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MR. SPEAKER (McNicholas):  
Order, please!

Statements by Ministers

MR. RIDEOUT:  
Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. RIDEOUT:  
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, for the past number of years, the Department of Fisheries has pursued a policy of cost-sharing the installation of three-phase power in fish plants throughout the Province.

The purpose of this policy is to allow operators, especially smaller ones, to add freezing capacity to their existing operations. This in turn enables these operators to expand and diversify their operations as well as enhancing the quality of the material they produce. Also, Mr. Speaker, it allows these smaller operator/owners to conduct their business on a more competitive basis, especially in relation to larger processors, for whom capital expenditures are not as much a consideration.

Mr. Speaker, this programme operates on a cost-shared basis with the Department of Fisheries contributing 75 per cent and the owner/operator paying 25 per cent, once applications have been approved.

I am pleased to announce today that the Department of Fisheries has approved another application

under the extension of three-phase power programme. The approval is for the fish plant at New Ferrole on the Great Northern Peninsula, which is owned and operated by James Doyle and Sons Ltd.

Mr. Speaker, Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro requires a contribution in aid of construction for this project of \$122,000. The cost-shared contribution for this project will be James Doyle and Sons Ltd. - 25 per cent amounting to \$30,500, and the Department of Fisheries - 75 per cent amounting to \$91,500.

Mr. Speaker, this major expenditure by my department will enhance and guarantee the sixty jobs that now exist in the New Ferrole plant. In addition, I have approved a caplin processing license for this facility which, if anything, will increase their work force. In my opinion, these steps illustrate our faith and commitment to the fishing industry, not only in areas like New Ferrole but by extension they are an example of our commitment to the fishery of the entire Province.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:  
Hear, hear!

MR. SIMMONS:  
Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. SIMMONS:  
Mr. Speaker, I thank the minister for making a copy available to me in the absence of my colleague, the gentleman for the Strait of Belle Isle (Mr. Decker), whose district is so directly affected, and also the gentleman from

Twillingate (Mr. W. Carter), both of whom are, unlike the gentleman for Carbonear (Mr. Peach), being of a service to their constituents at the moment by being directly in their constituencies, in the case of the latter, and the former representing this House, in the case of the gentleman for St. Barbe (Mr. Furey), at a Parliamentary function.

In their absences I just want to respond briefly to the statement. First of all, we do welcome the statement. Anything which assists the development of the inshore fishery is a step in the right direction. Mr. Speaker, we are particularly pleased that the government has discovered the small fish people.

MR. PEACH:

No thanks to you.

MR. SIMMONS:

Mr. Speaker, I tell you, Sir, I am going to take my dead time today, because if I am not going to be heard -

MR. PEACH:

Why not? You have been a long time dead.

MR. SPEAKER:

Order, please!

MR. SIMMONS:

Ah, Mr. Speaker, the wit of the hon. member just boggles the mind, not his, those who have one.

MR. DINN:

Do not be so arrogant.

MR. SPEAKER:

Order, please!

MR. SIMMONS:

I will admit to the gentleman for Pleasantville (Mr. Dinn) that some

of us have less to be arrogant about than others.

MR. DINN:

You certainly have less.

MR. SIMMONS:

Mr. Speaker, they are a touchy bunch today. Their leader is gone. Their deputy leader is gone.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER:

Order, please!

There seems to be just a continuous interruption from hon. members on my left. I would ask them for silence, please.

MR. SIMMONS:

The Minister of Finance is shell shocked from the despicable performance in the House yesterday, and we will talk about that later.

Let us talk about small fish operators for a moment, Mr. Speaker. Talking about people who have gotten a raw deal, there they are and finally the government has at least opened one eye to do just a little pittance, nothing compared to what they were prepared to do for the big fish companies. But that is another issue, as well, and we will come to it, except in this instance I would have hoped that the minister would have addressed in his statement something of the impact that FBI's privatization will have on the marketing capability of those smaller companies. You can pour in all the money you want, Mr. Speaker, but if with one hand you do that and with the other you undermine the effort of those small fish operators by stacking the cards against them through the

privatization of the large company, then what is the use in terms of net effect?

Mr. Speaker, finally, it is clear that the fishery plays a very small role in any development plan this government might have. I thought the minister's last statement, or just about his last statement, when he talked about this initiative being an example of 'our commitment', I say, yes, it is an example but not in the sense that he wanted to suggest, it is an example, once again, of the pittance that the inshore fishery gets, it is an example of how weak and ineffectual is the advocacy in Cabinet for matters relating to the fishery in this Province. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. LONG:  
Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:  
The hon. the member for St. John's East.

MR. LONG:  
I would also like to thank the minister for a copy of his statement, and I would raise concerns in the same manner as I did yesterday with the statement by the Minister of Career Development and Advanced Studies (Mr. Power) on job creation, that in the absence of a coherent programme, both for restructuring the debt problem of the inshore fishery and any kind of long-term development for the inshore fishery, this particular project, while having its own merit and certainly for the people involved at this plant I am sure it will be an exciting development, does not amount to a major initiative by the government. This particular project, with its 25 per cent, 75 per cent formula, could be a good

model to encourage other small operators across the Province to come forward with proposals if they know that they will get this kind of support from the government.

But this project will only be a model in as much as the government must put in plan an invitation to small operators to come forward on their own terms and be assured that the government will respond with support. This is another project being presented in an ad hoc fashion, and does not guarantee any genuine programme of support for the inshore fishery.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I would just like to raise a point in the minister's statement that is not clear in my own mind, where he says that Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro requires a contribution in aid of construction for this project. Perhaps at another point you could clarify that statement.

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

MR. LONG:  
Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

#### Oral Questions

MR. TULK:  
Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:  
The hon. the member for Fogo.

MR. TULK:  
Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the hon. the Minister of Finance (Dr. Collins). Yesterday I asked him a question concerning the compensation given to two patronage appointments that were

appointed by the cabinets of the former Premier Moores and the present Premier. He gave me information which I have to say to him seems to conflict with information given by the Minister of Labour (Mr. Blanchard) on Tuesday. Let me ask the Minister of Finance has he done any consultation at all in the last little while concerning responsibilities in this matter?

DR. COLLINS:

Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. the Minister of Finance.

DR. COLLINS:

I am not certain what the hon. member is referring to, Mr. Speaker, but I can inform him that I did enquire from the Workers' Compensation Board - or at least the Executive Director, I think his title is, Mr. Maynard, at the Workers' Compensation Board - in follow up to the remarks I made in the House yesterday. I did enquire from him whether in actual fact he had received any request or representation from any employer, as is their right, for information on this matter. And he has told me that to his knowledge that he has not. So not even the employers, who are directly involved and out of whose pockets come any compensation for present employees at the Compensation Board or any consideration given to past members, were concerned enough to enquire about it.

MR. TULK:

Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. the member for Fogo.

MR. TULK:

Mr. Speaker, yesterday - and I want to quote from Hansard - the minister said 'If he' - referring to me - 'wants that sort of information he goes to the source and the source in this case is the Workers' Compensation Board.' Let me ask the minister why did he, if he felt it was as clear cut as he said yesterday in this Legislature, feel it necessary to call the Workers' Compensation Commission to discuss the matter? Is he also aware that I, as a member of this Legislature, was told this morning when I called the Workers' Compensation Board - the Executive Director of Finance, I believe, was the title of the person I talked to - that as a member of the Legislature that information was not available to me?

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. the Minister of Finance.

DR. COLLINS:

Mr. Speaker, I just explained to the hon. member why I called. I called to get information on whether they had received any legitimate enquiries from legitimate enquirers, if I may put it in those terms, i.e. the businessmen who have to ultimately foot the bill for any payouts. I enquired whether they had had any actual legitimate enquiries or enquiries from legitimate sources rather than the sort of spurious enquiries people who are not involved directly, like the Minister of Labour or myself, have had in this House. It was a perfectly natural thing to do and I presume that any citizen in the Province is allowed to use a phone in the Province.

MR. TULK:

A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

A supplementary, the hon. the member for Fogo.

MR. TULK:

I would remind the hon. gentleman that as a member of this Legislature I suppose we are employers and have to, in some way act according to the Workers' Compensation -

MR. DINN:

How much have you paid in to Workers' Compensation?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER:

Order, please!

MR. TULK:

Be quiet!

The staff of the Opposition Office, I suppose, under the present arrangement, has to have some payments made to the Workers' Compensation Board.

Let me bring up another point. The other day the Minister of Labour said that he had gotten a legal opinion from the Department of Justice that this information would not be available under The Freedom of Information Act. Now, let me ask the minister if indeed that information is readily available to employers in this Province who are subscribers to the Workers' Compensation Board, if that information concerning the amount that was paid out to those two patronage appointees is readily available to employers upon their calling the Workers' Compensation Board, as he said yesterday it would be?

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. the Minister of Finance.

DR. COLLINS:

Mr. Speaker, I do not know why I am being questioned about this. It is a Workers' Compensation Board issue. If the employers want to ring them they can ring them, if they do not want to ring them no one is going to force them to ring them. No one apparently has had enough interest in the matter, because it is such a foolish matter, to bother phoning up. Only the Opposition feel it is a matter of some importance because they hope to get a few brownie points out of it. The honest-to-goodness, sensible businessmen in this Province feel quite sure that the Workers' Compensation Commission has done everything that they should do, nothing improper, everything quite normal and aboveboard, and they have not even bothered to ring about it. It is only the member opposite who is making a big hoo-haw about it and he is making himself look so foolish. I mean, it really is ridiculous.

MR. TULK:

A final supplementary, Mr. Speaker..

MR. SPEAKER:

A final supplementary, the hon. the member for Fogo.

MR. TULK:

Mr. Speaker, let me say to the hon. gentleman that the \$200,000 in funds that has to be paid out of subscribers financing of the Workers' Compensation Board because of two patronage appointments by this government is important to the people of this Province, and it is not foolish. The only answer that is foolish is the minister's.

Now, let me ask a supplementary to the Minister of Labour. In this

Legislature on Tuesday the minister informed us he had a legal opinion that under The Freedom of Information Act this information was not available. Is he aware that an official of the Workers' Compensation Board believes differently, and said this morning that contrary to what the minister said - that it is available to employers just by their calling, just by getting in contact with the Workers' Compensation Board - if employers want to get this they have to go through The Freedom of Information Act to the Workers' Compensation Board, and that indeed that is the only way that they can get the information?

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. the Minister of Labour.

MR. BLANCHARD:

Mr. Speaker, any member or employee of Workers' Compensation Board is entitled to any opinion that he wants to express to the hon. the member for Fogo, but my legal information, Mr. Speaker, and the information that I gave this House on Tuesday, was that I had gone to the Department of Justice, sought a legal opinion and obtained the opinion, Mr. Speaker, that under Section 9 of The Freedom of Information Act that information, because it is dealt with in a Cabinet paper, is not available, it is protected by The Freedom of Information Act. So if there is something more clear than that I can tell you I will be happy to say it.

MR. GILBERT:

Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. member for Burgeo - Bay d'Espoir.

MR. SIMMONS:

A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

That was a final supplementary on that question.

MR. GILBERT:

Yesterday I ask the minister a question concerning Newfoundland Hydro's proposed move to a new office building. Is the minister aware that the BAE Group are consultants in this matter for Newfoundland Hydro and are also consultants for the owners of Cabot place? Will the minister not further agree that this is certainly a conflict of interest situation?

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. the Minister of Finance.

DR. COLLINS:

Mr. Speaker, I am glad the hon. member brought up this question again because yesterday, I fully admit, I was not up to speed on it. I was rather surprised that the hon. member brought it up when the Minister of Energy (Mr. Ottenheimer) was out of the Province. He has been in the Province and in his seat ever since the House opened just about, he might have been out for one day or whatever, but the minute he leaves the Province, which he left yesterday, the hon. member brings up a point that the hon. Minister of Energy has the responsibility for and undoubtedly has the answer about. That was one point.

Now the other point is it was rather interesting, Mr. Speaker, to dig out the information that the member is leaning on. And what do we find? We find it is a gossip item in a local newspaper called **The Sunday Express**, which I personally do not get but that

does not mean anything, I personally do not get the rag - I mean the paper. But anyway it is in The Sunday Express of February 8. What is the date today?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

The 26th.

DR. COLLINS:

The 26th. February 8 this sort of gossipy, garbagey little article is in there, and now the hon. member leaps to his feet in Question Period, which is supposed to be for important, urgent questions, questions important to the public good, and comes out waving this piece of paper, February 8, with all these allegations and misstatements and so on and so forth. Anyway, Mr. Speaker, I do not want to indulge your time any longer. I did enquire - I hope the hon. House Leader opposite did not mind me using the telephone this morning - I did phone Newfoundland Hydro about the thing -

MR. TULK:

Tell us what you said to Workers' Compensation!

MR. SPEAKER:

Order, please!

DR. COLLINS:

- and Newfoundland Hydro assured me that this was just as it says here, "certain people say", "certain sources contend", "certain people suggest", it was all this sort of thing.

MR. SIMMS:

Very reliable!

DR. COLLINS:

It was a perfectly straightforward public tender, nothing hidden, nothing in a brown paper bag left

on anyone's doorstep, a perfectly open public tender for space that they required -

MR. SIMMS:

Written by Russell Wangersky, or whatever his name is.

DR. COLLINS:

- because they are running out of space. They now have in one building 101,000 square feet. They have dotted around the city another 25,000 square feet or so, and they are trying to get it together. They are also trying to get a bit of extra space for other facilities they wish to bring in. So obviously they need a new building so they go to public tender, and that is the whole issue.

