. Chairman, I would refer the member to the coming into force clause of 41 which states that clause 8, which we're referring to, sections 4, 5, 7, and 25, will come into force on a day to be fixed by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor, at which time we will then have the administrative paperwork in place for . . .

Mr. Shillington: — I had assumed, I guess mistakenly, that the whole Bill would come into force on January 1st. I guess that's not so. When would the minister anticipate that this system would be set up? When will you anticipate proclaiming these sections then?

Hon. Mr. Rousseau: — Mr. Chairman, I would suggest that at this point, without a firm commitment, as soon as possible, probably in the round to 90 days to 120 days would be the time that we'd need to put all the regulations in place and the administrative process in place as well.

Clause 6 agreed to.

Clauses 7 to 14 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 15

Mr. Shillington: — Section 14 is one of the ones that's going to come into effect on January 1st, I gather. What amount is going to be prescribed in regulations then?

Hon. Mr. Rousseau: — The amount by regulation would \$150 per week, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Shillington: — Generally with respect to these sections then, just so we don't have to repeat this song and dance on them all, generally with respect to these sections then those . . . With respect to those figures that are to be set by regulations which were set in the Act, are those regulations now drafted, and can they be table? If not, when does the minister expect to be proclaiming such regulations?

Hon. Mr. Rousseau: — Well, Mr. Chairman, I won't be tabling the regulations today, but I will assure the hon. member that they will be ready before it comes into force.

Mr. Shillington: — I'm sorry. I was distracted when you made that comment.

Hon. Mr. Rousseau: — I said I won't table the regulations, but they will be available before January 1st.

Clause 15 agreed to.

Clause 16 agreed to.

Clause 17

Mr. Chairman: — There's an amendment, House amendment, to clause 17, moved by the minister of SGI:

Section 17 of the printed Bill: subsection 26(1) of the Act as being enacted by section 17 of the printed Bill is amended by striking out "in the amount prescribed in the regulations" and substituting the following:

the amount and determination of which is in the absolute discretion of the insurer provided that the amount does not exceed the amount prescribed in the regulations.

Hon. Mr. Rousseau: — Hon. member, without the question even coming across, all it was is a clerical error. in the printing of the Bill there was a clerical error. part of the sentence was omitted. We are now including it.

Clause 17 as amended agreed to.

Clauses 18 to 20 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 21

Mr. Shillington: — Mr. Minister, is not this a change in policy? I had always understood that the estate was entitled to benefits where a deceased died without having actually received them.

Hon. Mr. Rousseau: — Well, Mr. Chairman, it's just a rewording. There's no change in policy. It is a reworking of the previous clause.

Clause 21 agreed to.

Clauses 22 to 34 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 35

Mr. Shillington: — Just for my own curiosity, does the minister have the breakdown of the cost of this particular increase in benefits? Do you know what it costs to provide the increase in benefits under section 35?

Hon. Mr. Rousseau: — Mr. Chairman, the \$200,000 liability limits will be approximately \$2 million, the balance being for the other benefits. We do have a breakdown. I don't have it with me. I'll provide the member with a breakdown if he so desired.

Clause 35 agreed to.

Clauses 36 to 41 inclusive agreed to.

The committee agreed to report the Bill.

(1700)

Mr. Chairman: — I'd like to thank the minister's officials.

Bill No. 11 — An Act to amend The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act

Clauses 1 to 3 inclusive agreed to.

The committee agreed to report the Bill.

Bill No. 19 — An Act to amend The Saskatchewan Insurance Act

Clauses 1 to 3 inclusive agreed to.

The committee agreed to report the Bill.

Bill No. 21 - An Act to amend The Snowmobile Act

Mr. Chairman: — Would the minister introduce his officials?

Hon. Mr. Garner: — Mr. Chairman, . . . (inaudible) . . . from SGI sitting to my left, and chairman of highway traffic board, Mr. Bill McLaren, sitting over to my right.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2

Hon. Mr. Blakeney: — Mr. Chairman, and Mr. Minister, I don't know quite what the clause is because I haven't turned it up yet, but the provision which repeals a section, can you tell us what section is repealed? Am I on the . . . 21. Okay.

Hon. Mr. Garner: — Mr. Chairman it repeals section 19, which directly goes to the surcharge.

Hon. Mr. Blakeney: — I beg . . . which, I'm sorry?

Hon. Mr. Garner: — . . . (inaudible) . . . of The Snowmobile Act is repealed.

Hon. Mr. Blakeney: — And what was in section 19 which was being repealed?

Hon. Mr. Garner: — I'll send you a copy of it over, or I can read it all to you if you . . . (inaudible interjection) . . . Just prepayment of the surcharge.

Hon. Mr. Blakeney: — Why don't we need that any more?

Hon. Mr. Garner: — Because the system is being changed under the automobile insurance Act.

Clause 2 agreed to.

Clause 3 agreed to.

The committee agreed to report the Bill.

Bill No. 22 — An Act to amend The Vehicles Act, 1983

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Clause 3

Mr. Lusney: — Mr. Minister, in repealing this Act, you are . . . (inaudible) . . . surcharge. Are you putting this in a certain clause in The Vehicles Act, or not The Vehicles Act, but The Automobile Accident Insurance Act, which is going to cover this? Or what is happening?

Hon. Mr. Garner: — This clause is no longer required, Mr. Chairman, because this clause goes into The Automobile Accident Insurance Act.

Mr. Lusney: — Could you just briefly state what that section in the Act is that's going to cover what you are repealing?

Hon. Mr. Garner: — Mr. Chairman, if we can just have clarification. Were you talking about

section 19 of The Vehicles Act, or as it pertains to section 19 of The Automobile Accident Insurance Act?

Mr. Lusney: — Section 19 of The Vehicles Act, which is repealed, Mr. Minister; what section in The Vehicles Act is going to cover the section that you're repealing, or in The Automobile Accident Insurance Act?

Hon. Mr. Garner: — Once the surcharge is paid up front, this section will no longer be required.

Mr. Shillington: — I do not understand your explanation of the system. Perhaps you can explain for my benefit. I followed you so far as you said that the section was not needed because the procedure as it changed what was in The Automobile Accident Insurance Act. What we don't understand is what's changed.

Hon. Mr. Garner: — We won't be issuing temporary licences once the surcharge is paid.

Mr. Lusney: — Somewhere here, Mr. Minister, I'll have to admit that I am confused. I don't know about my colleague from Regina Centre. you're saying that if a surcharge is paid, you will no longer be issuing a temporary licence. What kind of licence are you going to issue?

Hon. Mr. Garner: — A permanent, ordinary licence.

Mr. Lusney: — Well then what we are going to see is no longer a permit to drive for a certain period of time. Is this what this clause does, eliminate that temporary licence that has been issued, and when a surcharge is paid for whatever the penalty is, they get an ordinary licence?

Hon. Mr. Garner: — Mr. Chairman, we're going to be cutting down on the length of time. Right now, the way it is, you have your surcharge, your appeal, your temporary, you go to court, you pay, you get your licence. Right now you pay your surcharge, you get your licence, and then the appeal afterwards.

Mr. Lusney: — So this section just pertains to an appeal on your licence? If you don't appeal it, then automatically you're not going to be receiving a licence, but if you appeal it, you're saying that the person gets his licence back pending that appeal?

Hon. Mr. Garner: — He gets his licence up front and . . . once he pays his surcharge.

