



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA**

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**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS** No. 13

**FIFTH SESSION, THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE**

**PRAYERS**

**10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.**

Prior to Orders of the Day, Madam Speaker informed the House of an error on the Notice Paper. The sponsorship of the amendments to the Rules of this House should be the Hon. First Minister, not the Hon. Government House Leader, and this will appear in that way on Monday's Order Paper.

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

THAT Bill (No. 17) - The Elections Amendment and Elections Finances Amendment Act; Loi modifiant la Loi électorale et la Loi sur le financement des campagnes électorales, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. KOWALSKI concluding his remarks,

And Messrs. MACKINTOSH and STRUTHERS and Ms. WOWCHUK having spoken,

The debate was allowed to remain open.

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

Hon. Mrs. McINTOSH, the Minister of the Environment made a statement regarding the Anniversary of Earth Day,

Mr. DEWAR commented on the statement.

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Hon. Mr. McCRAE, the Minister of Education and Training made a statement concerning the senseless death of 14 students and one teacher at a high school in Littleton, Colorado,

Mr. MACKINTOSH and, by leave, Mr. LAMOUREUX commented on the statement.

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Hon. Mr. GILLESHAMMER presented:

Annual Report of The Manitoba Foundation for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1998.  
(Sessional Paper No. 73)

Also:

Report under Sub-section 63(4) of The Financial Administration Act for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1998.  
(Sessional Paper No. 74)

Also:

Financial Statements of The Manitoba Hospital Capital Financing Authority for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1998.  
(Sessional Paper No. 75)

Also:

Annual Report of the Debt Retirement Fund for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1998.  
(Sessional Paper No. 76)

Also:

Annual Report of the Enabling Appropriations and Other Appropriations for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1998.  
(Sessional Paper No. 77)

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Hon. Mr. TWEED presented:

Annual Report of the Department of Industry, Trade and Tourism for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1998.  
(Sessional Paper No. 78)

Also:

Annual Report of the Cooperative Promotion Board for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1998.  
(Sessional Paper No. 79)

Also:

Annual Report of the Co-operative Loans and Loans Guarantee Board for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1998.  
(Sessional Paper No. 80)

Also:

Annual Report of the Manitoba Development Corporation for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1998.  
(Sessional Paper No. 81)

Also:

Annual Report of the Manitoba Trade and Investment Corporation for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1998.

(Sessional Paper No. 82)

Also:

Annual Report of the Industrial Technology Centre for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1998.

(Sessional Paper No. 83)

Also:

Annual Report of the Economic Innovation and Technology Council for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1998.

(Sessional Paper No. 84)

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Following Oral Questions, Madam Speaker made the following ruling:

The Honourable Member for The Maples on April 7 raised a matter of privilege respecting passage of The Electoral Divisions Act.

Advice was given to the chair by Members and I thank those Members who provided advice.

Did the Honourable Member for The Maples raise the matter at the earliest opportunity? Yes, he did and therefore the matter meets the first qualification for one of privilege. Did the Honourable Member provide prima facie evidence?

The Member put forward the argument that there had been contempt of the Assembly because the legislation arising from the report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission was being presented to the House shortly before an election.

Joseph Maingot on page 13 of *Parliamentary Privilege in Canada (second edition)* gives this definition:

*“If someone improperly interferes with the parliamentary work of a Member of Parliament – any of the Member’s activities that have a connection with a proceeding in Parliament – in such a case that it is a matter involving parliamentary privilege. An offence against the authority of the House constitutes contempt.”*

On pages 13 and 14, he goes on to say:

*“(P)rivilege is nevertheless subject to the practices and procedures of the House. Thus allegations of breach of privilege by a Member in the House of Commons that amount to complaints about procedures and practices in the House are by their very nature matters of order.”*

Therefore, in the matter raised by the Honourable Member the parliamentary privileges of this House have not been breached; the motion put forward by the Honourable Member for The Maples cannot be accepted as a matter of privilege.

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Pursuant to Rule 20 (1), Messrs. LAURENDEAU, ROBINSON, KOWALSKI, DYCK and Ms. McGIFFORD made Members’ Statements.

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Bill (No. 2) – The Electoral Divisions Amendment Act; Loi modifiant la Loi sur les circonscriptions électorales, was reported from the Committee of the Whole, without amendment, and was concurred in.

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

THAT Bill (No. 17) - The Elections Amendment and Elections Finances Amendment Act; Loi modifiant la Loi électorale et la Loi sur le financement des campagnes électorales, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. MARTINDALE having spoken,

And Mr. REID speaking,

During debate, Mr. McALPINE rose on a point of order regarding comments allegedly spoken by the Honourable Member for Transcona,

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

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker informed the House she would take the matter under advisement,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. REID concluding his remarks,

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And Messrs. JENNISSEN, PENNER, DOER 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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The House then adjourned at 5:12 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday next.

Hon. Louise Dacquay,  
Speaker.