MR. GILBERT:

A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

A supplementary, the hon. the member for Burgeo-Bay d'Espoir.

MR. GILBERT:

Yesterday the Minister of Finance challenged me to prove that specifications put forward by Newfoundland Hydro fit the design of a building owned by two Tory fund raisers, namely Cabot Place. Here, Mr. Speaker, are two sets of documents, one the documents for Cabot Place and the other the proposal for Newfoundland Hydro.

Now will he not admit this is another prime example of Tory pork barrelling? I would like to table those, please.

MR. SIMMS:

What are you looking up to the press gallery for?

MR. GILBERT:

Because they are great people,



boy. You just ran them down you talked about The Sunday Express, I want to let them know that we on this side agree with them.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Bring it up to the Press Gallery.

MR. GILBERT:

Oh, I will. They can have copies of it. Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. the Minister of Finance.

DR. COLLINS:

Mr. Speaker, I do not know if that was a supplementary question. I presume it was.

MR. SIMMS:

Answer it anyway.

DR. COLLINS:

It was so obscure that I do not know what it is. All I can assure the hon. member, when the hon. minister comes back he will make bird soup of his questions.

MR. GILBERT:

A final supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

A final supplementary.

MR. GILBERT:

In view of the fact that Newfoundland Hydro is a Crown corporation, which takes its source of revenue directly from the consumers of electricity in this Province, will he not now agree to carry out an independent enquiry into this apparently shady deal?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Oh, oh!

MR. BAKER:

Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. the member for Gander.

MR. BAKER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

Order, please!

MR. BAKER:

My question is to the Minister of Education (Mr. Hearn). In his answer to my question yesterday he said, and I quote from Hansard, "Before any teachers from outside the Province are hired here that an agreement has to be obtained from the Newfoundland Teachers' Association." In light of the fact that the NTA is notified only after the hirings have taken place, does the minister now want to take advantage of this opportunity to correct the false information he gave the House yesterday?

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. the Minister of Education.

MR. HEARN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I just happen to have on hand a copy of the collective agreement. If I remember correctly what I said was that when teachers are hired from outside the Province they are only hired when teachers cannot be found within the Province. Either they cannot be found in whichever vein the board wants teachers, maybe a specialist in French or what have you, or if a certain board cannot find a teacher to go to a remote area, quite often they will hire outside the Province. If any teachers are hired outside these reasons I would be very surprised. Because there is, as part of the collective agreement, a clause, Article 6.04, which states that an agreement has to be reached with

the Teachers' Association. What the item really says is that 'Preference in hiring shall be given to teachers who are residents of the Province, provided they are qualified and suitable in the opinion of the School Board. In the event that a teacher must be hired from outside the Province, the Association shall be notified at the time of hiring.' They do not have to go to the NTA to ask permission to hire, but the Newfoundlander Teachers' Association has to be notified at the time of hiring. You might say this is locking the barn door after the horse is out, but certainly any association has the right to grieve. If a board hires a teacher it should not, in the opinion of the Newfoundland Teachers' Association - which looks after their teachers - then undoubtedly that Association will grieve and the board would have to rescind any decision it has made.

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. the member for Gander,

MR. BAKER:

I am happy to see that the minister has corrected the false information he gave yesterday where he said, and I quote again, 'before any teachers are hired an agreement has to be obtained.' Now, Mr. Speaker, another question to the Minister of Education relates to the very paragraph he just quoted from. In his answer to another question yesterday, Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Education said, 'There is a clause in the collective agreement whereby the Newfoundland Teachers' Association has to agree with the hiring.' The clause that the minister just read out -

MR. SPEAKER:

Order, please!

Would the hon. member pose his supplementary?

MR. BAKER:

Yes, Mr. Speaker, I will very gladly pose my supplementary. Does the minister realize that in the clause he just read out the operative phrase is in the opinion of the School Board'? In light of the fact, then, that there is no clause in the collective agreement such as he referred to yesterday, will the minister now take the opportunity to straighten out this matter and to agree that really he has no effective control over the situation, and neither does the NTA?

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. the Minister of Education.

MR. HEARN:

Mr. Speaker, the member is away of base on this one, as usual. The clause in the collective agreement is there as a part of a document drawn up as a tripartite agreement between the government, school boards and the Newfoundland Teachers' association. The clause does give teachers protection because if a board hires a teacher from outside the Province because the board cannot find somebody who is either capable or qualified or wishes to go to a certain area within the Province, then the board has to notify the Teachers' Association. Now, if the member is indicating that the Newfoundland Teachers' Association does not have power enough to grieve if they feel that a teacher has been hired from outside when a teacher is inside, then I think he is taking the Newfoundland Teachers' Association in a very light manner. Certainly, I think they are much more powerful than that and they would be the very first to grieve if the school

board hired from outside the Province. They would be extremely upset about that, and so would we if jobs are given outside this Province to people who could be replaced by people from within this Province who are looking for work.

MR. BAKER:

A final supplementary.

MR. SPEAKER:

A final supplementary.

MR. BAKER:

Mr. Speaker, what I am talking about here is not the power of the NTA but the often stated local preference policy of this government. I will ask the minister, Mr. Speaker, is he at some future date as Minister of Education going to take an interest in the local preference policy as it applies to teachers in this Province? Is he going to take an interest in getting some control over the way that educational money is spent in this Province? Is he going to get some control over the way that money is spent in terms of the waste in the system? When is he going to get that kind of control?

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. the Minister of Education.

MR. HEARN:

Mr. Speaker, it was a long question, but a good question and to the point. Number one, there is, in that collective agreement, power for the Newfoundland Teachers' Association to grieve any decision that is made by a school board. Now school boards sometimes make decisions - they perhaps hire people - that anybody can get upset about. I have been advised on several occasions that substitute teachers, who are out

there trying to find a few days work because there is an excess of teachers in certain areas, they get very upset when people who work part-time in other full-time professions, as such, come home during holidays or days off and substitute in schools and take dollars away from them. These teachers have the right to grieve, but in a case like that, of course, they have not got a leg to stand on. But when it comes to hiring from outside the Province, they certainly have.

If the member thinks that the item in the collective agreement is not strong enough, that there really are not the teeth in it there there should be, I will certainly see that it is on the table again during the next negotiations, which are coming up soon. Because if he feels that every bit of power that the government, the school boards and the Newfoundland Teachers' Association need to make sure our own teachers are hired first should be here in black and white, if it is not now here, then I agree with him, and I will do everything I can to make sure that the teeth will be there to make sure our teachers are hired for the jobs within the Province, because that is always the intent of this government.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. SIMMONS:

Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. the Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SIMMONS:

Mr. Speaker, I say to the Minister of Education that is not good enough. It is not enough to talk

around the problem, to say one day that there must be a prior agreement, word for word - the minister said yesterday there must be an agreement before the fact - and today he gets up and says that is not so and blames the clause in the collective bargaining agreement. Now, I say to him, if he is going to serve education and serve this House, he should first get his facts straight.

Secondly, he should not come in here and talk all around the problem.

Thirdly, my question, Mr. Speaker: Does the minister not realize that what we are talking about here is jobs for Newfoundlanders while he is standing idly by doing double talk, not even understanding the legislation that he is supposed to be involved in and administering? Now, will he come clean with the House and tell this House that from now, despite his fumbling yesterday, his lack of information today, he will now go out and dedicate himself to protecting Newfoundland teaching jobs for Newfoundlanders first?

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

MR. HEARN:  
Mr. Speaker, number one, let me clarify the statement. Before a teacher from outside the Province is hired in this Province the board concerned has to make sure that a person qualified is not here in the Province. If a teacher is hired from outside the Province, then, at the time of hiring, the Teachers' Association has to be notified. Certainly if the Teachers' Association feels that somebody in the Province was suitable, then they will grieve.

Therefore, before that position becomes a permanent position at all, before anyone can take a place here, undoubtedly a grievance would be filed and the board would not have a leg to stand on, as it should be.

In relation to the collective agreement, I suggest to my hon. colleague that, as a former President of the Newfoundland Teachers' Association, he played a very important part in collective agreements, and if there are clauses in here that are not strong enough to give our teachers the protection that they need I will certainly do my part to make sure that we hold the jobs for Newfoundlanders, but perhaps he did not do his job in the past.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:  
Hear, hear!

MR. SIMMONS:  
A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. SIMMONS:  
Mr. Speaker, the minister's oration on the matter of grievances tells us he knows nearly as much about labour as the Minister of Labour does. Does he not know that grievances are after the fact, after the contract has been entered into?

Mr. Speaker, my supplementary -

MR. MORGAN:  
A point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:  
A point of order, the hon. the member for Bonavista South.

MR. MORGAN:

It is well-known the rules of the House call for brief supplementary questions. The hon. gentleman has not been asking brief supplementary questions. He has been making speeches and abusing the rules of the House.

MR. SPEAKER:  
Order, please!

To that point of order, there is no point of order.

The hon. the Leader of the Opposition.

MR. SIMMONS:  
I thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the Minister of Education, having now informed the House that the collective bargaining agreement does indeed provide for notice only, and having wrongly alleged yesterday that before any teachers from outside the Province are hired an agreement has to be obtained from the NTA, having falsely informed the House of that yesterday, will he, Mr. Speaker, now undertake, if he has not already done so, to publicly apologize to the NTA for having so badly misrepresented their situation in this matter? And will he undertake, Mr. Speaker, to ensure that jobs available in Newfoundland education are made available first to people who reside in the Province? That is the issue.

MR. SPEAKER:  
Order, please!

Before the hon. the minister replies, I would like to point out that alleging that a person made a false statement is not a parliamentary comment. I would refer the hon. member to Beauchesne, page 106, for 'false'

and 'false representations'. I would ask him if he would withdraw that.

MR. SIMMONS:  
Mr. Speaker, I am not clear as to what the words were, but if there was that implication, I withdraw. I say that in making -

SOME HON. MEMBERS:  
Withdraw! Withdraw!

MR. SPEAKER:  
Order, please!

MR. SIMMONS:  
Mr. Speaker, I have withdrawn. I do not know what the gentlemen are so excited about. I have withdraw.

Mr. Speaker, in its place I say, Sir, that yesterday the minister made certain statements which are contrary to fact by his own admission today. I put the question to him.

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

MR. HEARN:  
Mr. Speaker, to the question, I simply say to the hon. member that the only confusion is the hon. member's interpretation of what was said. He was quite clear on what I said and so was everybody else. I would suggest to him, in answer to his final question, that, yes, I will do as I have always done, as this government has done, try to protect the jobs of teachers, as of other people in this Province, so that we will have here in the teaching profession long-time, permanent jobs, which is in great difference to that of the Leader of the Opposition.

MR. BARRY:  
Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. the member for Mount Scio  
- Bell Island.

MR. BARRY:

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Rideout), in light of the fact that there was \$177 million, apparently, predicted as the total proceeds of the FPI sale of shares, has the minister been able to establish how much greater the proceeds would have been had there been no stock option plan established for the company's fourteen executive officers?

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. the Minister of Fisheries.

MR. RIDEOUT:

Mr. Speaker, both levels of government, as has been said before and I am sure the hon. gentleman knows, and the bank, engaged the services of fiscal agents to advise us on the privatization proposal that was put forth to both levels of government and the bank some time in the latter part of last year. We engaged advisors, Mr. Speaker, quite separately. The Province engaged one set of advisors and the federal government, as a shareholder, engaged another set. It was pointed out to us, quite clearly, that the privatization proposal that was put forward by the management and Board of Directors of FPI, was not negatively impacted. In fact, it was an asset according to the independent fiscal advice that both governments received, that there be some stock management option for senior executives of that company.

MR. BARRY:

Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. the member for Mount Scio  
- Bell Island.

MR. BARRY:

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister of Consumer Affairs (Mr. Russell), in light of the hype that is going on with respect to FPI shares, which may or may not be justified in light of the final price that will occur after the shares begin trading in public, and in light of the large losses incurred with the oil fever which struck and resulted in trading of Mobil options with many large losses incurred in the Province, has the Minister of Consumer Affairs contemplated issuing any statement encouraging people to keep their feet on the ground and recognizing that in this stock, as in others, stocks go up and stocks go down?

MR. RUSSELL:

Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. the Minister of Consumer Affairs.

MR. RUSSELL:

Mr. Speaker, I have not issued any such statement. However, I understand from various media and so on that the people who are in stock market business and selling the shares have advised each and every customer who makes an inquiry about these shares that, like all such things, there are ups and downs in it, and if they make a decision to buy some shares then they buy them on the same basis as they buy any other shares.

MR. BARRY:

A supplementary.

MR. SPEAKER:

A final supplementary.

MR. BARRY:

Would the minister consider issuing such a statement? I am sure there is a very healthy outlook for the fishing industry, and I am sure that FPI will do well in its management of its resource, but will the minister consider looking at whether in fact the hype that is occurring right now with respect to these shares might need a statement from the minister to encourage people to keep their feet on the ground in terms of investment in these shares?

MR. RUSSELL:

Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. the Minister of Consumer Affairs.

MR. RUSSELL:

Mr. Speaker, certainly if I feel there is a need to issue any such statement in order to protect any consumer from doing something that he or she may be sorry for down the road, I will be only too happy to do it. However, in this particular case, and at this particular time I do not see that there is a need to issue such a statement.

MR. LUSH:

Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. the member for Bonavista North.

MR. LUSH:

Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance (Dr. Collins). In the Fifteenth Annual Industrial Review and Business Forecast, The Evening Telegram of March 25, 1987, there are eight separate one-quarter page ads from the Premier and seven Cabinet

ministers. That is eight separate one-quarter page ads from the Premier and seven Cabinet ministers. Would the minister not agree that these expenditures on this specific method of advertising, considering the Province's financial plight, represent a ponderous and a scandalous waste?

DR. COLLINS:

Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. the Minister of Finance.

DR. COLLINS:

Mr. Speaker, my understanding of the matter is that that particular addition of the paper dealt in depth with the economy of the Province and the outlook of the Province and development in the Province, that type of thing. I think probably it is the only time that they have ever done that, although they might have done it five years ago. But certainly if they have ever done it before it was most infrequent. It was a particular special event. And the departments involved in the economic promotion and the economic stimulation of the Province felt that they wanted to help out, to give a boost to the whole thing, because we do need the people of this Province more intimately knowledgeable about the economy of the Province and what we should do to improve our welfare.

MR. LUSH:

A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

A supplementary, the hon. the member for Bonavista North.

MR. LUSH:

Mr. Speaker, I indicated in the

question this specific method of advertising. In view of the Province's financial plight, would the minister not admit that it would be more fiscally prudent to have put the pretty faces of the Premier, and his seven Cabinet ministers, maybe all on one one-quarter page ad or at least one-half page ad instead of this scandalous waste of eight separate one-quarter page ads costing this Province nearly \$3,000?

DR. COLLINS:  
Mr. Speaker.

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

DR. COLLINS:  
Mr. Speaker, we thought of that, but when we lined up all the Cabinet ministers we could not pick the prettiest one out, they were all equally pretty, so we decided to go the other route. I protested. I said I was sure I could pick out seven others who were equally pretty but no one would go along with it.

MR. SPEAKER (McNicholas):  
Order, please!

The time for Oral Questions has elapsed.

I would like to welcome to the gallery Mayor Bill Lockyer of Lawn, in the district of Grand Bank.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:  
Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER:  
And also Mr. Luke Piercey, President of the Licensed Boarding Home Association of Newfoundland and Labrador.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

Answers to Questions  
for which Notice has been Given

MR. BLANCHARD:  
Mr. Speaker.

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

MR. BLANCHARD:  
Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, in the House, the hon. the member for Naskaupi (Mr. Kelland) - I do not think he is in the House at the moment - asked me a question with respect to the appointment of an electrical inspector, and when he asked the question, Mr. Speaker, he said, "I would like to ask the Minister of Labour to provide some information with respect to the following subject matter. Recently, within the few weeks, an electrical inspector's job was filled in the area."

Now, Mr. Speaker, because we have electrical inspectors all over the Province, in perhaps twelve or fifteen or more areas, I did not really know where he was talking about. I do not always know of every appointment, particularly at that level. The Deputy Minister is the chief executive officer and appointments are usually done through that office. But the answer to his question, Mr. Speaker, is, yes, there was an electrical inspector hired on a temporary basis, temporary in this case meaning for a period of twelve weeks, to fill a vacancy which was brought about by the dismissal earlier in the year of an electrical inspector from the St. John's office. That dismissal, Mr. Speaker, has been the subject of a grievance and



finally an arbitration, and obviously we could not fill it on a permanent basis until we know the final outcome of the arbitration.

In addition to that, Mr. Speaker, there has been some illness with another inspector, which has created some additional work, and we were forced to appoint an inspector on a temporary basis. I hope that answers his question, Mr. Speaker.

### Petitions

MR. WARREN:  
Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:  
The hon. the member for Torngat Mountains.

MR. MORGAN:  
Now we can do it in the proper way.

MR. WARREN:  
Mr. Speaker, I rise today to present a petition signed by some 220 people from the district of Bellevue.

Yesterday I had the opportunity of meeting with a delegation from the district of Bellevue who called me and asked me if I would make arrangements for them to meet with the Minister of Transportation (Mr. Dawe), to which the minister agreed. Mr. Speaker, they do have concerns.

Now, hon. gentlemen may wonder why I am presenting a petition from Bellevue. As an elected representative in this House, Mr. Speaker, I do not think anyone should refuse to present a petition when it is given to them.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:  
Hear, hear!

MR. WARREN:  
Whether a petition is from Bellevue, Naskaupi, Torngat Mountains, or St. Mary's - The Capes, if an individual asks me to present it I will do so. Also, Mr. Speaker, I am extremely familiar with the area.

MR. MORGAN:  
Yes, I would say you are. Right!

MR. WARREN:  
In fact, I believe my grass roots started close by, within four or five miles of the Town of Bellevue, just to the West, in a little town called Chance Cove. I must say that I have travelled over the roads between Chance Cove and Chapel Arm for a number of years, and at least every month I have the opportunity to be out in that area; I am either called out there to attend meetings, or to meet with someone on something like this.

However, Mr. Speaker, the prayer of the petition I read yesterday, and today I want to elaborate on what the 220 signatories want.

Between Bellevue Beach and Long Cove, Mr. Speaker, is probably the worst gravel road in this Province, the old Cabot Highway. Today, around Trout Brook, even the old trees that went across the bogs are still there. That is how bad that road is. The road is not even upgraded, because the base is not solid enough to put any pavement on it. In 1973, the hon. member at the time - the member for Trinity - Bay de Verde (Mr. Reid) now, I think - was fortunate enough to get some pavement in the area of Chance Cove, Long Cove and Thornlea, but there is still some

left undone.

Now, Mr. Speaker, those petitions are not asking for too much. They are asking for protection for their children above everything else. A seventy-two passenger bus carries those children some fifteen or twenty miles over this kind of road to school in Chapel Arm and in Norman's Cove. It is very, very difficult for school children six, seven, eight and nine years old to be on the bus during this time of year.

The prayer of the petition is very simple. It asks to have the road upgraded, and it also asks the department to see that this will not happen again next year. Also, there are two contractors in the vicinity who are going to be doing work on the Trans-Canada Highway this Summer and they said to the Minister yesterday, 'You may be able to save dollars in the long run if you can tie those two contractors into doing some work on this road at the same time. Why not? if there is any money available.' You must remember, Mr. Speaker, we have to follow the Public Tendering Act, and here is a chance for government to save some money on this issue. I am quite pleased to present the petition.

Yesterday I was a little bit disappointed in the Opposition. I noticed in the paper today, 'Tempers flared over road petition.' As I told my friend from Naskaupi (Mr. Kelland), and as the paper correctly reported, 'He told the Opposition the petition was from his home town area.' Now, Mr. Speaker, home town area. My home town area is Chance Cove, Bellevue, Thornlea, Norman's Cove, Long Cove all those places. Mr. Speaker, the hon. the

Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Simmons) said something about he future in politics being in Bellevue. Now, Mr. Speaker, I am getting calls from Naskaupi district, I am getting calls from Eagle River, I am getting calls daily from the Bellevue district wanting me to run in those districts. I cannot help it, Mr. Speaker. I cannot help it if the present member for Bellevue is not doing his duty. It is not my problem. But I will tell the delegates from the district of Bellevue who are in the gallery now that I will do what I can to get pavement on their roads.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER:

Order, please!

The hon. member's time has elapsed.

MR. MORGAN:

By leave.

MR. WARREN:

One minute, Mr. Speaker, to clue up.

MR. SPEAKER:

Does the member have leave?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

By leave.

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. the member for Torngat Mountains.

MR. WARREN:

I want to thank the member for Bellevue for giving me one minute to clue up.

I wanted to say to the hon. member, also, that if there is any way I can help the hon. member to help the people in Bellevue to get

their roads improved I will do so. I am only too glad to help any time people call on me, and I will not refuse to present a petition in this House from any district in this Province, Mr. Speaker.

Thank you very much.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. CALLAN:

Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. the member for Bellevue.

MR. CALLAN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, in the five minutes that I have to speak in support of this petition I will do what I promised the committee I would do when I met with them after 6:00 p.m. yesterday, when I met with them upstairs, on the tenth and a half floor. They told me they did not want anybody playing politics with their road problems and with their petition, and I will not do that, Mr. Speaker. In the Interim Supply debate, which follows Presenting Petitions, in probably ten or fifteen minutes from now, I will have the opportunity to speak for ten minutes and I will be dealing with this issue then, Mr. Speaker.

What I want to do now, Mr. Speaker, is go on record categorically as saying that I support the people 100 per cent, the 220 signatories and all the others, children included, who live in Bellevue and Thornlea in their efforts in trying to get something done with their roads.

Now, Mr. Speaker, the member from

Tornгат Mountains (Mr. Warren), who just took his seat, was asked by the local service district committee in Bellevue to present this petition. He was also asked to arrange a meeting with the minister, which happened yesterday morning at 9:30 a.m., I understand.

I heard on the radio a couple of days ago that it was happening. Mr. Speaker, at no time did I get an invitation to attend that meeting with Mr. Dawe, so the member for Tornгат Mountains (Mr. Warren), who said that yesterday, must realize now that he made a mistake. I was not invited. I asked the committee about that yesterday afternoon. Mr. Speaker, I will deal with that later, in my ten minute speech later - why, and all that.

What I want to do now, Mr. Speaker, is respond to a couple of things the member for Tornгат Mountains said. Number one, he said that the member for Bellevue (Mr. Callan) is not doing his duty, and that he, the member for Tornгат Mountains will do what he can. Mr. Speaker, anybody who has any common sense knows that an opposition member is only as effective as the government is honest and democratic and treats people with fair play and justice. If the Minister of Transportation (Mr. Dawe), with whom this committee met yesterday, wants to do anything with these roads in the Spring, the decision is entirely in his hands.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER:

Order, please! Order, please!

MR. CALLAN:

Mr. Speaker, the minister will

decide whether these roads are done. And if these roads are done in the Spring or in the Summer, Mr. Speaker, I say to the people in Bellevue through this Legislature, and I say to the member for Torngat Mountains, more power to the minister and more power to the people in Bellevue and Thornlea. To the minister goes all the praise and all the credit. I will not want to accept any credit for it. If the minister fails to do what the people have asked him to do through this petition and in their meeting yesterday, to do something with the roads, then the minister will have to take the blame. I will not take the blame, anymore than I will take the credit if he does the roads. Let me be on record as saying that.

Mr. Speaker, I support the 220 people whose signatures are on this petition. The prayer of this petition, by the way, was mailed out to the people in Bellevue and Thornlea by me; it was mailed out to them after it was discovered that the prayer they had on their petition last week was not acceptable to the House. Mr. Speaker ruled against it, so the next morning I sent out the excerpt from Hansard explaining what happened in the House and then I mailed out a new prayer with attached sheets for these people to sign. That is the petition that was presented by the member for Torngat Mountains.

I have a letter I will read during my ten minute speech by-and-by, Mr. Speaker, which I sent out with this prayer. Why the people in Bellevue did not want to go through me but wanted to go through the member for Torngat Mountains instead I will get into in my ten minute speech, because I

do not want to make this political, Mr. Speaker. I support the people in Bellevue and Thornlea in their efforts to try and get something done with their roads, and I hope that the Minister of Transportation and the member for Torngat, who is working in close liaison with him not only in Bellevue but in other parts of the district of Bellevue and other parts of the Province, I understand, will both do something with these roads. Because if they do not, then the onus is on them, the blame is on their heads. I will take no credit if the roads are done, but neither will I take any blame if the roads are not done in the Spring, Mr. Speaker.

MR. TOBIN:  
Resign! Resign!

MR. SPEAKER:  
Order, please!

MR. CALLAN:  
In my ten minute speech, later on, I will deal with the comments coming across the House from people like the member for Burin - Placentia West (Mr. Tobin). Mr. Speaker, he has never been in Opposition and he does not know the frustration of being in Opposition.

MR. MORGAN:  
He is not going to be, either.

MR. SPEAKER:  
Order, please!

The hon. member has five minutes to reply to the petition and an hon. member on that side has five minutes to continue afterwards, so I would ask hon. members on the left to hear this hon. member and give him his five minutes to speak.

The hon. the member for Bellevue.

MR. CALLAN:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am not sure how much time I have left, but I was saying that members opposite who have not been in Opposition do not know the frustrations of being in Opposition and coming with petitions to this Legislature.

In today's paper, Mr. Speaker, it is stated that ten years ago I brought a petition into this Legislature on behalf of those very same people, parents of some of the people who were here yesterday, and got no results. Mr. Speaker, if they got no results it was because they got no results from this government. This government was in power ten years ago, this government is in power today, and that is where the money comes from. It comes from government. It is taxpayers' money. We, as Opposition members, Mr. Speaker, cannot decide where to spend the money, it is up to the Minister of Transportation (Mr. Dawe). He decides where the money goes, just as the Minister of Education decides where money from his department goes, and the Minister of Municipal Affairs (Mr. Doyle), and so on and so on.

MR. SPEAKER:

Order, please!

The hon. member's time has elapsed.

MR. CALLAN:

I support the petition, Mr. Speaker, wholeheartedly.

MR. REID:

Mr. Speaker, for twenty-two years they did not have pavement out there.

MR. MORGAN:

There was a Liberal government here then.

MR. HEARN:

Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER:

The hon. the Minister of Education.

MR. HEARN:

Mr. Speaker, I stand with pleasure to support the petition on behalf of members on this side of the House, especially the Minister of Transportation who is inadvertently absent this afternoon. He did meet with the delegation yesterday morning and had what I understand to be a very worthwhile meeting, a delegation accompanied by the member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Warren) who is a bit of a missionary. He made it quite clear he does not hesitate to help out any area when approached, it does not matter whether it is his own or any other.

