

Wednesday, May 13, 1998



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 47

FOURTH SESSION, THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYERS

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petitions were presented:

Mr. MARTINDALE - Minister of Health to consider immediately cancelling the hospital food proposal and concentrate on delivering quality health care instead of using health dollars to provide contracts for private firms (W. Osychenko, P. Jaworski, C. Glisinski and others)

Mr. HICKES - Minister of Health to put an end to the centralization and privatization of Winnipeg hospital food services (R. Cote, M. Wolski, J. Trudel and others)

Mr. SANTOS - Minister of Health to put an end to the centralization and privatization of Winnipeg hospital food services (S. Decker, H. Esselmont, R. Jaramilla and others)

The following petitions were read and received:

Mr. HICKES - Minister of Health to put an end to the centralization and privatization of Winnipeg Hospital food services (L. Whiteway, J. Finlayson, K. Laporte and others)

Mr. DEWAR - Minister of Health to put an end to the centralization and privatization of Winnipeg Hospital food services (J. Spikhuk, A. Daniels, A. Shymanski and others)

Mr. MALOWAY - Minister of Health to put an end to the centralization and privatization of Winnipeg Hospital food services (O. Parenteau, B. Spence, J. St. Cyr and others)

Mr. LAURENDEAU - The passing of an Act to amend the St. Paul's College Incorporation Act (St. Paul's College)

Mr. SANTOS - Minister of Health to put an end to the centralization and privatization of Winnipeg Hospital food services (D. Carrette, C. Jubinville, G. Bourejeois and others)

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Mr. LAURENDEAU, Chairperson of the Committee of Supply, presented the Report of the Proceedings of the Committee of May 12, 1998, as follows:

IN THE COMMITTEE

The following Resolutions were adopted:

9.1

RESOLVED that there be granted to HER MAJESTY a sum not exceeding SEVEN MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS for FAMILY SERVICES:

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE \$7,526,600.00

for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1999.

9.4 RESOLVED that there be granted to HER MAJESTY a sum not exceeding ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN MILLION, TWENTY THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS for FAMILY SERVICES:

CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES \$187,020,400.00

for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1999.

16.3 RESOLVED that there be granted to HER MAJESTY a sum not exceeding SIX MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS for EDUCATION AND TRAINING:

BUREAU DE L'ÉDUCATION FRANÇAISE \$6,521,500.00

for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1999.

Resolutions were reported.

Report was received and the Committee of Supply obtained leave to sit again.

Hon. Mr. STEFANSON presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review - 1998-1999 - Finance.

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Hon. Mr. TOEWS presented:

Annual Report of the Discriminatory Business Practices Act for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1998.

(Sessional Paper No. 189)

Hon. Mr. FINDLAY presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review - 1998-1999 - Highways and Transportation.

(Sessional Paper No. 190)

Hon. Mr. McCRAE presented:

Annual Report of the Manitoba Hazardous Waste Management Corporation for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1997.

(Sessional Paper No. 191)

Hon. Mr. TOEWS, the Minister of Justice, made a statement regarding the Judicial Appointment Process,

And Mr. DOER speaking,

Hon. Mr. McCRAE rose on a point of order regarding the comments "oh what a tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive" spoken by the Leader of the Official Opposition and requested the words be withdrawn,

And Mr. ASHTON having spoken to the point of order,

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker ruled that there was a point of order and requested they be withdrawn,

Mr. DOER withdrew his remarks.

Mr. DOER concluded his comments on the statement.

Pursuant to Rule 20(1), Messrs. DYCK, JENNISSEN, FAURSCHOU, REID and EVANS (Brandon East) made Members' Statements.

In accordance with Rule 21, Mr. LAMOUREUX rose on a grievance.

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Hon. Mr. DERKACH moved:

THAT Bill (No. 38) - The Planning Amendment and Consequential Amendments Act; Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'aménagement du territoire et modifications corrélatives, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. DERKACH having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mr. EVANS (Interlake), adjourned.

Hon. Mr. STEFANSON moved:

THAT Bill (No. 29) - The Statute Law Amendment (Taxation) Act, 1998; Loi de 1998 modifiant diverses dispositions législatives en matière de fiscalité, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. STEFANSON having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Ms. BARRETT, adjourned.

Hon. Mr. TOEWS moved:

THAT Bill (No. 39) - The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (2); Loi n° 2 modifiant le Code de la route, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. TOEWS having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Ms. McGIFFORD, adjourned.

Hon. Mr. TOEWS moved:

THAT Bill (No. 40) - The Domestic Violence and Stalking Prevention, Protection and Compensation and Consequential Amendments Act; Loi sur la violence familiale et la protection, la prévention et l'indemnisation en matière de harcèlement criminel et modifications corrélatives, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

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And Hon. Mr. TOEWS having spoken,

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

Hon. Mr. TOEWS moved:

THAT Bill (No. 43) - The Victims' Rights and Consequential Amendments Act; Loi sur les droits des victimes et modifications corrélatives, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. TOEWS having spoken,

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

Hon. Mrs. McINTOSH moved:

THAT Bill (No. 47) - The Brandon University Act; Loi sur l'Université de Brandon, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mrs. McINTOSH having spoken,

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

Hon. Mrs. McINTOSH moved:

THAT Bill (No. 48) - The Mennonite College Federation and Consequential Amendments Act; Loi sur la Fédération des collèges mennonites et modifications corrélatives, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mrs. McINTOSH having spoken,

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

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Hon. Mrs. McINTOSH moved:

THAT Bill (No. 49) - The University of Winnipeg Act; Loi sur l'Université de Winnipeg, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mrs. McINTOSH having spoken,

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

Hon. Mrs. McINTOSH moved:

THAT Bill (No. 50) - The Universities Establishment Repeal and Consequential Amendments Act; Loi abrogeant la Loi sur la fondation des universités et modifications corrélatives, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mrs. McINTOSH having spoken,

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

Hon. Mr. RADCLIFFE moved:

THAT Bill (No. 51) - The Cooperatives and Consequential Amendments Act; Loi sur les coopératives et modifications corrélatives, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. RADCLIFFE having spoken,

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

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Hon. Mr. McCRAE for Hon. Mr. PRAZNIK moved:

THAT Bill (No. 52) - The Health Services Insurance Amendment Act; Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'assurance-maladie, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. McCRAE having spoken,

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

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

THAT Bill (No. 6) - The Animal Liability and Consequential Amendments Act; Loi sur la responsabilité des propriétaires d'animaux et modifications corrélatives, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And leave having been denied to have the matter remain in the name of Mr. ASHTON,

And Messrs. EVANS (Interlake) and LAMOUREUX having spoken,

And the Question being put,

It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

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

THAT Bill (No. 7) - The Public Utilities Board Amendment Act; Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Régie des services publics, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And leave having been denied to have the matter remain in the name of Mr. HICKES,

And Messrs. MALOWAY and LAMOUREUX having spoken,

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And the Question being put,

It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

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

THAT Bill (No. 5) - The Agricultural Credit Corporation Amendment Act; Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société du crédit agricole, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

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

And the Question being put,

It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

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

THAT Bill (No. 9) - The Mines and Minerals Amendment Act; Loi modifiant la Loi sur les mines et les minéraux, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And leave having been denied to have the matter remain in the name of Mr. STRUTHERS,

And Ms. MIHYCHUK 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 a Committee of this House.

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Mr. MALOWAY moved:

Resolution No. 29 - Political Advertising and Government Guidelines

WHEREAS in the six months prior to the 1995 provincial general election the Provincial Government spent hundreds of thousands of tax dollars on partisan advertising of Provincial Government programs in Manitoba newspapers and on radio and television stations around the Province; and

WHEREAS in 1993 the then Provincial Auditor called some of the Provincial Government's ads "questionable" and stated that the Government should implement guidelines for government advertising; and

WHEREAS on June 3, 1994 the Minister of Finance indicated that, "I have staff working on this issue, and we will come forward with a position on the whole issue of appropriate guidelines and so on. So we are undertaking it. We take it very seriously."; and

WHEREAS despite repeated promises before, during and after the election the Minister of Finance has still not brought forward any standards or guidelines and refuses to act on his previous commitments; and

WHEREAS thousands of dollars continue to be spent on questionable advertising contracts many of which have been awarded to former staff of the Premier's office; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government wasted over \$400,000 on advertising promoting the privatization of the Manitoba Telephone System prior to the sale of the Manitoba Telephone System and this advertising was clearly partisan and part of a pattern; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is continuing this policy of using advertising for partisan purposes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba request that the Premier consider following the advice of the Provincial Auditor in this matter and "consider developing more explicit guidelines in this area, specifically defining the extent to which the political element is acceptable in ads paid with tax dollars"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Assembly request that the Premier order the cancellation of all non-essential advertising campaigns until such guidelines are publicly released.

And a debate arising,

And Messrs. MALOWAY, McALPINE, LAMOUREUX and TWEED having spoken,

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And Mr. ASHTON speaking at 6:00 p.m.,

The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

The House then adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

Hon. Louise Dacquay,
Speaker.