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The House met at 3:00 P.M.

Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): Order, please!

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, a point of order.

MR. SPEAKER: A point of order, the hon.

Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, this is the first opportunity I have had to raise this point of order, I only got Hansard just a few minutes before I came to the House. And I want to refer Your Honour to tape 1040, yesterday's Hansard, TM - 2, where the Minister of Public Works and Services (Mr. Young) made a statement and accused me of misleading the House. And the hon. gentleman said, in the heat of a debate that was taking place, the hon. gentleman said, 'I can produce letters, Mr. Chairman, that the hon. Leader of the Opposition asked for paint, carpet, desks, chesterfields, furniture and everything else in his office'. Now, Mr. Speaker, the letters I have in front of me I am going to table, but the letters were addressed to Your Honour and not to the Minister of Public Works. And perhaps just to set the record straight, Mr. Speaker, I will read one of the letters only and then I will lay the total correspondence on the table of the House so that the press can have access to it and the people of Newfoundland and Labrador will have access to it and see who is right and who is wrong and who is telling the truth and who is not telling the truth.

'Dear Mr. Speaker: As of Monday, May 10th, 1982, members and staff of the Opposition office moved quarters to the old Government Members' office. I write at this time to request the following'- and I might add this is the only request that was made, Mr. Speaker- 'One, that the carpet throughout the entire office be thoroughly

MR. NEARY: steamed; two, some renovations which can be clarified at the time of inspection; three, a complete paint job; four, and most importantly and above all, we need additional telephone lines. At the moment we have five lines to serve sixteen people; therefore we cannot work effectively. I would appreciate your prompt action to these matters. Please feel free to call if you need any further information. Signed, Yours truly.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I think it is improper, wrong, completely out of order and unparliamentary for the hon. gentleman to try to mislead the House the way he did yesterday.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

MR. NEARY: Well, Mr. Speaker, I do not know if the hon. gentleman did it in the heat of debate, but I would certainly like for Your Honour to direct the hon. gentleman to withdraw these remarks because they are completely untrue as can be seen in the letters that I just tabled.

MR. MARSHALL: To the point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): To the point of order, the hon. President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker, this does not come within the realm of a point of order mainly because it comes in the area of a difference of opinion as to the interpretation of one member as opposed to another. And secondly, of course, a point of order has to be raised

MR. MARSHALL: immediately, at the time the alleged disorder occurs, otherwise we would have a regurgitation over and over again of past proceedings of the House, and it is a well established and well known rule.

MR. ROBERTS: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): The hon. member for the Strait of Belle Isle.

MR. ROBERTS: Thank you. The hon. minister can, unless he chooses to withdraw in which case the matter will be at an end -

AN HON. MEMBER: No.

MR. ROBERTS: - okay, if he is not choosing to withdraw perhaps I could say a word or two in response to the -

MR. CARTER: (inaudible) to a professor.

MR. ROBERTS: Mr. Speaker, I rejoice that unlike the gentleman from St. John's North (Mr. Carter) I usually know what I am talking about when I am speaking in the House. Now let me come back to the point of responding to the comments made by the Government House Leader (Mr. Marshall). First, of all the rules, as Your Honour knows, say that the question of privilege must be raised at the earliest practicable moment, and that of course as my friend, the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) said was today, because he only now had the Hansard and saw specifically what the Minister of Public Works is therein reported to have said.

Secondly, Mr. Speaker, I am quite sure Your Honour is not going to be taken in by the statement that this is a difference of opinion between two hon. members. This is not a matter of interpretation of facts. The Minister of Public Works made a statement of fact, or made what he alleged was a statement of fact, and said that my colleague was being untruthful. My colleague has hoisted the Minister of Public Works on his own petard and left him there to rot because the -

MR. DINN:

Unfortunately the hon.

member -

MR. ROBERTS:

Now the hon. gentleman from pleasantville (Mr. Dinn) is erupting again.

MR. SPEAKER (Russell):

Order, please!

MR. CARTER:

Come on, 'scrap'.

MR. SPEAKER:

Order, please!

MR. ROBERTS:

May I proceed, Mr. Speaker?

I thank you, Sir. As I was saying, the Leader of the Opposition has hoisted the Minister of Public Work on his own petard and left him there to rot, a position which is doubtless uncomfortable for the Minister of Public Works and that is not my concern.

MR. YOUNG:

(Inaudible).

MR. TULK:

The most appropriate place.

MR. ROBERTS:

The concern, Mr. Speaker, is that the members of this House, Sir, are admonished by the rules of this House not to say certain things and use certain phrases. The Minister of Public Works (Mr. Young) used a phrase which was unparliamentary and offends the privileges of this House and he ought to be asked to withdraw it, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. Minister of Public Works and Services.

MR. YOUNG:

Mr. Speaker, I did use that term, I also, if you read a little bit of Hansard further down, I used a term in which I withdrew before I made the statement. I also said that he was a liar, somewhere along the line. And, Mr. Speaker, if it is unparliamentary I agree with the House Leader -

AN HON. MEMBER:

He withdrew it already.

MR. YOUNG:

Hansard also quotes, 'I withdraw but he is not telling a lie.' I withdrew it then. But, Mr. Speaker, I would like to go along a little bit further because that letter was written, Mr. Speaker, after the Opposition was instructed which channels to go through to ask for furniture in their offices.

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MR. YOUNG: And what I quoted they asked for,
it was done verbally and then they came back and wrote a letter.

MR. NEARY: That is not true and you know it.

MR. YOUNG: Okay, that is not true. Mr. Speaker, I stand by what I said.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): Order, please!

Not having been in the Chair yesterday afternoon when these statements were allegedly made, they were made in committee, from what I have heard today I do feel it is not a point of order, just a difference of opinion between two hon. members. And further to that, the hon. Minister of Public Works (Mr. Young) on yesterday afternoon withdrew his unparliamentary remarks.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker, I want to read as a statement a telex which was forwarded today by the hon. the Premier to the leaders of the churches who corresponded with him by telex yesterday and the contents of which are already public knowledge. Now this is the response that the Premier has made to the church leaders. It reads as follows: 'Please be assured that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador shares the concerns of the church leaders who sent the telex of June 2nd. We, too, earnestly desire that the offshore issue be resolved by negotiations.

'We have steadfastly maintained that negotiation is the only acceptable way to resolve the matter. These negotiations must proceed on the basis of both governments agreeing to set ownership aside during the period of negotiations and permanently when an

MR. MARSHALL: agreement is reached. Otherwise the successor to either government could tear up the agreement. This actually occurred in Australia and with this instance before us I feel you will appreciate we could not subject the future of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians to such a possibility.

'With ownership set aside, the provincial government proposes it be replaced with a joint management regime and a meaningful revenue sharing proposal. We made a realistic proposal to this end to the federal government on January 25th last.

'This proposal envisages a joint agency comprising three federal and three provincial appointees with an independent chairman. The agency would administer joint regulations.

'The revenue sharing proposal suggests the province receive the same proportion of government type revenues as Alberta received before it reached its present affluent position, that is, seventy-five per cent with the remainder being paid to the Government of Canada. This would be the position until we reach fiscal and economic maturity which includes in its criteria when the province acquired the same employment level and per capita income as the average of its sister provinces, when our taxation levels drop to the Canadian average, when our educational, health and transportation structures equalled those with the rest of Canada and other standards all aimed at both the people of this Province and its government attaining equality with their fellow Canadians. When this level is realized we indicated our willingness to share substantially more with the Government of Canada and the people of Canada.

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MR. MARSHALL: ' Unfortunately the federal government has not addressed itself to the proposal and has merely offered us the Nova Scotian

MR. MARSHALL: 'proposal which is not joint management but merely confers a weak, consultative role on the Province in that it is administered by three federal and two provincial appointees with the Government of Canada having ultimate right to override all decisions. The revenue formula is related to equalization payments only. This is unsatisfactory to us for many reasons, not the least of which is that it does not address itself directly to the social and economic well-being of the people of Newfoundland and Labrador as our proposal does in taking into account levels of employment, per capita earned income, educational facilities, etc.

'Our proposal has been received by independent sources outside this Province as eminently reasonable. We are forwarding a copy of it and would invite and appreciate your comments. Therefore, we agree wholeheartedly with your sentiments that a negotiated settlement is preferable. We believe this possible if the Central Government would set ownership aside and address itself in a meaningful fashion to our proposal. We earnestly solicit your good offices to attempt to cause the federal government to negotiate in this manner. We also agree that in the unfortunate event that the issue must be judicially resolved, it should be done in a manner which recognizes the legitimate interests and concerns of both parties. It was for this reason that we made reference to the Supreme Court of Newfoundland. At the time the federal government was attempting to bring the issue to the Supreme Court of Canada through the S.I.U. case without reference to the highest court in the Province. Our reference was made to attempt to preclude this occurrence and at the time we made clear the reason for it and that we preferred a negotiated resolution.

MR. MARSHALL: "The legitimate concerns and interests of the people of this Province cannot be realized in the event of judicial resolution unless the Supreme Court of Newfoundland has the opportunity to render a considered and reasoned decision on the matter. In the first instance, precedence and custom require this. In all similar instances involving issues of this nature, the opportunity of rendering a reasoned, considered decision was always granted to the Supreme Court of the affected province. It must have been contemplated that a full and complete final decision ought not be given by the final court, that is, the Supreme Court of Canada, unless it had the benefit of the opinion of the Supreme Court of the province to weigh with the arguments presented to it. This being the custom, you will appreciate that we received a decision of the Supreme Court of Canada to proceed with the federal reference on November 29th regardless of whether the Supreme Court of Newfoundland had rendered its decision with abject astonishment. We strongly feel the Supreme Court of Canada has erred in this decision. In our view, it is virtually impossible to expect the Supreme Court of Newfoundland to render a considered decision by November 29th. The issues are too complex and the materials far too voluminous. For seven years legal scholars have been preparing Newfoundland's case and the material to be considered is mammoth.

"The interest and concern of the people of Newfoundland require that the Supreme Court of the Province be given such time as necessary to render its decision and not have a timetable imposed upon it which will certainly not permit it to render its considered and weighted opinion in the matter.

MR. W. MARSHALL: "Then, when it has rendered its decision, the Supreme Court of Canada would address the matter in the normal and usual way. We were astonished that the Supreme Court of Canada decided to depart from accepted practice and custom. However, it is the final court of appeal and has the ultimate judicial authority. I now appeal to you to use your good offices to persuade the federal government firstly: to negotiate on the basis on setting ownership aside during negotiations and permanently if an agreement is reached, and to address our proposal of January 25th as the basis of agreement and, if it is unable to do this, secondly, to ask it to agree to further apply to the Supreme of Canada requesting it to postpone hearing the questions referred to it by Canada until the Supreme Court of Newfoundland has rendered its decision on the question referred to it.

"Government is prepared to arrange a meeting between you and the Province's negotiating team, should you so desire to respond to any questions you may have on our compromise proposal."

Mr. Speaker, I have a few copies here there are other copies coming out for circulation to the hon. members. In connection with this, finally may I say that receiving this communication from the heads of the church, in their telex the heads of the church seemed to indicate and express a certain amount of concern over the state of relationships between the federal and provincial government and they say, and I quote, " We cannot help observing that this breakdown has become more apparent in the action of the federal government. in referring the issue to the Supreme Court of Canada while at the instance of the provincial government another reference on the same issue was already pending." So, Mr. Speaker, what we have done in response, we have explained to the

MR. W. MARSHALL: gentleman, to the leaders of the church, what our position is. We appreciate their commenting on matter of economic and social and political concern in this Province, we have forwarded to them a copy of our proposal, and since they have shown an interest, which we welcome, in the matter we also say to them, and we say to them sincerely, that we would appreciate them reviewing this eminently reasonable proposal, looking at the proposal and using their considerable influence, which they have, with the federal government to, firstly and foremost, which all Newfoundlanders wish, to achieve a resolution of this matter through negotiation on a reasonable basis, the basis that is set forth in that telex. And if this is improper to see what they can do to right what appears to be and what is obviously a complete departure, and a mystical to us, departure from custom of the Supreme Court of Canada in setting down this matter for hearing before the Supreme Court of the affected Province, that is, Newfoundland, has had an opportunity to give a reasoned and considered decision.

MR. S. NEARY: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): Before I recognize the hon. the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. S. Neary), I would like to welcome some groups to the galleries today. A delegation from the Twillingate, New World Island- Change Islands Development Association,

MR. SPEAKER(Russell):

accompanied by their co-ordinator, Mr. Winston Jennings.

I would like to welcome as well twenty-two students from St. John Bosco School, Shea Heights, in the district of Kilbride accompanied by their vice-principal, Mr. Carrol, and teacher, Mrs. Gill. And welcome also to the galleries twenty Grade IX students from St. Anne's School in Dunville with their teacher Mrs. King. I welcome you to the galleries today.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

The hon. the Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY:

Mr. Speaker, first of all I regret, Sir, that the Minister of Energy (Mr. Marshall) did not give me a copy of his telex in advance. Although the hon. gentleman sat in his seat for several minutes before the House met, waving the telex at me and indicated that he was going to read a telex, he did not have the courtesy to send me a copy. So it is very difficult to comment on the content of the telex except to say briefly, Mr. Speaker, that first of all I want to compliment the churches, the heads of the denominations for taking the initiative in this matter.

The squabbling and the battling that has been going on between the provincial government and Ottawa is a matter of grave concern to all Newfoundlanders and Labradorians, and is a matter of grave concern to the heads of the denominations who are probably the most respected people in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The minister did not say anything new, and it is going to be awfully discouraging,

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, to the heads of the denominations to read that telex and to hear the few remarks that the minister added after he read the telex. There is nothing new in it except that the hon. gentleman continues to blame Ottawa.

My understanding of the telex, and I do not have a copy of it, was that the heads of the denominations asked both governments to put aside their differences, return to the bargaining table and get down to hard negotiations and try to resolve this matter in the best interests of all concerned.

Mr. Speaker, the heads of the churches felt that if the squabbling between the provincial government and Ottawa continued that the wounds would only grow deeper and deeper, and the matter would never be resolved.

Now, what I was hoping that the minister would do today would be to stand in his place in this House and say, 'Yes, we agree with the heads of the denominations, we are going to take the initiative and we are going to withdraw our case from the Newfoundland Appeals Court -

MR. CALLAN: They would not do that.

MR. NEARY: - and hope that Ottawa will withdraw their case from the Supreme Court or -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh! Come on!

MR. NEARY: - or, Mr. Speaker, to ask for an

MR. NEARY:

indefinite postponement of the case before the Newfoundland Appeals Court, if Ottawa would do the same thing, and then get back and negotiate a settlement, Mr. Speaker. I agree with the heads of the denominations that the only way that this matter will be resolved is for both sides to sit down with one single objective in mind and that is to settle this matter once and for all and get on with the job.

The heads of the churches, Mr. Speaker, are not asking both sides to sit down with a view of settling this matter in favour of one side or the other. What they are asking is that the squabbling and the bickering and the battering that has been going on over this issue be put aside, partisan politics be brushed aside, and that both sides sit down -

MR. WARREN:

They will not do that.

MR. NEARY:

- and negotiate in good faith.

Now, Mr. Speaker, therefore I think it is going to be awfully discouraging, the reply that was given by the hon. gentleman. It is very discouraging to us here in this House and it is going to be very discouraging to the people of this Province.

The telex does exactly, Mr. Speaker, what the churches asked the government not to do, and that is to blame Ottawa, or have Ottawa blame the Province, Mr. Speaker, or vice versa. The churches are saying to the Province, 'Well, do not continue blaming Ottawa, or Ottawa do you not continue to blame the Province. Get back to the bargaining table, negotiate in good faith and resolve this matter in the best interests of all concerned.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): Are there any other
Ministerial Statements?

The hon. Minister of Social
Services.

MR. HICKEY: Mr. Speaker, I take great pleasure
in announcing to this hon. House pursuant to legislation an
Act To Establish The Alcohol And Drug Dependency Commission
Of Newfoundland and Labrador, which was passed at the last
session of this House subsequently proclaimed June 1 of this
year, initial steps are now being taken to make the Alcohol
and Drug Dependency Commission operational as of today.

AN HON. MEMBER: Badcock ?

MR. HICKEY: Did I hear some names, Mr. Speaker?

MR. NEARY: Another place to appoint (inaudible).

MR. HICKEY: The Commission, Mr. Speaker, will
be chaired by a Ms. Eve Beck.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. HICKEY: Ms. Eve Beck. And by the way,
Mr. Speaker, the lady is in the gallery.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. HICKEY: Ms. Beck is currently employed with
the Extension Services of Memorial University as Programme
Development Supervisor. She holds a Bachelor of Science
Degree in Adult and Community Education from the State University
of New York. She brings to her new position considerable
experience

MR. HICKEY: and demonstrated expertise in team leadership, team building, in working with a variety of groups of volunteers and professionals and in mobilizing community resources for action. Ms. Beck, over the years, has demonstrated intense interest in the addictions field by her involvement with the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Foundation as a board member, and in her spearheading the Memorial University Extension, Addiction Teaching/Learning Project.

