



PRAYERS

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The Clerk formally advised the Assembly that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent and called upon the Deputy Speaker to take the Chair pursuant to the Statutes. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

Mr. NEVAKSHONOFF, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Privileges & Elections, presented its First Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings:

Your Committee met on Monday, December 2, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters Under Consideration:

- The Appointment of a Conflict of Interest Commissioner

Committee Membership:

Your Committee elected Mr. NEVAKSHONOFF as the Chairperson.

Substitutions received prior to commencement of the meeting:

- Mrs. DACQUAY for Mr. MURRAY
- Mr. HELWER for Mrs. MITCHELSON
- Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH for Hon. Mr. SELINGER
- Mr. NEVAKSHONOFF for Ms. ALLAN

Motions Adopted and Reported:

THAT it is recommended that William (Bill) Norrie be appointed the Conflict of Interest Commissioner.

On motion of Mr. NEVAKSHONOFF, the Report of the Committee was received.

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During Oral Questions, Mr. LAURENDEAU rose on a point of order regarding the rotational order of questions posed by the Honourable Members from the Government side.

Mr. Deputy Speaker ruled that there was a point of order and offered the others to provide further comments,

And Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH and Mr. LAURENDEAU having spoken,

WHEREUPON Mr. Deputy Speaker informed the House he would take the matter under advisement.

Pursuant to Rule 23(1), Mrs. DRIEDGER, Ms. KORZENIOWSKI, Mrs. STEFANSON, Messrs. JENNISSEN and DERKACH made Members' Statements.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed that the debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne will be interrupted on Wednesday, December 4, 2002, in order to consider Second Reading of Bill (No. 2) – The Civil Remedies Against Organized Crime and Liquor Control Amendment Act/Loi sur les recours civils contre le crime organisé et modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools, and Condolence Motions.

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

THAT the following address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor:

We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba thank your Honour for the gracious speech addressed to us at this Fourth Session of the Thirty-Seventh Legislature of Manitoba.

And the proposed amendment moved by Mr. MURRAY as follows:

That the Motion be amended by adding at the end of the sentence the following words:

But this House regrets

(a) the government's inability to fulfill the promises outlined in its Throne Speech of November 13, 2001, including the following failures: not ending hallway medicine; not addressing the province-wide shortage of health care professionals; not reducing waiting lists for health care services; and

(b) the government's failure to address Manitoba's growing court backlogs through such measures as contracting with private law firms; and

(c) the government's failure to make a commitment for further provincial income tax reductions; and

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- (d) the government's failure to institute mandatory standards testing in grades 6 and Senior 1 despite the fact that our students score lower on national testing than the Canadian average; and
- (e) the government's failure to make a firm commitment to relocating Assiniboine Community College to the former Brandon Mental Health Centre site; and
- (f) the government's failure to ensure a viable future for the family farm in Manitoba through measures such as providing the provincial government's share of the transition funding set out in the Agricultural Policy Framework, thereby not addressing the pressing challenges facing Manitoba producers and treating them as 40 per cent less valuable than their counterparts in Alberta and Ontario; and
- (g) the government's failure to adequately promote rural economic diversification; and
- (h) the government's failure to prevent Manitoba parks from being carved up and protected for future generations, in spite of the fact that the Member for Concordia told a Winnipeg radio station that "the designation (of a provincial park) means the public owns the park and it can't be sold or bartered away..."; and
- (i) the government's failure to set out a meaningful plan to protect the province's fish stocks from illegal fishing; and
- (j) the government's failure to set out a plan to prevent future spills of sewage into the Red River; and
- (k) the government's failure to provide a cost-benefit analysis of the impact of ratifying the Kyoto Protocol on Manitoba's economy; and
- (l) the government's failure to stem the outflow of Manitobans to other provinces; and
- (m) the government's failure to recognize the important role private sector involvement has in growing Manitoba's economy.

AND has thereby lost the trust and confidence of the people of Manitoba and this House.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Messrs. HAWRANIK and SCHELLENBERG, Mrs. STEFANSON, Messrs. RONDEAU and MAGUIRE having spoken,

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

The House then adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 4, 2002.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.