

Tuesday, December 9, 1997



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 9

FOURTH SESSION, THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYERS

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petitions were presented:

Ms. McGIFFORD - Long Term, Adequate and Stable Funding for the Evergreen Women's Resource Centre, and Other Women's Resource Centres (A. Reilly, N. McPherson, J. Masson and others)

Mr. MACKINTOSH - Long Term, Adequate and Stable Funding for the Evergreen Women's Resource Centre, and Other Women's Resource Centres (C. Hutchinson, A. Gudmunds, S. Bjarnason and others)

Ms. WOWCHUK - Long Term, Adequate and Stable Funding for the Evergreen Women's Resource Centre, and Other Women's Resource Centres (M. Stratton, V. Bjornsson, H. Thorkelson and others)

Ms. BARRETT - Long Term, Adequate and Stable Funding for the Evergreen Women's Resource Centre, and Other Women's Resource Centres (M. Sigurdson, E. Sigurdson, A. Disbrowe and others)

Mr. EVANS (Interlake) - Long Term, Adequate and Stable Funding for the Evergreen Women's Resource Centre, and Other Women's Resource Centres (M. Sigurdson, G. Fridfinnson, S.L. Van Dreses and others)

By leave, the following petition was read and received:

Mr. EVANS (Interlake) - An Action Plan in Consultation with the Community for the Timely Implementation of Meaningful Change as Outlined in the Lavoie Inquiry, the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry and the Pedlar Report (C. Thomassen, P. Mallea, L. Comty and others)

Hon. Mrs. McINTOSH presented:

Annual Report of the Manitoba Textbook Bureau for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1997.
(Sessional Paper No. 87)

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Annual Report of the Department of Education and Training for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1997.

(Sessional Paper No. 88)

Also:

Annual Report of the University of Manitoba for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1997.

(Sessional Paper No. 89)

Also:

Annual Report of the University of Winnipeg for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1997.

(Sessional Paper No. 90)

Also:

Annual Report of Brandon University for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1997.

(Sessional Paper No. 91)

Also:

Annual Report of the Universities Grants Commission for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1997.

(Sessional Paper No. 92)

Also:

Annual Report of the Assiniboine Community College for the year ended June 30, 1997.

(Sessional Paper No. 93)

Also:

Annual Report of Keewatin Community College for the year ended June 30, 1997.

(Sessional Paper No. 94)

Also:

Annual Report of Red River Community College for the year ended June 30, 1997.

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Following Oral Questions, Madam Speaker made the following rulings:

I am ruling on a matter I took under advisement on March 25, 1997 during Question Period. The Opposition House Leader raised a point of order about an answer provided by the Honourable Minister of Environment. Having taken the opportunity to research Hansard, I am ruling that there was a point of order.

The Minister was not clear on March 25 that he was answering questions asked on March 20, nor had he clearly indicated on March 20 that he was taking a question as notice; what he had said on the 20th was that he would provide the Member for Swan River with information. What the Minister of Environment did say on March 25 was clearly debating the issue and was provocative. That was in contravention of citation 417 and I would have to caution the Minister when answering questions to conform to the provisions of that citation--that is the answer should be brief, should deal with the matter raised, and should not provoke debate.

I took under advisement a point of order raised on March 25, 1997 by the Opposition House Leader about the orderliness of an answer provided by the Honourable Minister of Health to a question. Having reviewed the Hansard record, I find that there was indeed a point of order. The question asked was quite straightforward, asking whether a matter would be sent to the Provincial Auditor for a review. A large portion of the answer from the Minister consisted of quotations from a newspaper article which did not directly relate to the question asked.

I encourage all Ministers when answering questions to be brief, to deal with the matter raised and to not provoke debate.

During Question Period on March 27 two points were raised relating to an exchange of questions and answers between the Honourable Member for Brandon East and the Minister of Labour.

The first point of order was raised by the Opposition House Leader about the relevancy of the answer by the Minister to the second question posed by the Honourable Member for Brandon East. After reviewing the Hansard record, I am ruling that the Opposition House Leader did have a point of order and I ask the Minister when replying to questions to deal with the matter raised, and to not provoke debate.

The second point of order as raised by the Government House Leader was that the questions posed by the Member for Brandon East were outside the administrative responsibility of the Minister as they had to do with the A.E. McKenzie Company. The Government House Leader indeed may have had a point, however he should have raised it before the Minister began to answer the first question of the Honourable Member for Brandon East; therefore, I am ruling that the Government House Leader did not have a point of order.

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On April 11 during Question Period I took under advisement a point of order raised by the Opposition House Leader regarding an answer to a question by the Honourable First Minister. Having reviewed the Hansard record, I am ruling that the Opposition House Leader did have a point of order and I ask the First Minister when replying to questions to deal with the matter raised, and to not provoke debate.

Pursuant to Rule 20(1), Mr. PENNER, Ms. WOWCHUK and Messrs. DYCK and MACKINTOSH made Members' Statements.

The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Proposed Motion of Mr. DYCK:

For an Address to His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor in answer to His Speech at the Opening of the Session.

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. DOWNEY concluding his remarks,

And Ms. McGIFFORD, Ms. FRIESEN, Mr. LAURENDEAU, Ms. WOWCHUK, Messrs. MARTINDALE, REID and ASHTON and Hon. Mr. FILMON having spoken,

And the Question being put on the main motion,

It was agreed to on the following division:

YEA

CUMMINGS	McINTOSH (Assiniboia)
DERKACH	MITCHELSON
DOWNEY	NEWMAN
DRIEDGER	PENNER
DYCK	PITURA
ENNS	PRAZNIK
FAURSCHOU	RADCLIFFE
FILMON	REIMER
FINDLAY	RENDER
GILLESHAMMER	ROCAN
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ASHTON	LATHLIN
BARRETT	MACKINTOSH (St. Johns)
CERILLI	MALOWAY
CHOMIAK	MARTINDALE
DEWAR	McGIFFORD
DOER	MIHYCHUK
EVANS (Brandon East)	REID
EVANS (Interlake)	ROBINSON
FRIESEN	SALE
JENNISSEN	SANTOS
KOWALSKI	STRUTHERS
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Pairs: Mr. HICKES stated he was paired with Hon. Mr. STEFANSON; had he voted he would have voted in the negative.

The House then adjourned at 5:37 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. tomorrow.

Hon. Louise Dacquay,
Speaker.