The people in the Bellevue district, as in many other parts of the Province, certainly have very grave concerns. Representing a district like St. Mary's - The Capes, rough roads in the Springtime is no stranger to us at all. Some years ago, when I was here a raw rookie, every Spring we had many trying instances in the district where people were having problems getting children to school, school buses could not run, etc., but things have turned around.

I suggest to the member for Bellevue that it is not always up to the Minister of Transportation, necessarily, where the money is spent. Quite often money is spent where we get, I suppose, the most complaints, where we have delegations in and we have strong representation from members. People out in the field, through their members, have to make known the problems. No minister

federally or provincially, it does not matter who he is or how good he is, will have knowledge of the problems that exist around a rough, rural Province like Newfoundland. Consequently, a lot of the money that is spent in this Province depends upon the representation that comes from the different areas. I am sure the member is well aware of that.

In responding to the petition, I would also like to pay tribute to the two school boards in the area that are affected, the Integrated Board in Conception Bay North and the Placentia - St. Mary's Roman Catholic Board. Usually when people keep children out of school you hear about the boards being very upset and threats of court action, etc. We did not hear it in this case because the people on the boards are quite well aware of the terrible conditions that the roads are in in that area this time of the year and certainly took that into consideration. Hopefully, in co-operation with the parents, there will be ways found to give the students who are affected any extra help they will need. I am sure the parents realize that the children might need help. The boards do realize it and will do whatever they can to provide it. Certainly, anything we can do in that regard, we will be only too happy to do, also.

So, what we are faced with in Bellevue and in many other areas in the Springtime, where our roads are perhaps not upgraded properly, and if they are not paved, is when you get a lot of frost and a lot of snow, drains are blocked and the water drains back onto the road. Almost every area is affected. It is up to us as a government to try to make sure

that these areas are looked at and that we do as much as can be done as quickly and as reasonably as possible. After the meeting yesterday, I think the Minister of Transportation has given the commitment to the people that the area will be assessed, and I am sure that in the near future there will be improvements made in that area.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

#### Orders of the Day

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

#### Committee of the Whole on Supply

MR. CHAIRMAN (Greening):

Order, please!

MR. CALLAN:

Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN:

The hon. the member for Bellevue.

MR. CALLAN:

Mr. Chairman, in speaking on the Interim Supply Bill which, of course, is a money bill, we must all know that the debate is wide-ranging on any financial or money bill.

What I want to do during this ten minutes, Mr. Chairman, is deal with what happened yesterday in the House and what happened today. I want to get the record straight and clear, Mr. Chairman.

Number one, here is what

happened: The gentleman who just took his seat from St. Mary's - the Capes (Mr. Hearn) talked about the squeaky wheel getting the grease, in other words. He said, whether or not an area of the Province gets money for their roads depends on how much noise they make and the kind of representation they have.

A week ago it was the public airways, on CBC Television, and, of course, anybody who saw that would hardly believe that the old Cabot Highway could be in such a deplorable condition. I think it was built back in 1946. At my home in Norman's Cove, when I back down my driveway, I back out onto the old Cabot Highway, the same road that leads through Thornlea and, of course, bypasses Bellevue and goes on along to Bellevue Beach.

Mr. Chairman, to say that the government or the Minister of Transportation (Mr. Dawe) have not been informed about the terrible conditions of the roads in that area, you know, is silly. It was on the public airways two nights in a row and the Minister of Transportation was on there debating with Anne Budgell, I think, on the very topic. And, of course, yesterday morning the delegation came in from Bellevue, and I think one gentleman from Thornlea. There were four people from Bellevue and one from Thornlea. They came in and sat down with the minister. Now, how much higher can you go? What else can be done to make the minister and to make the government aware of the bad roads?

Mr. Chairman, in my opinion, the people in Bellevue and Thornlea were led astray by the member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Warren) or

the Minister of Transportation. I do not know who. But all members of this Legislature, Mr. Chairman, are aware that petitions come to the House and, once it is presented in the House, they go directly to the minister. Now yesterday morning a delegation came in from Bellevue. They brought in a petition with a prayer that I sent out to them. They signed it and brought it in with them. Why the petition came to the Legislature in the afternoon is a fair question, Mr. Chairman. Why?

I mean obviously they met with the minister so they could have said to the Minister of Transportation, in addition to the talk that they had with him, now here, Mr. Dawe, here is a petition with 220 names on it, you see, Mr. Chairman.

So, Mr. Chairman, as far as getting money spent on these roads, they have gone to the top. They went to the place where the buck stops. It stops with the Minister of Transportation. That is who decides, as I said just now in supporting the petition.

Now, Mr. Chairman, the member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Warren) who used to be on this side of the Legislature -

MR. PEACH:

He is better off where he is.

MR. CALLAN:

Mr. Chairman, when that gentleman crossed the House, and I can dig out the newspaper clippings, if I need to, what was his reason for crossing the House? He said, 'So as I can get more for my district'.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Right on! Hear, hear!

MR. CALLAN:

So the member for Torngat Mountains, Mr. Chairman, admitted -

MR. YOUNG:

We would not take you.

MR. CALLAN:

Mr. Chairman, would you keep the noise down on the other side?

MR. CHAIRMAN:

Could we have order, please, while the hon. the member for Bellevue is speaking?

MR. CALLAN:

So the member for Torngat Mountains, Mr. Chairman, in his action, admitted that Opposition members cannot get things for their district. That is why he decided to cross the House and join the government benches because, he said, he would get more for his district. So the member for Torngat Mountains, in crossing the House, admitted his frustrations. They are the same sorts of frustrations that I have had for the past ten years, Mr. Chairman, the same frustration.

I presented petitions on behalf of the people in Bellevue in 1975. Robert McCarthy is quoted in the newspaper as saying that I presented a petition sent in by his parents at that time and he is correct. Why something was not done with the road in 1975, ten years ago, Mr. Chairman, is a good question.

Now perhaps the member for Trinity-Bay de Verde (Mr. Reid) can answer that question, because the member for Trinity-Bay de Verde will have an opportunity, if he wants to, to stand in this Legislature and respond to what I am going to say now. I am going to say a couple of things to the

member for Trinity-Bay de Verde, because in 1973 -

MR. MORGAN:

Keep it clean.

MR. CALLAN:

I will. In 1973, Mr. Chairman, before the district of Bellevue was created under redistribution in 1974, in 1973 the member for Trinity-Bay de Verde, at that time it was Trinity South which went right down to Sunnyside by the way, took in all of that.

AN HON. MEMBER:

(Inaudible) changed it.

MR. CALLAN:

Frank Moores, your buddy, changed it. He knows that, Mr. Chairman. When I am finished, he can speak for ten minutes, Mr. Chairman. Why is he interrupting me?

In 1973 the pavement was laid in Bellevue-Thornlea area. It was also done in Norman's Cove, Chapel Arm by the way, all of that Cabot Highway stretch. Now, in 1973 what the member for Trinity South at the time said, the present member for Trinity-Bay de Verde (Mr. Reid), he went to Bellevue, as a matter of fact, and he held a public meeting. He said to the people there, "I have so much money", I am not sure what it was, I think it was \$500,000 he said. Perhaps it was only \$300,000, perhaps it was \$400,000. He will know, but I remember it quite well. I was a school teacher in Norman's Cove and I followed politics because I was involved in trying to build a stadium at Whitbourne and I held meetings with the hon. member regarding that and other things. I remember I was also chairman of the local government in Norman's Cove and we got pavement the same time.



What the member for Trinity-Bay de Verde, then Trinity South, said was, "I cannot pave all your roads, so you tell me what roads you would like to have done this year. We will do that much pavement this year and next year I will come back and I will do some more."

MR. REID:

No, I never said it.

MR. CALLAN:

Okay, let me finish and the member will have an opportunity, Mr. Chairman, to rebut. He said, "We will not pave Colliers Bay Hill and we will not pave certain other hills." Big Spruce Hill was another one. He said, "We are going to change the route. We are going to put in a new transmission line and the road will be redirected." The transmission line has since grown over, Mr. Chairman, where the road was supposed to lead coming out of Thornlea and going straight over Big Spruce, rather than the way it goes now.

So, Mr. Chairman, the reason why these particular stretches of dirt road were not filled in, well, perhaps the member for Trinity-Bay de Verde can answer because he paved that in 1973. Why did he not come back in 1974 when he was still the member and do it? Why? If he could not get the money in 1974, why did not come back in 1975?

The election in 1975, Mr. Chairman, was called for September 16, so the construction season for 1975 was ongoing while the member for what was then Trinity South was still the member. So I would say, Mr. Chairman, the reason why these gaps - that is what they are, gaps - in the pavement, the

reason why these gaps were not filled in, the onus rests on the head of the present member for Trinity-Bay de Verde, who was then the sitting member for Trinity South, which took in that area.

Now, Mr. Chairman, if I do not have it correctly, the member for Trinity-Bay de Verde can stand up and tell the correct version. But that is the version as I remember it. It was done in 1973, nothing was done in 1974 and nothing done in 1975.

Mr. Chairman, I can suggest to you why it was not done in 1974 or 1975. I can tell you why. It is the same reason, Mr. Chairman, that nothing was done with the road in Markland in 1974 or 1975. Here it is: Even though the member for Trinity - Bay de Verde (Mr. Reid) was the sitting member for Trinity South, and he was, for the construction season 1974 and 1975, the answer, Mr. Chairman, is redistribution. It comes up every ten years.

In the spring sitting of the Legislature in 1974 redistribution added ten additional seats. It went up to fifty-one from forty-one. Torngat Mountains was added after that and then we had fifty-one. Ten seats were added. Bellevue was a brand new district. The member for Trinity - Bay de Verde, then Trinity South, said to himself, 'Well, when I run in the next election, whenever Premier Moores calls it, I will not run in Bellevue, I will be running in the new district of Trinity - Bay de Verde, which comes as far as New Harbour. I would be foolish in the construction season of 1974 or 1975 to go in and pave the Markland road, as I promised to do, because that will be outside

of my district.'

MR. CHAIRMAN:  
Order, please!

The hon. member's time is up.

MR. CALLAN:  
By leave?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:  
No leave:

MR. CALLAN:  
I will get back to it, Mr. Chairman.

MR. MORGAN:  
Mr. Speaker.

MR. CHAIRMAN:  
The hon. the member for Bonavista South.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:  
Hear, hear!

MR. MORGAN:  
Mr. Chairman, we are dealing with Interim Supply. Of course, Interim Supply in the House of Assembly is always a situation where we have to approve funds for the spending for a couple of months up until the official budget is brought in and carried for the next fiscal year of 1987 - 1988. We are talking about, of course, in this case, how the funds can be spent and where they can be spent. One of the topics now before the House is the topic of roads.

I would like to comment on that matter because I cannot, for the life of me, understand a member of the House standing up and saying, 'Well, look, it depends on the government.' That is entirely wrong because, Mr. Chairman, if that was the case, how can today, for example, the same member

justify it. I see people like George Baker. George Baker is a Liberal politician, but he is a good one. He is a good member of Parliament. I see him getting things done every second day of the week out in that federal riding. He is in Opposition and he is dealing with a different stripe of government in Ottawa, but he is getting things done. Mr. Chairman, I think, would agree to that, because Mr. Baker is his member of Parliament. So that is one example.

I will give you an example from my own position. Back in the days of the Trudeau Liberal government, I was in opposition to that government sitting here as a member of the House of Assembly as a Progressive Conservative. But did I, when I wanted a wharf out in Bonavista or a stage in Open Hall or a breakwater in Elliston, when I wanted things done from the federal government, did I just say, 'Oh, it is their fault it is not being done? Forget it gentlemen, fishermen, and people complaining. Blame it all on the federal Liberal Government. You are not going to get it. Blame it on them. They will not give it to you.' Did I take that attitude? In no way did I.

I was being persistent in doing what? You do not just get up in the House of Assembly and criticize government and sit down and forget it, like the hon. member for Bellevue has done many times over the last ten years in this House.

Instead of being persistent to get things done in his district and helping out with the problems of his constituents, he merely stands to criticize and walk away from the problem. That is an

abdication of his responsibilities. Now, that goes for any member of this House. In this case, I refer to the last member who just got involved in this debate.

If he had been doing his job as a member, he would have been persistent in doing what? First of all, he would write consistent letters to the Minister of Transportation (Mr. Dawe), the Minister of Education (Mr. Hearn), because of the transportation of school children and the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Rideout), because of the transportation of fishermen and fishing goods and fish over the roads concerned. Keep on being persistent in doing exactly that.

As the Minister of Education just said, not necessarily the squeakiest gets the grease. But in this case, if you are persistent member and you go in after the minister day in and day out or week in and week out or month after month on a problem, eventually, if you handle it properly and handle it right, you are going to get that problem resolved. But if you take the attitude, 'Oh, it is' a P.C. Government. I am in Opposition so I am not going to get it done. I am going to blame it on the government.' Because it is not working that way for members who are good members of Parliament, and I just gave a bouquet to a member who is a Liberal, but let us give credit where credit is due.

I have to criticize, and I criticize in a fair way, the member for Bellevue (Mr. Callan). It is not good enough for him to say it depends on the Minister of Transportation (Mr. Dawe), it

depends on the government. It depends on him working in co-operation with the government and being persistent on behalf of a problem which is a genuine problem.

Now, Mr. Chairman, I know the problem is a genuine one. I do not know the Bellevue district that intimately but I met and made many friends in the Bellevue district during the campaign of Morrissey Johnson. I campaigned with Morrissey Johnson in that riding and I met and made many friends who are still my friends and will hopefully be my friends for a long time to come. I can fully sympathize with the people I met briefly yesterday and I know them. I did not know all of them personally, but I know some of them personally for a good many years.