Clause 3 agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 7 inclusive agreed to.

The committee agreed to report the Bill.

Bill No. 8 — An Act to amend The Legal Profession Act

Clause 1

Mr. Koskie: — Yes, we, in your absence, Mr. Minister, we indicated some of our objections, and I don't think it's necessary to repeat those. the basic concern that we had is that what we're doing here is amending one year after the section was amended previously, and primarily in respect to the retroactivity of it.

I just would ask you to give your comments in the desirability of retroactivity within the provisions of the Bill and, sort of, the justifications as you see them.

Hon. Mr. Lane: — I don't like the question of retroactivity any more than the hon. members. This is at the request of the benchers of the law society. If the hon. members, I suppose, wish to bring in an amendment to do away with the retroactivity, they tell me that there is a particular problem now before them, that they feel it necessary to continue with the proceedings; I'm taking that at face value.

(1715)

I can't defend it in any other way. I share the concerns. I don't like retroactivity generally, but, as I believe the Leader of the Opposition indicated the other day, there are degrees of necessity for retroactivity. This is not one that I prefer, but it's at their request. That's the only defence I can give you.

Mr. Koskie: — Well, in respect to the change that was initiated last year, it had to come through your office, Mr. Minister, wherein the six-month limitation was increased to one year. And the apparent foul-up is that it became all inclusive, that is, as I understand it, including the discipline action.

I think we can agree that the one-year limitation on the process of disciplining a member may be rather short, and we can recognize that. But by the very nature of the difficulty for the law society of being able to, in fact, know exactly when the breach took place . . . and often it comes to their attention quite a ways down the road and doesn't leave them a lot of time in order to do an investigation. We appreciate that.

Our major concern is that the legislation which was proposed, not to cover the item of disciplinary action, did go through your office. And to some extent, I think, without putting it too strongly, I would have thought that it would have been caught by the Justice department that, in fact, it was an all-encompassing piece of legislation, covering also the discipline, as well as the other aspect of the Act.

Hon. Mr. Lane: — The procedure, as the hon. member probably knows, in something of this nature, which was brought forward to the department by a request from the benchers, the drafting would be done by the department. It is then submitted back to the benchers for their approval and their consideration, and they approved it on that basis.

It's not something that we are sitting here advocating the cause for. It's at their request. We did the drafting. we submitted it to them for their consideration. As the benchers have told me informally, they reviewed it quite thoroughly and were quite satisfied with it, so I can say nothing more than that.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 4 inclusive agreed to.

The committee agreed to report the Bill.

Bill No. 12 — An Act to amend The Land Titles Act

Clause 1

Mr. Koskie: — I wonder if the minister could just quickly indicate what necessitated the amendments here, and whether there was any particular consultation that you had to go through relative to the introduction of them.

Hon. Mr. Lane: — My officials advise me that there was no specific problem that brought it to fore. It was just to bring The Land Titles Act in compliance, or using the same terminology, as The

Planning and Development Act.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 agreed to.

Clause 3

Mr. Koskie: — That retroactive provision in clause 3. Perhaps the minister could outline the reason that it's retroactive to April 17, 1984. I assume that it's coming into effect of the previous Act.

Hon. Mr. Lane: — Well it's again simply to bring it in line with the community . . . I'm sorry, The Planning and Development Act. If there's an issue on retroactivity, we're prepared to withdraw it. But it was just, on drafting, to bring it in line with the date that The Planning and Development Act received assent. We're not married to it at all. But if it's an issue, we're prepared to withdraw that. But that's all it's done for.

Clause 3 agreed to.

The committee agreed to report the Bill.

Bill No. 16 — An Act respecting Court Officials

Clause 1

Mr. Koskie: — This Bill, according to my understanding, was introduced in the last session and was not proceeded with. What I'd like to ask the minister first of all, before we go into the specific clauses, whether, in fact, there has been some consultation in respect to the drawing up of the new Court Officials Act here? And would you indicate what groups you had consultation with, whether those that are going to be affected — that is the court officials may well be affected by the Bill — and the legal profession I would have thought might have some interest in it, perhaps the judges themselves. Can the minister indicate what process of consultation that it underwent?

Hon. Mr. Lane: — My officials advise me that most of the changes are administrative internally and would not concern or affect either the bar or the bench, and it's primarily an updating of the legislation that was in effect before, with some relatively minor changes that I've referred to in my second reading speech. So it's an internal administration, and it's not normal in a case like that to discuss that with the bench or the bar.

Mr. Koskie: — It may well affect some of the employees in respect to their location and allocation to centres, and I was wondering whether there was any particular discussion with employees because I've talked to some who have some apprehension about it, rightly or wrongly. And I was just wondering whether there has been any particular discussion with them?

Hon. Mr. Lane: — No, the Act doesn't affect them in any way.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clause 2 agreed to.

Clause 3

Mr. Koskie: — You indicated that what you were doing is clarifying the method of appointment of the court officials. And in clause 3(1), Mr. Minister, you indicated: "The Lieutenant

Governor may appoint a Registrar of Courts."

In clause 3(2) it says, "The minister or his designate may appoint a person to hold office and perform the duties . . ." And it goes on.

What I'd like to ask you is: how were the court officials previously appointed? Were they be order in council, or what particular method in so far as the appointment of the officials?

Hon. Mr. Lane: — I can read a rather lengthy explanation, but I think it sets it out.

The present act does not make it clear how a court official is to be appointed. The practice is that court officials, apart from the registrar of courts, are public servants appointed by the Public Service Commission. However, the PSC appoints such employees to the position of judicial officer.

Since it is necessary, under many statutes, that the official be specifically appointed as a sheriff or a local registrar, etc., a practice has been developed whereby PSC makes, a dual appointment of the employees as both a judicial officer and, for example, a sheriff.

The procedure is cumbersome, and some difficulties have been experienced in regard to proving the appointment of an employee as a court official. Furthermore, this current arrangement only applies to permanent employees and not to temporary or casual employees.

So the new section regarding appointment preserves the dual system, in that the permanent employees will be hired through the PSC as judicial officers. However, the duty of appointing them specifically as court officials is given to the minister, or his designate, who will probably be the inspector of legal offices.

Mr. Koskie: — So, just for clarification, since you were reading from the rather lengthy explanation, am I clear on this, that you're saying that the appointments under subsection (2) will continue to be made through the Public Service Commission?

Hon. Mr. Lane: — Yes.

Mr. Shillington: — I'm not sure I understand that. Would the minister explain the procedure for me — take me from the point of view of a vacant local registrar at Yorkton, and tell me how, what steps there are in approving X-Y as the final applicant?

Hon. Mr. Lane: — Well, let's assume that there is a vacant position, new person to be appointed. They would go through the Public Service Commission. But they would be appointed as a judicial officer. That's the PSC position.

We then have the dual position of maybe designating for proof purposes, or that it be a sheriff, that that judicial officer have sheriff's duties or sheriff's titles.

So it's that dual appointment that causes the problem. And they still have to go through and be appointed as judicial officers through the normal process. But rather than going a second appointment route and proving it, we have now set up the procedure for it.

Mr. Koskie: — Just so I'm clear. The Public Service Commission . . . These positions will be filled through the Public Service Commission, you indicate, but they will be appointed as a judicial officer — appointed as a judicial officer, I understood you to say. Where, then, does the minister's power come into play?

