



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 77

THIRD SESSION, THIRTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYERS

8:30 O'CLOCK A.M.

By unanimous consent, the sequence for consideration for estimates, as outlined in Sessional Paper No. 124 tabled on April 30, 2002, was further amended in order that the estimates of Family Services and Housing be considered in the Chamber at 10:00 a.m. for Wednesday, August 7, 2002.

The House resolving into Committee of Supply.

And the House continuing in Committee, the Proceedings were interrupted at 12:00 p.m. with the understanding that Committee of Supply would resume following Routine Proceedings.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petitions were presented:

Mr. SCHULER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba request the Minister of Education to reverse the decision to split the Transcona-Springfield School Division and allow it to remain as a whole or to consider immediately convening the Board of Reference to decide the matter. (D. Magua, L. Orchard, R. Semmler and others)

Mr. MAGUIRE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba request that the Minister of Transportation and Government Services consider making the completion of the twinning of the Trans Canada Highway between Virden and the Saskatchewan border an immediate fiscal priority for his government and to consider taking whatever steps are necessary to ensure that work begins in the 2002 construction year. (G Lund, L. Joseph, F. Hey and others)

The following petitions were read and received:

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Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH presented:

Annual Report of The Manitoba Law Foundation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2002.
(Sessional Paper No. 206)

Hon. Mr. SELINGER presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2002-2003 - Revenue Estimates - Finance
(Sessional Paper No. 207)

Pursuant to Rule 23(1), Messrs. PENNER (Emerson), JENNISSEN, FAURSCHOU and NEVAKSHONOFF and Hon. Mr. GERRARD made Members' Statements.

And the House continuing in Committee. The Proceedings were interrupted at 5:00 p.m. for Private Members' Business.

Mr. REIMER moved:

Resolution No. 24: Casino Advertising

WHEREAS on November 23, 1994 the Member for Concordia stated: "Manitobans don't want more public relations ads from the Lotteries Corporation..."; and

WHEREAS on October 29, 1996 the Member for Thompson stated: "Not a day goes by where I have not had the opportunity to talk to people in my own community and other communities across the province where people have outlined the very specific personal costs of gambling"; and

WHEREAS the Member for Burrows on June 23, 1998 advised the citizens of Manitoba that any future government of which he participated would commit itself to, "...reducing gambling advertising..." and;

WHEREAS the Minister Responsible for the Manitoba Lotteries on June 12, 2000 advised the citizens of Manitoba that "we of course, do not advertise within the province of Manitoba"; and

WHEREAS the Government of Manitoba and the Manitoba Lotteries Corporation have spent approximately \$500,000 on an advertising campaign for the privately-run Royal Palms Restaurant and Michele's Restaurant; and

WHEREAS the Government of Manitoba and the Manitoba Lotteries Corporation, in direct contradiction of the Minister's June 12, 2000 statement, have spent millions of dollars directly advertising within the province of Manitoba in an attempt to lure more Manitobans into McPhillips Street Station and Club Regent; and

WHEREAS the Government of Manitoba and the Manitoba Lotteries Corporation have placed their "Go for the Fun of It" casino ads during family-oriented Sunday prime-time television at 15-minute intervals; and

WHEREAS "Go for the Fun of It" billboards have been placed on the east side of Winnipeg, across from Tinkertown Amusements, Fun Mountain Waterslide and the Kampgrounds of America family campground; and

WHEREAS the Minister of Finance in his 2001 Estimates of Revenue has demanded from the Minister Responsible for Lotteries additional revenue of \$20 million; and

WHEREAS \$1,385,121 was spent by the Manitoba Lotteries Corporation in the 2000 fiscal on advertising; and

WHEREAS \$1,838,000 is allocated by the Manitoba Lotteries Corporation for advertising in the 2001 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS the Government of Manitoba and the Manitoba Lotteries Corporation has revealed that casino advertising directed at Manitobans will continue indefinitely.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to reconsider its decision to spend millions of dollars actively encouraging Manitobans to attend Club Regent and McPhillips Street Station.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. REIMER, Hon. Ms. MCGIFFORD and Mr. DERKACH having spoken,

And Hon. Mr. ASHTON speaking at 6:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed that one section of Committee of Supply would meet in the Chamber from 6:30 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. for Wednesday, August 7, 2002.

Wednesday, August 7, 2002

And the House continuing in Committee.

The House then adjourned at 12:01 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. Thursday, August 8, 2002.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.