



**Five years later!**

Mmm. That's good! Wintario television personality Faye Dance couldn't resist a sneak preview of Wintario's fifth birthday cake while Fred Davis, the Hon. Reuben Baetz, Minister of Culture and Recreation (centre), and J. Gilbert Bowness, Ontario Lottery Corporation Chairman of the Board

(right) wait for their turn. More than \$5.7 million in birthday prizes will be offered to 387,328 prize winners on June 26 at the Clinton Community Centre. The birthday bonus draw will feature 10 bonus prizes of \$100,000 and 50 bonus prizes of \$10,000 in addition to 35 regular grand prizes.

## Bill defeated in the House should have been okayed: MPP

George W. Taylor, M.P.P. Simcoe Centre

On Tuesday, June 10, the Ontario Government's Bill 47, a Bill that would provide a framework for review of complaints against the police in Metropolitan Toronto, was defeated in the Legislature by a combined vote of the Liberal and New Democratic Parties.

This defeat was not a comment on the competence of the Ontario Government, it was merely a result of the frustrations of minority parliaments.

Bill 47 stood and fell on its own merits. The reputation and capacity of the Ontario Government has been neither challenged nor questioned by the defeat of Bill 47.

Personally, I was disappointed by the defeat of the Bill as it was drafted in response to widespread demands in the Toronto area for a civilian review of police activities, particularly in situations where complaints have been made against officers for unnecessary use of force, illegal searches, racial insults and the like.

The Bill proposed that following a complaint against an officer, the police would have 30 days to investigate the charge and make a ruling before a civilian review commissioner examined the case.

If the civilian commissioner was in any way dissatisfied with the police investigation or its ruling, an independent investigation could be ordered following the initial 30-day period.

### Opposition

The opposition parties agreed that there is a need for a review process of complaints against the police, however they put forward the view that the civilian commissioner should be involved in the process much earlier than the 30 days stipulated in the Bill.

Ontario's Attorney-General Roy McMurtry, while sympathetic to the opposition's argument, stuck to his principles. He trusts the police to be able to criticize their own activities and to take necessary action against officers whose conduct reflects against the force as a whole.

Bill 47 was the result of long negotiations with the Toronto police, the legal community and those concerned with the protection of individual rights. While it was designed to meet the specific needs of the Toronto area it was hoped that it would have served as a model of legislation for other communities.

As a result of Wednesday's vote, Ontario is without a procedure

for review of complaints against the police. While I, and all the elected members of the party of which I am a part, have worked to make minority government a success, in cases like this where there is an important principle at stake, the result is no result at all.

In the past we have seen delays in the Child Welfare Act, delays on measures to improve occupational health and safety, delays on a Bill that would amalgamate the Ministry of Education with Colleges and Universities.

In situations where there is a pressing social need requiring immediate Government action, the minority situation in the Legislature has served only to reduce the effectiveness of the Government response or prevent any response at all.

If Government is to be more supple and effective in Ontario, it should not be the hostage of the two opposition parties. If Government is to really serve the people of our Province in the coming decade, it needs the strength of majority support in the Legislature.

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Garage Sale, at 1002 Howard St., Saturday, June 21, 10 a.m. Bargains galore. 49-50

8 Family lawn sale at 456 Nottingham St., Port McNicoll, Saturday, June 21, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 49-50

Lawn sale, June 22, 10 to 4, Hwy. 12, Conc. 8. Something for everybody. Signs to be posted. 50

Lawn sale, Saturday, June 21 at 989 Glen Bogie Cres. from 9 to 1 p.m. 50

Garage Sale, Sat., June 21, Hwy. 27 between Vindin and Hugel, 10 a.m. 49-50

At 632 Bayview Drive, Sat., June 21. Household articles, ladies' clothing etc. Books, painter's and cook's clothing, shoes. All bargains, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 50

Garage sale, 1007 Glen Eagles Cres., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sat., June 21. 50

Garage sale, Sat., June 21, at 1002 Hugel Avenue West, 9 a.m. 50

Lawn sale at 232 Lindsay St., Midland, Sat., June 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 50

Garage sale at 473 Midland Avenue, Sat., June 21, 10 a.m. 50

Driveway sale, Sat., June 21 from 9 to 12, at 417 Frederick St. Washer, stereo, etc. 50