Hon. Mr. Lane: — Well, supposing you have a judicial officer who has come through the PSC appointment, but under The Queen's bench Act you want to name a sheriff or an officer under The Surrogate Court Act, the same individual who's gone through the process may have different titles. And it's that titling that's causing the difficulty. And this just expedites that. They still have to go through and be hired and appointed as judicial officers. It's which title they may be designated from time to time, depending on the Act, that they're empowered to carry out.

Mr. Shillington: — What is your basis for saying that they still have to be appointed as a judicial officer? This section suggests, given the natural meaning of those words, this section suggests that you can pick up Joe Bifstick off the street and make him a local registrar. It says, you may appoint a person to be. It doesn't say, you may appoint a judicial officer. I understand your explanation, except that that's not what the section says.

Just if I may make one further comment. You explained the difference between temporary and permanent appointments. That is the way it is in every department. In every department, temporaries may be appointed by the deputy minister, or minister, as the case is. Permanent people have to go through the PSC. This section suggests that all employees will be handled in the manner in which temporary employees are handled. The section does not read what you just said unless there's another section somewhere which has escaped our attention.

(1730)

Hon. Mr. Lane: — It does, because it assumes that there . . . (inaudible interjection) . . . Well we're not going through and changing the PSC and designating judicial officers. That's how they will be hired. They will be judicial officers in the normal course. There'll be no change in the system of the internal management of PSC, but there will be differing titles from time to time. And we have had, I gather, some difficulty in proving the appointment of a judicial officer who may be a deputy inspector under a particular Act, or who may be the deputy registrar of the court of appeal, or may be a local registrar. So it's that second title which will change from time to time that the minister designates. And it's just a proving matter. The hiring through the normal PSC, as judicial officers, continues. We're just dealing with the differing titles here.

Mr. Koskie: — It goes through the public service, and you get a judicial officer, and then you have the various court officials. Is it then the jurisdiction of the minister to decide on all of those judicial officers who he's going to, I suppose, appoint as deputy inspector, or local registrar, or deputy local registrar of the surrogate court?

That's what it seems to me, is that you reduce down the function of the public service because in any other employment within the department, as I understand it, if you want a particular position filled, then the public service proceeds to fill that particular position. And why would it be different with — why the exception of not having the public service follow the usual course? If the Department of Justice wanted a deputy inspector, that it go through the process of finding a deputy inspector, rather than the broad term of judicial officer; I don't follow that.

Hon. Mr. Lane: — They're all hired as judicial officers through the PSC in the normal course. But the total that they may have from time to time, either as a local registrar, or a deputy registrar of the local registrar of the unified family court, we can designate those — I say nominal functions, through the PSC in the normal course.

They're still judicial officers. They're all judicial officers, but they may have a different title designation in addition to being judicial officers.

I mean, it's a long-standing process. This is not an employment provision, but it's really designating the title and making sure that we can prove the title whenever it's called upon. So there's no real change, except allowing the minister to make that designation for whatever

purposes the courts decide.

Mr. Shillington: — Why, in this respect, is the Department of Justice not making itself an exception to the general rule that salary levels, job descriptions, and titles are the prerogative of the Public Service Commission?

Presumably under this you can take a local registrar, make him a deputy local registrar, and so on, without any protection. You can change, presumably, the functions and, presumably, the salary of these people without the protection of the Public Service Commission. And I wonder why there is an exception being made for the Justice department.

Hon. Mr. Lane: — Except that it's not right. What you say is not correct. There's no exception being made. They are hired as judicial officers.

I suppose the simple explanation, if you go to clause 3, subclause (2), where it says "to hold the office"; these are merely designating the office. They're not doing anything with employment of judicial officers. It's the offices that may be designated from time to time.

Their employment status is that of judicial officers, and they go up the normal ranges. They're hired as judicial officers. But the office may change from time to time. It has no effect on their employment status at all.

Mr. Shillington: — What's the difference between this and, take accounting clerks? There are accounting clerk positions here, there, and everywhere, some of those jobs more attractive than others, some which have a higher salary than others.

And if you are the government services, or the Department of Justice, you not only have to get the person appointed to the position of accounting clerk, but then, if you want to move them from being an accounting clerk in government services to an accounting clerk in the Justice department, or whatever, you have to get that approved by the Public Service Commission.

I don't see why you're making court officials into an exception, that the Public Service Commission is involved, not just in the appointment to the classification, but in the appointment to the particular job. It seems to me that you're making an exception for yourself.

Hon. Mr. Lane: — I suppose, if there is an exception, it comes from the different offices that are designated by different statutes, like The Surrogate Court Act, The Queen's Bench Act, whatever specific Act that's been in place for some considerable period of time which has established historical offices.

Now if the hon. member is arguing that we should get rid of all those historical offices and just stay with the judicial officer, I suppose we could look at that, but it wasn't the intent of the Act to make that substantive change. We're really just making sure that the designation of the office is easily provable and gives us the efficiency to just make the designation, and therefore we have proof of it. So it's not an employment position, it's strictly, as clause 2 says, it's the office.

Mr. Shillington: — It seems to me, Mr. Minister, that the . . . I'll grant you that the existing system may be cumbersome. It is, in all respects. You could increase the efficiency of appointments a good deal by abolishing the Public Service Commission. But it's there for the protection of the employees, to ensure that they are given fair treatment and equal treatment, and it's there for the protection of the public, to ensure that we have a professional public service.

I frankly think that the existing system does a better job of protecting the rights of the employees, and probably a better job of ensuring that the appointment are not done on a patronage basis; that you don't promote those who you believe are your friends, and neglect

those whom you believe to be your enemies.

Hon. Mr. Lane: — I mean, you don't want to get into that debate too long in this particular area, I can caution the hon. member. But having said that, if we go back to the previous Act, the previous Act sets out the power of appointment:

There may be appointed such court officials as registrar or local registrar . . . deputy to any registrar, local registrar of any court . . . sheriff or deputy sheriff, court reporter . . .

So that here's the problem with the previous Act which sets out all of those positions, titles, who were — in addition to the title designated from time to time, the office that they held — also judicial officers.

But the Act made no reference as to who may make the appointment. And there became an evidentiary problem and a questioning of the power to make the appointment. So it doesn't affect the public service administration in any way, shape, or form . . . (inaudible interjection) . . . You are, are you? I mean, I'm not going to sit and have the two lawyers on the other side stand up and tell me that the whole historical process of titles and everything else should be thrown out. I don't think they're saying that seriously.

But the previous Act, if we make the distinction between an office and the normal PSC employment provisions, then I don't see the difficulty. And the offices have, in many cases, except for that of the local registrar of the unified family court, which is a rather new position, have some historical basis.

Mr. Koskie: — Now would you just run it by us here? There are different court officials. There's the deputy inspector, the deputy registrar of court of appeal, and so on. Now if you need some of these, and you want to put into effect the minister's power here to designate, what happens in the public service? What do they provide you? And then, what do you do following that?

Hon. Mr. Lane: — The judicial officer is appointed through the normal PSC, or hired through the normal PSC . . . (inaudible interjection) . . . No, they can't. No. They may rate a judicial officer from a 1 to a 3; that would be done in the normal course. you may have a deputy local registrar who is a judicial officer 1, and you may have one that's a judicial officer 3, depending on years of experience and however the PSC categorize them. So it doesn't affect their employment status in any way, shape, or form. The only thing that's affected is the office.

