



PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

On motion of Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Bill (No. 208) – The Elections Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi électorale, was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mrs. DRIEDGER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Health to consider developing a clear, immediate plan to address the ER doctor shortage and to consider taking all necessary steps to ensure the Grace Hospital emergency room does not close. (D. Klassen, D. Klassen, A. Windor and others)

Mrs. ROWAT – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation to act on this situation by considering the construction of a 4-lane highway that would bypass around the Village of Forrest. (L. Whitford, L. Gregorash, D. Wong and others)

Mrs. TAILLIEU – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister charged with the administration of The Liquor Control Act to consider allowing the owners of Headingley Foods to sell alcohol at their store, thereby supporting small business and the prosperity of rural communities in Manitoba. (T. Einarson, P. Wilks, W. Bullard and others)

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Premier and his NDP Government to consider ensuring that Winnipeg has a rapid transit system as soon as possible. (J. Lukorich, P. Hesse, Y. Petrystryn and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Premier and his NDP Government to cooperate in uncovering the truth in why the Government did not act on what it knew and to consider calling a public inquiry on the Crocus Fund Fiasco. (D. Poe, W. De la Cruz, B. Panganiban and others)

Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS presented:

Annual Report of the Manitoba Hazardous Waste Management Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006.

(Sessional Paper No. 2)

Annual Report of the Manitoba Association for Resource Recovery Corp. for the year ending December 31, 2006.

(Sessional Paper No. 3)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mr. MAGUIRE, Ms. HOWARD, Mrs. ROWAT, Mr. JENNISSEN and Mrs. TAILLIEU made Members' Statements.

The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Proposed Motion of Ms. HOWARD:

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 First Session of the Thirty-Ninth Legislature of Manitoba.

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

THAT the Motion be amended by adding at the end the following words:

But this House regrets

(a) the government's failure to address the fact that Manitoba's health care system is ranked dead last in Canada, failure to end hallway medicine as promised, failure to keep Manitoba emergency rooms open and safely operating, and failure to ensure that Manitobans have timely access to health care; and

(b) the government's failure to make a substantial commitment to the health of Lake Winnipeg, and to effectively limit Manitoba's greenhouse gas emissions; and

(c) the government's failure to make post secondary institutions sustainable, by neglecting their needs and failing to provide leadership and a long-term strategy for their growth; and

(d) the government's failure to take responsibility for the fact that Manitoba is first in Canada for robberies and homicides committed using a firearm, experiences very high rates of auto theft and violent crime, and the government's tendency to blame the federal government for these problems; and

(e) the government's failure to make Manitoba competitive by failing to index tax brackets to inflation, failing to recognize that Manitoba's basic personal exemption is the lowest in Western Canada, and allowing Manitoba to remain the highest taxed province west of Quebec; and

(f) the government's failure to make Manitoba Hydro strong, by raiding it, weakening it, and jeopardizing it to the point where it now carries more than \$7 billion in long term debt; and

(g) the government's failure to address Manitoba's crumbling infrastructure for the last eight years, leading to washouts, detours, weight restrictions and collapsed bridges.

AND HAS THEREFORE failed to address the priorities of Manitobans.

And the proposed sub-amendment moved by Hon. Mr. GERRARD as follows:

THAT the Motion be amended by adding at the end of item (g) the following words:

(h) the government's failure to address the fact that Manitoba has the worst high school drop out rate of all provinces;

(i) the government's failure to be able to deliver quick access to surgery after a hip fracture so that Manitoba now has the worst record of all provinces;

(j) the government's inadequate approach to improving the Provincial Nominee Program.

And the debate continuing on the sub-amendment,

And Mr. LAMOUREUX having spoken,

And the Question being put on the sub-amendment. It was negatived.

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YEA

BRIESE
CULLEN
DERKACH
DRIEDGER
DYCK
EICHLER
FAURSCHOU
GERRARD
GOERTZEN
GRAYDON

HAWRANIK
LAMOUREUX
MAGUIRE
MCFADYEN
PEDERSEN
ROWAT
SCHULER
STEFANSON
TAILLIEU 19

NAY

ALLAN	MACKINTOSH
ALTEMEYER	MALOWAY
ASHTON	MARCELINO
BLADY	MARTINDALE
BJORNSON	MCGIFFORD
BRAUN	MELNICK
BRICK	NEVAKSHONOFF
CALDWELL	OSWALD
CHOMIAK	REID
DEWAR	RONDEAU
DOER	SARAN
HOWARD	SELBY
IRVIN-ROSS	SELINGER
JENNISSEN	STRUTHERS
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And the Question being put on the main motion. It was agreed to, on the following division:

YEA

ALLAN	MACKINTOSH
ALTEMEYER	MALOWAY
ASHTON	MARCELINO
BLADY	MARTINDALE
BJORNSON	MCGIFFORD
BRAUN	MELNICK
BRICK	NEVAKSHONOFF
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Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK moved:

THAT notwithstanding any rule or practice of this House the steps or segments of the financial process introduced and concluded during the Fifth Session of the Thirty-Eighth Legislature be forthwith reinstated in this First Session of the Thirty-Ninth Legislature as follows:

The introduction, debate and adoption of the Budget Motion and the tabling of the Messages of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor and the Estimates attached thereto shall be deemed to have been introduced, considered and concluded during the First Session of the Thirty-Ninth Legislature and that the ensuing steps of the financial process be continued at this or any subsequent sitting of this House in the current session.

And a debate arising,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed to have the Members speak to the motion that was previously agreed to.

And Hon. Mr. SELINGER having spoken,

And Mr. HAWRANIK speaking at 12:30 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

The House then adjourned at 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, June 11, 2007.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.