



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 3

FIRST SESSION, FORTIETH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation to consider making the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of PTH 16 and PTH 5 North a priority project in order to help protect the safety of the motorists and pedestrians who use it. (C. Malfait, B. Clark, E. Nicholson and others)

Mrs. ROWAT – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Healthy Living, Youth and Seniors to consider implementing a universal hearing screening program accessible to parents of all newborns in Manitoba. (J. Naismith, C. Clark, G. McCarthy and others)

By leave, it was agreed to waive Rules 31(2) and 31(3) regarding the timing for submission and prioritizing of Private Members' Resolutions with the understanding that the time frames for submission and prioritization will be determined by the House Leaders and that in the interim, they can be announced a week in advance for consideration.

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Hon. Ms. OSWALD, Mrs. STEFANSON, Ms. BRAUN and Messrs. EICHLER and KOSTYSHYN made Members' Statements.

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

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 Fortieth Legislature of Manitoba.

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. MCFADYEN having spoken,

And Mr. MCFADYEN moved an amendment as follows:

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

But this House regrets:

- (a) That the Throne Speech failed to acknowledge the Provincial Government's inability to pay for its commitments without raising taxes on Manitoba families or to acknowledge that adding to our debt at a rate of 10% each year and relying on equalization is not sustainable; and
- (b) That these are uncertain economic times, and yet the Throne Speech failed to lay out an economic strategy for the Province of Manitoba or to eliminate wasteful spending; and
- (c) That the Throne Speech did not mention the importance of trade to our economy, or make any references to entering into trade agreements to spur our economy; and
- (d) That the Throne Speech did not demonstrate a commitment to protecting Manitoba Hydro from political interference that is forcing Hydro to cut back and delay critical capital expenditures; and
- (e) That the Throne Speech failed to acknowledge the catastrophic mistake of following the far western route for Manitoba's next high voltage direct current transmission line; and
- (f) That the Throne Speech failed to demonstrate what steps the Provincial Government will take to shed Manitoba's title as the violent crime capital of Canada which was reinforced by a summer punctuated by arsons, stabbings and homicides putting Winnipeg on course to have a record number of homicides in 2011; and
- (g) That the Throne Speech failed to acknowledge the ongoing socioeconomic hardship and disruption caused by the 2011 flood and failed to commit the Provincial Government to undertake a comprehensive independent review of provincial actions and resources in the 2011 flood, as well as a review of provincial flood compensation to ensure all Manitobans are being fairly compensated; and
- (h) That the Throne Speech reinforced the Provincial Government's ongoing indifference to the needs of Manitoba's farm families and rural communities whose economic well being is so important to the health of the provincial economy; and
- (i) That the Throne Speech failed to outline a plan to reverse the inter-provincial loss of more than 1,800 doctors over the last decade, meaning thousands of Manitobans will remain without a family doctor; and
- (j) That this Provincial Government, after 12 years, has not restrained the growth of health care bureaucracy, which fails to make front line patient care a priority; and
- (k) That the Throne Speech did not provide a plan for improving access to Manitoba's post-secondary institutions, nor did it lay out a plan to tackle truancy or improve grade school students' test scores which have dropped to among the lowest in Canada; and

- (1) That the Throne Speech failed to address the circumstances that have led to Manitoba again being the child poverty capital of Canada, that have not improved food security for the thousands of Manitobans who rely on food banks annually or that have not curbed the growth in the number of Manitobans who rely upon employment and income assistance to survive.

And as a consequence, the Provincial Government 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 Ms. WIGHT and Messrs. FRIESEN, NEVAKSHONOFF and HELWER having spoken.

And Mr. ALTEMEYER speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

During the Debate, by leave, it was agreed to rescind the wording of the sessional order adopted by the House last Thursday and instead have the wording of that sessional order replaced by the wording as follows, with the understanding that the sessional order as reworded is deemed to have been adopted by the House:

By leave, Hon. Ms. HOWARD moved:

That the following Sessional Order apply to the fall sitting of the First Session of the Fortieth Legislature despite any other rule or practice of this House:

Throne Speech debate to be concluded November 1, 2011

1. If the motion for the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne for the fall sitting of the First Session of the Fortieth Legislature has not proceeded to a vote before Tuesday, November 1, 2011, then that day is to be considered the eighth and final day of debate. At 4:30 p.m. on that day, the Speaker must interrupt the proceedings and, without seeing the clock, put every question necessary to dispose of

- (a) any outstanding amendment or sub-amendment to the main motion for the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne; and

- (b) the main motion for the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

The interruption is to take place and the required action is to be taken whether or not the Orders of the Day have been called.

Priority of actions to be taken

2. If, at the specified time, a point of order or a matter of privilege has been raised and is under consideration by the House, the point of order or matter of privilege is to be set aside — and no other point of order or matter of privilege may be raised — until the required action has been taken and all matters relating to the required action have been resolved. After that, and without seeing the clock, the Speaker must deal with the point of order or matter of privilege.

Monday, October 24, 2011

Adjournment

3. At the conclusion of the action required under paragraph 1 and any action required under paragraph 2, the Speaker must adjourn the House without a motion for adjournment. The House then stands adjourned until the call of the Speaker.

And a debate arising,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 25, 2011.

Hon. Daryl REID,
Speaker.