Mr. Koskie: — I don't want to pursue this much longer, but, as I said, there are a number of court officials. Obviously what you want for a deputy inspector is a different qualifications, probably, than what you want for the deputy registrar. And what I'm saying is: how do you get that into the public service? Because what you're saying, they appoint all judicial officers. And where do they get their criteria? Why aren't they looking for you — you want a deputy registrar — why aren't they looking for a judicial officer which, in fact, has the qualifications, and which can be designated as potential deputy registrars, and you pick out the one which is most qualified?

Hon. Mr. Lane: — Well, I mean, you've been through the PSC. I mean, this is not a change in the appointment of judicial officers. Then there's no change. The criteria . . . (inaudible interjection) . . . Well, the criteria are established by the department whenever they come up with a job description in the normal course. Okay? The job description of judicial officers was decided by your administration some time ago. There's been no change in that whatsoever. There's been no change in that whatsoever. The only difference here is that the previous Act didn't set out who was to make the appointments of the offices that are listed, which are the sheriff, deputy sheriff, etc. All that this does is state who is to make that designation. It's an evidentiary change as opposed to any substantive change.

An Hon. Member: — Short and sweet, Ned.

Mr. Shillington: — All right. On the instructions of your House Leader, short and sweet. What is the existing system for appointments? How does it work? And what changes are you introducing, then?

Hon. Mr. Lane: — Okay. First of all, the existing system is one that has been for some several years. There's no change in the existing system. The only change is that the previous Act did not set out who was to make the designation of the office . . . (inaudible interjection) . . . Pardon? It's been done by the department historically, but there's been no power to do it.

Mr. Shillington: — I take it, then, that what you are telling us, after 25 minutes, is that you are simply confirming existing practice in the department. If that's what you're saying, all I can say is, you might have said it 25 minutes ago and saved this House some time.

Hon. Mr. Lane: — The problem is, I did say it 25 minutes ago.

Mr. Koskie: — On subsection 3, Mr. Minister:

The minister or his designate may determine the area of Saskatchewan in which a person appointed pursuant to this section shall maintain his office and perform his duties.

Does that change the present provisions?

Hon. Mr. Lane: — No, no change.

Mr. Shillington: — The 3(2)(e) says, "the local registrar or deputy local registrar of the Unified Family Court for any judicial centre." Might we hope from this section that the Unified Family Court will be expanded beyond Saskatoon? Because in my experience, it is a great improvement over the system used elsewhere.

Hon. Mr. Lane: — Well, you can certainly hope.

Mr. Koskie: — What are the prospects?

Hon. Mr. Lane: — Being fulfilled. We're taking a very serious look at it.

Mr. Koskie: — What do you mean by taking a serious look?

Hon. Mr. Lane: — That's why it took me 25 minutes to explain the previous section. A serious look is a serious look.

Mr. Shillington: — To summarize, you have no intention of expanding the Unified Family Court beyond the city of Saskatoon in the immediate future. I gather that's how one might summarize that rather flippant answer.

Hon. Mr. Lane: — I don't know how you could so misinterpret a simple statement as the one I made.

(1745)

Clause 3 agreed to on division.

Clauses 4 to 7 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 8

Mr. Koskie: — Yes, I was just wondering, Mr. Minister. The Inspector of Legal Offices, as I understand it, this is a new creature of this Act? I understand it was not present in the previous. Is that correct?

Hon. Mr. Lane: — We've always had one, or had one for the last several years, but it's never been set out in the Act. The previous provision was 43(2), where it said:

The Lieutenant Governor in Council may appoint an inspector to examine into the affairs of any present or former official administrator or other public official, and to report thereon . . .

So we're just bringing into legislation what's been in practice for some time.

Clause 8 agreed to.

Clauses 9 to 12 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 13

Mr. Koskie: — Just in respect to Clause 13, I'm just wondering in respect to subsection 3, Mr. Minister:

Where the local registrar is satisfied that a claim may be made to moneys paid to the Minister of Finance . . . he may request that the Minister of Finance pay the amount into court . . .

I'm wondering why "no interest is payable by the Minister of Finance."

Hon. Mr. Lane: — There never has been in moneys paid into court in that circumstance. All that this does is, previously you had to go and get a court order to make the payment out. We're leaving that up to the registrar, which should save the public's money.

Clause 13 agreed to.

Clause 14 agreed to.

Clause 15

Mr. Shillington: — Just a brief question here with respect to payment of fees. Is the Justice department considering setting up deposit accounts for lawyers at the local registrar's office instead of the archaic system of stamps, licking stamps, and packing them on a document? The system used by the land titles office is so much better, and so much more efficient.

Hon. Mr. Lane: — Well, we're looking at a new accounting system to do that.

Mr. Koskie: — When is that likely to come into place? How far is the study on?

Hon. Mr. Lane: — We would expect it would be 1985.

Clause 15 agreed to.

Clauses 16 to 23 inclusive agreed to.

The committee agreed to report the Bill.

Bill No. 17 — An Act respecting the Consequential Amendments to certain Acts resulting from the enactment of The Court Officials Act, 1984

Clauses 1 to 7 inclusive agreed to.

The committee agreed to report the Bill.

Hon. Mr. Lane: — I just wanted to thank the officials, Mr. Chairman, and also Mr. Walker, from Urban Affairs, who was in on the land titles amendment.

Mr. Chairman: — The Chair would also like to thank the officials.

Bill No. 13 — An Act to amend The Northern Municipalities Act

Hon. Mr. Embury: — Mr. Chairman, Mr. Dave Innes, deputy minister.

Clauses 1 to 5 inclusive agreed to.

The committee agreed to report the Bill.

Bill No. 14 — An Act to amend The Planning and Development Act, 1983

Clauses 1 to 18 inclusive agreed to.

The committee agreed to report the Bill.

Bill No. 15 — An Act to amend The Wakamow Valley Authority Act

Clauses 1 to 3 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 4

Mr. Shillington: — Would the minister outline for my benefit the existing provisions with respect to withdrawal from the Wakamow Valley Authority?

Hon. Mr. Embury: — Mr. Chairman, there are no existing provisions for withdrawal. The new provisions will allow either R.M., on a year's notice, to withdraw.

Mr. Shillington: — There is no existing provision whereby an R.M. may withdraw from this authority. Is this the same as it is with the Meewasin Valley Authority?

Hon. Mr. Embury: — That's correct, Mr. Chairman, and the authority has requested this provision to be put in.

Mr. Shillington: — Is it an academic problem or an actual problem? Is it some R.M. wants to withdraw, or is it just an academic question in the sense that the authority feels they should have such a provision in the event that any R.M. wishes to withdraw?

Hon. Mr. Embury: — Mr. Chairman, it's academic. The actual meat of this amendment is so that one of them can join. So it's just academic.

Clause 4 agreed to.

Clauses 5 to 7 inclusive agreed to.

The committee agreed to report the Bill.

Bill No. 23 — An Act to amend The Urban Municipality Act, 1984

Clauses 1 to 4 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 5

Mr. Shillington: — With respect to clause 5, Mr. Chairman, the new addition 3(1). What's the existing situation now? Is this a change, or are you tidying up the wording, or what? What improvement is being effect by clause 5, subsection 2?

Hon. Mr. Embury: — Mr. Chairman, section 5 of the existing Bill contained additional powers for council that we didn't want them to have, and that was the power to hire, suspend, or dismiss any employee — which would contravene union contracts and would contravene their rights for appeal and what have you, under their own contracts — so that we wanted to shorten that up. What was meant was that councils should have the power to dismiss their senior managers or out-of-scope people, and not their in-scope people.