According to the requirements of the act, fourteen persons have been named to the commission who will include people with experience in the addictions field as well as people with experience in other significantly related community interests. The members of the commission are as follows: For the St. John's region, Mr. Ralph Davis; the Eastern region, Father Gregory Pumphrey; for the Central region, Dr. Thomas Cantwell; for the Western region, Mrs. Doreen Chalk; for the Labrador region, Mrs. Judy McGrath; and the members at large are: Mr. James O'Mara, Reverend Wallace Baker and Mrs. Audrey Manning. Another person will be appointed in this category following consultation with the Native groups in Labrador. Representing the Department of Education, Miss Wanya Trembley; the Department of Health, Dr. Robert Williams; Department of Justice, Mr. Herbert Buckingham; Department of Social Services, Mr. Freeman Compton and Mr. Calvin Payne.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

MR. HICKEY: Mr. Speaker, in addition to the persons named above, I wish to announce that the provincial President of Allied Youth will be invited to attend all meetings of the commission as a non-voting member.

The government is hopeful that the establishment of the commission will mark the beginning of a vigorous new approach to alcohol and drug addiction

MR. HICKEY: related problems in Newfoundland and Labrador. I would like to point out therefore that a total budget of \$1.2 million will enable the commission to do two things. Firstly, it will permit the continuation of the groundwork done by the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Foundation over the years as well as services developed by the Salvation Army Harbour Light and Treatment programme, the Talbot House Detox Unit, the Native Alcohol Rehabilitation programmes and Alcoholics Anonymous. It will in addition, however, permit new activities to the tune of some \$500,000 to commence, and new initiatives such as the identification of needs, treatment and rehabilitation, prevention, education awareness, research and community outreach programming. The government is confident therefore that the establishment of the commission will provide for a significant new thrust in the total area of alcohol and drug dependency.

We are confident, Mr. Speaker, that a balanced and competent commission is being appointed. We are most pleased at the caliber of individuals whose services we have been able to obtain, and we are sure

MR. HICKEY: that the commission would be sensitive to the various needs within the Province. I would refer specifically to two such groups, i.e., women and youth, who up until now have been at the periphery of services both here and in other provinces.

We believe, Mr. Speaker, that this commission has both the awareness and the commitment to give these areas the necessary attention.

The commission will be responsible for establishing, at a regional and community level, activities which would involve interested volunteers. A great number of individuals have given time and energy over the years with limited resources and insufficient recognition. Mr. Speaker, I pay tribute today to these individuals, and I know that they look forward today to a new era in the field of addiction. I solicit their ongoing support and involvement. All who are interested in this area can find a role to play through the outreach activities which will be provided to the new commission.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. WARREN: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): The hon. the member for Torngat Mountains.

MR. WARREN: Mr. Speaker, my colleagues on this side welcome the appointment of Eve Beck in charge of this group, and also all members on the committee. I will say that I know several of them personally and I am sure that they will do justice to the Alcohol and Drug Commission. However, Mr. Speaker, I am surprised. This is the third statement that the minister has issued since this House opened and he has not yet had the courtesy of giving me a copy of his statement before he mentioned it. It is very difficult, Mr. Speaker,

MR. WARREN: to respond to a statement
when one does not get a copy.

Mr. Speaker, I would like
to note also, Mr. Speaker, that the member for
St. Mary's - The Capes (Mr. Hearn) made a statement
in Committee a few days ago, saying that this government
is really hypocritical when we are trying to bring
an Alcohol and Drug Addiction Committee into the
Province and we are spending roughly \$1 million, but
still and all we are expecting to raise \$55 million on
the sale of alcohol,

MR. WARREN: and here we are trying to raise \$55 million or \$60 million selling alcoholic beverages, and we are just putting a drop in the bucket trying to fight that terrible disease.

Furthermore, Mr. Speaker, I am surprised that minister said there would be a person appointed later to work with the natives in the Province. Mr. Speaker, I am, surprised that the minister has not addressed this more seriously. Because, as has been said in this House and has been said throughout the Province, there is -

MR. MARSHALL: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER(Russell): Order, please!
The hon. the President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Response to Ministerial Statements is not the time for debate. The hon. the member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Warren) is debating the statement rendered by the Minister of Social Services (Mr. Hickey) and therefore is out of order.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, to that point of order. My hon. colleague is merely raising some questions, which he entitled to do under Ministerial Statements. He is asking the minister why more of the \$55 million or \$60 million that is collected in revenue every year through the sale of booze, and the advertising of booze, why there is not more money put -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. NEARY: - into the foundation.

The hon. gentleman is entitled to do that and I would submit there is no point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. HICKEY: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER(Russell): The hon. the Minister of Social Services.

MR. HICKEY: The hon. gentleman is not asking questions, he is being provocative. He is being blinded by the record of the former Liberal Government in this Province. They did not spend a penny, not a penny.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. NEARY: What about the Commission of Government and Responsible Government?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. HICKEY: And, Mr. Speaker, furthermore, I do not possess the instant charisma to bring the native groups in Labrador together.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. HICKEY: Let them choose their own.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please! Order, please!

The hon. the member for Torngat Mountains was wandering somewhat into the realm of debate and I would suggest that he be more specific in responding to the Ministerial Statement.

MR. WARREN: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Again I would like to congratulate the members appointed, but I will say to the hon. minister that if they want to treat the alcoholic problem in this Province seriously, spend more money, spend more of the taxpayers' money that you are collecting on the sale of alcoholic beverages, spend more of it in the right areas. And by doing that

MR. WARREN: I would say that the minister would be more receptive to the people of this Province.

MR. SPEAKER(Russell): The hon. the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MRS. NEWHOOK: Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present this statement explaining my departments improved Solid Waste Management Facilities Programme:

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. NEWHOOK: Over the past several years, Mr. Speaker, capital funding for the provision of solid waste management facilities was arranged through two departments of government, namely, the Department of Municipal Affairs and the Department of Environment. With regard to the provision of these facilities in municipal areas throughout the Province, it has been the policy, with few exceptions, to

MRS. NEWHOOK:

arrange funding on a 50/50 cost shared basis. However, with a transfer of the capital budget allocation for solid waste management facilities from the Department of Environment to the Department of Municipal Affairs, it became necessary to institute a new policy for the provision of funding for the establishment of these facilities.

MR. TULK:

Do not ask for any.

MRS. NEWHOOK:

In this connection, I am pleased to announce that government has responded to the need for increased assistance in the provision of solid waste management facilities and has approved a 75/25 cost shared programme with the Province -

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MRS. NEWHOOK:

- meeting 75 per cent of the cost of the approved facilities. The programme will be administered by the Department of Municipal Affairs through the use of block funding with the approval of the minister. This flexibility is required by the minister because of the lead-time required to arrange agreements between owners and users of the facilities and the possible price variation between pre-tender estimates and their final cost.

It is intended that the regional concept will be used whenever possible with ownership of the facility given to one large municipal unit or local service district as the case may be. The programme provides for a legal agreement between the minister and the owner municipality or local service district in which the facility is located, and for a further legal agreement to be approved by the minister between the owner and other municipalities or users of the facility.

MRS. NEWHOOK: This agreement between owner and users will provide for a charge by the owners to cover annual maintenance and operational costs together with a portion of the initial capital cost. The sharable cost of projects approved by the minister may include development of land-fill operations, incinerators, loading ramps, access roads, and all other costs deemed necessary for the establishment of these facilities, but is not intended to include the cost of collection and transportation of waste materials to the site or for maintenance and operational costs.

It is envisaged that the new programme will provide for a more orderly development of waste management facilities throughout the Province.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): The hon. member for the Strait of Belle Isle.

MR. ROBERTS: Mr. Speaker, the initial impulse of some on both sides might be to make sport of subject of this statement, but my colleagues and I do not feel that that is at all appropriate, because I

MR. ROBERTS:

think the subject on which the minister has spoken, while it perhaps is singularly lacking in glamour, is nonetheless one of the more important subjects, or one of the more topics. It is not terribly exciting to speak of garbage, Mr. Speaker -

MR. NEARY:

They are experts on it over there.

MR. ROBERTS:

- but rather I think we should realize that in many parts of this Province today the disposal of garbage, and I do not know if - the minister speaks of solid, I do not know if there is a liquid garbage disposal programme or not. I do not know whether it is a term of art or what, but anyway the disposal of garbage and sewage, waste of all sorts whether it is human produced or simply human induced, is a very pressing and urgent problem. And I am sure that municipal bodies throughout the Province will welcome the news and we share in that welcome, the news that the government are prepared to pay a little bit more towards the cost of providing these services.

I do note that the minister is reserving unto herself the power, if I understood her statement correctly - and I have to put it that way because of course the minister, like her colleagues, did us the singular lack of courtesy in failing to send any of us a copy of her statement in advance - I do note though, Mr. Speaker, that the minister appears to be reserving unto herself the power to decide where these grants go.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I have no objection to that in principle. I notice she is being congratulated by her colleague from Burgeo-Bay d'Espoir (Mr. Andrews), who may also share the view that ministers ought to reserve these things unto themselves, I am not so much concerned with that as I am with the results and I would simply say to the minister that we on this side will be

MR. ROBERTS: certain to make certain that the minister acts fairly and impartially, Without getting into debate, which I am not allowed to, her record in the department in partiality is less than impressive. Her record in impartiality is even less impressive, I should say atop that, so we would be saying, Mr. Speaker -

MR. CARTER: Garbage!

MR. ROBERTS: Mr. Speaker, I know my friend from St. John's North (Mr. Carter) is an expert on garbage, he has wallowed in it all these years, but I wish he would try to heed the rules. He has a voice, Sir, like a fog horn, it is annoying, penetrating, and of no value. But it does interrupt.

Now I was saying to the minister that we on this side will be trying to ensure that she is impartial in her administration of these grants, that they are sent where they are most needed, And I could tell her, and I am sure she is fully aware, that throughout the rural parts of this Province there are numerous communities that have a solid waste garbage disposal problem and I would hope the minister in administering this amount of money which is now being -

MR. REID: Give us some (inaudible).

MR. ROBERTS: The original conflict of interest gentleman is erupting again, Mr. Speaker. He too may be interested in garbage disposal. I do not want to get into his profession, or even his personal interests, I just want to finish my statement, Mr. Speaker.

MR. REID: Two different points of view.

MR. ROBERTS: What I am saying, Mr. Speaker, if the hon. gentleman - you know, Mr. Speaker, in some houses of assembly they have what they call

MR. ROBERTS:

gas house gang. We have a gas house gang and it produces exactly the odors you would expect from a gas house by the gentleman who sit down here to my far right politically as well as geographically.

Now, Mr. Speaker, let me just finish my statement to the minister by saying, because she is taking it seriously as am I, and I only wish that the gentleman so interested in garbage would take it as seriously as do those of us concerned with the public wheel. Mr. Speaker, what I am saying to the minister for the fourth time, and Your Honour is generously permitting me to try to finish my statement. If other hon. members would refrain from interrupting my few relatively pacific words -

MR. CARTER: Rubbish.

MR. ROBERTS: Yes, Mr. Speaker, we are talking about rubbish, and the hon. gentleman from St. John's North (Mr. Carter) is at once at home. Now as I am saying to the minister, Mr. Speaker, we on this side will be watching very carefully to make sure that she does administer these votes impartially and that she gives them money for rubbish where rubbish really is. Now that may be some Tory districts, and maybe that is the way it works out-

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. ROBERTS: -but we will simply be acting, Sir, to make sure that she does administer it impartially. It is a good step forward and we welcome it, Sir.

ORAL QUESTIONS

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): The hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct

MR. NEARY: a question to the Minister of Energy (Mr. Marshall) in the absence of the Premier, who is not in his seat, who is spending less and less time in the House these days. Mr. Speaker, is the hon. gentleman aware that the Iron Ore Company of Canada has sent out a circular letter under the signature of Brian Mulroney, the other Brian -

MR. ROBERTS: Brian the (inaudible).

MR. NEARY: Yes, the two Brians are at it again - to suppliers outside of Quebec advising the suppliers outside of Quebec that in future they would have to conform to Bill 101 in the province of Quebec which regulates the language of trade and business and in future all its suppliers outside of Quebec, and I presume there are quite a few here in Newfoundland who supply the Iron Ore Company of Canada, will have to send their catalogues, their invoices, their manuals and guides and lists of parts and everything else that they have in both languages, in French and in English? Is the hon. gentleman aware of that?

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): The hon. President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: The hon. Premier today is at the convocation, graduation exercises at the Trades

College. He is speaking there and will be along later.

AN HON. MEMBER: The College of Fisheries.

MR. MARSHALL: The College of Fisheries, I am sorry. As to the question that is asked by the hon. gentleman, no, I am not an employee of the Iron Ore Company of Canada.

I am not privy to the communications that Mr. Mulroney sends in his position as chief executive officer, as president or what have you. But apparently in doing this he is enforcing - if in fact he has done it, as he probably has if the hon. gentleman says he has - he is enforcing the local preference policy of the province

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MR. MARSHALL: of Quebec. As far as we are concerned, we have asserted ourselves with a local preference policy here. It is a policy, by the way, that the hon. gentlemen there opposite have resisted from time to time and criticized

MR. MARSHALL:

roundly and have supported their colleagues in Ottawa when they have tried to take one of the major means of implementing this policy, that is, control of the offshore, away from us.

As far as the Iron Ore Company of Canada is concerned, we have always been, ourselves, diligently looking at the purchases that are being made up in the industrial part of Labrador, as well as other parts of the Province outside, and we are very concerned with practices, if this is what the hon. gentleman is getting on to in his question, of contracting out. And we are doing everything we can to assure that the optimum return is gained to the people of Newfoundland and Labrador from the resources of Newfoundland and Labrador.

MR. NEARY:

A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Russell):

A supplementary, the hon. the Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY:

Perhaps the hon. gentleman misunderstood me, Mr. Speaker. This has nothing to do with local preference, either in the Province of Quebec or in Newfoundland; it has to do with linguistic rights, it has to do with language. And the circular letter that went out under the signature of Brian Mulroney - I will table it later, Mr. Speaker - but what the President of the Iron Ore Company of Canada is advising suppliers in Newfoundland and Labrador is that from now on their purchase orders, their invoices, their catalogues, that everything will have to be done in both languages, in English and French. And this, by the way, came from a Newfoundland supplier, so the circulars are reaching the Newfoundland business people.

Mr. Speaker, what I am asking the hon. gentleman is if he thinks this is going to

MR. NEARY: impose a hardship and additional expense on the local suppliers, and if so, what does the hon. gentleman propose to do about it?

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): The hon. the President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker, the bill to which the hon. gentleman refers, of course, is a bill passed by the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Quebec. As such it would apply to the Province of Quebec, subject to any determination as to the power of that assembly to pass it, and it would not apply in the Province of Newfoundland. If the Iron Ore Company of Canada is in fact attempting to apply Bill No. 101 or any legislation of the Province of Quebec to businesses in this Province, you know, we shall take appropriate action to remind them that the proper place of jurisdiction to look to is the House of Assembly of Newfoundland and the laws passed by the Government of Newfoundland, not by the Province of Quebec.

MR. NEARY: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: A supplementary, the hon. the Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, that is precisely what the Iron Ore Company of Canada is attempting to do. Their head office is in the Province of Quebec and they are attempting to force suppliers in Newfoundland and Labrador to use both languages. In my opinion, Mr. Speaker, this is going to be rather difficult, and I have received

MR. NEARY:

strong objection. I resent it personally and I would hope that the hon. gentlemen and the administration would resent the fact that a law passed in the Province of Quebec they are now attempting to foist that onto Newfoundland business. Now what will happen, could the hon. gentleman tell the House, what will happen if the Iron Ore Company of Canada are forced to enforce Bill 101, which regulates the language of trade and business, what will happen if they start to take the business away from Newfoundland because they do not conform to Bill 101 and make their presentations in both French and English?

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): The hon. President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker, I know that we do not answer hypothetical questions here except to say to the hon. gentleman that the people of this Province are well aware that this government is not dilatory about taking steps to protect the right of the people of this Province. And we will continue to do so insofar as the same becomes necessary. Having answered that, I will not be entrapped by the type of question asked by the hon. gentleman. Getting into an inflammatory question can sometimes give rise to an inflammatory answer. But just let us say that as far as this government is concerned, the wishes of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Quebec, within their own province, is entirely their own concern. But it does not apply here, it will not apply here, and any attempt to make it apply here will meet the appropriate reaction by the government of this Province.

MR. NEARY: Final supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Final supplementary, the hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, will the hon. gentleman undertake on behalf of the administration to send

MR. NEARY: an ultimatum to Mr. Mulroney, the President of the Iron Ore Company of Canada, who signed this document, that the Newfoundland business people in this Province have no intention of kowtowing to the Province of Quebec as far as Bill 101 is concerned and that it will in no way hinder the Iron Ore Company of Canada from doing business in this Province. Because, Mr. Speaker, the danger is that if we do not straighten this out with the Iron Ore Company of Canada, that any firm in Newfoundland that is now doing business with IOC may lose that business if they do not put their catalogues, their invoices, their requisitions and any other documents back and forth between the Iron Ore Company of Canada and the business concerned, if they do not put it in French and English they stand to lose that business. And I would that the hon. gentleman will ensure the business community that the administration have no intention of standing by and letting that happen.