When I was in the Fisheries portfolio I spent lots of time in the Bellevue district. The situation exists now in Bellevue almost the same as it was when I became the member for Bonavista South back in 1972. Mr. Chairman, I am sure is familiar with what I am going to say.

In 1972, after twenty-two years of Liberal representation in the House of Assembly, I went down to take on a man who was very popular as a member, Mr. Ross Barber. He was a good member and he looked after individual problems but for some reason he could not get the big problems solved. Maybe it was because of the attitude of the Liberals who did not like rural Newfoundland at the time and would not do anything for them. There was not one inch of pavement in Bonavista South, not one inch when I became the member in 1972.

Mr. Chairman, as you are fully aware as of this year, God willing, in 1987, we will have every road throughout the whole district of Bonavista South paved. Now, that is not because I happen to be for ten years out of my fifteen years in the House a minister, no. It is because I genuinely worked on the problem, week after week, month after month, and was persistent. The word 'persistent' is the issue.

I will tell you, Mr. Chairman, sometimes I was even critical of my own government back in the 70s. That is well known. But you criticize at the right and appropriate time and not merely go on the attack for the sake of going on attack and not getting things done in your district. I will make a sincere suggestion to the member today and not because the people are in the gallery. I think their attitude on this and what happened yesterday exists because our friend for Torngat Mountains has such influence. There is no question and the member for Bellevue might not like it, but our friend for Torngat Mountains has influence with the ministers within this government.

My goodness gracious, two days ago we called what we thought was going to be a little function over at Airport Inn. We called it the friends of Garfield Warren, the friends of Torngat. We went over there and 287 people came in and paid \$15.00 to come in and listen to the Premier and Garfield Warren. Those were the ones who spoke, except the Chairman. So, that clearly shows, Mr. Chairman, this member is quite influential in this government and in this party.

I commend the people from Bellevue

who are looking at our friend and saying, 'Look, we have to get this road done, the road from Bellevue over to Bellevue Beach and down to Long Cove and Normans Cove. We have to get it done, a total of about ten miles.'

I could not speak yesterday on the petition because of the hassle in the House, which was despicable in my view, it was absolutely despicable what happened in the House here yesterday, but it happened. I would say in listening to our good friend the Minister of Education (Mr. Dawe) and listening to the comments made yesterday, I would like to see the commencement of that work. If it cannot be all done this year, at least get something done this year in 1987. I say it very sincerely.

Mr. Chairman, I am going to say sincerely before I sit down one thing. If the hon. membe wants to advocate his responsabilites as a member and not work for his constituents by writing letters, making representations, attending meetings, meeting with the ministers in their offices and their officials, if he does not want to do that, because in 1987, at least for sure 1988, all the roads in Bonavista South will be paved, there will be water and sewer in all the towns that want it out there and most of the major problems will be resolved, Mr. Chairman, I think I will think seriously about moving a little bit along the East Coast of the Province in the next general election.

MR. WARREN:

They are after me, too.

MR. MORGAN:

My friend, I know they want him

out there and I would want his support if I went out there, but he is so popular in Labrador, we are going to keep him in Labrador for sure. He is popular all over Labrador, not just in the Torngat Mountains area. It would be awfully tempting, Mr. Chairman, to be able to work with my good friend Morrissey Johnson in Ottawa, in that area, and to work with the Newfoundland government and the Peckford administration by starting to do the work in Bellevue district so desperately wanted and needed out there that I started doing in 1972 in Bonavista South. Give me four or five years out there and there will be no more petitions like that looking for road work in Bellevue.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. CALLAN:

Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN:

The hon. the member for Bellevue.

MR. CALLAN:

I was going to pick up from where I left off but it is difficult, of course, after listening to what the member for Bonavista South (Mr. Morgan) just had to say. Most of it was untrue. Some of it was true, Mr. Chairman. I will tell you the parts that were true.

He talked about getting wharves and slipways and all of that for Bonavista South. The member is correct because, Mr. Chairman, he got that from a Liberal member of parliament, Dave Rooney. That is how we got that. Now he did not have to work for it at all because in Ottawa the Liberal government up there was democratic, you see, Mr. Chairman. Dave Rooney got an

allocation of funds for Bonavista - Trinity - Conception through the Canada Manpower Office based on the unemployment figures in his federal riding. John Crosbie, who was a federal member, got the same treatment. They were not discriminated against because they were political foes of the Liberals in Ottawa. Of course, what is happening in Ottawa today, I believe, is the same thing.

The problem in this Province you see, Mr. Chairman, is that we have almost a dictatorship. I will go as far as to say almost a dictatorship.

MR. MORGAN:

And you want your road paved.

MR. CALLAN:

Mr. Chairman, the member who just took his seat had ten minutes and now he is interrupting me. I did not say one word while he was spuing out the foolishness, most of it, that he spued out.

MR. SIMMS:

You were not here.

MR. MORGAN:

You do not stay in the House.

MR. CHAIRMAN:

Order, please!

Could we have silence please.

The hon. the member for Bellevue.

MR. CALLAN:

Now, Mr. Chairman, I want to continue on from where I left off just now. It was the former member for Trinity South who, when he represented Bellevue and Thornlea in the Legislature in 1973 gave them some pavement and promised to give them some more the next year who failed to do so

in 1974 or 1975, even though two construction seasons passed by before the election was called in September of 1975. He did not deliver on the promise, even though he was a position to do it.

Not only was he on the government side he was a Cabinet minister, Mr. Speaker. He was the first Minister of Rural Development, I think it was called then, Mr. Jim Reid. So that is why the people in Bellevue and Thornlea did not get their pavement when they should have got it, Mr. Chairman, because of redistribution. He said, 'Well, I would be foolish to continue paving the areas in Bellevue and Thornlea if I am going to be running in Trinity - Bay de Verde which ends at New Harbour.' Of course he spent his money down the shore. He was supposed to do Markland Road at the same time and he did not. Actually, what happened to the pavement that was supposed to go to Markland, he got so much pressure from Old Shop that Old Shop got the pavement, Mr. Chairman.

Now, getting back to the member for Bonavista South and his talks about lobbying. Every Spring, Mr. Chairman, I consistently write the Minister of Transportation outlining the areas of my district where they have dirt roads and where they need pavement. Every Spring I consistently do it.

MR. YOUNG:  
Table it.

MR. CALLAN:  
Mr. Chairman, the Cabinet Minister from Harbour Grace should not even be in the Cabinet, but here he is in somebody else's seat interrupting me.

MR. CHAIRMAN:  
Could we have silence please.

The hon. the member for Bellevue.

MR. CALLAN:  
Mr. Chairman, the reason I did not attend the meeting in Bellevue in the last week or so, when the meetings were ongoing, and the reason I did not attend the meeting in Bellevue last night - a meeting was held in the town of Bellevue last night where the Committee, who were in here yesterday, had to go back and report to the people in a public meeting. I would have gone to Bellevue last night if I was invited. I talked to the five gentlemen upstairs. They did not invite me to come over. I asked them why they did not invite me to attend the meeting with Mr. Dawe. They said that they thought I would have phoned them and invited myself. But, Mr. Chairman, you see, I do not work like that.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:  
Oh, oh!

MR. YOUNG:  
You do not work at all for your district.

MR. CHAIRMAN:  
Order, please!

MR. CALLAN:  
Mr. Chairman, the same gentlemen are interrupting still.

Mr. Chairman, I want to tell you that I know that the Minister of Transportation has sent out a letter to my district telling the people -

MR. YOUNG:  
That you are not good.

MR. CALLAN:

- that you will get no money for road improvements by making noises, it is done on need.

In another area of my district, last Spring, Mr. Chairman, the Minister of Transportation went out and he and Captain Morrissey Johnson met with a Committee in Hillview. I was not invited by the Committee and neither was I asked to take part. The reason that I was given by the Committee is they figured they would have a better chance of getting some money for their roads in the Hillview area if I was left out of the picture. I said, 'If you think you can get more money for your area by dealing directly with the minister, go ahead.'

On a couple of occasions, Mr. Chairman, I did set up meetings for the Committee from Hillview to come in and we sat down with the minister. I was there and so was the Committee. But the Committee had the feeling, Mr. Chairman, that because this government is so undemocratic and dictatorial and tries to do things behind the backs of Opposition members and tries to take credit away whenever they can - you see, Mr. Chairman, last Spring Hillview got \$150,000 after their meetings, Captain Morrissey Johnson, the Minister of Transportation and the Committee. They got \$150,000. Of course in the next week in The Packet the Minister of Transportation makes an announcement. He was pleased to announce some funding for the roads, in conjunction with his colleague in Ottawa, Captain Morrissey Johnson.

Now, Mr. Chairman, anybody who knows anything about the Houses of Assembly and Houses of Commons knows that the federal member in Ottawa does not have anything to

do with allocating funds for local roads. The Trans-Canada Highways agreement, sure some of it is funded by Ottawa and so on. But it is the Minister of Transportation who decides.

So, Mr. Chairman, as I said, if the people in Markland, Bellevue, Thornlea, Hillview, anywhere in my district, can get improvements to the roads by leaving me out of the picture, that is fine with me. I am not going to impose myself on them.

Last week, when I tried to present a petition on behalf of the people in Bellevue and was stopped by His Honour, because the petition was not worded properly, I asked a couple of questions of the Minister of Transportation. I asked him in Question Period and then we had a five minute debate on Thursday afternoon, during the Late Show, where I again said to the Minister of Transportation - I lobbied with the minister here in the Legislature - 'You should pave these roads for these people in Bellevue and Thornlea for two reasons. There are going to be two paving contractors on the Trans-Canada during the Summer recapping the Trans-Canada between Whitbourne and Chance Cove - Gull Pond intersection.' The other reason that I gave to the minister is 80 per cent of the people in Thornlea and Bellevue voted for Mr. Dawe, voted for the Premier and voted for the P.C. Party, in the last election. So, therefore, they did him a favour, they did the government a favour, the P.C. Party a favour, so now you owe them a favour.

I made these two references last week long before this petition came in and long before the meeting was -

MR. MORGAN:

Is that the reason why (inaudible).

MR. CALLAN:

- held yesterday morning.

Mr. Chairman, the member for Bonavista South (Mr. Morgan) tried to get kicked out of the Legislature yesterday, and the Speaker, His Honour came very close to doing it. It is not a very sensible way for him to try and get a Cabinet post. I do not know what he is at it for. He was at it yesterday. He is trying to get noticed by the press or by somebody. Obviously not by the Premier because the Premier was not here yesterday, and he is not here today. I am sure that the Premier, with all of his bad faults, does not condone unparliamentary questioning of the Chair, insulting the Chair, refusing to listen to the Chair when he is called to order.

MR. MORGAN:

I will do it again whenever my rights are trampled on.

MR. CALLAN:

He is doing it right now, Mr. Chairman. He is questioning Your Honour.

MR. CHAIRMAN:

Could we have silence?

MR. CALLAN:

He is ignoring your authority Your Honour.

MR. CHAIRMAN:

Could we have silence, please!

The hon. member's time is up.

MR. CALLAN:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

MR. MORGAN:

You are not coming with us, we do not want you.

MR. CHAIRMAN:

Order, please!

MR. WARREN:

Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN:

The hon. the member for Torngat Mountains.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. WARREN:

Mr. Chairman, having presented the petition earlier today, I thought it would only be appropriate that I should have a few minutes in the debate that is ongoing.

I should say to the hon. the member for Bellevue (Mr. Callan) that the Premier is presently attending the First Ministers Conference on Aboriginal Rights in Ottawa and I am sure the Premier will come out of that looking at the Native peoples in our Province and hopefully can come up with some solution as to their self-government.

Mr. Chairman, the hon. member who was just talking I must compliment because of what the hon. member said about this hon. gentleman. He said, 'The hon. gentleman left that side to come over here because he could get more for his district'. I have to tell the hon. gentleman that is exactly what has happened.

MR. MORGAN:

And you are doing well, right?

MR. WARREN:

That is exactly what has happened. I must say, Mr. Chairman, I have a list that long



of things done in my district in the last two or three years. Mr. Chairman, I should tell the hon. gentleman that on May 19, in Nain, the hon. gentleman should come along, I think it is going to be one of the biggest celebrations ever on the Labrador Coast. There is going to be the opening of a new \$4.5 million or close to \$5 million school.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. MORGAN:

And you were involved in getting it, you know that.

MR. WARREN:

Mr. Chairman, I would say and I would say to the hon. gentleman, I remember my brochure that went out in the 1982 election, a red and white one, as the hon. gentleman has there on the table now. There was a little caption there saying, 'Warren backs Nain parents'. But it sowed the seeds, and we will see in a couple of month's time, the fruit will be born.

Now to get back to the petition and what was said today, I say to the hon. gentleman that if he believes what he said that he can get more for his district, as I have done for mine, what is the hon. gentleman doing wasting his time in the House on the other side? I mean, why does not the hon. gentleman - I will invite the hon. gentleman to come over and join us, if you think -

MR. CALLAN:

(Inaudible).

MR. MORGAN:

Oh, oh, now wait, you are our friend, but watch what you say now, do not go too far with it.

MR. MITCHELL:

That does not mean that we want all of them over here.

MR. WARREN:

The hon. gentleman said you can get more things.

MR. SIMMS:

If you are not careful, we will send you back.

MR. MITCHELL:

You should watch your words and use them wisely.

MR. WARREN:

I am sure that there are some people in the district of Bellevue who would not like to see him over here either, you know, that is in all fairness to the hon. gentleman.

