



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 19**

**FOURTH SESSION, THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE**

**PRAYER**

**1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.**

On motion of Hon. Mr. BLAIKIE, Bill (No. 12) – The Pimachiowin Aki World Heritage Fund Act/Loi sur le Fonds du patrimoine mondial Pimachiowin Aki, was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. DYCK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Health to ensure that patients who are awaiting placement in a personal care home are not moved to distant communities and to consider working with the RHA and the community to speed construction and expansion of long term care facilities in the region. (B. Guenther, M. Andersen, C. Andersen and others)

Mr. SCHULER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Transportation consider the immediate installation of traffic signals at the intersection of PTH #15 and Highway #206 in Dugald and to recognize the value of the lives and well-being of the students and citizens of Manitoba. (G. Desautels, K. Zacharias, G. Nolin and others)

Mrs. DRIEDGER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Health to consider rethinking her refusal to allow an ophthalmologist to practice in Swan River and to consider working with the community to provide this service without further delay. (M. Garreck, T. Chaykoski, D. Chaykoski and others)

Mr. GRAYDON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister charged with the administration of the *Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Act* to consider instructing MPI to allow claimants the right to select an independent claim representative of their choosing, whether paid or unpaid, whether a lawyer or non-lawyer, as claimants with similar claims in other provinces are permitted to do. (A. Oyas, R. St. Doming, A. Albert and others)

Mr. BOROTSIK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Education Citizenship and Youth consider removing education funding by school tax or education levies from all property in Manitoba, including commercial property and consider finding a more equitable method of funding education such as general revenue following the Constitutional funding of education by the Province of Manitoba. (G. Woodfield, M. Silver, C. Morrison and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to consider how important it is to have a medical clinic located in the Weston/Brooklands area. (I. Holiday, T. Reimer, M. Reimer and others)

Mr. DERKACH – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Conservation to consider immediately placing the recent changes to the Onsite Wastewater Management System (OWMS) Regulation under The Environment Act on hold until such time that a review can take place to ensure that they are based on sound science and to consider implementing the prohibition on wastewater ejector systems on a case-by-case basis as determined by environmental need in ecologically sensitive areas and to consider offering financial incentives to help affected Manitoba property owners adapt to these regulatory changes. (L. Oakden, A. Zimmer, G. Zimmer and others)

Mr. PEDERSEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to consider proceeding with the cheaper, shorter and more logical east side route, subject to necessary regulatory approvals, to save ratepayers hundreds of millions of dollars during these challenging economic times. (G. Rouire, C. Lehmann, D. Schulz and others)

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Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Hon. Mr. BJORNSON, Messrs. DYCK, JENNISSEN and FAURSCHOU, Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Ms. KORZENIOWSKI (by leave) and Mr. MARTINDALE (by leave) made Members' Statements.

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During Orders of the Day, the Government House Leader advised that following the remarks by the Leader of the Official Opposition in the Budget debate, the House would then consider Interim Supply on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and on Friday morning under Orders of the Day.

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The House resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK:

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

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. MCFADYEN having spoken,

And Mr. MCFADYEN moved an amendment as follows:

*That the Motion be amended by deleting all the words after "House" and substituting:*

therefore regrets that this budget fails to address the priorities of Manitobans by:

- (a) forcing Manitoba families to pay higher hydro rates, higher water bills, and a range of other hidden taxes in order to pay for three wasteful NDP pet projects which are:
  - i. forcing Manitoba Hydro, against its advice, to build Bipole III on the west side route, costing Manitobans an extra \$640 million, and damaging the environment; and

- ii. forcing the City of Winnipeg to remove nitrogen from its wastewater, a decision that is expected to cost ratepayers an additional \$350 million, and which respected scientists say could be harmful to the health of Lake Winnipeg; and
  - iii. forcing unwanted enhanced drivers' licenses on Manitobans, costing \$14 million; and
- (b) creating a sinkhole of debt, now at \$23.4 billion and rising. As a result, Manitoba families will be forced to work longer hours at lower pay to pay off this bill in the years ahead; and
- (c) scrapping balanced budget laws in order to allow the NDP to accrue massive deficits totalling \$2.039 billion over the next half decade, putting social programs such as healthcare and education at risk; and
- (d) failing to preserve front line health care services with innovative service delivery, emphasizing preventative care, and reducing bloated bureaucracy; and
- (e) failing to recognize the importance of agriculture and rural communities to our economy; and
- (f) failing to offer a plan to encourage private investment to create opportunity and wealth, so Manitobans can feel hope that we will one day emerge from the hole of debt and dependency and see a brighter future.

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

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

The debate was, on motion of Mr. WIEBE, adjourned.

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The House resolving into Committee of Supply.

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Ms. BRICK, Chairperson of the Committee of Supply, presented the Report of the Proceedings of the Committee of March 24, 2010 as follows:

**IN THE COMMITTEE**

The following Resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED that a sum not exceeding \$5,057,635,680 being 48% of the total amount to be voted as set forth in Part A (Operating Expenditure) of the Estimates, be granted to Her Majesty for the Fiscal Year ending the 31st day of March, 2011.

RESOLVED that a sum not exceeding \$597,897,000 being 75% of the total amount to be voted as set out in Part B (Capital Investment) of the Estimates, be granted to Her Majesty for the Fiscal Year ending the 31st day of March, 2011.

Resolutions were reported and the Report was received.

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Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK moved:

THAT there be granted to Her Majesty on account of Certain Expenditures of the Public Service for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2011 out of the Consolidated Fund, the sums of \$5,057,635,680 being 48% of the total amount to be voted as set out in Part A (Operating Expenditure) and \$597,897,000 being 75% of the total amount to be voted as set out in Part B (Capital Investment) of the estimates, laid before the House at the present Session of the Legislature.

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

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On motion of Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK, Bill (No. 11) – The Interim Appropriation Act, 2010/Loi de 2010 portant affectation anticipée de crédits, was read a First Time and ordered for Second Reading immediately.

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Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK moved:

THAT Bill (No. 11) – The Interim Appropriation Act, 2010/Loi de 2010 portant affectation anticipée de crédits, be now read a Second Time, and be referred to Committee of the Whole.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK and Mr. LAMOUREUX having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to Committee of the Whole.

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The House resolving into Committee of the Whole.

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The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, 2010.

Hon. George HICKES,  
Speaker.