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): The hon. President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker, all of that bravado is very, you know, impressive but I will just repeat again to the hon. gentleman that I think the people of Newfoundland and Labrador are well aware that this government is not dilatory in enforcing the rights of the people of this Province.

MR. W. MARSHALL:

And one of the rights of the people of this Province is to be governed by the laws of this Province and not by the laws of any other Province. And we can do that, Mr. Speaker, by virtue of the fact that with respect to the assets of the Iron Ore Company of Canada in Newfoundland, they are exploiting resources over which we have control. And because we have control we can and we will take such steps as are necessary. That is the main reason why we want similar control in the offshore area. The hon. gentlemen agreed with a resolution a little while ago and now from their statements today in response to Ministerial Statements. I take it the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. S. Neary) is backtracking. But the fact of the matter is we are not going to at this stage be entrapped into, you know, into great theatrics talking about ultimatum and all this type of thing. What we will do is we look at the situation, we have already indicated what our position is, Mr. Speaker, and the proof is in the pudding. We have already shown that we are determined to protect the resources of this Province for the people of this Province, and that entails precluding the people of the Province being guided by a law of another province. It is oppressive enough to see the federal government making intrusions on the jurisdiction of this Province, we are hardly going to tolerate another province doing it.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. E. ROBERTS:

Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Russell):

Belle Isle.

The hon. the member for Strait of

MR. ROBERTS:

Mr. Speaker, a question of the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. J. Morgan), if I might get his attention

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MR. E. ROBERTS:

for a moment.

The minister I am quite sure is aware that T. J. Hardy Limited have advised the people in Anchor Point and in Flower's Cove, both of which, of course, are in my constituency, that they, T. J. Hardy Limited of Port aux Basques, will not be operating the fish plants.

MR. H. YOUNG:

(Inaudible).

MR. ROBERTS:

I am sorry, did some hon. gentleman opposite wish to say something? Or is the hon. gentleman from Harbour Grace (Mr. H. Young) just simply making rude noises?

Now let me carry on, if I might, Sir, without the benefit of the rude noises from the hon. gentleman for Harbour Grace.

T. J. Hardy Limited have advised the people in Anchor Point and in Flower's Cove that the fish plants in each community will not be operated, at least by T. J. Hardy this year. Now that is what I understand the situation is. I wonder if the minister could perhaps tell us what word, if any, he has had from the T. J. Hardy firm and if so what he understands the situation to be? And perhaps, to save a supplementary, what the minister is going to try to do about it with a view of trying to get those plants going?

MR. SPEAKER (Russell):

The hon. the Minister of Fisheries.

MR. J. MORGAN:

Mr. Speaker, T. J. Hardy Limited, of course, affiliated with the Nickerson group from Nova Scotia, they have been operating in Anchor Point and Flower's Cove and Cow Head. And the first information we received from the people, in fact the fisherman, was on the Friday past, that

MR. MORGAN: the indication from the company was they would not be operating. So they had not told us up until that time they were not going to operate these three facilities.

So we were in contact with the company and the company is now in the process of making a proposal to both levels of government indicating what the problems are that exist in all three locations, Cow Head, Anchor Point and Flower's Cove. As of today, just prior to coming to the House of Assembly, I checked with the staff of the department and the proposal has not been received by the Department of Fisheries provincially, therefore, I am assuming there are none made as of today.

But we will deal with the proposal as quickly as possible, depending on what Mr. Hardy is going to be saying in the proposal, and we will deal with that proposal as we dealt with, in fact, seventeen others from around the Province from fish companies having financial difficulties with regard to operating in certain areas of the Province.

MR. ROBERTS: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): The hon. the member for the Strait of Belle Isle.

MR. ROBERTS: A supplementary, Sir. I thank the minister. It would appear the action is both positive and prudent and timely. I assume from what the minister said that he expects to receive this proposal from the Hardy interests relatively soon. He mentioned it had not come in today. I would assume, and perhaps he could comment upon this if my assumption be not correct, I would assume that he expects it within the next couple of days. Could the

MR. ROBERTS: minister tell us whether he will consult by whatever mechanism he deems best with the people concerned? By that I mean the council in Anchor point, the town council in Flower's Cove - and the workers in each plant, I believe, are represented by the Fishermen's Union - whether the minister will consult with them and get their advice and their comments with respect to the proposals.

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): The hon. the Minister of Fisheries.

MR. MORGAN: Mr. Speaker, it depends on what the proposal is going to be. I cannot comment on the proposal and what consultation is going to be required until we receive the proposal. In fact, looking at my desk in front of me I recall that we have now arranged for the reopening around the Province of a total of thirty-seven fish plants.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. MORGAN: Thirty-seven fish plants are now reopened, this Summer, as a result of the Newfoundland Government's effort of working alone with the industry, the private sector, in some cases with fishermen's committees, in other cases with the local members in the House of Assembly, and local councils and organizations. We have reopened these thirty-seven fish plants around the Province, and we will do everything possible to reopen others that find themselves in financial difficulties.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. ROBERTS: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the member for the Strait of Belle Isle.

MR. ROBERTS: Mr. Speaker, I thank the minister for his information, whatever it was. As I

MR. ROBERTS: attempting to deal with
this seriously, I only would ask that he did. If he
wants to play games, I could point out that the
thirty-seven fish plants he included in his statement
included Flower's Cove and, of course, you know, that
just shows what his statement is worth,

MR. ROBERTS: It is partisan piffle such as most of the minister's words are, but I am not interested in the piffle from the partisan, petulant minister, I am interested in the situation in Flower's Cove and Anchor Point. So I ask him again whether he would be prepared - I am not asking him to talk to me. If he cannot bring himself to talk to the elected member that is his problem, not mine - but I wonder if he would undertake to consult with the people most directly concerned, namely, the councils and the representatives of the workers in those two plants and the fishermen, the workers who sell their fish to the plants, again represented by the Fishermen's Union?

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): The hon. Minister of Fisheries.

MR. MORGAN: Mr. Speaker, I am sure that the residents of Flower's Cove and the Sandy Cove area do not think it is a piffle that we have made available \$200,000 for a loan guarantee to that fish plant in that community this Summer.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. MORGAN: I am sure that is no piffle in the minds of the people in that area, as the hon. gentleman refers to it as. The fact is we have already made assistance available to that company called White's Fisheries Limited of Flower's Cove, to the amount of \$200,000. And, Mr. Speaker, we will deal with other proposals when we receive them.

The hon. gentleman is usually absent from the House of Assembly, like last week when I sat here discussing problems on fisheries.

AN HON. MEMBER: (Inaudible) by the federal government.

MR. MORGAN: For example, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday he was not here, he was not here yesterday, and now he is suddenly concerned again with a fish plant in his district, one fish plant. I am today concerned with Belleoram, a delegation in from Belleoram. I have to be concerned with

MR. MORGAN: a delegation in from Whale's Gulch now I think in the visiting area of the House of Assembly. I am also meeting with seven majors this evening from Conception Bay, all about fisheries and fisheries problems. Mr. Speaker, there is hardly a day passes but I am working from nine o'clock in the morning until ten or eleven o'clock in the evening on fishery problems, and they are all over the Province. We do not make chalk of one and cheese of another.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. TULK: That is the problem. You are there.

MR. ROBERTS: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): A final supplementary, the hon. member for the Strait of Belle Isle.

MR. ROBERTS: A supplementary. Mr. Speaker, if it were not for the green carpet my heart would bleed for the minister.

Mr. Speaker, I will not get into -

MR. MORGAN: Do not be foolish, boy.

MR. ROBERTS: - the minister not knowing the difference between Flower's Cove -

MR. MORGAN: The hon. absent member.

MR. NEARY: The yodelling cowboy.

MR. ROBERTS: - between Flower's Cove -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. ROBERTS: - and Sandy Cove. You know, that speaks for itself. But I again say to him, if he wants to talk about my attendance record in the House, let us talk about our benefit to the Province -

MR. NEARY: Right on.

MR. ROBERTS: - and the benefit I provide for the Province for the dollars I am paid compared to the benefit he provides to the Province for the dollars he is paid, and then we take it out.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. ROBERTS: Then we will take it out, Sir.

The hon. gentleman -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. ROBERTS: - the hon. gentleman who has -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Cable vision (inaudible).

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): Order, please!

MR. ROBERTS: - the hon. gentleman who has thrice struck out.

MR. TULK: He has cable vision too.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

Time is

the Question Period, and I suggest that the hon. member for the Strait of Belle Isle get on with his question.

MR. ROBERTS: I thank Your Honour. I am glad that Your Honour is going to admonish me when I step from the line and I hope Your Honour,

MR. ROBERTS: and I am sure Your Honour, will equally admonish gentlemen opposite when they stray across the line as well, because that is the way it ought to be.

Now let me again for the third time -the hon. minister is familiar with threes 'he struck out three times- let me again ask him for the third time whether he is prepared to consult with the people -

MR. SIMMS: (Inaudible).

MR. ROBERTS: Well, now the hon. former Speaker speaks.

MR. SIMMS: I am not talking to you, Sir.

MR. ROBERTS: I know he is not speaking to me and I am not listening to him.

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): Order, please! Order, please!

MR. ROBERTS: But he is -

MR. YOUNG: Lay the blame on the Speaker.

MR. ROBERTS: Mr. Speaker, hon. gentlemen opposite have got to realize that they -

MR. TULK: They are doing the same thing now as you.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. ROBERTS: - have got to realize they are be like potholes on the road, Sir, I say to my friend from Grand Falls (Mr. Simms) he can be like a pothole; he is a damned nuisance but he can get in the way when I am trying to ask a question.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. ROBERTS: Now, Mr. Speaker, let me come again back to the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan) for the third time of asking this day- and I am asking a perfectly straightforward question and I have not had anything other than sauce, sarcasm, and the lack of an answer- is he prepared to consult with the people of Flowers Cove, not Sandy Cove but Flowers Cove and the people of Anchor Point with respect to whatever proposal- and I do not know what

MR. ROBERTS: it may be- whatever proposal he may get from the Hardy interests with respect to the plants in those two communities? That is all I am asking; a yes or no would do.

MR. NEARY: Now let us hear it from the yodelling cowboy.

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): The hon. Minister of Fisheries.

MR. MORGAN: Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman, after me driving into the House of Assembly-was it last Friday morning?-and the open-line show was trying to find the hon. gentleman from the St. Anthony area, and his secretary told the open-line programme he was too busy in his law practice down on Duckworth Street to come to the phone.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: What?

MR. MORGAN: That was carried on an electronic media Friday morning. The hon. gentleman comes in the House of Assembly and pretends he is so concerned with the problems in his district, He spends ten minutes a day asking maybe one or two questions during question period and then back to his law office again. The fact, as I said earlier, Mr. Speaker, is this, the fact is that we will consult with everybody possible, the residents of the communities, in Cow Head in particular, and the MHA for the area in particular, for the Cow Head area, and all concerned, We will leave no stone unturned to resolve the problems of the fishing industry in Newfoundland, no stone unturned.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member for Port au Port.

MR. NEARY: You are too busy with Cancom, boy.

MR. HODDER: Well a new question, Mr. Speaker, to the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan), if the minister could get down off the political plane, because I have a question to ask

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MR. HODDER: him about a couple of communities
as well. I think I have already mentioned it to the minister
but T.J. Hardy had a plant in the Fox Island River - Point au Mal
area of

MR. HODDER:

my district. They pulled out early in the season or they did not move in this year. And Belle Isle Seafoods were then collecting fish there and using the facility that was there.

My question to the minister is: At the moment the trap fishery is starting and these fishermen have no place to land their fish. Has the minister any solution to the problem or has he spoken to his officials about it and does he have something to relay about this problem?

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): The hon. the Minister of Fisheries.

MR. MORGAN: Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. gentleman for asking the question and I will say that this gentleman is very sincere about the problems in his district. He is very sincere as a member about the problems of his district. He does not play politics. He came to me yesterday afternoon and asked me about the problem over in Fox Island River and he is asking me again today in the House, because I did not give him the information because this morning I was before the Estimate Committee with the estimates of the Department of Fisheries. He is very genuinely concerned. He does not play politics like the member who asked earlier questions about the Flower's Cove area. The gentleman is very concerned.

MR. ROBERTS: (Inaudible).

MR. MORGAN: The situation in Fox Island River, Mr. Speaker, if the hon. pimple from down around St. Anthony can keep quiet -

MR. POWER: Not from St. Anthony, representing St. Anthony.

MR. NEARY: Give us a little yodle, 'Jim'.

MR. MORGAN: - if the hon. the member for Duckworth Street can keep quiet.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. MORGAN:

Mr. Speaker, the member asked a question and I answered it very sincerely. Fox Island River - Roger Pike was operating and buying fish in there and, as of the last couple of days, they indicated they are going to stop buying fish. So we enquired of the company as to why they had stopped buying fish and the reason they gave us was because of the fact that the fishermen were catching a small grade fish. In fact they gave us information that eight to twelve inches was the size of the fish, it was not to the satisfaction of the buyer and he quit buying. So, Mr. Speaker, we arranged for our information desk or distribution desk to contact all other buyers in the area to inform them that Mr. Pike was not buying fish from the fishermen, to make sure the fishermen had a market for their outlet and to arrange to have other buyers move in. The information today apparently, from Mr. Pike, is he will go back into the area to buy fish as soon as the quality of that product improves; however, we are not convinced of what he is saying, that all the fish is that small size, and the reasons he is giving for not going in and buying fish.

MR. ROBERTS: Be careful or he might sue you for defamation.

MR. HODDER:

A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Russell):

A supplementary, the hon. the member for Port au Port.

MR. HODDER:

I just want to point out to the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan), re Mr. Pike, who says the fish are too small, that the fishermen of Fox Island River catch from the same stock of fish as the fishermen of Piccadilly, who sell their fish to National Sea. National Sea certainly do not find the size of the fish too small. It is a very strange situation if Mr. Pike finds that the fish are too small.

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. Minister of Fisheries.

MR. MORGAN: Mr. Speaker, I will take it under advisement and pursue the matter further this afternoon. I have asked the officials to contact Mr. Pike again to ask him to reconsider going back and keep on buying fish, and I will keep the hon. gentleman informed accordingly.

MR. WARREN: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): The hon. member for Torngat Mountains.

MR. WARREN: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of the Environment (Mr. Andrews). I understand that in Happy Valley - Goose Bay there is some concern about a sewerage treatment plant presumably to be installed on the new system that is suppose to be going in. Could the minister advise whether there will be a sewerage treatment plant attached to the new system that has been installed in Happy Valley - Goose Bay?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of the Environment.

MR. ANDREWS: Mr. Speaker, this debate goes back some considerable time to last Summer when it was proposed to put in a new sewerage system in Happy Valley - Goose Bay. We were asked if there was a need for a sewerage treatment plant. We advised the community council that as a Department of the Environment there was no need, we saw no need. There was some concern expressed by a concerned citizens' committee in the area, I met with that committee and with council last Fall. As a result of that meeting we did agree to do further testing of the water this Summer, as soon as the ice broke out; as a matter of fact this week some people will be leaving St. John's to go to Goose Bay to further check the water.

MR. WARREN: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, the hon. member for Torngat Mountains.

MR. WARREN: I would like to ask the minister has there been an environmental impact study done on the whole aspect of whether or not a sewerage treatment plant should be attached to this system? Has there been an environmental assessment study done or is there just samples being done from period to period?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of the Environment.

MR. ANDREWS: No, Mr. Speaker. I think you are referring to an environmental assessment statement. That has not been done.

MR. WARREN: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): Supplementary, the hon. member for Torngat Mountains.

MR. WARREN: I understand, Mr. Speaker, that the town council of Happy Valley - Goose Bay have recently announced that they are going ahead with the construction of this sewerage disposal into the Hamilton River. Is the minister telling me that the town council has the approval to go ahead with this and there has been no environmental impact study done?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of the Environment.

MR. ANDREWS: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

MR. WARREN: Final supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Final supplementary, the hon. member for Torngat Mountains.

MR. WARREN: Mr. Speaker, the minister is telling me yes and then he is telling me no. Now which is true? He told me there is no environmental statement done and he is telling me, yes, the town council is going ahead with the construction without an environmental impact study. Could the minister advise if that is against an act to protect the environment of the Province, is that against this act that was instituted in this House in 1980 that neither a town council nor any group can go ahead unless first there is an environmental impact study done?

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): The hon. Minister of the Environment.

