



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 15

FOURTH SESSION, THIRTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYERS

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table of the House:

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

Province of Manitoba

To the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

I, Linda ASPER intend to resign my seat in the Legislative Assembly for the electoral division of Riel.

April 21, 2003

(Signed) Linda Asper

Witness: Marta Scarpato (signed)

Witness: Sasha Chambeshi (signed)

To His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor in Council:

I beg to advise that I have received the written resignation of Ms. Linda ASPER, Member for the Electoral Division of Riel in the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba dated the 21st day of April, 2003.

Pursuant to section 24 of The Legislative Assembly Act, I do now request Your Honour in Council to pass an Order-in-Council for the filling of the vacancy in the representation of the Electoral Division of Riel.

Dated at Winnipeg, this 24th day of April, 2003.

(Signed) Honourable George Hickes
Speaker
Legislative Assembly of Manitoba

(Sessional Paper No. 27)

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. HAWRANIK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Transportation and Government Services consider rebuilding and reconstructing the 14 kilometres of P.R. #304 to the south of PTH #11 at the earliest opportunity. (D. Dube, D. MacLellan, T. Murphy and others)

Mr. DYCK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Family Services and Housing consider changes to the departmental policy that pays family members a reduced amount of money for room and board when they care for their special needs dependants at home versus the amount paid to a non-parental care provider outside the family home and to consider examining on a case-by-case basis the merits of paying family members to care for special needs dependants at home versus paying to institutionalize them. (C. Harder, H. Hildebran, I. Peters and others)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Ms. ALLAN, Messrs. PENNER (Emerson), SCHELLENBERG, FAURSCHOU and RONDEAU made Members' Statements.

The House resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. SELINGER:

THAT this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government.

And on the Proposed Amendment of Mr. MURRAY,

THAT the motion be amended by deleting all the words after "House" and substituting the following:

therefore regrets this Budget ignores the present and future needs of Manitobans by:

- (a) failing to offer any vision and to reflect the priorities of Manitobans;
- (b) failing to provide a long-term tax reduction strategy that addresses the fact that middle-income Manitobans are now, under the Doer government, the highest taxed west of New Brunswick and our business taxes are not competitive;
- (c) failing to provide a sustainable provincial spending plan by introducing a budget with a spending/tax cut ratio of 11 to 1;
- (d) failing to reimburse, as promised, the Fiscal Stabilization Fund of the \$150 million "temporary transfer" taken in the 2001-02 fiscal year;
- (e) failing to provide a strategy to address the exodus of Manitobans to other provinces, an average of 12 Manitobans each day;

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(f) failing to address the challenges in health care, including: providing a cardiac care system that meets the needs of Manitobans in a timely fashion, ending hallway medicine within six months as promised, reducing waiting lists for tests and appointments; and recruiting and retaining health care professionals; and

(g) failing to provide adequate supports to Manitoba's agricultural sector.

As a consequence, the Government has thereby lost the confidence of this House and the people of Manitoba.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Mr. SANTOS, Mrs. SMITH (Fort Garry), Messrs. MARTINDALE and PENNER (Emerson) and Hon. Ms. MIHYCHUK having spoken,

The debate was allowed to remain open.

The House then adjourned at 5:26 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Friday, April 25, 2003.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker