



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 15**

**FIFTH SESSION, THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE**

**PRAYERS**

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

By leave, Mr. DYCK, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections presented its First Report, which was read as follows:

Your Committee met on Monday April 26, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building to consider Bills referred.

At that meeting, your Committee heard representation on Bills as follows:

Bill 17 – The Elections Amendment and Elections Finances Amendment Act; Loi modifiant la Loi électorale et la Loi sur le financement des campagnes électorales

Mr. Fred Toker	Private Citizen
Mr. Paul Neilson	Private Citizen

Your Committee has considered:

Bill 17 – The Elections Amendment and Elections Finances Amendment Act; Loi modifiant la Loi électorale et la Loi sur le financement des campagnes électorales;

and has agreed to report the same with the following amendment:

**MOTION:**

THAT section 13 of the Bill be amended by renumbering it as subsection 13(1) and by adding the following as subsection 13(2):

Coming into force: sections 2 and 3

13(2) Notwithstanding section 178 of The Elections Act, the amendments to The Elections Act, as enacted by sections 2 and 3 of this Act, come into force on the day this Act receives royal assent.

On motion of Mr. DYCK, the Report of the Committee was received.

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Following Oral Questions, Madam Speaker made the following rulings:

The Deputy Speaker on April 7 took under advisement a point of order raised by the Honourable Member from Crescentwood about language he claimed had been used in reference to him by the Honourable Minister of Urban Affairs. The Deputy Speaker when taking the matter under advisement undertook to examine Hansard to see what record there was of the exchange.

I have read the Hansard of April 7. The Minister did not have the floor and there is no record in Hansard of any words spoken by him. The audio tapes have been listened to and they show no indication of the comments of the Minister of Urban Affairs. Therefore the Chair is unable to rule on the point of order.

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On April 12, 1999 the Opposition House Leader during Question Period raised a point of order respecting words spoken by the Honourable First Minister about the Honourable Member for Swan River when the First Minister was responding to a question posed by the Member. The Opposition House Leader contended that the Honourable First Minister had attributed motives and asked that the unparliamentary comments be withdrawn.

Having reviewed the Hansard for April 12, 1999 I would agree with the Opposition House Leader. I would therefore request the Honourable First Minister to withdraw the words complained of.

WEREUPON Hon. Mr. FILMON withdrew his remarks.

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On April 13 during Question Period the Honourable Member for The Maples raised a point of order respecting an answer provided by the Honourable Minister of Energy and Mines to a question posed by the Honourable Member for Inkster. I took the matter under advisement in order to review Hansard and determine precisely what the Minister said.

Hansard shows that the Minister stated "...the deal is not completed yet, and I would be very interested in knowing whether the Liberal Party of the province of Manitoba does support the deal in principle and just what—"

The Honourable Member for The Maples indeed did have a point of order. Question Period is not a time for debate and when answering questions a Minister should not provoke debate.

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Pursuant to Rule 20 (1), Messrs. SVEINSON, EVANS (Brandon East), HELWER, JENNISSEN and LAMOUREUX made Members' Statements.

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On motion of Mr. HICKES:

ORDERED that the composition of the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections be amended as follows:

Monday, April 26, 1999 at 7:00 p.m.:  
Mr. STRUTHERS to fill vacancy.

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By leave, it was agreed that the House would sit at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday April 29, 1999.

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Hon. Mr. TOEWS moved:

THAT Bill (No. 4) – The Law Fees Amendment and Consequential Amendments Act; Loi modifiant la Loi sur les frais judiciaires 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.

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Hon. Mr. PRAZNIK moved:

THAT Bill (No. 5) – The Highway Traffic Amendment, Off-Road Vehicles Amendment and Consequential Amendments Act; Loi modifiant le Code de la route et la Loi sur les véhicules à caractère non routier 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. PRAZNIK having spoken,

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

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Hon. Mr. PRAZNIK moved:

THAT Bill (No. 6) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act; Loi 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. PRAZNIK having spoken,

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

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Hon. Mrs. RENDER moved:

THAT Bill (No. 9) – The Securities Amendment and Commodity Futures and Consequential Amendments Amendment Act; Loi modifiant la Loi sur les valeurs mobilières et la Loi sur les contrats à terme de marchandises et apportant des modifications corrélatives, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

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And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mrs. RENDER having spoken,

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

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Hon. Mr. TOEWS moved:

THAT Bill (No. 11) – The Statute Law Amendment (Nunavut) Act, 1999; Loi de 1999 modifiant diverses dispositions législatives (Nunavut), 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. EVANS (Interlake), adjourned.

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Hon. Mr. TOEWS moved:

THAT Bill (No. 12) – The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1999; Loi de 1999 modifiant diverses dispositions législatives, 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. BARRETT, adjourned.

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Hon. Mrs. RENDER moved:

THAT Bill (No. 15) – The Cemeteries Amendment Act; Loi modifiant la Loi sur les cimetières, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mrs. RENDER having spoken,

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

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By leave, 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, as amended and reported from the Standing Committee of Privileges and Elections, was concurred in.

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

THAT Bill (No. 2) – The Electoral Divisions Amendment Act; Loi modifiant la Loi sur les circonscriptions électorales, be now read a Third Time and passed.

And the debate continuing,

And leave having been denied to have the matter remain standing in the name of Ms. CERILLI,

And Messrs. ASHTON, and LAMOUREUX having spoken,

And the Question being put,

It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a Third Time and passed.

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His Honour, PETER LIBA, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Manitoba, having entered the House at 3:45 p.m., and being seated on the Throne:

Madam Speaker addressed His Honour in the following words:

May it please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly, at its present session, passed a Bill, which in the name of the Assembly, I present to Your Honour and to which Bill I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent:

(No. 2) – The Electoral Divisions Amendment Act; Loi modifiant la Loi sur les circonscriptions électorales

To this Bill the Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly as follows:

“In Her Majesty’s Name, His Honour the Lieutenant Governor doth assent to this Bill.”

At 3:47 p.m., His Honour was then pleased to retire.

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By leave, Hon. Mr. PRAZNIK moved:

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 Third Time and passed.

And a debate arising,

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And Hon. Mr. PRAZNIK and Mr. EVANS (Interlake) having spoken,

And Ms. BARRETT speaking at 5:00 p.m.,

The debate was allowed to remain in her name.

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Mr. DYCK moved:

Resolution No. 4: Canada – U.S. Agricultural Trade

WHEREAS the agricultural sector plays a vital role in the overall health of the Manitoba economy; and

WHEREAS many of Manitoba's agricultural producers rely on ready access to markets in the United States in which to sell their products and services; and

WHEREAS the Canadian and United States governments have recently been involved in a series of disputes regarding the restrictive trade actions undertaken by individual American states, which included the obstruction of access of Canadian cattle, hogs and grain to the United States; and

WHEREAS a strong two-way trading relationship between Canada and the United States is beneficial to both countries' economies; and

WHEREAS Canada's farmers will benefit from a strong and unified approach to bilateral trade discussions with the United States.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba encourage the Federal Government to continue engaging in discussions with the United States Government which will facilitate the unimpeded export of Canadian agricultural products to American markets.

And a debate arising,

And Messrs. DYCK and EVANS (Interlake), Hon. Mr. ENNS, Messrs. STRUTHERS and PENNER and Hon. Mr. PITURA having spoken,

And the Question being put,

It was agreed to.

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The House then adjourned at 5:55 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. tomorrow.

Hon. Louise Dacquay,  
Speaker.