MR. ANDREWS: Mr. Speaker, it is quite obvious that the hon. gentleman for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Warren) is uninformed, grossly uninformed about the Environmental Assessment Act and how it works. There is provision for an environmental assessment statement, a preview report, or none of those things if it is not deemed necessary. In this case it was not deemed necessary. Also in this case it was deemed permissible and quite reasonable and not to be a factor that would pollute the Churchill River if that sewerage diversion took place. As a matter of fact it would generally improve the environment of the Happy Valley-Goose Bay area by taking that sewerage out of Harrington Basin and putting it into the Churchill River.

MR. WARREN: A supplementary Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: A supplementary. The hon. member for Torngat Mountains.

MR. WARREN: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a final supplementary to the Minister of Rural Agricultural and Northern Development (Mr. Goudie) who during the election campaign used as one his top three priorities that a sewerage treatment plant would be installed on this system. Is the Minister of Rural Agricultural and Northern Development (Mr. Goudie) satisfied that no sewerage treatment plant going to be connected to this system?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Rural Agricultural and Northern Development.

MR. GOUDIE: Mr. Speaker, I first of all have been involved in this particular issue from the day that my colleague, the Minister of the Environment (Mr. Andrews), referred to, when the first samplings

MR. GOUDIE: were done. As a matter of fact, usually the affairs of the Naskaupi district I take care of and take care of very well.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. GOUDIE: Secondly, during a recent campaign I made the statement that a sewerage treatment plant must go into that system in the Happy Valley-Goose Bay area and in line with that my colleague, the Minister of the Environment (Mr. Andrews), has agreed to do environmental sampling, studies of the river bottom, etc., this Spring after the Spring run-off occurs. Obviously it is very impractical to do that now with the Spring run-off just occurring. The ice has only gone off the river four or five days ago.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. GOUDIE: Just hang on now. Just hang on. As I said I will handle the affairs of the Naskaupi district. And the other point being that samples will be taken until it is absolutely determined that there are no environmental concerns. But there are environmental concerns right now and that is why we are going ahead with this second study, and the affairs will be handled properly when the occasion demands.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): The hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, apparently the member for Naskaupi (Mr. Goudie) is being overruled by his colleague, the minister responsible for the environment. Well let me ask the Minister of the Environment (Mr. Andrews) this question. I presume that the reason he is letting the sewerage go straight into the Churchill River is that he thinks or he hopes that it is going into the main

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MR. NEARY: stream. Well now let me ask the gentleman if it is indeed going into the main stream and will be carried away quickly, or is it going into some other part of the river?

MR. WARREN: He does not know.

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): the hon. Minister of Environment.

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MR. G. WARREN: He does not know.

MR. H. ANDREWS: Mr. Speaker, these were some of the concerns that were expressed by the concerned citizens' committee, of Happy Valley-Goose Bay, when we met there last Fall. No, as my understanding is, looking at the engineering drawings, it does not go directly into the main stream of the Churchill River. But, the Churchill River is an immense river. The dilution factor, if I recall, is something like 200,000 to 1, I believe that might be a figure I will check the numbers on it.

AN HON. MEMBER: 20,000 to 1.

MR. ANDREWS: I am sorry 20,000 to 1.

Where a safe factor by Canadian/
U. S./ Western European standards is a ratio mix of raw sewage
to water is 200 to 1, in this case it will be 20,000 to 1.

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): Time for the Question Period has expired.

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

MR. H. YOUNG: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Minister of Public Works.

MR. YOUNG: Mr. Speaker, I would like to present for the first time, Mr. Speaker -

MR. L. SIMMS: What? A first?

MR. YOUNG: - for the first time since Confederation.

MR. SIMMS: After ten years.

MR. YOUNG: - Since Confederation, Mr. Speaker, for the first time the annual report of the Department of Public Works and Services.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. YOUNG: Mr. Speaker, I am sure this can only happen under the leadership of our present Premier.

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SOME HON. MEMBERS:

And the minister.

MR. H. YOUNG:

And probably, yes, I should have a little bit of ego. But under the present minister, Mr. Speaker.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. YOUNG:

Mr. Speaker, this report covers the period from April 1, 1980 to March 31, 1981. Mr. Speaker, it contains a wealth of information. It also answers some of the questions they were asking about Information services. Mr. Speaker, it tells us about the Government Purchasing Agency, which did \$65 million last year, and the main object, Sir, is that it shows every tender that was called and awarded. Nothing underhanded, I am sure the hon. the member for LaPoile (Mr. S. Neary) will appreciate this. I do wish

MR. YOUNG:

to thank my officials for preparing this. And if there is any more information you want and it is not in this book, ask me and I will phone the open line programme.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

MR. SPEAKER (Russell): The hon. Minister of Finance.

DR. COLLINS: Mr. Speaker, I give notice that I will on tomorrow move that this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain resolutions relating to raising of loans by the Province.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MR. SPEAKER: Before going into Committee of Supply, I would like to welcome a delegation from the Belleoram-Red Cove area of the South Coast in the district of Fortune-Hermitage. I welcome you to the galleries today.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

On motion that the House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): Order, please!

Shall 302-01 carry?

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: I notice the hon. Premier is not in his seat while we are debating the estimates of his office. I understand that the House Leader (Mr. Marshall) will carry the ball for the hon. gentleman, and that probably is a good

MR. NEARY: thing because maybe we can approach this subject in a non-emotional way, that we will be able to get some answers to questions. And what we intend to do on this side of the House, Mr. Chairman, is to put some hard questions to the hon. gentleman and we would expect to get answers. After all, this is taxpayer money.

Now, Mr. Chairman, let me start out by asking the hon. gentleman a simple question in connection with the Legislative Disabilities Act. Mr. Chairman, my understanding and my interpretation of the Act is this, that when a person is elected to this House he is given a sessional indemnity, or in the case of a minister he is paid a salary, and there are travelling expenses allocated by this House to ministers and to members of the House of Assembly.

MR. NEARY: And in order for a minister especially, or any ordinary member of the House, in order for any member to receive additional perks, to receive, for instance, a rent-free house, it has to be approved by this Legislature.

I would say, Mr. Chairman, based on my interpretation of the Act, and the hon. gentleman, no doubt, will interpret it differently, that the administration is in violation of the act, that the Executive Council cannot approve benefits for ministers. Only this House can do that, Mr. Chairman. Only this House can determine whether or not the Premier or a minister or anybody else gets fringe benefits like a rent-free house. It is only this House that can decide that, and not be done by the Executive Council, by issuing an Order in Council. So that is my first questions to the -

MR. MATTHEWS: How did Joey get Roaches Line?

MR. NEARY: Well, Mr. Chairman, the hon. gentleman with the red beard over there wants to know how Joey got his. Well, Mr. Chairman, let me -

AN HON. MEMBER: Tell us about that.

MR. NEARY: Yes.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, the house that the hon. gentleman refers to was a house that was built privately, is a house that belongs to the people of this Province.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh?

MR. TULK: That is right.

MR. NEARY: The house was built by Mr. Smallwood and given to the people of this Province as a gift, for one dollar. Is the hon. gentleman aware

MR. NEARY: of that?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: No way!

MR. NEARY: That is right.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: No way.

MR. NEARY: That is correct.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): Order, please! Order, please!

MR. NEARY: The hon. gentleman may have learned now for the first time that the house on Roaches Line belongs to the people of this Province. It was given to the Newfoundland people as a gift by Mr. Smallwood, for one dollar, one dollar -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. NEARY: - and not the reverse, not the reverse.

Mr. Chairman, when Mr. Smallwood was Premier of this Province he built his own house. He owned his own home up until such time as he turned it over to the people for one dollar.

MR. MATTHEWS: Where did he get the materials?

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, the hon. gentleman, new and shiny-nosed

MR. NEARY: gentleman should go down to the Registry Office, if he knows where the Registry Office is, if he knows how to search, or if he does not he can get one of his colleagues to do it, go down to the Registry Office and search and the hon. gentleman will get the history and the hon. gentleman will see that there was a mortgage on that house. So, Mr. Chairman, let us just dismiss that forthright and charge it up, we will just mark it up as being complete and utter ignorance on the part of the hon. gentleman.

MR. WARREN: He does not know the difference.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, the hon. gentleman obviously is so engrossed and steeped in ignorance of this matter that he has not the foggiest notion of what he is talking about.

That is just the reverse of what we are talking about here. You had a former Premier who gave the people a gift, gave the people a gift, Mr. Chairman.

MR. YOUNG: Ashley bought that house for him.

MR. TOBIN: (Inaudible) tell us the story about that house.

MR. NEARY: Yes, well, his story is probably the same as the ones I read in the letters today that completely discounted any statement he made yesterday about what the Opposition asked for in the way of renovations in our office.

MR. YOUNG: You asked for everything I said and more besides.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, I am not going to be sidetracked. I am putting a question to the hon. gentleman about the Legislative Disabilities Act.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. CHAIRMAN (Alyward): Order, please!

MR. NEARY:

Mr. Chairman, if you could keep the scum of the earth quiet for a few moments, I would carry on with the hon. gentleman.

Mr. Chairman, the Legislative Disabilities Act, in my opinion, has been completely ignored and violated in the case of the Premier getting

MR. NEARY:

this house rent free. I do not think, in my opinion, Mr. Chairman, my interpretation of the act, the Executive Council cannot do these things. They cannot give themselves benefits over and above those that are passed, approved here in the Legislature. They cannot do it. Mr. Chairman, if they can do it in the case of a house, they can all go down and decide tomorrow to give themselves motor cars or to give themselves a cottage up by a river somewhere, could they not? That is why we have a Legislative Disabilities Act. And it is a violation of that act, Mr. Chairman. I would like to ask the hon. gentleman if he has received an opinion from the Minister of Justice (Mr. Ottenheimer), the Attorney General, on this matter? It is wrong, Mr. Chairman, it is wrong and it just cannot be done. There has to be some control placed on the Executive Council as far as benefits for ministers and members of the House are concerned, and the control is the Legislative Disabilities Act. Now if the administration had come into the House and asked that the Mount Scio House be exempt from the act, that the Premier be given this house over and above his salary, well that would have been alright, Mr. Chairman, if the House so agreed or amended the act. Mr. Chairman, in order to get a parliamentary secretary the government cannot even do that without the approval of this House, that is why they are bringing in that act. And they cannot give themselves benefits, Mr. Chairman, they cannot give themselves benefits without changing the act. And so I claim that the Legislative Disabilities Act in this case has been violated.

MR. MARSHALL:

Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward):

The hon. President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL:

I will respond to that. The speech that the hon. gentleman there opposite gave is an

MR. MARSHALL: indication of why fewer and fewer people in Newfoundland over the years, everytime he opens his mouth ,arc taking him seriously, because, Mr. Chairman, the Legislative Disabilities Act has nothing to do with the situation itself. The Legislative Disabilities Act relates to offices that people may hold and receive remuneration lor their offices while they are a member of the House of Assembly and there are numbers - I do not remember them all - but there are numbers of exceptions to it. As to the exceptions, you are

MR. MARSHALL:

not allowed to have two positions, you understand, Mr. Chairman; you are not allowed to have two positions while you are a member of the House. But it does not relate to the - actually I should not even be reading it because it is really treating - you know, I am quite prepared to answer questions legitimately asked, Mr. Chairman, but it is really treating the - even though it is the hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) it is treating his questions with much more seriousness than really they warrant. As I say, it applies to the holding of an office, a place or an appointment of profit or emolument, So it is a getting an emolument for an office, of an office, you see, a separate office from the position in this House of Assembly.

MR. NEARY:

That is your interpretation.

MR. MARSHALL:

I will put my interpretation up against the hon. gentleman all the time. Everyone knows who twists the most and I think they take it as the hon. gentleman.

Now the fact of the matter is, Mr. Chairman, with respect to this so-called house, this house sat up there, it was a house that was originally there occupied by Lord Taylor while he was President of Memorial University. The hon. the Premier, as everyone knows, has a house in South Brook and I daresay that the hon. Premier, if he had his drutchers would rather live in his house at South Brook at any given day. But it is a little bit hard, he has not got the properties of the hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary), and it is impossible for him to go home nightly to South Brook. There is nothing contrary to the Legislative Disabilities Act. I suppose the member stayed up all night and spent all day,

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman, thinking of something to say and he has found his great thing and he brings it up before the House. I say again the Legislative Disabilities Act relates to the holdings of offices from the government, of holding duplicate offices, and receiving payment for holding duplicate office. It has nothing to do with that at all.

I think that answers the question for the hon. gentleman. I know the hon. gentleman will be getting up again and I say he is on a very sticky wicket when he is on this. I mean, the fact of the matter is that everything that this government is doing, he says, 'Why should they be able to do it? Why should the government be able to do it?' The fact of the matter is that everything which this government has done, every single solitary dollar, every dime, every nickel, every cent is open for scrutiny. Every piece of public property that is in use is open for

MR. MARSHALL:

public scrutiny. We have seen an example of that today in the Minister of Public Works (Mr. Young) when he tabled his report indicating where the monies of this Province go. We are not in this government trying to decide anything. And because, Mr. Chairman, we are not trying to hide anything, the hon. gentlemen there opposite spend all their time trying to make things seem seedy and seamy and what have you. But, as I say, they are operating on a sticky wicket now. The situation is, as has been portrayed and as everybody in the Province is aware, anyone who is interested in the Province, that is, as the House of Assembly is aware, as the Committee is aware, everybody knows what we are doing. I suggest to the hon. gentlemen there are estimates to go through and there are other areas where he could perhaps best elicit more relevant information.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): The hon. the Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: I knew I would get that kind of an answer from the hon. gentleman, Mr. Chairman.

Now, would the hon. gentleman tell us the titles of the staff in Mount Scio House? Would the hon. gentleman give us the numbers? - I presume he has the book in front of him with all the information in it - the numbers of the staff and their titles.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. the President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Under this heading where we are, 302-01, there is no vote with respect to the provision of the staff at Mount Scio House, and I do not

MR. MARSHALL: believe that any staff that may be up in Mount Scio House, you know, would be covered under this particular vote itself. What we are talking about now, Mr. Chairman, is the Office of the Premier himself and the expenditures from that office, which is subhead 302-01 and totals \$100,200. So my answer to the hon. gentleman is there is no money here expended for the staff of Mount Scio House.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): The hon. the Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Well, Mr. Chairman, the hon. gentleman obviously does not have the information in front of him. The Premier had a book there yesterday with all that information and he was prepared to give us the answers. Will the hon. gentleman tell us about the private dining room which is attached to the Premier's Office? Would the hon. gentleman tell us the number of staff employed in the private dining room and the salaries of the staff attached to the private dining room?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. the President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman, first of all, with respect to the private dining room, I want to inform the House that this is not the private dining room as it is being billed by the hon. the Leader of the Opposition. It is not the private dining room of the Premier as such. It is the private dining room really, Mr. Chairman, of the government of this Province. When you hear the hon. gentleman there opposite, you would swear that the hon. the Premier was feeding his family in there daily,

MR. MARSHALL: and he was feeding his parents in there and his cousins and his second cousins and his third cousins and all the people from South Brook, and all the people from Green Bay and anybody that comes in as his own personal fiefdom and his own personal domain.

That particular dining room is put to very good use, Mr. Chairman, by the Premier and, on other occasions, by other ministers for the purpose of conducting the business of the Province. And I would emphasise that the money that is expended in that dining room, if it were not expended in the dining room would be expended elsewhere, out in restaurants and what have you, because this is the way of conducting business.

So, first of all, I want to set aside the indication and the appearance that those who like to attempt to cast slurs and appear to make the government seamy, that this is not the private dining room or the fiefdom of the Premier of this Province or anyone else, it is a government dining room and it is used for that purpose.

If the hon. gentleman wishes, I can tell him - here, again, this is not covered under the Premier's Office, we are on 302-01, so it is really not relevant to this particular subhead - but I can advise the House that under 303-01, when we come down to administration, under the title Administration, there is a provision there for the chef at the dining room who receives the sum of \$22,536 a year, which is on an accepted scale. And I might state to the hon. gentleman that the chef is an expert chef.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. MARSHALL: The meals are marvellous. The hon. gentleman has not partaken from them for many a year, and it will be many, many years again before he will. If he ever gets there he will be taken there in a wheelchair, because he will never get the opportunity to get on this side of the House.

So, Mr. Chairman, that is the salary of the Chef. Then there would be expenditures as well for meals and what have you, and that is revealed in the estimates. I am not sure if that is under the Department of Public Works, or somewhere, but I can tell you that it is an economical proposition, Mr. Chairman, a very, very economical proposition, very well used, and used for the benefit of the people of this Province.

MR. CALLAN: Not so. Not so.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): The hon. the Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Now, Mr. Chairman, how wonderful! No wonder the heads of the denominations are concerned about the way negotiations are going between this Province and the Government of Canada. Is it any wonder, when we get that kind of an attitude, that kind of arrogance from the hon. gentleman?

Mr. Chairman, would the hon. gentleman tell us who eats in the private dining room? Is it used every day? Does the Premier eat his meals there every day? What ministers eat in the private dining room down on the main floor? Would the hon. gentleman tell us who has it under their control?

MR. NEARY: Does it come under the control of the Premier? If a minister wants to go in there and eat, who does he have to get permission from? And whose picture does he have to kiss before he is allowed to go in there?