AN HON. MEMBER:

(Inaudible).

MR. MORGAN:

We got a good man for the next election up in Bellevue.

MR. WARREN:

The hon. gentleman said in Bellevue - Thornlea area they voted strongly for the P.C. Party. I can tell the hon. gentleman now, whenever the Premier decides to call the next election, and if the hon. gentleman is a candidate, I would venture to say, Sir, that it will be his last election for a while.

MR. MORGAN:

Now if 'Leo' is leader, he will be.

MR. WARREN:

In fact, I notice his brochure there; he would not show the front of his brochure. On the front of that brochure it shows the hon. member and the -

MR. MORGAN:

He is okay, he is 'Leo's' man.

MR. WARREN:

- member sitting next to him and he was going to be the Minister of Transportation.

MR. MORGAN:

Put 'Leo' in again, he will, yes.

MR. WARREN:

I should say, Mr. Chairman, I find it so difficult when my colleagues are talking all of the time.

Mr. Chairman, I would like for the hon. gentleman to be able to hear me.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Oh, oh!

MR. WARREN:

I would like for the hon. gentleman to hear what I am saying now.

MR. MORGAN:

He leaves the House.

MR. WARREN:

By the way, I apologize to the House yesterday if I said that the hon. gentleman was invited to the meeting in the Minister's Office. If that is incorrect, I apologize to the House.

But I understand, now I can be corrected on this one too, the hon. gentleman was invited to a meeting not too long ago out in the Bellevue-Thornlea area and I think the response was the road was too bad. You know, if I was invited to a meeting in my district, I would go in a wheelbarrow in order to get there. My constituents were asking me to go there. If the member was invited to a meeting and the road was so bad, -

MR. MORGAN:

He was too busy knifing his leader then.

MR. WARREN:

- Mr. Chairman, if that be the case - I mean is the road too bad to go down to the bottom of Colliers Bay Hill trouting? Is the road too bad to go fishing? I mean the road cannot be bad for everything? It is the same road, Mr. Chairman. The hon. gentleman says he does not ask to go to meetings.

Mr. Chairman, I would not attend very many meetings if I only go when I am asked. That is when you find out what is going on in your district. You have to be there and be ready for your constituents to ask you a question.

In fact, I was pleased today to present that petition from the district of Bellevue and the people out there. In fact, they are calling me continuously. I should tell the hon. gentleman, and I a giving him advance notice, in fact, and my hon. colleague right here, within the next three weeks there is going to be another meeting in his district. I have been asked to organize. I cannot help it. I am being asked to do it. I have spoken to the minister and, at the appropriate time, there will be a meeting held with a group out there again.

But I have to do this because I am asked to do it and I will do it. I say to the hon. gentleman that I will let the hon. gentleman know in due course where the meeting is going to be held.

Mr. Chairman, the roads in Bellevue district have to be upgraded. The roads in Labrador from Pinware to Red Bay, in my

colleague from Eagle River's district (Mr. Hiscock), has to be upgraded. I will do what I can as an elected representative of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador to work with people anywhere who call me for help.

You should see the record of the number of calls that I get from the district of Naskaupi. I would say, Mr. Chairman, with all due respect to that hon. member, the present member there, that if there was an election called tomorrow and I ran in the district of Naskaupi, I would say that I could take care of the hon. the member for Naskaupi. There are so many calls. People are coming out wanting to campaign for me, and offering contributions to me to run in Naskaupi. But, Mr. Chairman, I am well contented where I am representing the district of Torngat Mountains and I will continue to represent them until they tell me they do not need me any longer.

MR. MORGAN:

Will you support me in Bellevue when I run in the next election?

MR. WARREN:

I would say, Mr. Chairman, that if the hon. member for Bonavista South (Mr. Morgan), who knows that he has satisfied the people of Bonavista South, decides to go in the district of Bellevue, and if I can get the time out of my busy campaign schedule, I will be only too glad to go into the Thornlea, Long Cove, Norman's Cove, Arnold's Cove area and speak at a gathering for the hon. member to show that we are concerned about his district as well as any other district in the Province.

MR. MORGAN:

It is awfully tempting.

MR. WARREN:

I know my time is up, Mr. Chairman. I would just like to say to the member for Bellevue (Mr. Callan), I will do anything I can to assist the member for Bellevue to get the work done in his district. To the member for Bellevue I would also say, do not listen to what some of the boys said on this side. It is not a long walk over here. Come on over.

MR. CALLAN:

Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN (Greening):

The hon. the member for Bellevue.

MR. CALLAN:

Mr. Chairman, people around the Province from time to time wonder why the House of Assembly is open when there is so much foolishness going on. It should not be necessary for us, here in the Legislature this afternoon to be spending, well, we have been an hour now on the roads in Bellevue and Thornlea.

Of course, the member for Bonavista South got up and talked about all of the things that he got for Bonavista South since he has been a member. The member for Torngat Mountains, who just sat down, gave credence to my arguments earlier when he admitted, Mr. Chairman, in his comments, that he could not get anything as an Opposition member. I am sure that the member for Torngat worked just as hard and lobbied just as hard on behalf of his district when he was in Opposition as he does on the government side. He must be admitting that he just did not change his work habits overnight, did nothing, tried to do nothing in Opposition, and then, all of a sudden, went on the government

benches and started working hard. I know the member for Torngat Mountains, Mr. Chairman. I sat beside him on this side of the Legislature and I know how hard he worked. I know how many times he got up in this Legislature and condemned the government for its callous attitude towards the way it treats people in Opposition districts. He did it when he was here in Opposition.

By admitting today that he has got a lot of money and a lot of projects completed in his district since he crossed the House, he is giving credence, he is saying to me, Mr. Chairman, and he is saying to everybody here that, 'You are right, no matter how hard you work as an Opposition member, you probably will not get anything because the government on the opposite side of this Legislature is dictatorial, it is undemocratic, and, of course, it spends money for government members at the expense of people who support the government, by the way, in Liberal districts.'

I mean, it is not the fault of the people in Thornlea and Bellevue and Markland that the majority of people in Bellevue decided to elect me. I should not have to apologize, Mr. Chairman, for being elected to this Legislature, and neither should the 3,030 people who elected me, have to apologize that they sent me to the Opposition rather than in government. It was just unfortunate that the twenty-eight hundred and something P.C. voters, there were not quite as many as there were Liberal voters. The NDP had 613 votes in the next election. I should not have to apologize because I am in the Opposition.

You see, Mr. Chairman, if the Minister of Transportation were in his seat - I was going to ask it yesterday in Question Period, I was going to ask it today. I will ask it now, Mr. Chairman. If the Minister of Transportation has got the intestinal fortitude, if he has the guts, to say to me, as the member for Bellevue, which would be democratic, in May or June, after the budget comes down, 'Look, I have allocated from the Department of Transportation for the district of Bellevue, thirty-five communities, \$2 million. Now, you, as the member, decide where you want to spend it, whether you want to spend it in Markland or Bellevue, Thornlea, Hillview, Heart's East, Hodges Cove, or wherever,' it would be a democratic process. If the minister, Mr. Chairman, is democratic enough and if he has got the intestinal fortitude to do that, which I have been asking for for years and years - I remember, Mr. Chairman, seven or eight years ago I was down in St. Jones Within. I was in a gentleman's house and they were talking about the mess their roads were in. He said to me, 'Why are you treating us so unfairly, down in St. Jones Within?' He said, 'Every bit of money that you get for your district for highways you are spending it on your own end, up where you live.'

I said to the gentleman, 'I do not get any money.' 'Oh yes,' he said, 'you know damn well you do. Every member gets so much money from the Department of Municipal Affairs, \$2 million or \$3 million and the member decides if he wants to put water and sewer in Norman's Cove or Whitbourne or Arnold's Cove or Sunnyside.'

I said, 'No, it is not done like

that.' It should be like that. I said, 'That is how it is done in Ottawa. Dave Rooney gets so many millions of dollars for LIP programmes. So does John Crosbie, even though he is in the Opposition,' or he was at the time. I said, 'That is democracy. That is how it should be.' The gentleman would not believe me. It was seven or eight years ago, Mr. Chairman.

I said to the gentleman, 'You will not believe me?' He said, 'Boy, no I cannot believe you.' He looked me straight in the face and he said, 'I cannot believe you.' I said to him, 'Will you listen to Open Line tomorrow morning?' Bas Jamieson was the popular show at the time. I said, 'I am going to phone Bas Jamieson tomorrow morning on his open line show and I am going to tell Bas Jamieson, publicly, on the public airways.' I said, 'Would you listen and would you believe it then?' He said, 'Well, yes, I will listen.' The next morning I phoned Bas Jamieson on Open Line - the Minister of Transportation at the time, Your Honour, was Bill Doody who is now a senator in Ottawa - and I told him. I said, 'Bas, I want to get this on the public airways so that people anywhere in the Province will know that what I am saying is true, that I am not given money and I decide, as the member, where to spend it on roads or water and sewer or any other number of things.'

A week later, Mr. Chairman, I had that gentleman from St. Jones Within and a committee from Hillview, - Hatchet Cove and St. Jones Within come in and I organized a meeting with the Minister of Transportation. It was one afternoon about 5:00 p.m., when the Legislature was open. I

left the Legislature and Bill Doody, the then Minister of Transportation left the Legislature, and we met the Committee in a room on the other side of the Legislature. When we went into the meeting I looked at the gentleman from St. Jones Within and I said, 'Before we start the meeting, Mr. Doody, I want to ask you a question because somebody here wants a answer.' I said, 'Mr. Doody will you tell this gentleman that I as an Opposition member am not given any money from your department, say a block of money, \$2 million, \$3 million, whatever it happens to be, and I, as the member, decide whether I will put it in Hodge's Cove or Hillview or Bellevue or Markland and so on?' Mr. Doody said, 'No. You are right. It is not done like that.' I looked at the gentleman from St. Jones Within and for the third time I said, 'Do you believe it now?' I told him in his home, in St. Jones, and he did not believe it, I phoned Open Line and he still did not believe it, so I looked at him and I said, 'Do you believe it now?' 'Well,' he said, 'I have to believe it now the minister just admitted it.' I said, 'Well, Sir, that is how it is.'

Mr. Chairman, I tell that little story to get across the point that it is hard to make people believe certain things, especially when you have half truths coming from someone like the member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Warren) or the member for Bonavista South (Mr. Morgan), who spoke earlier in this debate this afternoon. I mean, the member for Torngat Mountains, Mr. Chairman, got very, very low and very personal. I did not expect that from him, as a matter of fact. He said that I was invited to a meeting over in

Thornlea or Bellevue a couple of months ago and I did not go because the weather was bad. I cannot remember what it was about. I cannot remember being invited. I was over to the town of Bellevue as guest speaker at a fireman's ball a couple of months ago. I was invited and I went along and I was glad to do it. If I am invited to Bellevue or Thornlea tonight, or next month or any time at all, I will go and be glad to do it. What insidious nonsense those two gentlemen went on with there this afternoon. The member for Torngat Mountains talked about how he is going to run in Bellevue next time, and he can run in Naskaupi. When he was on this side of the House, Mr. Chairman, if he wants to get personal, I can tell you that almost on a daily basis he was telling me how he would love to run against Bill Patterson next time - 'I would love to run in Placentia against that man the next time.' Now he is on that side of the House and he is playing the same silly games. He talked about me not being able to attend a meeting in Thornlea or Bellevue but I can get over to Bottom to go trouting. Mr. Chairman, that is what you would expect, that sort of nonsense, from some of the scum who worked with Bas Jamieson in the last election and the one before that, you would expect that from some of the scum who went around campaigning for him, but they did not say it before my face, they said it behind my back and other things as well.

Mr. Chairman, I was almost ready to lay charges for defamation of character. That was some of the trash that went on in the last election, but you would not expect the member for Torngat to get up

and talk about it in the Legislature. I have not been over to Bottom for months. In the Spring of the year I sometimes go over there, Mr. Chairman, but the difference between me and the member for Bonavista South is I will go over there after I leave St. John's. After a day's work is done I will go over there, at 7:00 or 8:00 p.m., or when it gets dark at 9:00 p.m., and I will spend a couple of hours there and then come home. Or I will go over early in the morning before I come to St. John's, before my day's work starts. But the member for Bonavista South goes away on fishing trips and the only time the general public knows about it is when he is brought up on charges of illegal fishing. The member for Torngat Mountains, Mr. Chairman, has lots of holidays, too, at taxpayers' expense. The few trout I get, Mr. Chairman, I get at my own expense, and it is low for anybody to mention that in the Legislature.

Mr. Chairman, when I met with the committee upstairs yesterday afternoon they put several questions to me. I told them, 'Members of the House work in different ways.' I said, 'I know there are members who look at the obituary column to see if someone died in their districts, someone they have never met, and they send out letters of sympathy.' I can tell you, Mr. Chairman, that the member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Warren) told me - if he wants to get personal, I will, too, - laughingly, by the way, how he visits constituents who are in hospital in St. John's. He only has six communities, I have thirty-five, so he does not have very many in hospital in St. John's anyway.

He also told me how he went down to the Health Sciences Complex a few years ago to visit a constituent, and when he got home he wrote a letter to the gentleman's brother explaining, 'I went down to see your brother last night. He is fine. He is coming along fine. Laughingly the member for Torngat Mountains told me that by the time the brother down in Labrador got the letter from the member for Torngat Mountains, his brother who had been in the Health Sciences Complex was dead, brought home, and was buried. He told that laughingly. He thought it was a great bit of fun. Now, Mr. Chairman, the foolish nonsense that went on here this afternoon and the foolish allegations -

MR. CHAIRMAN:  
Order, please!