After that, the other sections were simply to clarify that the term "municipal employee," that councils would have the choice of having those employees that are employed by board or commission set up by a municipality, that those employees could be the employees of the board or commission, if that's the way they wish to set up that arms-lengths commission, rather than having all those employees as being employees of the municipality which set up this commission. So they may or may not do that, but this gives them that flexibility.

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Mr. Shillington: — Would the minister outline, for my benefit, the extent of consultations which you may have had with respect to this Bill, both with SUMA (Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association) and with the union which represents the employees in the larger centres — I'd assume that they'd be CUPE (Canadian union of Public Employees), but I don't know.

Hon. Mr. Embury: — Basically, CUPE. These were a result of consultations with the urban administrators' association, with SUMA, and with the cities. And this was as a result of ongoing consultations in the Act that was passed last spring, and they brought these things to light. As you know, the Act was quite extensive, so this is simply to clean up some of those areas that perhaps were worded vaguely or incorrectly, and the wording wasn't the intent that was meant in the first place. But there is no policy change here.

Clause 5 agreed to.

Clauses 6 to 17 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 18

Mr. Shillington: — This is an interesting provision. Is it new that an owner of farm land . . . If not, what change is being affected by this?

Hon. Mr. Embury: — Mr. Chairman, this section is not contained in the new Act but was contained in the old Act, and it was thought at the time that we could eliminate this in light of the new five-year abatement section. However, it was discovered afterwards that there are some 200 existing agreements in Saskatchewan between municipalities and farmers, so rather

than have all of these agreements voided, we decided to just retain this section in the new Act that was in the old Act.

Clause 18 agreed to.

Clauses 19 to 23 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 24

Mr. Shillington: — It was not actually about section 24. I was rising to ask about section 25, and perhaps I better let you get the consent on it before I . . . I'm sorry.

Clause 24 agreed to.

Clause 25

Mr. Shillington: — Twenty-five is retroactive to November 1, 1984. What's the reason for that?

Hon. Mr. Embury: — Mr. Chairman, that was the date of proclamation.

Clause 25 agreed to.

The committee agreed to report the Bill.

Bill No. 10 — An Act to amend The Environmental Management and Protection Act

Hon. Mr. Hardy: — Mr. Chairman, I'd like to introduce the assistant deputy minister, Bill Howard.

Clause 1

Mr. Shillington: — Mr. Minister, our critic for this Bill is absent unavoidably, and I think that's to be understood given the rather unusual sitting — nature of this session.

Could you outline for our benefit what changes are being effected by this Act? I'm not asking for your entire second reading speech again, but I'm particularly interested in section 5 at the moment. Could you outline for my benefit what changes are being effected by section 5?

Hon. Mr. Hardy: — Well, Mr. Chairman, what it does, section 5 exempts industrial effluent from the permitting use, provided it's put into municipal sewage systems, where it's already regulated under a permit system. So it just does away with a duplication system, provided it's put into the municipal system.

Mr. Shillington: — And who regulates it if it's put into the municipal system? What level of government does that?

Hon. Mr. Hardy: — The Department of Environment does.

Mr. Shillington: — The Department of the Environment. Just to be — just to be sure there is no lessening of the ability of the department to regulate the discharge of industrial effluent, you are simply telling us that you are eliminating a duplication in legislative powers granted to your department.

Hon. Mr. Hardy: — First of all, the city doesn't hook it up into any industrial system — into their system — without our approval, first of all, and this just does away with the duplication of

two-permitting systems.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 8 inclusive agreed to.

Clause 9

Mr. Shillington: — I thought I heard you call — I have difficulty in hearing you. I thought I heard you call section 9, Mr. Chairman.

Again, a question, Mr. Minister, as to why this is retroactive?

Hon. Mr. Hardy: — Well, Mr. Chairman, in answer to the question, a lot of things happen in environment that we don't know about sometimes till after the fact, and if something has happened, or could have happened, we'd like to be able to, if needed, to lay a charge. And so, it protects the environment in a way that — in a retroactive way. So, in other words, if we had to lay a charge, finding out after the fact. That's what charges are all about, anyway.

Mr. Shillington: — Are you saying that you're making it retroactive so that you can lay a charge under a law — are you saying that you're making it retroactive just in case you miss something? Because if that's what you're saying, you're skating very close to being contrary to the charter of rights, if that's what you're really doing.

Hon. Mr. Hardy: — Just to clarify that, my official says that when we passed the new water Act last spring, there was a permitting system out there, and there was some uncertainty as to the validity of the continuance of that regulation or that permitting, and we wanted to be sure that it's valid.

Mr. Shillington: — Might perchance July 1st, '84 have been the date you proclaimed that Act?

Hon. Mr. Hardy: — That's correct. Yes.

Clause 9 agreed to.

The committee agreed to report the Bill.

Bill No. 20 — An Act to amend The Critical Wildlife Habitat Protection Act

Clause 1

Mr. Lusney: — Mr. Minister, I have a couple of questions here, and I'll ask them on clause 1.

Mr. Chairman: — Order, order.

Hon. Mr. Pickering: — Mr. Chairman, I'd like to introduce my officials. On my left here is the assistant deputy minister, Doug Cressman, and immediately behind me is the acting director of wildlife, Wayne Pepper.

Mr. Lusney: — Mr. Minister, in some of your changes here, you've got one in section 6(2) that was the existing provision in the Bill. Now you say that that proposed amendment recognized the authority of persons other than the minister, the minister's assigned responsibility for this Act, to dispose of an interest in Crown land.

Mr. Minister, are you saying that no longer does the minister have to okay any disposal of Crown

land, and that anyone designated by him, or someone within the department, can do that?

Hon. Mr. Pickering: — The reason for this change is: before, the Minister of Agriculture could dispose of all Crown lands. He can dispose of Crown lands under the Department of Agriculture now, and we can do whatever, by way of minister's order, what we want to do with critical wildlife designated land.

Mr. Lusney: — Mr. Minister, are you saying that now . . . Before, the minister had to okay any disposal or disposition of land, and now you're saying that the minister no longer has to approve any disposition of Crown land, or wildlife habitat land — that someone else can do that.

Hon. Mr. Pickering: — The land that is designated as critical wildlife habitat will not be sold. So in fact, a minister's order will not be signed on any of these lands. They will be retained as critical wildlife habitat under the Act.

Mr. Lusney: — Mr. Minister, what is the purpose of this amendment to the Act, to have someone other than the minister . . . And the existing provision is that:

Subject to subsection (1), the minister may only dispose of an interest in critical wildlife habitat lands whose disposition is permitted in the regulations . . .

And that's part of it. I won't continue with all of it. But the explanation for the change is that the proposed amendment recognizes the authority of persons other than the minister assigned responsibility for this Act to dispose of an interest in Crown lands. So what this is saying to me is that the minister no longer has to approve the disposal of wildlife habitat land, but that someone else could actually dispose of portions of that wildlife habitat land.

(1815)

Hon. Mr. Pickering: — I would like to tell the hon. member from Pelly, Mr. Chairman, that any land that is put under The Critical Wildlife Habitat Protection Act cannot be sold. But other ministers could be involved here, as it relates to oil and gas exploration and so on, in which we would be responsible for giving them permission to go on such lands.