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): The hon. President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman, the reason why the hon. gentleman is asking these questions, the poor fellow, is that when he was a member of another administration and the dining room was first put there by his boss at the time, the hon. gentleman never got in over the doorstep. And now he is asking, it is sort of pathetic -

MR. BARRETT: He is not going to make it now either.

MR. MARSHALL: -after ten, twelve, fourteen or fifteen years, he is now trying to find out what it is like. I can say that when the hon. gentleman was there there was a great big - when the boss of the hon. gentleman there was a great big chandelier filling up this little room. It must have been there at enormous cost, completely enormous cost. I do not know what it was there for. So when the change of government - and I hate to throw darts into the heart of the hon. member - but when the change of government came, Mr. Chairman, lo and behold, you know what happened? The previous Premier, Mr. Moors, went into the dining room and the chandelier was gone.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. MARSHALL: There was nothing there.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: That was not true.

MR. MARSHALL: So it was -

MR. NEARY: That was a private gift.

MR. MARSHALL: - very pathetic really because of the fact that I think that the hon. gentleman there opposite and their former leader thought the lights had gone out- and the lights had gone out for them. This is the real indication.

Since then, Mr.Chairman, there was another light there. There is a light there, the hon. Leader should know, there is a light in the private dining room, and it turns on and it works and it is operating, not nearly as opulent as the previous one, but it does its part. Now the hon. gentleman never got in there so I can say there is a table there and there are chairs to sit on, there is a kitchen off to the side.

MR. NEARY: Who are the people who go in there, I wonder?

MR. MARSHALL: Who are the people who use it? I will just repeat again, Mr. Speaker, that it is used. And how is it used? It is used when it is necessary to use it for the purpose of government business, purely for government business. I repeat, the Premier does not take his relatives in. He does not take his cronies in. He does not take his friends in. He does not take his constituents in. The ministers do not take the Presidents of District Associations in to have meetings. They do not take their families in. They do not take their children in. They do not take their grandparents, they do not take their cousins, they do not take their second cousins. But, Mr. Chairman, what they do do if that they do go in, they use the dining room for government business, just in accordance with the way that they would have to do it if you did not have a dining room, you would have to be paying money to Starboard Quarter, Act III, maybe even Sir Humphrey's Pub for all I know, and all of these assorted places and the net cost that this Committee would be asked to vote for these purposes would considerably be enhanced.

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MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward):

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The hon. Leader of the

MR. NEARY:

believe the hon. Premier used to eat

Mr. Chairman, heretofore I

MR. S. NEARY:

in the cafeteria downstairs, and now I guess he does not want to slum any more so he now uses the private dining room.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, can the hon. gentleman explain the answer that he just gave? Here we have in the Public Accounts; Official Entertainment by Premier, \$6,453. That has nothing to do with the private dining room. That is the kind of entertainment the hon. gentleman just referred to, Starboard Quarter, etcetera, etcetera. So the hon. the Premier has it coming and going. He has his private dining room and he has, according to the Public Accounts, \$6,500 to spend besides that. How can the hon. gentleman reconcile these two things?

AN HON. MEMBER: Oh, oh!

MR. W. MARSHALL: Can you not sit down?

Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): The hon. the President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman, there are other areas of this Province besides St. John's. I sometimes think because I represent St. John's there is only St. John's, when my colleagues are reminding me all the time there are other areas. There is Corner Brook and there is Grand Falls and there is Labrador and there are other places.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. MARSHALL: There is also the fact that the Premier in his office from time to time has to entertain, because of various circumstances, outside. The private dining room is not big enough to hold the people, you know, the visitors to this Province to which he has to accord the hospitality of the people of this Province. And the hon. gentleman mentioned

MR. W. MARSHALL: Look, he is jumping into the Public Accounts. Look, he is almost like - I should not say it - it is almost like the open sewer that we were talking about a little while ago, that he is jumping at these things trying to find something seamy. There is nothing seamy about it, Mr. Chairman. They are legitimate expenditures. They are expenditures for the purpose of the Premier entertaining visiting people on behalf of the government of this Province and that is the answer to the question.

MR. S. NEARY: Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): The hon. the Leader of the Opposition.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. NEARY: The hon. gentleman is not giving the Committee very much information. If the hon. gentleman looked at the Public Accounts -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. NEARY: - And I wish the hon. ignoramus would just restrain themselves, Mr. Chairman. We are trying to do a job here for the taxpayers of this Province.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. NEARY: The taxpayers who are hard pressed, Mr. Chairman.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, the hon. gentleman is aware, who is piloting the estimates, that business luncheons are already listed in the Public Accounts -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. WARREN: All it takes is a little bit of brain.

MR. TOBIN: Let your colleague speak, boy.

MR. NEARY: - that official receptions and so forth are listed separately.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. MARSHALL: Under what subhead are those?

MR. NEARY: Under official entertainment.

MR. MARSHALL: Yes, but under what subhead, I am asking?

MR. NEARY: Well the hon. gentleman just gave me such a vague and general answer that he left the impression with the Committee that the Premier, this \$6,500 I referred to, the hon. gentleman left the impression that it was taking care of delegations and foreign ambassadors and all that sort of thing. They are all listed separately. This amount here of \$6,453.00, official entertainment by the Premier, could the hon. gentleman give us a breakdown of that?

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): The hon. President of Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman, I guess the hon. gentleman, you know, a breakdown, he is talking about the Public Accounts: look, \$6,000 is a very, very little amount for the Premier of this Province to expend for the purpose of official entertainment, as it is called. When he is talking about visiting ambassadors and that this is, sometimes when it occurs, when there are very special occasions which require a much larger expenditure. But let me say this to the hon. gentleman, that the sum total of the amount spent by the Premier is very, very little for the benefit gained and the

MR. MARSHALL: good will acquired by this Province.

Let me also say that if he wants to compare all of the expenditures that are made, he would find that the Premier is very, very careful about the amount of money that is spent because he does not throw money around in wanton fashion. If the hon gentleman, if he has his files at home - but of course it would do him no good if he had his files because nobody, including half the ministers, and he is a half leader so he is a half minister, in the Smallwood Administration knew exactly what was spent. But I daresay if you add up in one year what was spent by the Liberals in entertainment, and the cost to the Province and all the rest of it, with all the industrialists and John Doyle and John Shaheen, and all that bunch of rag-amuffins that were paraded before this Province from time to time, that I would say in one year the expenditure of his administration would exceed the total amount that the Premier, even in these inflated days, will spend in his twenty, thirty, or forty years of office.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): The hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, the hon. gentleman is the ultimate in nastiness, the ultimate.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, we are asking for information and the hon. gentleman is getting up making snide remarks, referring to the Smallwood administration. I thought they were gone ten or eleven years ago. And let me say for the hon. gentleman's benefit, Mr. Chairman, the hon. gentleman said a few moments ago the Leader of the Opposition was not invited into the private dining room. Well I have news for the hon. gentleman, I was invited into the private dining room

MR. NEARY: by Mr. Frank Moores when he was Premier of this Province. And I was invited in in connection with one of the biggest scandals in this Province, when I sat down and talked to the hon. Premier of that day and Senator Doody, three of us sat down and talked about this gigantic scandal, one of the biggest scandals in the history of Newfoundland. And I would like to have a tape recording of that conversation. So, Mr. Chairman -

MR. MARSHALL: I would too.

MR. NEARY: Yes, I guarantee you -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. NEARY: - the hon. gentleman would not have sat there and supported the administration if he had a tape recording of that conversation. And so, Mr. Chairman, if we want to keep referring to the past, well let us do it, but what we are trying to do is get information about present day activities of the administration.

Now, Mr. Chairman, let me come back again to a question about the Premier's activities. Obviously we are not going to get anywhere on the private dining room, but let me ask the hon. gentleman this, can the hon. gentleman give me the total cost of operating that dining room a year and give me a breakdown on how much is spent on food, and how much is spent on wine, and how much is spent on booze and liquor and beer? Could the hon. gentleman give me that breakdown? It is taxpayer money, Mr. Chairman, The taxpayers have a right to know how their money is being spent. The welfare recipients in this Province would like to know, you know, how much it is costing to wine and dine the Premier and the ministers, down in the private dining room.

MR. TOBIN: Are you suggesting it should not happen?

MR. NEARY: I am suggesting the hon. gentleman should not happen. Are we going to be able to get

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MR. NEARY: this kind of information?

AN HON. MEMBER: Sit down and he will tell you.

MR. NEARY: I am waiting for the hon. gentleman -

MR. DINN: If you would care to sit down and give him the floor -

MR. NEARY: No, if I sit down the Chairman has to go on to the next item. How much is the dining room costing? Can you give us a breakdown of the cost, and can you give us a list of names of all those who eat on a regular basis at that dining room?

MR. PATTERSON: How about we give you the menu.

MR. NEARY: Yes, the menu too. It is taxpayers' money. It is not the hon. gentleman's money, it is taxpayers' money, in case the hon. gentleman does not know.

MR. RIDEOUT: Did not you people have that down there?

MR. NEARY: No. Mr. Chairman, let me say for the benefit of the hon. member for Baie Verte (Mr. Rideout) that when the dining room was started in the first place, ministers paid for their meals.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh!

MR. NEARY: Oh! The old Santa Claus has learned something new again. Ministers paid for their meals.

MR. YOUNG: There is only one Santa Claus in this House.

MR. NEARY: They paid, the public treasury, consolidated revenue, they paid

MR. NEARY: for their meals.

DR. COLLINS: What year?

MR. NEARY: I will have to consult with my colleague.

DR. COLLINS: Okay, I will get the amount.

MR. NEARY: It would be a good idea.

MR. TOBIN: If that is what happened it cost you -

MR. NEARY: I am waiting for the hon. gentleman to get me some information on that dining room.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman, on that note, if the hon. gentleman would sit down, I will respond.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): The hon. President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL:
The matter of supplies for the private dining room is not covered under this particular heading of the Premier's office, they are covered, I would imagine, in the Department of Public Works. So I have not got that immediately available, but there is no problem in obtaining this information which we will obtain and supply to the hon. member when it is available. There is no provision as far as I can see, and I have gone over this thoroughly in the notes here, providing for it, but there may be as we go on, as we come to the other subheads, in which case I will advise the Committee. If not I will undertake, or we will undertake to obtain it and provide the information to the hon. member.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Would the hon. gentleman also

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MR. NEARY: get us a list of the names of those who patronize the dining room on a regular basis?

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): The hon. President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: I have already answered that question to the hon. gentleman, Mr. Chairman. You know if you were - well, no, I will not say that because I cannot ask the Chair to - I was going to ask you, Mr. Chairman, to repeat it to the hon. member. If he will not take it from me he may take it from you. I do not know. The fact of the matter is, Mr. Chairman, there is no list of members. For instance, there was no list of members that I was ever able to see. If I had known, for instance, that the hon. member for LaPoile (Mr. Neary) or whatever he was - Harbour Main-Bell Island at that particular time - was in the dining room with Mr. Doody and Mr. Moores at the time, I would have been very interested.

MR. MARSHALL: At that time, I would have been very interested in knowing it, Mr. Chairman I would probably be in the next office with a glass against the wall trying to hear what was going on. There are many things that have gone on in that dining room, but in the days - I can only speak of the present days and say that that dining room is put to good use. We do not keep a list of people who go in there, all I can do is give an undertaking to this House, to the hon. member, which he can accept or not. I do not care whether he accepts it or not. I can just say it is used for government business. It is used by ministers and the Premier in relationship to people doing business with the government. No list is kept and that is all I can say, and if the hon. gentleman wants to make something of it, he can make something of it. He can twist and he can turn and he can pass innuendoes, but it is completely and absolutely aboveboard. As I say, it is not used by any of the family, party workers or friends of the hon. gentlemen here.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): The hon. the Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Could the hon. the President of the Council tell the House - it is a wonder, Mr. Chairman, he did not choke on that last part about party workers. We can see party workers, and we did see them - I have not seen any since the election, but before the election they were parading in and out across the lobby of Confederation Building all day long.

Now, would the hon. gentleman tell us if dinner is served in the private dining room on a daily basis?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. the President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: No, Mr. Chairman, dinner is not served in the private dining room on a daily basis. I would think in the course of a year that there are many more times that dinner is not served rather than served in the dining room, or the dining room is not used rather than used, because of the fact that we just do not use it for the purpose of a free meal ticket. You know, we use it for the purpose of legitimate government business. That is what we intend to continue to commit the use of it for.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): The hon. the Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, let us talk about motor vehicles. Could the hon. gentleman tell the House how many vehicles the Premier has at his disposal?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. the President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman, any vehicles that the hon. the Premier has at his disposal are not voted under this particular heading so, you know, I do not feel disposed that I should be responsible to answer accurately. All I can say is I know there is one vehicle made available to the Premier and in contra-distinction of the - and I do not like to get back in the past, but let us just put it this way, the hon. the Premier, as you can see, has a car down there which is a small car, a medium-sized car. I am not up on cars but it is a Chevy. It is a small modelled chevy, the same type of Chevy that the ordinary Joe on the street - I know the hon. the Minister of Education (Ms Verge) will -

MR. OTTENHEIMER: Joe-ess.

MR. MARSHALL: - Josephine, I am sorry,

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MR. MARSHALL:

I could not think of it

Josephine -

MR. OTTENHEIMER:

The ordinary Joe or Josephine.

MR. MARSHALL:

- the ordinary Joe or the

Josephine on the street drives around. And that is the way the hon. the Premier is, Mr. Chairman.

MR. MARSHALL: He is an ordinary Joe, he does not like to travel around in conspicuous cars. He has a very small car, the same kind of car that the hon. gentleman there - not the same kind, but along the same level as the hon. gentleman and myself have.

MR. CALLAN: No way!

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): The hon. the Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: The only difference is you and I own ours. Mr. Chairman, let me ask the hon. gentleman if the Premier has more than one car. Does the government have a car that they use for official delegations etc? Is there a special car for special people who come to the Province, like the Governor-General and so forth?

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. the President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman, these questions are more properly asked, really, to the Minister of Public Works (Mr. Young), you know. Again, they do not come under this heading, but it little behooves me to ask the hon. gentleman to be relevant, I mean, if he wants to ask questions on the matters, there is nothing covered under this vote with respect to any cars. But I can answer his question, there is one special car that I know of which is -

MR. NEARY: What kind?

MR. MARSHALL: I think it is a Lincoln Continental, I am not sure -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. NEARY: I see.

MR. MARSHALL: - some people tell me it is a Lincoln Continental, that is used purely and simply

MR. MARSHALL: for the purpose of taking dignitaries from the airport to their accommodation and various other things.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): The hon. the Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Could the hon. gentleman tell the House if that Lincoln Continental is the one that Mr. Moores bought, the Tory blue Lincoln Continental? Is that the same one we are talking about?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. the President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Well, I do not know, Mr. Chairman, whether it was the one that Mr. Moores got. But Mr. Moores, being a man of consummate good taste, if he was going to buy a car I am sure he would choose Tory blue.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. the Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: No, it was Dick Green who bought the Tory blue one.

MR. CALLAN: What?

MR. NEARY: It was Dick Green who bought the Tory blue one.

AN HON. MEMBER: That is the Stanfield car.

MR. NEARY: Yes, bought it for Mr. Stanfield's visit, and registered in his own name

AN HON. MEMBER: It is not the same one.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, I notice that the Premier changes his cars quite often, is there any reason for that? Is there any special reason why the hon. gentleman drives different make cars, different colour cars?

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): The hon. the President
of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman, I do not
know. I do not know whether he changes them or not.
But, I mean, I suppose if he does he probably does it
for the purpose of trying to elicit asinine questions
such as the hon. member asks.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. the Leader of the
Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Getting back to the house,
Mr. Chairman, could the hon. gentleman tell the Committee
what perks - over and above a free house, a rent-free
house, would the hon. gentleman tell the Committee what
other fringe benefits go with that house?

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. the President of
the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: You know, listen to the hon.
gentleman, 'What perks? What fringe benefits?' You know,
he just wants to colour and cloud it. All I can say is -
I was very impressed with the hon. gentleman when he
became Leader

MR. MARSHALL: of the Opposition. But all I can say is when you get him annoyed and you can see that statesmanship is really skin deep. It is not very deep in the hon. gentleman, because of the type of questions that he is asking now. The so-called perks he refers to - he is trying to insinuate that there are more perks, and, as I say, the Premier is feeding not only his own generation but the generations past and generations yet to come on the public trough, and that is completely and absolutely without any foundation whatsoever. Each and every cent that is expended and each and every benefit that the Premier gets in his office, when you add them up the people of Newfoundland would agree that the benefits flow immeasurably more. I would think, from the Premier, to the people of the Province than the Premier receives. But each and every so-called perk, as he calls them when he wants to put colours on them, are available for the hon. gentleman. They are out front for everyone to see. There is Mount Scio House, because the hon. gentleman happens to already to have a house in South Brook. And because the hon. gentleman is Premier, it is better we think for the hon. the Premier to be residing in this house than some Lord Baron from England. We think it more appropriate, Mr. Chairman, the government thinks it is more appropriate that if the Premier, who had always lived before he was Premier in South Brook - I dare say that he would prefer to live in his own house if he had his druthers again, but he has to come in here as Premier and in that case the government has made this particular decision with respect to the house. The way the hon. gentleman would have it, the hon. gentleman

MR. MARSHALL: would confine the office on the Premier to millionaires or. God help me, members from St. John's.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Alyward): The hon. the Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: I thought the hon. the Premier lived in an apartment at Pleasantville prior to moving to Mount Scio house.

MR. MARSHALL: I forgot about that.

MR. NEARY: Oh yes, I see the hon. gentleman conveniently overlooked that. Now, would the hon. gentleman tell the House, tell the Committee who pays for the electricity bill at Mount Scio house?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. President of Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman, I assume, this being a house which is a house belonging to the people of Newfoundland, it is maintained by the people of Newfoundland.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Will the hon. gentleman tell the Committee who pays the heating bill at Mount Scio house?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. President of Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman, I would assume that that is the situation as well. You know exactly - I mean, he is asking questions, he asks the questions over and over again, the same questions. Now, the hon. gentleman has the answers to these questions. He knows the answers to these questions but he asks them year after year after year. He will get the same answers year in year out. But what he should know, what he should know is attempts to wield the knife and dig the hilt in as far as he possible can, do not pay off. The proof of the pudding, Mr. Chairman,

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MR. MARSHALL: is the fact that they now only
have 50 per cent of the seats they had

MR. MARSHALL: the last time when they were trying to squirt their venom all over the place.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): The hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Would the hon. gentleman tell the Committee who pays for the telephones at Mount Scio house?

MR. MARSHALL: The same answer, Mr. Chairman.

MR. NEARY: The same answer, the taxpayers.

MR. WARREN: Who pays yours, 'Steve', the taxpayers?

MR. NEARY: Indirectly.

MR. MARSHALL: I presume, I said.

MR. NEARY: Would the hon. gentleman tell the Committee who pays for the gardening and the landscaping around Mount Scio house?

MR. BAIRD: And ask about the toilet paper.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. the President of the Council.

MR. W. MARSHALL: I assume, Mr. Chairman, the garden is owned by the Province of Newfoundland and you would like the garden to be well maintained. The garden is maintained, I presume, by the Province and if it is, it is money well spent again I say.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. the Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if the hon. gentleman could give us the total cost of the Premier's travelling for the fiscal year just ended?

MR. BAIRD: What a waste of time.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. the President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman, I have to look through the notes. I have to confine myself at the present time I know, Mr. Chairman, to 302-01 and there does not appear to be here- in 302-01 there is no provision for travelling. Wait now, there is further on though something for transportation and communication.

MR. NEARY: You do not want to talk about it, is that what you are saying?

MR. MARSHALL: Yes. If the hon. gentleman wishes to wait, and Mr. Chairman, I have the right to do this I think, if the hon. gentleman - 302-01 - I say to the hon. gentleman this is in 302-03 and if he would like to advance that question to me there it would be more appropriate at that time.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): The hon. the Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Does the hon. gentleman also have in that book the number of times that the Premier or his office authorized the use of the government aircraft?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. the President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: I am sorry. You know, I really want to give the hon. gentleman the information. I really want to give him legitimate information when he asks. I am not going to answer questions - I will answer them, but he is not going to get the same quality of answer when he asks questions that I interpret

MR. MARSHALL: as being for the purpose of slurs as when he asks questions wanting legitimate information. He asked the cost of the dining room last year, and I am told that is covered under Intergovernmental Affairs, and last year for food, for beverages and for cleaning. So, you know, it is all lumped in together. The amount was \$19,000.

MR. NEARY: Nineteen thousand. So if we add the \$19,000 -

MR. CHAIRMAN (AYLWARD): The hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: - to the chef's salary we will get the cost of operating the private dining room.

MR. MARSHALL: I would assume that -

MR. NEARY: Roughly in the vicinity of \$60,000.

MR. MARSHALL: If you would like to sit down I will answer.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman, no, it is not \$60,000 at all. You are talking about -

MR. NEARY: Fifty thousand.

MR. MARSHALL: The chef is \$22,000 plus \$19,000. Now the chef was involved as well with the Trades College. I do not know whether he still is.

MR. WARREN: He gets paid over there too, does he not?

MR. MARSHALL: Pardon?

MR. WARREN: He gets paid over there too, does he not?

MR. MARSHALL: Well, I do not know whether that is salary. But just say this is -

MR. WARREN: He teaches there.

MR. MARSHALL: Yes.

MR. MARSHALL: - totally referable to this.

You have to bear in mind, to be fair, that part of this salary may be referable to his teaching over there. But

MR. MARSHALL: anyway \$22,536 and you add \$19,000, you do not get \$60,000.

MR. NEARY: Fifty thousand.

MR. MARSHALL: No, you do not get \$50,000 either. There he goes he wants to twist the figures, '\$60,000' he said, '\$50,000'. You get \$42,000. And I tell the hon. member you would be up around \$60,000 or \$70,000 or \$80,000 if we had to pay the commercial rates for the beverages and the food that was consumed down in that private dining room for legitimate government business over the years.

MR. CHAIRMAN (AYLWARD): The hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, I was asking the hon. gentleman, when the hon. gentleman offered to give me that piece of information, about the number of times the government aircraft and helicopters were requisitioned by the Premier or his staff. Does the hon. gentleman have that information, and can the hon. gentleman tell us the reason the aircraft was requisitioned and the names of the passengers who used the aircraft?

MR. MARSHALL: Well, Mr. Chairman, that is covered under Transportation. I have not got these figures and these estimates here now. But I am sure the Estimates Committees would be quite willing, but we can furnish that. The only thing I can say is that the government planes and the government helicopters here again have been used for the purpose of legitimate government business and for no other purpose.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shall 302-01 carry?

MR. WARREN: No, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. member for Torngat Mountains.

MR. WARREN: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I could probably vouch that the chef that the Premier has is one of the best chefs in the Province.

MR. G. WARREN: In fact some seventeen years ago I had the privilege of having him as the chef for my wedding and I must say that it was one of the best. But I did not use the private dining room at the time, no, Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the gentleman who is responding to all the questions, concerning bodyguards, Mr. Chairman, is any member of the hon. House entitled to not necessarily the same protection that the Premier gets, because I would not wish that, but is any member of the hon. House entitled to the protection, on occasion, of government owned bodyguards?

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): The hon President of Council.

MR. MARSHALL: No, Mr. Chairman, nobody has it. I would think though perhaps what we should consider is supplying bodyguards for the five Liberal members of Parliament in Ottawa when they return to their constituencies. But seriously, as far as the minister's of the Crown are concerned, no, there is no such provision.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. Member for Tornqat Mountains.

MR. WARREN: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I believe there are fifty-two of us in this House.

MR. SIMMS: You still do not know that.

MR. WARREN: If one individual in this House deserves protection we all do. Mr. Chairman-

AN HON. MEMBER: He is not going to hire you to guard him.

MR. WARREN: Mr. Chairman, let me give you an incident, I am serious. I am very serious, Mr. Chairman. Let me give you an incident that happened to me not too long ago.

AN HON. MEMBER: Someone tried to kill you?

MR. WARREN: Oh, no, they went pretty close to that. I was practically collared and held at knife point by individual,

MR. MARSHALL:

In your district or here?

MR. WARREN:

That is right, as a member doing

my work,

AN HON. MEMBER:

Because you were a member?

MR. WARREN:

So, the question I am asking, you

know, was sauce for one, is sauce for the other.

MR. MARSHALL:

I see, I will respond to that, if

you like.

MR. WARREN:

So, I am just saying that if we

are going to have protection, if we are going to use bodyguards

as a means of protection, I think there are occasions that

arise when probalby all members of the House may need them

sometime.

MR. MARSHALL:

Mr. Chairman,

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward):

The hon. President of Council.

MR. MARSHALL:

Mr. Chairman, I could not

agree with the hon. member. I mean, what the hon. member is

advocating is that all the members of this House be supplied

with bodyguards. Now, the hon. member met a certain situation,

it is the first we have heard of it, but the hon. member

is the same as any citizen of this Province or any member of

this House, if there were any apprehension of harm or threat

to the person concerned, all the member has to do is contact

MR. MARSHALL: the police and he will get the appropriate protection, I mean, that is the way it lies. Surely the thing is, you know -- the hon. member is not really serious when he advocates -- in effect what he is advocating is everybody, every member of this House get a bodyguard. Now that is a great extension and I would very much say to the hon. gentleman that it is inconsistent. His leader has been criticizing the legitimate use of protection for one public official, to now ask that bodyguards be supplied to everybody -- what I say to the hon. gentleman is that if he or anybody else is threatened and has reasonable apprehension as a result of this, that the police would intervene immediately and he has a right to it.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): The hon. member for Bellevue.

MR. CALLAN: Mr. Chairman, I want to get back to the security surrounding the Premier's house and so on. Now, I would like to know why -- the threats on the Premier or the members of the Premier's family why was that ever made public in the first place? is the question that I would like to ask. The threats on the Premier, why was it made public in the first place?

MR. MORGAN: It was brought up in the House of Assembly by the Opposition.

MR. CALLAN: No, no. I saw it on television before that.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. CALLAN: I saw it on television two years ago. And the minister should butt out, he is up to his neck now in zones,

MR. WARREN: He should be like a stub. Keep yourself butted.

MR. CALLAN: Mr. Chairman, I am wondering why it was made public in the first place, and I am also wondering if any arrests have been made in connection

MR. CALLAN: with any of these, apparently, on going threats. I can understand, Mr. Chairman, I can understand that perhaps it is difficult for the constabulary or anybody else to, even with a tapped phone line, to apprehend somebody who is making phone calls, threatening phone calls. But yesterday in the Legislature here, the Premier was talking about locks on windows and so on that were being opened. Obviously, there must be some security around, and where were they? Was anybody ever apprehended in connection with these threats and harrassment of the Premier and his family?

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): The hon. President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker, I will agree with the hon. gentleman that it is rather regrettable that these threats of this nature became so public. But I would say, and I say to the hon. member seriously, that the reason for it in large measure as to why it has become so public has been because what I view myself as being the excesses not of the hon. member but of the some hon. member's colleagues, and one colleague in particular. Now I will just speak in general and let the suit fit the cloth. It is rather difficult and regrettable in the circumstances that - if the hon. gentlemen was here yesterday he would have heard the type of questions that were asked. I think myself, my opinion is that that gives an adequate manifestation of the type of excesses. It is rather difficult that this type of thing should occur in the first place, but even more difficult when it

MR. MARSHALL: becomes subject to public comment to the extent it has. All I can say is I do not think really, in the interests of the entire matter - and I know I would be prepared to tell the hon. gentleman privately afterwards the answer to his question, as to whether anyone was apprehended or any group of people apprehended or what have you. But, with the greatest respect to him, I am not inclined to answer that type of question publicly on the floor of the Committee. I do not think it serves the public interest.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): Shall 302-01 carry?

MR. HODDER: Mr. Chairman?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. member for Port au Port.

MR. HODDER: I just wanted to ask the Government House Leader (Mr. Marshall) if he has a breakdown of the Premier's transportation and communication's \$22,500 -

MR. MARSHALL: We just referred to that in transportation.

MR. HODDER: - 302-01 in the expenditures and revenue details? Page 17.

MR. MARSHALL: Page 17?

MR. HODDER: Yes.

MR. LUSH: Not in the same book.

MR. MARSHALL: 304-01?

MR. LUSH: Detailed estimates.

MR. HODDER: Detailed estimates I am looking at.

MR. MARSHALL: Detailed estimates, I am sorry, wait now, just let me have one moment. -

Well, if it is under 302-01 I will get back to the hon. member now so I can respond to it. Transportation and Communication, this is in 302-01 is it not?

MR. HODDER: Yes.

MR. MARSHALL: This amount covers the travel related to the costs of the executive support staff of the Premier for the year, this particular amount. And I have not got a break-

MR. MARSHALL: down of it, Mr. Chairman,
but it is an amount that is audited at all times by the Auditor General and looked into. It relates to travelling that various members of the executive support staff have to undertake in the course of their duties, to attend conferences and what have you, and to be at hand for advice and to render information to the Premier.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. the member for Bellevue.

MR. CALLAN: Mr. Chairman, on another matter, talking about the Premier's staff, as I mentioned in the House of Assembly here, last week I think it was when I was presenting a petition

MR. CALLAN: on behalf of the town council of Chapel Arm, I wrote the Premier on the 28th. of April and then around mid-May I received an answer to that letter. Yesterday, Mr. Chairman, I found it passing strange, to say the least, that I received another letter from one of the Premier's secretaries or whatever, Mr. Des Sullivan, or someone like that, acknowledging receipt of my letter. You know, two weeks after the Premier responded to my letter -

MR. WARREN: I had the same thing. I had the same thing.

MR. CALLAN: Two weeks after the Premier had responded, here is somebody on the payroll saying, 'This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter' and so on. I am wondering if there is not a little bit of redundancy here and perhaps a total waste of the taxpayers' dollars in unnecessary staff.

MR. DINN: Did you get a reply?

MR. CALLAN: I beg your pardon?

MR. WARREN: What is that? You do not understand, you know.

MR. CALLAN: I am sure the President of the Council (Mr. Marshall) understands what I am saying and he will respond.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): The hon. the President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman, I suppose with the hundreds of thousands of letters that the Premier has in the course of a year, that that is quite understandable. But to me it evidences an intent by the Premier and the Premier's office to respond promptly to all and not leave anybody out in responding. It shows the eagerness of the Premier's office to respond to

MR. MARSHALL: correspondence. I mean, obviously the Premier had replied himself, and his executive assistant was not completely aware of it so he sent the hon. member a letter saying the hon. the Premier would respond. He just did not happen to see the file.

I would think it would be a matter, with due respect, for the hon. member to compliment the Premier's office on, because here, you know, they are always talking from time to time about the lack of attention, that they do not get any attention, any response because they are in Opposition.

MR. CALLAN: A measly nine hundred and forty thousand dollars to compliment the Premier?

MR. MARSHALL: And now he complains because an extra stamp was -

MR. CALLAN: The Premier's Office \$940,000.

MR. MARSHALL: - applied to a letter to assure that he got an answer. I would have thought that this would be the cause of a compliment rather than the cause of any criticism.

MR. CALLAN: Well, I can understand that, that is the way you think.

MR. WARREN: Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): The hon. the member for Torngat Mountains.

MR. WARREN: Mr. Chairman, I suppose it is a day to be rejoicing, when we have a Premier o.

MR. WARREN: the Province spending \$1 million, practically \$1 million. I have the same concerns as my hon. colleague has just expressed. The only thing is [never got a reply from the Premier, I got two replies from two of his assistants saying, 'I will bring it to the Premier's attention', and then ten days later from the other assistant, 'I will bring it to the Premier's attention'. So one of those years it will get the Premier's attention.

I am just concerned, Mr. Chairman, about 302-02, Executive Support Salaries. It has gone from \$282,000 up to \$432,500. Roughly a \$150,000 increase in salaries for the executive support staff. That is 302-02-01. It has gone from \$282,000 to \$432,500, roughly \$150,000 extra in salaries in the Premier's office estimates this year. Who are the - not individual persons - but who are the extra staff attached to the Premier's office this year who were not attached last year?

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, before the hon. gentleman answers that -

MR. CHAIRMAN (AYLWARD): The hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: - give us a breakdown of the support staff in the Premier's office and their titles and their salaries. That is what my hon. colleague is asking.

MR. WARREN: Yes.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: I think, Mr. Chairman -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please! Order, please!

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman, I think the member for Torngat Mountains is quite capable of asking questions without the hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) interpreting his questions. I do not think he needs the hon. Leader - the

MR. MARSHALL: hon. member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Warren), the hon. member for Bellevue (Mr. Callan), and the hon. member for Port au Port (Mr. Hodder) were asking very sensible questions before the hon. gentleman came in. In answer to the hon. member for Torngat Mountains, to my knowledge there is no increase in the number of people on the staff -

MR. NEARY: But who are they? Give us a list.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman, if the hon. member for Torngat Mountains wishes a list he might call his leader to order and ask him to afford me the courtesy of giving him a response.

There are no new people on

MR. MARSHALL: the staff, on the executive support staff of the Premier's office. There may be a transfer of one or two positions from elsewhere, but there is no net increase as far as I know in the numbers of employees. I have to say, when I am saying this, of course, to the Committee, for the sake of accuracy, that I recognize most of the names that are involved here and they do not appear to be new names at all and so there are no new positions there. Maybe the increase is a result of the transfer of one person from one sub-division to the other.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): The hon. the member for Tornqat Mountains.

MR. WARREN: Mr. Chairman, either one of two things has happened here. If there are no additional members in the Premier's office, if an additional one was transferred, as the hon. member just said, and we have an additional one hundred and fifty odd thousand dollars, that must be a very valuable person to be transferred, or there has been a substantial increase in salaries for the people associated with the Premier's office. It has to be one of the three things, either there is a substantial increase in the salaries of members of the Premier's office, or the individual who was transferred from another department is made of gold, or else there is an addition to the Premier's office. One of three things has to happen to have a \$160,000 increase in salaries.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. the President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: There is certainly not a \$160,000 difference. Now, what he may mean, from the budgeted position last year, is the revised estimates - the difference in the revised estimates in the current budget. Because there are certain vacant

MR. MARSHALL: positions you understand in the support staff area, and in the area of support staff so they would be budgeted for. But the revised estimates would reflect the actual numbers of people here. Now, they are all listed, I thank the Minister of Justice (Mr. Ottenheimer) they are all listed there in the detailed estimates and we are talking about 302-01.

MR. WARREN: 302-02.

MR. MARSHALL: 302-02. Now, wait now, allow me to -

MR. WARREN: 302-02-01.

MR. MARSHALL: I do not think we have any increases, Mr. Chairman, over last year. There are a total of 14 positions in the executive support staff amounting to \$432,500 and these are comprised of a Senior Policy Advisor, and various other people, including secretaries and secretaries to parliamentary assistants.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): The hon. the Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Would the hon. gentleman care to tell the House what the Senior Policy Advisor does and what his salary is?

MR. MARSHALL: Well, Mr. Chairman, a Senior Policy Advisor advises on policy. Obviously that is what he does, he advises. His name is Mr. Cabot Martin and I know the hon. gentleman -

MR. NEARY: Oh, one of the tag team.

MR. MARSHALL: - is familiar with him -

MR. RIDEOUT: Well, Cabot Martin has been here for the past couple of years.

MR. MARSHALL: - and I know what he wants to get in. But he is a very, very valuable addition, Mr. Chairman, to the Premier's staff.

MR. NEARY: He is falling into this failing.

MR. MARSHALL: He almost approaches the contribution that he could have made and will make I know in the future as a member of this House, and hopefully from LaPoile.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN (AYLWARD): The hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: I thought I had already taken care of the Martin tag team. I probably did the hon. gentleman a favour by defeating him.

Mr. Chairman, would the hon. gentleman give us a rundown now of the staff in the Premier's office starting with the secretaries. We just want to see if there are any changes, because there is a difference in the amount.

MR. WARREN: \$150,000 right on the nose.

MR. NEARY: What would be Mr. Cabot Martin's salary now? Could the hon. gentleman tell us that please?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman, the question is asked. You know, here again the obvious question is asked. He wants to know Mr. Cabot Martin's salary so Mr. Cabot Martin's salary will get published in the paper and on the airwaves. It so happens that Mr. Cabot Martin's salary is

MR. MARSHALL: there in the Departmental Salary Estimates for 1982-1983 under this heading. There is no attempt to hide it. Mr. Martin is paid -

MR. NEARY: There is no change in the salary?

MR. WARREN: Yes, there is a lot of changes.

MR. MARSHALL: There is no change in the salary. Mr. Martin is in a contractual position and I refer the hon. gentlemen to the detailed salary estimates and he can see the salary.

MR. CALLAN: Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN (AYLWARD): The hon. the member for Bellevue.

MR. SIMMS: Now we will get some sensible questions.

MR. CALLAN: Mr. Chairman, I am not sure if it is sensible or not. As far as I am concerned it is sensible. Yesterday on the airwaves I heard a tape recording of it. The Premier was on with an hon. gentleman for a one hour interview. You could not call it anything else.

MR. WARREN: Who was that? Who was that? Is that you 'Bas'?

MR. CALLAN: I want to ask the President of the Council (Mr. Marshall) in the absence of the Premier -

MR. BAIRD: It sure was not CBC.

MR. CALLAN: No, he was on with 'Bas' actually. I want to ask the President of the Council is there any credence to the story that I hear, that 'Bas' will be coming on the Premier's staff as of July? Could that be a possible reason for the extra salary?

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman, there are all sorts of -

MR. CALLAN: Rumors.

MR. MARSHALL: There are all sorts - I am glad to see that the hon. member for Bellevue is paying attention to Mr. Jamieson now. He did not pay attention to Mr. Jamieson

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MR. MARSHALL: during the election campaign
almost to his grief. We would hope that -

MR. CALLAN: Almost.

MR. MARSHALL: Almost. We would hope the next
time he will be washed overboard.

MR. W. MARSHALL: I do not think there are positions here- there is no position here-

MR. CALLAN: They do not mention it in any votes.

MR. MARSHALL: - listed under Mr. Jamieson, Mr. Chairman, and there is no provision here for any positions, so nothing to that extent is contemplated. I would suggest that the purpose of this Committee would be best served in asking relevant questions as to why monies are spent, and what have you, rather than in dealing in the hypothetical and rumours.

MR. CALLAN: Time will tell.

MR. CHAIRMAN(Dr. McNicholas): The hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Would the hon. gentleman care to tell the Committee if one of these pieces of advice that the Senior Advisor gave the Premier was not to do any more interviews with the CBC unless it was on the Premier's own terms, that no more interviews would be given to CBC that would be edited by the interviewer? Is this a part of the advice given to the Premier by the chief advisory propagandist?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman, the member is asking me a question germane to 302-

MR. NEARY: Open your eyes.

MR. MARSHALL: - to 302-02. We are presently 302-01, and if the hon. gentleman would like for 302-01 to be disposed of- I will be quite prepared to do it in the area of 302-01, but I think we should keep on the topic.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, my understanding is that we are doing Executive Support.

MR. MARSHALL: No. Well, let them call 302-01, until we get to this one then.

MR. NEARY: Get rid of the Premier's salary?

MR. MARSHALL: Yes. Unless you are through, come on. I mean, we have got to do it in order now.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, the hon. gentleman can do all the fancy footwork he wants, but I would like to-

MR. TULK: He dances just the same as the Minister of Health does? -

MR. NEARY: Yes. We are talking about the Premier here. The Premier has made a statement publicly.

MR. TULK: You would swear that he was not allowed.

MR. NEARY: He has condemned Mainland journalist-

MR. WARREN: Yes.

MR. NEARY: - and now he has started his attack on the media in Newfoundland, starting with the CBC. He has taken on the heavyweight, and he has stated publicly that he will not grant anymore interviews with the CBC except on his terms.

MR. WARREN: What terms are they?

MR. NEARY: And his terms are that any interviews he gives would be shown-

MR. CALLAN: Hitler was not that bad.

MR. NEARY: -would be broadcast in total and that they would not be edited. And I am asking the hon. gentleman to tell the Committee if this is a piece of advice that was given to him by Mr. Cabot Martin his senior advisor

MR. CHAIRMAN(Dr. McNicholas): The hon. the President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman, I am not even going to respond. That is not even a legitimate question, Mr. Chairman, to ask that.

MR. MARSHALL: Let the hon. gentleman be serious. We are talking about millions of dollars of government money being spent, not all in the Executive Council but through the estimates. Let him ask questions as to how the money is spent, and not spurious silly little questions like that. I am not going to answer questions like that.

MR. CHAIRMAN (McNicholas): The hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: I would consider this to be a very serious question. When you have the Premier of a Province refusing to do interviews that will convey information to the people of this Province, I would consider that to be a very serious matter indeed. Can the hon. gentleman tell the House how long more the administration is going to maintain this policy, how long more they are going to maintain this childish attitude, how long more will the Premier continue to sulk especially with the CBC, and does the Premier plan to expand this policy to include all other media in the Province? Mr. Chairman, is the hon. gentleman going to answer the questions?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman, I have already answered it. I mean, it is a foolish question to ask.

MR. TOBIN: What would you expect from a childish member?

MR. MARSHALL: The Premier's position is as what was reported yesterday, and the Premier's position is a position that is well taken. The Premier is quite obviously capable of making up his mind about many monumental matters, including matters of this nature. So, that is just a silly question, it is a hope to get on - it is getting late now, it is getting nearer - I will tell the hon. member now the CBC is almost put to bed, the NTV is put to bed, so it is very, very unlikely that he will get any mileage on that.

MR. MARSHALL: Now, why does he not be sensible? Why does he not ask questions? Look, here we have a budget in this poor little Province, nickling and diming everywhere we go, and the Minister of Finance (Dr. Collins) has managed to bring in a balanced budget under Current Account.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. MARSHALL: The only government, Mr. Chairman, in Eastern Canada that has been able to do it, and we on our backs and the federal government -

MR. SIMMS: Without selling our heritage down the drain.

MR. MARSHALL: - trying to batter us into the ground even farther. I mean, what a monumental thing. Now, does the hon. gentleman think that there can be the management of this Province like that if we were not careful, if the Premier were not careful with the expenditure of money, if all the ministers were not careful with the expenditure of money, if the members of the caucus did not watch the government like hawks to see that the money was spent properly? I mean, that is the kind of thing that he should be examining into instead of asking such silly, puerile questions as the hon. member is asking. I mean, how foolish is it at all? How foolish, how silly is it at all? No wonder, Mr. Chairman, make no wonder they are over there with a 100 per cent less representation than they had the last time.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN (McNicholas): The hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: I would consider, Mr. Chairman, an attempt by the Premier of this Province to try to manage the Press,

MR. NEARY: to be a very, very serious matter indeed. What the hon. the Premier is saying is, " You either do it my way or you do not do it at all." That is what the hon. gentleman is saying, Mr. Chairman. And the hon. Premier did not have the courage to go straight to the CBC and lay down that policy himself, he sent a flunky.

MR. WARREN: Is that right?

MR. NEARY: He sent a parliamentary secretary, so we are told. Now would the hon. gentleman care to tell us who the messenger was that had to bring the bad news to the CBC that the Premier was sulking, that he was in a stubborn mood, that he was testy -

MR. RIDEOUT: Look at the principle that was being used.

MR. NEARY: - that he was beside himself, that he is not up to par these days, the pressure is too much for him, and that he does not want to expose himself to the television cameras afraid that he might make some more monumental blunders and so, therefore, he is going to attempt to manage the press, and if they do not do it his way they do not do it at all? Who was the flunky that he sent with that message, Mr. Chairman?

MR. CHAIRMAN (Dr. McNicholas): The hon. the President of Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman, that is the typical way the opposition - Who was the flunky? I mean, this is the thing, it is not who is the employee, who is the Parliamentary assistant, but who was the flunky? It has to be, you know, something derogatory.

All the hon. the Premier is interested in is assuring that the very vital information, very vital to the people of this Province, is reported and is fully and completely and it - in order to be accurately reported it has to be fully and accurately reported. Like one of the situations that he is already averted to, and it

MR. MARSHALL: is rather unfortunate as well. Since the hon. gentleman mentioned it, we will mention it again because I think it should be pushed into the minds of people so that they will be aware, it was rather an unfortunate interpretation placed by one of the media, CBC television. In my opinion, it was extremely unfortunate. When the Supreme Court of Canada came in with the decision to hear the direct reference on April 29th. the impression,

MR. TULK: I do not know about that.

MR. MARSHALL: - inadvertant maybe, but the impression was given on the media, which is what the people see, on CBC, that the Supreme Court of Canada had compromised. You know, the Federal Government wanted it in September, and the Provincial Government did not say they wanted it in the Spring, but the counsel for the provincial government was asked how long he

MR. MARSHALL: anticipated it to be. So it was painted as being a compromise and it was not a compromise, Mr. Chairman, it was not a compromise. Bear in mind that what it was, and the people of this Province should know, it was the Supreme Court of Canada which departed from precedent and from custom. It might have been law. They enforce the law, okay, but they departed from precedent and from custom for the first time in the history of Canada in an instance such as this. And surely, the people of this Province were aware to know, not that the Supreme Court of Canada had compromised, they did not, down the middle, came down the middle, but what has happened has been a gigantic threat to the rights of the people of this Province, and we have indicated this in the Legislature from time to time and we are entitled to be accurately reported when the situation arises.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

MR. MARSHALL: I can not think of a cause that should so excite the people of Newfoundland, as to what happened with that decision. I say publicly and the government has said publicly that we feel that the Supreme Court of Canada was in error, that it erred when it did this. Because the fact of the matter is, what that particular decision does is not a compromise, Mr. Chairman, what it does is it precludes one of the levels of justice that has been set up, one of the courts from giving a reasoned considered opinion with respect to the matter that is put before them, puts a stopwatch on them as has never been before and that is why the Premier was exercised and that is why every member in this House is exercised and that is why the people of Newfoundland should be exercised when that kind of thing occurs.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. MARSHALL:

If the people of the Province require responsibility of their members they are going to get it from the government. But with respect to the media, they are not immune as well, and the people of this Province should expect responsible reporting. And at such times as a wrong interpretation is given that could be disastrous to the future of this Province, then we have the right to expect there be responsibility. And that was what the Premier was responding to. Now, the hon. gentleman can get up all he likes and talk about flunkies giving messages and all the rest of it back and forth, and cast little innuendoes as to a Senior Policy Advisor or a Parliamentary Assistant advising the Premier to do this, but that is the main reason why the Premier took the situation he did and he took it as far as the people on this side of the House, and I am sure the people of Newfoundland - he took it quite properly, and it was quite a proper proposition to put forth. Because what he said afterwards, 'If you are going to quote me, you quote me in total.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Dr. McNicolas): The hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY:

Mr. Chairman, it looks like the darling of the press has fallen into disfavour.

MR. NEARY: You know, we are completely shocked on this side of the House to see a politician that the press has done so much for suddenly come out with a vicious attack on that very same media that helped to make him. Mr. Chairman, it could only happen in a South American country. It could only happen in a South American dictatorship.

MR. TOBIN: Thank God you are still far from that.

MR. LUSH: He must think that the CBC do not understand the issues.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, the darling of the press is now in disfavour and he has laid down the law.

Now, Mr. Chairman, the hon. government House Leader can try to cover up all he wants for the vicious attack that was made on the media by the darling of the press. Mr. Chairman, the fact of the matter is it is not the content that we are talking about, it is an attempt by the Premier of this Province to muzzle and manage the media. That is what it is, Mr. Chairman.

MR. HODDER: Hear, hear!

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, we will not be surprised in this Province if pretty soon the government does not set up its own television and radio station. Now they almost have it already. They have a part ownership in a radio station.

MR. TULK: They have Bas.

MR. NEARY: That is right, They have part ownership in a radio station, and now, pretty soon -

MR. WARREN: And they are bringing the reporters in.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, the only thing that I can say is, 'God bless the people of St. Anthony and God bless the people at the CBC who -

MR. BAIRD: I heard you say much different than that.

MR. NEARY: Yes, that is right, I have and I have my disagreements with the media. But, Mr. Chairman, there was never any attempt on my part to try to manage or muzzle the media.

MR. HODDER: What about Newfoundland Information Services? They have teletypes. They have the biggest newsroom in the Province.

MR. NEARY: Pardon?

MR. HODDER: Newfoundland Information Services with its teletypes.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, I hope that the CBC will not buckle under and not knuckle under. Because today, as a follow up to the Premier's attack on the CBC, the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan) at a Committee meeting this morning let go both barrels at the CBC. Instead of the hon. gentleman -

MR. MARSHALL: A point of order, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN (AYLWARD): A point of order, the hon. President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: The estimates being considered by the Committee are the Premier's office. The statements by the Minister of Fisheries on fisheries presumably relate to the Department of Fisheries and are not relevant or germane to this head.

MR. HODDER: To that point of order.

MR. CHAIRMAN: To that point of order, the hon. member for Port au Port.

MR. HODDER: Mr. Chairman, anything that has to do with the Premier, under the Premier's office - this is wide-ranging discussion and we can ask any questions that have anything to do with the Premier's office. What the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) has been saying is the Premier's conduct -

MR. HOLLETT: and has been asking whether there has been any advice and who gave this advice? This is wide-ranging discussion, Mr. Chairman.

MR. NEARY: Right on! Right on!

MR. CHAIRMAN(Aylward): To that point of order, I rule that although the discussion is rather wide-ranging today, we are discussing the Premier's office. I rule that it is a valid point of order in that the member referred to estimates of 302-01 the Premier's salary.

The hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, what I am asking the hon. gentleman to tell this Committee is if a directive has now gone out from the Premier to his ministers that they are to follow the same policy set by the Premier on Friday when, to the amazement of Newfoundlanders who were watching the CBC television, he took his marbles -

MR. TULK: And he sulked.

MR. NEARY: - and he sulked and ran away and refused to answer questions at a six and-a-half minute news conference that he had hastily called in his office. Has a directive gone out to the ministers? Because it would appear that way, Mr. Chairman, From the -

MR. TOBIN: (Inaudible) that does not happen these days.

MR. NEARY: - behaviour of the Minister of Fisheries(Mr. Morgan) this morning, it would seem that the order has gone out now to attack the CBC. Mr. Chairman, unlike the Tories, on this side of the House we are prepared to answer any questions that any news reporter may wish to put to us.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, if me or any of my colleagues here -

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MR. NEARY: call a news conference, we will not run away like cowards from the reporters after we state our case. The Liberals are prepared to answer questions.

AN HON. MEMBER: You do not have any answers.

MR. NEARY: The Tories are not prepared to answer questions.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh! oh!