The hon. member's time is up.

MR. CALLAN:  
By leave?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:  
No.

MR. CHAIRMAN:  
I would like to advise all hon. members that there are no questions for the Late Show.

MR. SIMMS:  
Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN:  
The hon. the Minister of Forest Resources and Lands.

MR. SIMMS:  
Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I just want to say a few words in the debate on Interim Supply. I have listened to the hon. the member for Bellevue (Mr. Callan) so frequently today that it forced

me to get up and say a few words. I really had not planned to speak this afternoon. But I get the impression that the hon. the member for Bellevue is protesting just a little bit too much and making a little bit too much out of what transpired here in the last day or two with respect to a petition.

MR. CALLAN:  
Now, my friend, did you hear what I said?

MR. SIMMS:  
Now, the hon. the member for Bellevue spent half of his ten minutes speaking time criticizing members over on this side for interrupting, then he immediately interrupts me.

Mr. Chairman, the member for Bellevue, as I said, is protesting just a little bit too much. I mean, he uses all kinds of rhetoric to try to defend his position. I suppose he is entitled to do that, he really does not have too much choice, I guess. However, to take the approach and the tack that he has is, I suggest to him, a grave, grave mistake. He suggests that because he is in Opposition he cannot get anything done. That is what he suggests. Now, that is what the hon. member suggested, 'because I am in Opposition, I cannot get anything done.'

Well, Mr. Chairman, I just want to remind members of the House that just a few days ago I had the opportunity to announce in this House a number of forestry projects that were approved - job creation, job development projects. The member for Burgeo - Bay d'Espoir (Mr. Gilbert), who sits in Opposition, had - I do not know what it was - \$350,000 worth

of job development projects in forestry approved. He is in Opposition. The member for Bonavista North (Mr. Lush), who sits to the hon. member's right, had a forestry project approved in Bonavista North. That is an Opposition district. In fact, my old nemesis, the member for Windsor - Buchans (Mr. Flight), had a forestry project, or two perhaps, I just forget now, approved for his district. He sits in the Opposition. So, Mr. Chairman, that kind of logic really is not a good argument for the hon. member to make.

Further to that, I just happened to glance at the hon. member's brochure that he used in the 1985 general election, and the first part I must refer to where he said, 'As the new Minister of Transportation in a Liberal Government, after April 2, the district of Bellevue, will enjoy the privilege of not only being able to talk to me personally' - as if to say they never were able to do that before - 'but you will do so in the full knowledge that I can and will do something about your problems.' Now, that is the commitment he gave to the people. But he is not the Minister of Transportation. He indicated to them that he would be, but he is not.

MR. MORGAN:

That was if there was a Liberal government.

MR. SIMMS:

Oh, I see. So that is a little bit of a play on words.

How about this, then? 'Since I was elected in 1975, many positive things have happened in my district.' How could that be, Mr. Chairman? He just finished saying

that because he is in Opposition, he cannot get anything done in his district. In fact, he goes on to say here that 'roads had been paved.' Ah, ha! - roads have been paved. Now, he certainly has given me the impression, sitting here listening to him all afternoon, that he cannot get things like roads paved in his district because he is in the Opposition.

MR. CALLAN:

No, I did not say that, Sir.

MR. SIMMS:

Now, that is certainly the impression the hon. member for Bellevue left. I do not think I am misinterpreting what he said. I think that is the impression he left. But he had roads paved since he been the member in '75, twelve years ago, by the way. 'Garden Cove Road, 5 miles; Old Shop, 4 miles; Come By Chance 3.5 miles; North Harbour, 5 miles; Southwest Arm, 7 miles.' Now, Mr. Chairman, if he was able to get these roads paved as a member of the Opposition over a number of years -

MR. YOUNG:

His is Penalizing them because they voted Tory.

MR. SIMMS:

If my colleague here will restrain his excitement and give me an opportunity to make the point, if the hon. member for Bellevue could get all these other roads paved while in Opposition, why has he not been able to get the road paved for the people of Thornlea?

MR. CALLAN:

They will be paved.

MR. SIMMS:

Oh, I see. But the hon. member



has been protesting here for the last hour saying he cannot get it done, "I am in Opposition". Now he says he can get it done. I wonder, just for one little minute now, if I might think out loud, Mr. Chairman? I just want to think out loud. There may not be any truth to it at all, but I do want to make this observation. I do not want to say it, but it has been suggested to me that maybe - Oh, my God, what an impressive article in The Evening Telegram. I commend it to the reading of my colleague from Bellevue. I wonder if the hon. the member for Bellevue now knows something which I only found out yesterday, by the way, that in that particular poll there was 180 votes cast, or whatever it was -

MR. YOUNG:

One hundred and seventy-two.

MR. SIMMS:

One hundred and seventy-two, and 168 of those 172 votes were PC votes, therefore, there were only 4 Liberal votes.

AN HON. MEMBER:

Where is that?

MR. SIMMS:

This is the poll in the area that we are talking about, where the petition is being presented from, the Bellevue area. Now, somebody has suggested to me, and I would not want it to be true - I am sure it is not - but I want to throw it out anyway because I am thinking out loud, that the hon. the member for Bellevue is sort of turning his back, or turning his nose away from the people of that area because they so overwhelmingly voted against him?

MR. MORGAN:

No, he would not do that. That

would be playing politics.

MR. SIMMS:

It was just suggested to me that I throw it out. Hon. members over here do not believe that that is possible. Well, it may very well be the case. I hope it is not. Because if that were true and possible, then the hon. member would be hypocritical in his comments. He would not be a hypocrite, but his comments would be hypocritical because he is suggesting that we are doing the same thing on this side for the exact opposite reason.

I see the hon. member over there saying, "No, that is not true." Well, I am glad to hear that. I am sure the people of the Bellevue area will be pleased to hear it, and I am sure their confidence has been restored in the member in that he does not play politics in that sense, and he does not give the people of that area strong representation simply because they voted against him in the last election.

Anyway, Mr. Chairman, I really only wanted to stand to make those couple of observations because I really think that the committee who were here yesterday, some of whom are still around today I understand, who made the presentation with respect to the improvements needed on their roads in their area, the Bellevue area, and did it through the member for Torngat Mountains - there is nothing wrong with that. As The Evening Telegram so correctly pointed out in their coverage of the story today, there is nothing unusual at all about members in this House presenting petitions from other districts. In fact, members opposite have done it frequently over the years. I

venture to suggest that if you read through Hansard you would find many precedents for that. So that is nothing unusual about that. Hopefully, the member for Torngat Mountains, because of his consistent and persistent efforts on behalf of the people in the area, which he is very familiar with, and where he said he has his grass roots - he lost the grass but kept the roots - will be successful in his efforts in supporting this petition and presenting it on behalf of the people.

Now, I know the member for Bellevue over there is itching and biting to get up again and sort of tear down everything I have said, but I hasten to add to what I have already said, before the hon. member gets up, and caution him that what I have said is fact, I have taken it right straight from his brochure. The only thing I said that was not a fact was something that I alluded to in thinking out loud, which was mentioned by other people but which members on this side loudly - everybody heard it - was not the proper thought and that the hon. member was not playing politics himself. I think the hon. member has protested enough today. I am sure he has made his point.

We are talking about an Interim Supply Bill here that covers something like seven hundred-odd million dollars. Now, tomorrow, if we are trying to push to get the Interim Supply Bill through before the end of the fiscal year so that we can get cheques issued to public employees and all that, somebody over on that side, perhaps the finance critic, the member for Bonavista North (Mr. Lush), will get up and say, 'They are trying to ram it down our

throats. They have not given us enough time to debate it.' Yet today, with all due respect, we have spent the entire day debating this one issue which has become a bit of a personality issue, almost, more than anything else. So with those few general remarks, Mr. Chairman, as a preamble, I will now get into the meat of what I want to say.

MR. CHAIRMAN:

The hon. member's time is up.

MR. SIMMS:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CALLAN:

Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN:

The hon. the member for Bellevue.

MR. CALLAN:

Mr. Chairman, I have no problem responding to the comments made by the member for Grand Falls (Mr. Simms) who is lucky to be here, by the way - he lost the election in the night, and the next morning he had it won again by so many votes; a bunch of students at the university elected him but the people of Grand Falls voted against him. Anyway, I have no trouble in responding to the hon. gentleman.

Referring to the brochure that I put out in the last election, all I said was, 'Since I was first elected on September 16, 1975, many positive things have happened.' I did not say I got pavement for those places, I said, 'many positive things have happened.' And I can explain every mile of these roads. Let me just give you an example, Mr. Chairman. How did these people get the five miles for Garden Cove and the five miles for North

Harbour, which is down towards the Burin Peninsula? Did I get it for them? The minister at the time was the hon. James Morgan. How did the people get ten miles of pavement down there that Summer? I did not say, 'I take credit for it.' I will tell you how they got it and it will just take a minute. The hon. Don Jamieson was in Ottawa and the hon. Frank Moores was Premier. The hon. Frank Moores went to Ottawa and got several hundred million dollars for the Province, and as an aside Don Jamieson said, 'By the way, Frank, there are a couple of roads in my federal riding, in Garden Cove and North Harbour. They happen to be in the Bellevue district, which is within the federal riding of Burin - St. George's, is there any chance of getting those paved after the hundreds of millions I have given you as Premier? Frank came back, good man that he was - unfortunately, he did not consult his Minister of Highways at that time, the hon. James Morgan. I had a phone call from Ottawa saying, 'By the way, the roads in Garden Cove and North Harbour are going to be paved. The hon. Don Jamieson has arranged it. I brought it up in the Legislature, Mr. Chairman, and the member for Bonavista - South (Mr. Morgan) was going to cancel the contract.

MR. MORGAN:

A point of order, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN:

Order, please!

A point of order, the hon. the member for Bonavista - South.

MR. MORGAN:

Mr. Chairman, I rose as I came into the House. I was in the Common Room making some phone

calls and in the midst of my conversation I heard what I would call very low-down comments from the member for Bellevue in connection with my activities as an individual. The hon. gentleman is quite aware that he referred to my fishing trips and my charges. The fact is, I have been vindicated quite clearly by the courts of this Province and I am innocent of any charges. Now, if he wants to elaborate what he knows about my charges and what took place in the Liberal Party involving my charges, then I would call upon him to elaborate. Because some of his colleagues know about it. Maybe he was not involved, but if he is aware of it, I would like him to tell the House all about it.

AN HON. MEMBER:

(Inaudible) gave him no fish.

MR. MORGAN:

No, it is a serious matter. The hon. gentleman is quite aware that although I was charged, I was found innocent by the courts. I have no charges hanging over my head of any type. In fact, I was not worried throughout the whole thing, and neither were the people of Bonavista South. But to refer to it now as if I am still guilty of something -

MR. CALLAN:

No, no. That is not so.

MR. MORGAN:

Well, the hon. gentleman made that slur. That kind of slur is really low-down dirt on the part of the gentleman for Bellevue. He is a fine man. I respect him. He is a fine fellow. I have always said that. But that kind of thing is really uncalled for, because I was cleared by the courts. I was innocent from day one, and

eventually declared innocent by the courts. And to refer back to it now, trying to leave innuendo about my fishing trips and my charges, that is pure dirt on the part of the hon. gentleman.

I would like for him to be a gentleman when he stands up and withdraw the remarks he made.

MR. CALLAN:

To that point of order, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN:

To that point of order, the hon. the member for Bellevue.

MR. CALLAN:

I can deal with the matter easily. I mean, anybody can look at it in Hansard tomorrow. I was talking about the low remarks made by the member for Torngat Mountains, and I was talking about how I go fishing at night after my day's work is over, or early in the morning before my day's work starts. I said, 'Compare my fishing trips with hon. the gentlemen's. I said, 'For example, how many trips does the member for Torngat take, fishing trips or whatever, sometimes compliments of the taxpayers?' I said, 'Cabinet Ministers, like the member for Bonavista South, go on trips as well. Do people in their districts criticize them for going on trips? You would not know about them unless they got caught on a charge.' That is all I was saying, 'He goes on lots of trips, as well, but people do not know them unless they come to public attention.'

I know, Mr. Chairman, that the minister was found not guilty of those charges, and I was not suggesting that he is still guilty. I was not suggesting any

nonsense.

MR. MORGAN:

Further to that point of order.

MR. CHAIRMAN:

Further to that point of order, the hon. the member for Bonavista South.

MR. MORGAN:

The hon. gentleman just used the term, 'I got caught with something'. I got caught with nothing. I was innocent. Do not go making these kinds of innuendos and slurs anymore. I went through enough of that nonsense for almost a year and a half. I am not going to tolerate the hon. member standing in this House today and making these slurs at me again. I am not going to tolerate it. Some of your colleagues loved crucifying me for a year and a half as a politician in this Province, loved it. They were involved from day one. But the hon. gentleman from Bellevue was not involved. I know that. So do not get yourself dragged down by some of the dirt of your colleagues.

MR. CHAIRMAN:

To that point of order, there is definitely a difference of opinion between two hon. gentlemen.

The hon. the member for Bellevue.

MR. CALLAN:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I want to leave that foolish nonsense. I explained how the roads got paved in North Harbour and Garden Cove. I did not take any credit for getting it done. I gave credit to the hon. Don Jamieson and the hon. Premier at the time, Frank Moores. The member for Bonavista South was the Minister of Highways. He was

going to cancel the contracts, but Frank said, 'No, I made a commitment to Don Jamieson in Ottawa and the roads are going to be done.' And they were done.