Mr. Lusney: — Mr. Minister, you're confusing this even more than what this Bill did. You are saying that somehow other ministers are going to be involved in some of that land regarding oil exploration or other uses that you may have for it. Other ministers may be involved, somehow.

Are you saying also that if it's a gravel pit that you would want on some of this wildlife habitat land that the Minister of Highways would be able to approve the sale of a portion of that land in order to get a gravel pit out of it or something like that? Is this what you're saying, Mr. Minister?

Hon. Mr. Pickering: — Yes, I think you're in clause 7 here now. Whereas before the list he couldn't even build a new fence; he couldn't put a dug-out on this land. And some lands that are designated as critical wildlife habitat — there was gravel pits — would give us permission to let the Department of Highways or R.M.s continue to extract gravel and have access roads to those pits and so on.

Mr. Lusney: — So actually, Mr. Minister, what this Bill is doing then is making it easier for different departments to have access to wildlife habitat land for whatever uses they may have on it, be it Agriculture, be it Department of Highways, or be it Saskoil or any other oil company, or whoever might want access to that land. The minister responsible for that department then can allow that to happen without it having to go through the minister responsible for this Act.

Hon. Mr. Pickering: — No, that is not true. They would have to come to the minister responsible, to get permission to get access to the lands. Originally, in the Act passed last spring,

no improvements of any kind could be made, such as I mentioned — fence posts, dams, dugouts, or anything, could be made.

It was an oversight that we are just amending here so that we do have access. And, needless to say, the critical wildlife habitat protection lands still will be held by numerous lessees throughout the province who will continue to use them for agricultural purposes, such as grazing cattle and so on.

Mr. Lusney: — Well then, Mr. Minister, what would the purpose be of assigning someone else the responsibility to dispose of an interest in this land?

If you say that whoever wants to have access to this land — be it another minister or whoever — still has to come to you for approval, why would the clause in here be, the amendment be, that someone other than the minister can be assigned responsibility through this Act and dispose of an interest in Crown land?

Hon. Mr. Pickering: — Mr. Chairman, what this says, that other ministers have the authority to dispose of Crown lands under the lands Act. And this will not give them that authority. They would have to go through the minister responsible for Parks and Renewable Resources.

An Hon. Member: — . . . (inaudible) . . . where it says that?

Mr. Lusney: — Yes, Mr. Minister, could you please say, or indicate, where in this Act it says that they cannot dispose of that land?

You're saying now that other ministers have the authority to dispose of Crown land. Now we're talking about wildlife habitat land. And it says in here that the original or existing provision had to go through the minister in order to allow any changes to be made, or any disposition of said lands to be made.

Now you're saying your amendment does not require the minister to do that. It could be any other person authorized to do that. Any other person authorized by your department can dispose of portions of this wildlife habitat land. And yet you're saying that that is not the case. Somehow you're protecting that from happening. And somewhere in this Act it would have to say that. Could you please indicate where it says that?

Hon. Mr. Pickering: — What it says is: if the Minister of Agriculture was wanting to dispose of some Crown land which we had designated as critical wildlife habitat, he would have to go through this Act — this amendment — in order to do so, which gives the minister responsible the authority to say no, or yes, or whatever.

Mr. Lusney: — Mr. Minister, you are saying that the minister now has to go through you to be able to dispose of some of the land, or have use or access to some of the wildlife habitat land. Well I ask, Mr. Minister, where in this Bill it indicates . . . what clause in the Bill would indicate that this is the case? Because in your amendment, to me, it seems to indicate that you as the minister no longer have to give approval; that someone else can give that kind of approval. And I would like to know where in the Act it states that the approval has to be given by the minister.

Hon. Mr. Pickering: — Maybe, Mr. Chairman, I should read in the existing provision and what we are amending. The existing provision under section 6(2) empowers the minister to dispose of an interest in, i.e. lease, critical wildlife habitat lands within the framework of the other provisions of The Critical Wildlife Habitat Protection Act and its regulations.

The new provision, section 6(2), is to be replaced by one which recognizes all authority empowered to dispose of interests in Crown land except those acting pursuant to The Mineral Resources Act. The new provision will also give power to both the cabinet and the minister to

permit dispositions of critical wildlife habitat lands and will incorporate several minor wording changes.

The original subsection 6(2) is too narrowly worded, as it fails to recognize the authority of the people other than the minister or ministers assigned responsibilities for the Act, i.e. for an example, Saskatchewan Water Corporation, to dispose of interest in Crown land.

It is not intended, however, to infringe on the authority conveyed by The Mineral Resources Act. Mineral rights holders must still seek a surface lease whose disposition will be subject to The Critical Wildlife Habitat Protection Act and its regulations.

The difficulty of anticipating all acceptable dispositions dictates the minister be given authority to authorize dispositions not identified in the regulations.

Does that answer your question?

Mr. Lusney: — It really doesn't, Mr. Minister. It's not in your explanatory notes, and I was going by what you've got in your explanatory notes here. You are reading something slightly different than what you sent across with the Bill.

Now I find some difficulty in trying to understand just what it was you were saying, because you seem to be saying that you can designate another person — and that's what your explanatory notes say here — another person. You can designate the authority to someone else to dispose of this land. And this is what you just concluded with in your remarks, that you, as a minister, can give the authority to someone else to dispose of portions of that land. Is this not what you were saying?

Hon. Mr. Pickering: — I think there's confusion here. None of this land is for sale. It's all leased. So none of it will be sold. You are talking about selling land. We are not selling land. We are protecting land under The Critical Wildlife Habitat Protection Act, and it will be all just leased land or lands that do not have a lessee, such as in the sand hills north of Sceptre and in that area.

Mr. Lusney: — Mr. Minister, I wasn't necessarily talking about selling land. I understand you're not going to sell it. You will dispose of portions of that land via lease or what have you, and I would suggest it will probably be lease, nothing else. If you sell anything, it might be selling a mineral off that land, for instance, like gravel. That's what you would be using that for if you decided to do that. So it would be leasing it to someone else either for grazing, or for whatever means it may be, or selling a mineral off that land. And you are not going to, except through regulations, regulate who is going to give authority for it.

Are you, as the minister, going to give all authority for any of this kind of disposition of portions of that land, be it mineral or leases on it, or are you going to designate, as your explanation here says, or your notes say, that you will designate someone else other than the minister to have authority to do this?

Hon. Mr. Pickering: — No. Only the minister has the authority on what happens on these critical wildlife habitat protection lands.

Mr. Shillington: — Thank you. Mr. Minister, our concern is that ministers other than the minister, other than yourself, might in some way grant a permit to injuriously affect critical wildlife habitat — and I'll tell you, we don't want that. The last thing we want is the Minister of Energy being given the power to tell an oil company to move a big rig into a critical wildlife habitat and chew it up, because with all dues respect to his abilities — and they are many — he will see his function as that of promoting and working with the oil industry, not protecting the critical wildlife habitat. And if what you say is true, that any minister is going to be able to hand out these permits and tear them off a pad, then you've got us concerned.

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It is one of the values of having the minister in charge of this area do it, and not all ministers, is that you then ensure that the primary concern is the protection of the habitat and not the interests of the oil company, or whoever else might designate them.

Hon. Mr. Pickering: — I think you're confusing the thing here. Let's face it. For the last 20 years, Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation and the natural history society has been asking for this. Finally we have a government that's recognizing that we have lost over 50 per cent of the critical wildlife habitat in the south half of the province, and what this amendment does: the minister responsible for parks and renewable resources is the only one that can give authority to anyone on these lands, whether there is extraction of gravel, whether it is seismic crews, or whatever. It must be by way of minister's order.

