



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 3

THIRD SESSION, THIRTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYERS

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mrs. TAILLIEU – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Transportation and Government Services to consider paving Highway 200 between Highways 205 and 305 to ensure a smooth, safe and uninterrupted use of Highway 200. (D. Alarie, I. Alarie, J. Cassie and others)

Mrs. DRIEDGER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Provincial Government to consider redirecting administrative cost savings to front line health care workers and to treat front line health care workers with the respect they deserve and to consider supporting the Healthcare Employees' Pension Plan by not cutting pension benefits. (E. Saccucci, J. Tabinc, M. Hawranik and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to consider recognizing the need to sit for a minimum of 80 days in any given calendar year. (M. Rogal, C. Juan, E. Reyes)

Mr. Speaker presented:

Auditor General's Report – Investigation of Maintenance Branch of the Manitoba Housing Authority dated November 2004.
(Sessional Paper No. 8)

Hon. Ms. MCGIFFORD presented:

Annual Report of the Department of Advanced Education and Training for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004.
(Sessional Paper No. 9)

Annual Report of the Council on Post-Secondary Education for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004.
(Sessional Paper No. 10)

Annual Report of the University of Manitoba for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004.
(Sessional Paper No. 11)

Annual Report of the University of Winnipeg for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004.
(Sessional Paper No. 12)

Annual Report of the Brandon University for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004.
(Sessional Paper No. 13)

Annual Report of the Red River College for the year ending June 30, 2004.
(Sessional Paper No. 14)

Annual Report of the Assiniboine Community College for the year ending June 30, 2004.
(Sessional Paper No. 15)

Annual Report of the Keewatin Community College for the year ending June 30, 2004.
(Sessional Paper No. 16)

Annual Report of the Collège de Saint-Boniface for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004.
(Sessional Paper No. 17)

On motion of Hon. Mr. SALE for Hon. Mr. SELINGER, Bill (No. 6) – The Real Property Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les biens réels, was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. CUMMINGS rose on a Matter of Privilege and moved:

THAT this question be referred to the Legislative Affairs Committee of this House and report back to the House.

And Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH, Messrs. DERKACH, PENNER, LOEWEN, LAMOUREUX and FAURSCHOU having spoken.

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

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Messrs. AGLUGUB and DERKACH, Ms. KORZENIOWSKI, Mr. ROCAN and Hon. Mr. GERRARD made Members' Statements.

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

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 Third Session of the Thirty-Eighth Legislature of Manitoba.

And the debate arising,

And Mr. MURRAY having spoken,

And Mr. MURRAY moved an amendment 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 failure to commit to elimination of all education tax off of residential property and farmland; and

(b) the government's failure to commit to not closing or converting rural hospitals; and

(c) the government's failure to commit to addressing the pediatric doctor shortage in Brandon; and

(d) the government's failure to provide any strategy to address growing wait lists throughout Manitoba; and

(e) the government's failure to initiate a review of health care regionalization; and

(f) the government's failure to meaningfully address the growing concerns related to organized crime including the fact that since November 2000 Manitoba has been the scene of 37 biker-related murders and attempted murders; and

(g) the government's failure to develop a long-term economic strategy to address anemic job growth and make Manitoba a "have" province; and

(h) the government's failure to adequately address the BSE crisis and to provide any plan to increase slaughter capacity in Manitoba, thereby threatening not only the stability of the livestock sector but all those other sectors in Manitoba's economic that are so reliant on its well-being; and

(i) the government's failure to recognize and encourage the important role private sector involvement has in growing Manitoba's economy; and

(j) the government's failure to acknowledge that balanced budgets have only been achieved through significant raids on Manitoba Hydro and the Fiscal Stabilization Fund; and

(k) the government's failure to acknowledge their raid on Manitoba Hydro contributed to a 10% increase in Hydro rates; and

(l) the government's failure to commit to calling an independent public inquiry into the spending of taxpayer money at Hydra House; and

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(m) the government's failure to commit to strengthening the role and function of the Public Accounts Committee.

AND HAS THEREBY lost the trust and confidence of the people of Manitoba and this House.

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK, Messrs. CULLEN and SANTOS and Mrs. STEFANSON having spoken,

And Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS speaking at 5:30 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

The House then adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Thursday, November 25, 2004.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.