The road in Old Shop, the miles they got done there, it was approved by the hon. member who now represents Trinity - Bay de Verde. It was approved in the Spring, the contract was called in the Summer, we had an election in September, and the roads were paved after September. They roads in Old Shop were paved after the election was called in September.

I am not taking any credit. It was the member for Trinity - Bay de Verde who decided to put the pavement in Old Shop rather than Markland. I explained that earlier. I can explain it all. A lot of the roads there were done when the hon. Don Jamieson was the member for Bellevue.

Mr. Chairman, even last Summer, when I was the member, a couple of miles of pavement went down to Hodge's Cove. One hundred and fifty thousand dollars, as I said earlier, went to Hillview. I am sure, even with me as the member, that this Summer - it took two days, yesterday and today, but I am convinced now - the people in Bellevue and Thornlea will get something done with their roads.

MR. MATTHEWS:

It will have nothing to do with you though.

MR. CALLAN:

No, I will not take any credit. I said that earlier. I do not want any credit. But if it is not done, neither will I take the blame.

Mr. Chairman, let me talk some more about the insidious, foolish games. The member for Torngat Mountains said he is going out to another part of my district within the next three weeks and he is going to have a meeting and he is going to get some road work done for them. I know all about it, by the way. The people did the same thing last year. Last year they met with Captain Morrissey Johnson and the minister. I told you that. Now, you are going, instead of the Minister for Social Services (Mr. Brett), with the Minister of Transportation. That is fine.

Mr. Chairman, let me refer to the insidious foolishness that is going on. I picked up The Clarendville Packet, Mr. Chairman, of Wednesday, November 26, last Fall.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Oh, oh!

MR. CHAIRMAN:

Order, please!

Could we have silence?

The hon. the member for Bellevue.

MR. CALLAN:

Mr. Chairman, I picked up The Clarendville Packet. I very seldom get to the classified ads and notes of thanks, but this day I thumbed through The Packet pretty good and I read a note of thanks.

Just listen to this: 'On behalf of all concerned parents of Queen's Cove' - that is in my district, down towards Hodge's Cove/Long Beach - 'I would like to thank Mr. James G. Reid for his deepest concern and his positive actions towards the construction of our

new bus turnaround at Queen's Cove.'

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. CALLAN:

Mr. Chairman, when I read that I got on the phone. In the two weeks previous to this add, Mr. Chairman, I made three phone calls to Mr. Sweetland who is with the school board in Clarendville trying to get this turnaround, I made two phone calls to Art Wells with Highways in Clarendville trying to get this turnaround, and I had two conversations with Art George down here, and the turnaround was built. When I read this I said, 'I wonder what are they doing in Queen's Cove giving Jim Reid thanks? He must have donated his equipment like he did with the stadium in Whitbourne, he must have done it for nothing.' I phoned Mr. Wells in Clarendville and I said, the bus turnaround is done. I notice a note of thanks here in the paper and I wonder what Jim Reid had to do with it.' I said, 'Did his equipment do that?' 'No', he said, 'it was done by highways equipment.' I said, 'I wonder why somebody would be thanking him?' He said, 'I do not know. I have no idea.' I said, 'Did Mr. Reid talk to you, try to convince you that it should be done?' He said, 'No, I never heard tell of it. I never got a phone call.' I talked to Mr. Sweetland at the school board. I said, 'Did Mr. Reid put pressure on you.' He said, 'No, I never heard talk of it.' I phoned Mr. George down here and I asked him about it and he said, 'I got a letter from Mr. Reid but that was after the bus turnaround was done.' After me making seven phone calls in two weeks, keeping the pressure on to get this bus

turnaround done, and it was done because of my efforts, somebody puts a note of thanks in the paper thanking Mr. Reid. Now, I do not think the member was responsible. I do not think he had anything to do with it.

MR. REID:

I went in there, met with the people, gave them a cost estimate, went into the Department of Highways and they did the job.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. CHAIRMAN:

Order, please!

The hon. the member's time is up.

MR. CALLAN:

That is just another example of the insidious nonsense, Mr. Chairman.

MR. REID:

I go the right way about getting jobs done.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. CHAIRMAN:

Order, please!

Could we have order, please?

MR. MITCHELL:

Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN:

The hon. the member for LaPoile.

MR. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I welcome the opportunity to be able to have a few words today on the Interim Supply Bill because I realize what it means to members of this House to be able to access

money through this government to take care of roads in their districts, to take care of water and sewer problems, to take care of small business advantages and to take care of fishing facilities. Mr. Chairman, it is a great honour to be able to stand here and represent my district of LaPoile, and to be able to talk about some of the needs there and why I, as a member, may be instrumental in helping to solve some of those needs.

We heard from the member from Bellevue (Mr. Callan) just a few minutes ago. He said that the voters sent him here to be in Opposition. Now, Mr. Chairman, I do not believe for one moment that the people in Bellevue or any other district send their members here to be in Opposition. They send their members here to work for them, and they were thinking that probably they would be on the government side.

MR. MORGAN:

They did not know that at the time.

MR. MITCHELL:

They did not know that at the time, no. But what do we see? We see members standing up in this House making excuses to constituents as to why they cannot be successful, why they cannot get things for their districts. I can understand some of the frustrations that constituents go through out there.

I do not want to belabour this particular point, but I think it is worth noting. We sat in the House today and we had a Ministerial Statement presented to this House by the Minister of Fisheries. It was very interesting because, as I went down through it, I recalled an

incident that happened not too long ago where a delegation came in from the great district of the Northern Peninsula, from the district of the Straits area, and they went to see their member. The member said, 'Boy, we are in Opposition. There is nothing we can do for you. We cannot help you.'

My colleague, the member for Humber Valley (Mr. Woodford), happened to hear about it, and he went to see the gentleman who was involved. These gentlemen had a fish plant up in New Ferrole and they wanted some three phase power. My colleague, 'Boy, look, I do not think that that is such a big problem. Let us go down and see the Minister of Fisheries.' He took them down and he met the Minister of Fisheries. I confirmed this today with the Minister of Fisheries. And what do we have? We have presented in this House today that the Department of Fisheries here in the Province has given them \$91,500 to put in three phase power while the member told them there was absolutely nothing he could do and he could not help them.

Mr. Chairman, this brings back the point again that members were elected to this House. They were not elected to Opposition. They were elected to this House. They were elected to this government. We are all government members and the idea is to lobby for our constituents.

Just today I had a delegation that came in to see me, and actually the only real reason why I tried to help them out was because I accidentally ran into them wandering around and I happened to know them. I asked them what was

their problem. They were trying to get an appointment with some members here in this government, and they just could not find their Liberal member, could not find him.

MR. WARREN:

Name him, name him. He should be named.

MR. MITCHELL:

So I said, 'Come on up to the office. Just let me get my coat off for a moment and I will see what I can do for you.' In a matter of ten minutes, I had lined up meeting. They have been in meetings all afternoon, and I hope that they have been successful. I hope that they have been able to get some help for their problem, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman, last week, again, I had a delegation come in from the district of Burgeo - Bay d'Espoir.

MR. WARREN:

Come to see you?

MR. MITCHELL:

Oh, yes, come to see me.

MR. DOYLE:

That is why the critic in the House is always saying we do not give them any money.

MR. FLIGHT:

Name the district.

MR. TULK:

You are a bluff.

MR. MITCHELL:

Well, I named the district.

MR. TULK:

No, you did not, not the one today. Name the one today.

MR. MITCHELL:

I named the district.

MR. TULK:

Come on! Put your money where your mouth is.

MR. MITCHELL:

They were successful in getting some help, Mr. Chairman. I believe that that is what it is all about. If we are not going to do our job, then I do not believe that we should be here.

MR. TULK:

A point of order, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN:

Order, please!

A point of order, the hon. the member for Fogo.

MR. TULK:

The hon. gentleman has just made a statement that today - wait now until he gets his advice from the parliamentary expert - a delegation from a Liberal district was here and that he took them, made appointments for them, and so on. Now, if the hon. gentleman is any sort of a man, in order for the member from this side to defend his actions - they could not find the member - he will stand in his place, name the district, and give the gentleman from this side, whoever he happens to be, a chance to defend why he could not be found. Otherwise, he should withdraw the remark.

MR. SIMMS:

To that point of order, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN:

To that point of order, the hon. the Minister of Forest Resources and Lands.

MR. SIMMS:

Mr. Chairman, this is obviously a tactic by the member for Fogo (Mr.



Tulk) to try to use up the time of the hon. member for LaPoile (Mr. Mitchell), who only has ten minutes to speak in the debate.

MR. TULK:

Nonsense! I will give him leave!

MR. SIMMS:

I think the hon. member for Fogo really is making a mountain out of a molehill. I mean it really does not matter. All he is doing is making a point that members on that side are not performing their duties because they cannot get access to members on this side for meetings and so on. He happened to run into a group of people and arranged meetings for them. What is the point of order, Mr. Chairman? This is too silly to be even arguing about.

MR. TULK:

To that point of order, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN:

To that point of order, the hon. the member for Fogo.

MR. TULK:

The hon. gentleman for Grand Falls (Mr. Simms), the Minister of Forest Resources and Lands is saying that I am trying to waste his time. I will tell the hon. gentleman for LaPoile this, if he wants to stand in this House and name the member from this side, so that he has a chance to defend himself, I will give him leave for the time that we took on this point of order.

MR. MITCHELL:

To that point of order, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN:

Further to that point of order, the hon. the member for LaPoile.

MR. MITCHELL:

There is no point of order, Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN:

To that point of order, there is no point of order.

The hon. the member for LaPoile.

MR. MITCHELL:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Everytime I get on my feet in this House to say a few words I touch a sore point, and what do we see? We see the members on the other side getting up trying to waste the hon. member's time, Mr. Chairman.

But I want to say that we on this side of the House can spend our time effectively and efficiently looking after constituents, whether they be from our own district or whether they be from districts that are Liberal, Mr. Chairman. The reason why we have time to be able to look after constituents from other districts is because we are not spending all our time in the back rooms trying to knife our leader. That is why, Mr. Chairman, we have the time to be able to work for constituents. They ought to be ashamed of themselves over there.

I would like to ask the member for Bellevue, in the nine years that he has been elected, how many times has he walked down on the wharf and talked to the fishermen in Chance Cove? How many times? Probably he is too ashamed to get up and tell us.

AN HON. MEMBER:

(Inaudible).

MR. TULK:

What is the question?

MR. MITCHELL:

Well, it was not a question, it was a comment because again, you know, it came from constituents in his own district. I know whereof I speak. What I am saying is that, they said, 'Well, in the nine years we can only recall a few times that the member has actually walked down on the wharf in Chance Cove and talked to the fishermen there and said, 'boys, how are you making out? You know, any fish? What are doing, using baited trawl or are you using gill nets? How is the groundfish? How is the lobsters?'

MR. WARREN:

He never, never.

MR. MITCHELL:

Never, Mr. Chairman.

But anyway I do not want to spend all of my time wasting it on the members of the Liberal Party sitting on the opposite side.

I have a few interesting remarks, Mr. Chairman, to talk about the NDP member, Mr. Flip, or Mr. Flop, whichever one they call him over there. I happened to be reading Hansard when the hon. gentleman got up in this House and he made his maiden speech. I must say that as far as his delivery was concerned, there was absolutely nothing wrong with it, because I thought his delivery was perfect. But the substance of what he had to say, I think it left everybody in this hon. House astonished.

MR. CHAIRMAN:

Order, please!

The hon. member's time is up.

MR. MITCHELL:

I would like to continue later on.

MR. CALLAN:

Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN:

The hon. the member for Bellevue.

MR. CALLAN:

Mr. Chairman, we have to end at 5:30, is that the idea?

MR. CHAIRMAN:

Yes.

MR. CALLAN:

I have a couple of minutes, Mr. Chairman.

MR. SIMMS:

We have to rise the Committee.

MR. CALLAN:

I know that.

MR. YOUNG:

He knows it all.

MR. CALLAN:

Mr. Chairman, I just want to finish off on a positive note.

I might say to the member for LaPoile (Mr. Mitchell) and for others, it is an easy tactic and not a very nice tactic you know, if you cannot fight against the argument, if you cannot attack the argument, you attack the individual. That is what he was getting at with the member for St. John's East (Mr. Long). The member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Warren) spent all afternoon at it yesterday, attacking the member for St. John's East.

Mr. Chairman, in the minute that I have left I want to end on a positive note. I want to respond to something that the Minister for Forest Resources and Lands (Mr. Simms) had to say. What I asked the Minister of Transportation (Mr. Dawe) to do

earlier is, if he has the intestinal fortitude to say to me next month or whenever 'I have \$2 million or \$3 million set aside for Bellevue district and it is up to you to decide where to spend it,' I will take the responsibility and I will take the knocks, Mr. Chairman.

If the minister did it, Mr. Chairman, he would be democratic. He would be like the Minister of Career Development and Advanced Studies (Mr. Power), who, back in January said to us as members, 'We did not go in with the feds this year on job creation, but we have \$3 million of our own money. We have \$50,000 for your district. Now, where do you want it spent?' That was democracy. I had to decide in which of the thirty-five communities I would do it. So that is democracy. If we had more of it, it would be great.

Mr. Chairman, I adjourn the debate.

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

MR. SPEAKER (McNicholas):  
Order, please!

The hon. the member for Terra Nova.

MR. GREENING:  
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:  
There are no questions for debate at five-thirty.

On motion, the House at its rising adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, at 10:00 a.m.