Mr. Lusney: — Well, Mr. Minister, why would you want an amendment in this Act? And I will read you the exact quotation that you have in your explanatory notes here, and it says:

The proposed amendment recognizes the authority of persons, other than the minister or ministers assigned responsibility for this Act, to dispose of an interest in Crown land.

Why would you want to have, or to give someone else the authority, other than the minister, to dispose of an interest in that land?

Hon. Mr. Pickering: — Under this Act we're recognizing that the Minister of Agriculture, under the Provincial Lands Act, has the authority to dispose of Crown land.

Mr. Lusney: — Of Crown land, but not of wildlife habitant land. Those are two different things. Now, you are making an amendment to the critical wildlife habitant Act, and you are saying that the minister does not have to give authority, under this Act, to dispose of an interest in Crown land.

I can understand the Minister of Agriculture disposing of Crown land, but it's designated as wildlife habitat, then I would think that the minister would be the only one responsible for any disposition of an interest in that land, and not necessarily say that anyone else could have that kind of authority.

Hon. Mr. Pickering: — The Minister of Agriculture can't dispose of any lands unless it is subject to the amendment in the Act.

Mr. Lusney: — Mr. Minister, that was the case previously. The minister was the only one that could authorize that kind of disposal of an interest in that land. That was the existing provision, or that is the existing provision now. You are proposing an amendment where it is no longer the minister that has to give that kind of authority. But you say that someone, that someone that is authorized to do that could give that kind of authority to dispose of an interest in that land. Why do you need that amendment if you are saying that it is only the minister that can authorize any kind of disposal within the land? Why not leave that same section that's in there now?

Hon. Mr. Pickering: — Okay. For an example, we couldn't, the Minister of Energy and Mines, couldn't dispose of his interests in the land, because we're interested in the surface, and he's interested in what's underneath that. And just keep in mind that none of this land will be sold. Once it's put under the Act, the only way any can be taken out is it has to hit the floor of the legislature here, and we have identified somewhere in the neighbourhood of 2 to 3 million acres.

Mr. Lusney: — Mr. Minister, the longer you take in answering these questions, the more suspicious I get that there is something in it that we don't know about.

Now I understand, Mr. Minister, that you are not going to be selling it, and that if the minister of resources is interested in any of that land it would be because of what is — or the minerals that are on that land. I am saying, Mr. Minister, why do you require an amendment in the Act that would allow someone other than yourself to approve either the minister of mineral resources or the Minister of Highways access to that land? Why do you need a person other than yourself to do that? Why don't you leave it as the provision existed before, that stated it's the minister who gives that kind of authority and not someone else that may be given authority to dispose of portions of that land?

Hon. Mr. Pickering: — Mr. Chairman, the way the amendment read before, the Minister of DPRR (Department of Parks and Renewable Resources) would have to issue the leases, and we're not into issuing leases on crown land that is going to be used for agricultural purposes.

By changing this, means the Minister of Agriculture will continue to administer the grazing leases but only under the terms of The Critical Wildlife Habitat Protection Act, to prevent clearing and breaking and so on, that will destroy such lands under the Act.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 7 inclusive agreed to.

The committee agreed to report the Bill.

Hon. Mr. Pickering: — Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would like to thank my officials for their assistance getting this Bill through the legislature.

Bill No. 24 — An Act to amend the Statute Law

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Mr. Shillington: — It would be satisfactory to the opposition to proceed with this thing page by page. It's not a long Bill but it doesn't seem necessary to read out each section.

Page 1 agreed to.

Pages 2 to 5 inclusive agreed to.

The committee agreed to report the Bill.

Bill No. 25 — An Act to provide for the Postponement of the Tabling of Certain Documents

Clause 1

Mr. Shillington: — To whom are these questions address? The House Leader? The question concerns the tabling of the *Public Accounts*, and I really have a fear. I know it was discussed earlier in the question period, but it was somewhat abbreviated for my liking. My fear is that we're not going to get the *Public Accounts* for a period of time. Thereafter the Provincial Auditor has to review the same and prepare his report; public accounts can't start its work in the spring until we get the *Report of the Provincial Auditor*. My fear is that the work of the public accounts is going to get backed up because this isn't ready. I understand, Mr. Minister, that it's not ready because the public accounts aren't complete. That's hard to believe in the 20th of January . . . sorry, the 19th of January. But that's what I understand is that the public accounts aren't finished.

I'd like, Mr. Deputy House Leader, as firm a date as you can give us as to when you think the

Public Accounts might be in our hands. because after the occurs, there's still a lengthy delay . . . (inaudible interjection) . . . I wish I believed that — in the Provincial Auditor preparing his report, and then the Public Accounts Committee can't start their work until they get the Provincial Auditor's report. So it is a concern to us.

Hon. Mr. McLeod: — Well, Mr. Chairman, I concur with the concerns raised by the opposition member. As it was discussed today in question period, *Public Accounts* will be available to all members of the House early in the new year, as the member for Revenue and Financial Services said. We will make every attempt, and we believe that we can have the *Public Accounts* in your hands by the end of January.

Mr. Shillington: — All right. I'll take the minister's assurance that January 31st seems to be a realistic date, but I'll tell you, we're going to be awful unhappy if it's a great deal later than that, because public accounts will not get its work completed.

I want to just ask the minister, as well, why you need 45 days. It seems to me to be an undue length of period. We had a problem last year with the annual reports coming streaming in at the 45th day. And it meant that the work . . . Yes, we had a fair number of them which were coming in at the last hour. And the difficulty we have with it is that we need these annual reports to prepare for estimates, for public accounts, and for Crown corporations. If we don't have them, the work of the legislature gets set back. Why can't you have them ready within 15 days of the opening of the new session? Why such a lengthy period of time?

Hon. Mr. McLeod: — Mr. Chairman, I know what the member is saying, and I totally agree with what he says in terms of the annual reports.

(1845)

I don't believe that it is the case that there were a stream of annual reports coming to . . . as it approached the 45th day last year, when we had a similar Bill, in fact, an identical Bill that went through the House.

There will be some documents that come later. I don't know which ones they are, but we know that to be the case. That's tradition, and they don't always hit the Table as early as any of us might like.

But the undertaking that I gave to the Leader of the Opposition earlier in debate on this Bill was that it is not our intention to unduly hold the documents, the tabling of documents, and certainly there will not be a stream of documents coming to you in those last days. And they'll come as they become available in the session as we roll along.

I would give you my undertaking that that would be the case.

An Hon. Member: —That's meaningless.

Mr. Shillington: — Yes, it really is meaningless, Mr. Minister.

Much of this is not done by the members of Executive Council, but by the bureaucracy. My fear is, if you give them 45 days after the opening of the new session, which is the end of April, a goodly number of them are going to take advantage of that, as they did in previous years.

And I would feel a lot more comfortable if you said 15 days. my guess is that most of them would make it. If you say 45, the departments may not get them in till the 45th day. So I really wish you would shorten the time limit down.

Hon. Mr. McLeod: — Without getting into a long debate on this, I would say that, in this

particular government, the Executive council members do have a good deal to say about what things happen in the departments. And I'm not sure what your experience has been.

But in any case, I've given you the undertaking, and it would stand.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Clauses 2 and 3 agreed to.

The committee agreed to report the Bill.

THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 18 – An Act to amend The Automobile Accident Insurance Act

Hon. Mr. Rousseau: — Mr. Speaker, I move that the amendments be now read a first and second time.

Motion agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Rousseau: — By leave now, I move this Bill be now read a third time.

Motion agreed to and Bill read a third time.

Bill No. 11 — An Act to amend The legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act

Hon. Mr. McLeod: — Mr. Speaker, I move that the Bill be now read a third time and passed under its title.

Motion agreed to and Bill read a third time.

Bill No. 19 — An Act to amend The Saskatchewan Insurance Act

Hon. Mr. Rousseau: — Mr. Speaker, I move Bill No. 19 be now read a third time.

Motion agreed to and Bill read a third time.

Bill No. 21 — An Act to amend The Snowmobile Act

Hon. Mr. McLeod: — Mr. Speaker, I move that the Bill be now read a third time and passed under its title.

Motion agreed to and Bill read a third time.

Bill No. 22 — An Act to amend The Vehicles Act, 1983

Hon. Mr. McLeod: — Mr. Speaker, I move that the said Bill be now read a third time and passed under its title.

Motion agreed to and Bill read a third time.

Bill No. 8 — An Act to amend The Legal Profession Act

Hon. Mr. McLeod: — Mr. Speaker, I move that the Bill be now read a third time and passed under its title.

Motion agreed to and Bill read a third time.

Bill No. 12 — An Act to amend The Land Titles Act

Mr. Speaker: — When shall this Bill be read a third time?

Hon. Mr. Lane: — With leave now, Mr. Speaker.

Motion agreed to and Bill read a third time.

Bill No. 16 — An Act respecting Court Officials

Hon. Mr. Lane: — Mr. Speaker, I move that the Bill now be read a third time and passed under its title.

Motion agreed to and Bill read a third time.

Bill No. 17 — An Act respecting the Consequential Amendments to certain Acts resulting from the enactment of The Court Officials Act, 1984

Hon. Mr. Lane: — I move that it now be read a third time and passed under its title.

Motion agreed to and Bill read a third time.

Bill No. 14 — An Act to amend The Northern Municipalities Act

Hon. Mr. Embury: — Mr. Speaker, I move this Bill now be read a third time and passed under its title.

Motion agreed to and Bill read a third time.

Bill No. 13 — An Act to amend The Northern Municipalities Act

Hon. Mr. Embury: — Mr. Speaker, I move that this Bill be now read a third time and passed under its title.

Motion agreed to and Bill read a third time.

Bill No. 15 — An Act to amend The Wakamow Valley Authority Act

Hon. Mr. Embury: — Mr. Speaker, I move that it now be read a third time and passed under its title.

Motion agreed to and Bill read a third time.

Bill No. 23 — An Act to amend The Urban Municipality Act, 1984

Hon. Mr. Embury: — Mr. Speaker, I move that the Bill be read a third time and passed under its title.

Motion agreed to and Bill read a third time.

Bill No. 10 — An Act to amend The Environmental Management and Protection Act

Hon. Mr. McLeod: — Mr. Speaker, I move that the said Bill be now read a third time and passed under its title.

Motion agreed to and Bill read a third time.

Bill No. 20 — An Act to amend The Critical Wildlife Habitat Protection Act

Hon. Mr. Pickering: — Mr. Speaker, I move that this Bill be now read a third time and passed under its title.

Motion agreed to and Bill read a third time.

Bill No. 24 — An Act to amend the Statute Law

Hon. Mr. Lane: — Mr. Speaker, I move that this Bill now be read a third time and passed under its title.

Motion agreed to and Bill read a third time.

Bill No. 25 — An Act to provide for the Postponement of the Tabling of Certain Documents

Hon. Mr. McLeod: — Mr. Speaker, I move that bill 25 be now read a third time and passed under its title.

Motion agreed to and Bill read a third time.

Bill No. 2 — An Act to establish the Employment Development Agency

Hon. Mr. Lane: — Mr. Speaker, I move third reading of this Bill.

Motion agreed to and Bill read a third time.

MOTIONS

House Adjournment

Hon. Mr. McLeod: — Mr. Speaker, by leave of the Assembly, I move, seconded by my seat-mate, the member from Kindersley:

That when this Assembly adjourns at the end of this sitting day it shall stand adjourned to a date and time set by Mr. Speaker upon the request of the government, and that Mr. Speaker shall give each member seven clear days notice, if possible by registered mail, of such date and time.

I so move, seconded by the member from Kindersley.

Motion agreed to.

(1900)

ROYAL ASSENT TO BILLS

At 7:14 p.m. His Honour the Lieutenant Governor entered the Chamber, took his seat upon the throne, and gave Royal Assent to the following Bills:

Bill No. 6 — An Act to amend the Public Health Act

Bill No. 3 — An Act to amend The Wascana Centre Act

Bill No. 4 — An Act to amend The Saskatchewan Assessment Act

Bill No. 5 — An Act to amend The Department of Urban Affairs Act
Bill No. 7 — An Act to amend The Forest Act
Bill No. 1 — An Act respecting the Security of Farm Land in Saskatchewan
Bill No. 2 — An Act to establish the Employment Development Agency
Bill No. 8 — An Act to amend The Legal Profession Act
Bill No. 10 — An Act to amend The Environmental Management and Protection Act
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Bill No. 16 — An Act respecting Court Officials
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Bill No. 18 — An Act to amend The Automobile Accident Insurance Act
Bill No. 19 — An Act to amend The Saskatchewan Insurance act
Bill No. 20 — An Act to amend The Critical Wildlife Habitat Protection Act
Bill No. 21 — An Act to amend The Snowmobile Act
Bill No. 22 — An Act to amend The Vehicles Act, 1983
Bill No. 23 — An Act to amend The Urban Municipality Act, 1984
Bill No. 24 — An Act to amend the Statute Law
Bill No. 25 — An Act to provide for the Postponement of the Tabling of certain Documents

His Honour retired from the Chamber at 7:17 p.m.

Hon. Mr. Devine: — Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to extend to you, and to all members of the House, to the Clerk and all the officials of the Legislative Assembly, indeed to all our officials who have worked very hard during 1984, and extend the same greetings and good wishes to the media who have joined us throughout the year. And I would just like to say that, from the members of this side of the House, we wish you and to all members of the Legislature that are elected, or appointed, or who attend and write and talk and visit about us, a very Merry Christmas.

I'd like to say that it's been an eventful year, particularly in this Assembly. We have had some interesting events. We have had some positive. We have had indeed, some tragic, but certainly those that we will not remember, both positive and negative.

On behalf of everybody here, I would like to say Merry Christmas to you and to all members of the legislature, and, sir, may all your dreams come true in 1985.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. Blakeney: — Mr. Speaker, may I join with the Premier in extending the warmest, best wishes to all of those that the Premier enumerated, to our colleagues here in the legislature, to our staff. In the spirit of charity for the seasons, we'll not express any reservations in extending that same greeting to the press.

And I say to those who may not be of the Christian faith, greetings, compliments of the season, and I add to the staff, those who may have missed the meal, we have some extra sandwiches in our lounge, compliments of the member for Rosthern.

Thank you very much.

Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Mr. McLeod: — Mr. Speaker, I move this House do now adjourn.

Mr. Speaker: — Before I put the question, I would like to also take a moment, just to wish each one of you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

The Assembly adjourned at 7:20 p.m.