MR. NEARY: That is the difference between Liberalism and Toryism, Mr. Chairman. I think that the people of Newfoundland, on Friday, witnessed one of the most despicable acts that they have ever seen in the behaviour of a Premier, when he slinked out of a news conference. He picked up his marbles and ran away because he was afraid to stand his ground and answer

MR. S. NEARY: hard questions that may be put to him by newsmen, just the same as yesterday in this hon. House, we saw the Premier lose his cool because we were asking very penetrating questions about all the fringe benefits that the Premier of this Province was getting to make him the most expensive Premier in Canada. He got up in the House and he screamed.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, he got up in the House and he yelled and he screamed and he shouted-

MR. TULK: His eyes bulged and his arms waved.

MR. NEARY: - and his arms were waving, why, Mr. Chairman, we were expecting on this side of the House any minute, to see the fellows with the white coats-

MR. TULK: That is right.

MR. NEARY: - walk up over the green carpet of Confederation Building. You know, people of this Province are becoming very, very nervous. They think that the job is too big for the hon. gentleman, the hon. gentleman cannot handle it. The hon. gentleman is beginning to cave in under the strain. The strain is getting to him, Mr. Chairman. And, so, I would like to hear from the hon. gentleman as to whether or not this has become a part of conventional wisdom of the Tory Party, that they have sent out a directive to the Ministers to follow the same line adopted by the Premier, and that is no more interviews unless they carry the statements in their entirety, no more editing as in the policy of the news-people when they do interviews. Mr. Chairman, is it any wonder- we know now why the administration will not allow live broadcasts of the House of Assembly. We know now why they will not allow it.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, the reason they will not allow live broadcasts of the House of Assembly is that they are afraid that the Premier might make a blunder, make a slip, might blow his cool,

MR. TULK: He might be seen in one of his tantrums.

MR. NEARY: He might be seen in the midst of one of his tantrums, that is why they will not allow the television cameras to come into the House,

DR. COLLINS: Are you editorializing now?

MR. NEARY: No, I am not editorializing, Mr. Chairman, I am merely stating facts as we see them.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): Order, please! The hon. gentleman's time is relapsed.

MR. NEARY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. President of Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Oh, Mr. Chairman, you know, we have heard a speech.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. MARSHALL: Make no wonder - now the hon. gentleman is on the other side of the House looking at us and he cannot see

MR. MARSHALL: the look of embarrassment on his colleague's face.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Right on.

MR. MARSHALL: I think what we could do, we should place a mirror up here so the hon. gentleman can see the abject embarrassment. Make no wonder the member for Terra Nova (Mr. Lush) would shrug his shoulders and just walk out of the Chamber while the hon. gentleman was still speaking.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. MARSHALL: The hon. member for Terra Nova is not like the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary), he does not play those kinds of games. Neither do the other members of - most of the other members of the Opposition. I do wish to reserve it in case I have to extend the application a bit further in the future. Now, what a foolish question to talk about for ten minutes, managing the press whether there had been any instructions given to any of the ministers with respect to the press. Our relationship with the press remains exactly the same. As I said, the hon. the Premier was constrained to make a comment the other say with respect to a very, very influential media in this Province and the way that it reported one of the most important and crucial issues that faces the people of this Province, i.e. the decision of the Supreme Court of Canada. It was a matter of great disappointment to us, the way it was carried, because first impressions very often are lasting impressions. And we are constrained to point it out, and we did point it out. Now, that is the situation. I also would like to point out, Mr. Chairman, - I am glad the hon. leader is gone - but I would also like to point out that on this whole issue, on this entire issue, of the Premier's Press Conference to which the hon. member

MR. MARSHALL: was referring, to which the hon. Leader of the Opposition was referring, I sense within the past few days that someone has gotten to the Opposition, because every statement that they make in connection with the offshore is a departure from their unanimous consent which they gave to the resolution that was before this House a few weeks ago condemning the Federal Government for its action and urging them to go back to the bargaining table. Could it be that those people i.e. the Federal Government, who reputedly financed the last election campaign for the hon. gentleman have gotten to them?

MR. TULK: What? What? What?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. MARSHALL: Oh, yes, they are supposed to, two hundred, three hundred, four hundred, five. You remember the last election campaign, Mr. Chairman, you could trip over yourself for the money that was being spent by the hon. gentlemen there opposite. Usually, the money is spent by the government party, but they spent money like it was going out of style, and the reports that we received

MR. MARSHALL: was that they were well-oiled and well-greased by the federal Liberal Party. Now, he who pays the piper plays the tune, Mr. Chairman, and I do believe that what has happened in the last few weeks in this departure from their support for the offshore, could have been that the federal Liberals like Mr. Lalonde and Mr. Trudeau and Mr. Rompkey and all these other people have gotten to them.

MR. MORGAN: Who is supposed to be the new Liberal candidate down in the Strait. I wonder?

MR. MARSHALL: What?

MR. YOUNG: Stirling, The new Liberal candidate is Stirling.

MR. MARSHALL: Well, then the new -

MR. MORGAN: Who is the new Liberal going down to run for the seat?

MR. YOUNG: Is that why they have their leadership printed in (inaudible)?

MR. MARSHALL: That is about to come as well. So, you know, of all the ten minutes that the hon. gentleman spoke, there is nothing really to reply to. We are considering the estimates of the Premier's office, 302-01, if the hon. gentleman or any of his colleagues wish to ask sensible questions. The hon. member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Warren) always asks sensible questions.

MR. CHAIRMAN (AYLWARD): The hon. member for Torngat Mountains.

MR. WARREN: Yes, Mr. Chairman, under subhead 302 I understood when the hon. minister gave answers to my previous questions, he was saying that the increase in the salaries was due to maybe one transfer into the Premier's office. Going back over the 1981-1982 salary details and this year's proposed salary details, I understand that there is an extra \$7,000 attached to Mr. Martin's salary. There is an extra \$7,000 added on to the Chief of Staff's salary. There

MR. WARREN: is an extra \$6,300 added on to the press secretary's salary. Mr. Chairman, I understood in the budget that was brought down by the hon. Minister of Finance (Dr. Collins) that he did say that there would be a restraint on members of the House of Assembly, by their receiving no increases, and by giving ministers or higher-up executives - that the restraint would be built into a 5 per cent increase.

Now, Mr. Chairman, I just ran down to the office and did a quick mathematical analysis of these increases and these increases to those three gentlemen work out to roughly a 14 per cent increase

MR. WARREN: instead of the 5 per cent that the Minister of Finance(Dr. Collins) advocated. In his budget on the 27th of May, he advocated that to the high officials, and to the Premier and to the people of the Province and to all members here that we do look upon the Senior Policy Advisor, the Chief of Staff and the Press Secretary to the Premier as highly paid individuals, so surely goodness their salaries should also be tied into the 5 per cent increase, not a 14 per cent increase as advocated in these estimates.

MR. CHAIRMAN(Aylward): The hon. the President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman, see that is the kind of question that we appreciate. That is it -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. MARSHALL: - and that relates to the thing and I congratulate the hon. member for the question. Would that his leader would take lessons from the hon. member.

MR. YOUNG: He should be the leader.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. MARSHALL: The answer to his question is that over the past year, last year, there was an agreement to bring the salaries of the Senior Policy Advisor and the Chief of Staff and one or two others that are mentioned, more in line with the salaries paid to deputy ministers and to assistant deputy ministers. And that is exactly what is done. And what has occurred -

MR. YOUNG: Why do you not bring it in line with the Leader of the Opposition's salary?

MR. MARSHALL: - has not been an increase

MR. MARSHALL: above the yardstick indicated by the Minister of Finance (Dr. Collins). As a matter of fact, I do not believe there is any increase, because one of them is on a contractual basis. But the purpose of it was - the reason for the increase arose as a result of a re-classification, not an increase in salary. And I would say that Mr. Martin and the other members of the staff are certainly very, very comparable in their positions to deputy ministers and to assistant deputy ministers. So I want to make it quite clear I thank the hon. member for his question, but there is no departure from the policy enunciated by the Minister of Finance when he came in with his stupendous budget which is going to result in a surplus on current account, being the only one in Eastern Canada.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): The hon. the Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Chairman, did I understand the answer

MR. NEARY: to the question asked by my hon. colleague the member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Warren) correctly. Did the hon. gentleman say, that when the government announced a 5 per cent increase to try to hold the line, to try to set the pattern for the public service in their negotiations, that the 5 percent did not apply to Mr. Martin and the executive support staff in the Premiers office, that they had already been given a 14 or 15 per cent increase in pay? Is that what I understand from the hon. gentleman?

MR. MARSHALL: If the hon. gentleman will sit down, I will give the answer.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Alyward): The hon. President of Council.

MR. MARSHALL: The hon. gentleman is continually playing Dick Tracey in this House. I answered the hon. member for Torngat Mountains and I surely do not need to reargitate or reinterpret the answer. The fact of the matter is that, the hon. member for Torngat Mountains was wondering whether the increase was reparable to a change in policy by the policy enunciated by the Minister of Finance in his speech, of a 5 per cent increase for senior civil servants or for the management staff, and the answer was no. The increase is attributable to a re-classification, which reclassification occurred before the budget was put together and before this policy was put together.

MR. CALLAN: Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. member for Bellevue

MR. ROBERTS: Will the Minister table a copy re-classification?

MR. CALLAN: Mr. Chairman, I want to get back to that item we were on just now. We are talking -

MR. CALLAN: - about salaries here, we are talking about 302-02 on top of page 18. We were talking about the salaries there, and the question was asked just now, this year just finished \$282,000, next year \$432,500.

MR. MARSHALL: Sorry, I did not hear the question from the hon. member.

MR. CALLAN: We are talking about 302-02

AN. HON. MEMBER: 302-01.

MR. CALLAN: Yes, 302-02-01. Last year the salaries, executive support salaries \$282,000, this year \$432,500. The question was asked earlier but I am not sure I got the answer. Would the President of the Council mind repeating the answer. What is the reason for the tremendous increase there?

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman, there is no, as and I said to my knowledge. The names I have before me are pretty well all the same names, I am pretty sure they are all the same names - there is no increase, total increase in the staff. The only thing I can attribute that to is a transfer of some other

MR. MARSHALL: position from one subhead to another. The personnel here, as I see them listed here, are people who have been in the employ of the government, certainly during the regime of the present administration.

MR. CHAIRMAN (AYLWARD): The hon. member for Bellevue.

MR. CALLAN: I was going to say supplementary but we are not in -

MR. MARSHALL: There is another. If the hon. member would permit me -

MR. CALLAN: Go ahead.

MR. MARSHALL: - there is another. The quote that the hon. member was referring to, I believe, was from the revised estimates for 1981-1982 rather than the budgeted estimates for 1981-1982. There were some vacant positions and there still are some vacant positions. But, as the hon. member knows, you budget for all the positions filled or unfilled. So you are really comparing the budgeted position of this year with the revised position at the end of last year as well. So these are two of the factors.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shall 302-01 carry?

MR. HODDER: Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. member for Port au Port.

MR. HODDER: Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to ask the minister, because I was not quite clear what he was saying when he was talking about the assistants to the Premier in the Premier's office. He said they were reclassified. I note that the senior policy advisor, his salary is up by \$7,000. The chief of staff - now that is a strange title, Mr. Chairman, it is almost like a military dictatorship - but, Mr. Chairman, the chief of staff he received \$39,000 and that is upped to \$46,000.

MR. TULK: He received what?

MR. HODDER: It is up to \$46,000.

MR. ROBERTS:

Talk

about value for service.

MR. HODDER:

Press secretary to the Premier,

\$34,190 up to \$40,000, secretary to the Premier - the others are not up. What I would like to ask the President of the Council is, at what point in time were these salaries reclassified.

MR. CHAIRMAN (AYLWARD): The hon. President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL:

Mr. Chairman, I know with respect

to Mr. Martin, as the hon. gentlemen know, Mr. Martin is on a contractual basis, as I think is indicated there.

Mr. Martin terminated his previous contract, I think, during the summertime and he went off for a certain period of time and that contract was ended. Then he came back. When his salary was renegotiated for the new contract it was thought proper and certainly, I think, I submit it, very proper for the hon. gentleman to receive a salary comparable to a Deputy Minister. Because as a senior policy advisor to the Premier, we saw nothing wrong with that, it is comparable to a Deputy Minister.

MR. MARSHALL: The same with Mr. Hewlett, the Chief of Staff. His was thought to be much more appropriate upward. So this was done, Mr. Chairman, in accordance with, in effect, an internal reclassification in the Premier's office which more properly reflects, I think you will agree, Mr. Chairman, the worth of the individual's concerned and their comparable positions. That is the situation. It occurred, and I emphasize, it occurred quite long before the budget was put together and it has no relationship at all to the guidelines announced by the Minister of Finance (Dr. Collins).

MR. ROBERTS: That is obvious.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): The hon. the member for Port au Port.

MR. HODDER: Mr. Chairman, the question I asked the minister was, "How long before the budget came down?" And the answer I got back was quite some time. How long is quite some time, Mr. Chairman? And if there is a 5 per cent holdback with senior civil servants, Mr. Chairman - obviously the the government knew that they were going to try to crucify the public service, and it seems to me that what they have done here is that they have looked after the chosen few before the budget came down.

MR. NEARY: Hear, hear!

MR. HODDER: The specific question is, "How long?"

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: This is what the hon. gentlemen opposite have been trying to do for the past few minutes, to try to show - but this is not so, Mr. Chairman, I say it quite plainly to the hon. member, that this occurred some months before the budgetary process began, I believe, if memory serves me correct, September of last year, August of last year, and July of perhaps last year. But I can certainly assure the hon. gentleman that this was done

MR. MARSHALL: long before the budgetary process began and the decision that was arrived at by the government with respect to wages. So, it is not a case, as the hon. gentleman puts it, of looking after what he calls "the privileged few", what really it was, Mr. Chairman, was a reclassification that occurred before. I am sure there are hundreds of reclassifications of this nature that have occurred in the Public Service beforehand. Most of them appeared before the classification appeal board, this particular situation under the thing now. So, I mean, you know, the hon. gentlemen can paint a black picture all they wish too. They spent a long time doing it, they got a good teacher over there showing them how to, but I mean it just does not wash, that is all. It just does not wash. It is not so.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): The hon. the member for the Strait of Belle Isle.

MR. ROBERTS: Just before the Committee rises for the end of another exciting day - if the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan) would contain his glee at the demise of whoever was demised in the Yukon - the Liberals again was it? Oh, boy!

MR. TULK: Big deal.

MR. ROBERTS: While the light holds out to burn the vilest sinners may return. Now, Mr. Chairman, I wonder if I could ask my friend the accommodating Leader of the government side of the House, the gentleman from St. John's East (Mr. Marshall), if he would be kind enough to have and to table at the next - Thursday we are back at this jollification again? Mr. Martin, was working under contract. Formerly the Cabinet, the government were good enough to table Mr. Martin's contract.

MR. ROBERTS: Perhaps a lot of fuss and feathers could be saved if when the Committee meets again on Thursday, the government House Leader would lay upon the table of the House a copy of the current contract with Mr. Martin. You know, my own feeling is that anything that Mr. Martin is paid is little enough. Given that he has to work with the Premier and with the Ministers Opposite, I think he deserves it. But, if we could have a copy of his current contract, we did have a copy of his former one, so there is hardly a precedent to be set, perhaps that would put it all at rest, we would see exactly what terms he is working under, for how long, for how much, and so forth. That is at least what we had before.

MR. TULK: That is right.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Aylward): The hon. President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman, it is very refreshing to see the member for the Strait of Belle Isle (Mr. Roberts) authorize or suggest an increase to Mr. Martin. That is really very interesting and certainly - under advisement, Mr. Chairman, but we can not really do it this year. Because of the guidelines that we have in, we just can not do it. All I can say to the hon. member, we tabled it last time, there is no intention of hiding anything from the House. I do not want to give an undertaking at this point in time because I do not know, I would like to ask - shall I say, Mr. Chairman, we will take it under advisement and with these words I move the committee rise, and report progress and ask leave to set again.

On motion, that the Committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again, Mr. Speaker returned to the Chair.

MR. SPEAKER (RUSSELL): The hon. member for Kilbride.

MR. AYLWARD: Mr. Speaker, the Committee of Supply has considered the matters to them referred and has directed me to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

On motion, report received and adopted, Committee ordered to sit again on tomorrow.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker, just before I move the adjournment of the House I would like to advise the House that the Estimates Committee, Government Services Committee is meeting at nine o'clock instead of nine-thirty. Members could take note. We will meet at the Colonial Building to consider the Department of Finance's estimates.

DR. COLLINS: That is nine o'clock?

MR. MARSHALL: Yes, at nine o'clock instead of nine-thirty. And at nine-thirty here in the House of Assembly the Social Services Committee will be considering the estimates of the Department of Education.

Mr. Speaker, I move the House at its rising do adjourn until tomorrow, Wednesday, at 3:00 p.m. and that this House do now adjourn.

On motion the House at its rising adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.