



PRAYERS

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. JENNISSEN, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Economic Development presented its First Report, which was read as follows:

Your Committee met on Tuesday, February 23, 2000 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building to consider the Annual Reports of the Manitoba Lotteries Corporation for the years ended March 31, 1996, March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998 and March 31, 1999; Annual Reports of the Communities Economic Development Fund for the years ended March 31, 1998 and March 31, 1999; Financial Statements of Venture Manitoba Tours Ltd. for March 31, 1997 and 1996, March 31, 1998 and 1997 and March 31, 1999; and the Annual Reports of the Manitoba Development Corporation for the years ended March 31, 1998 and March 31, 1999.

At that meeting, your Committee elected Mr. JENNISSEN as Chairperson and Mr. SMITH (Brandon West) as Vice-Chairperson.

At the February 23, 2000 meeting, your Committee accepted the resignations of Hon. Ms. FRIESEN, Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX, Mrs. DACQUAY and Mr. DERKACH, and elected Hon. Ms. MCGIFFORD, Hon. Mr. LATHLIN, Mrs. MITCHELSON and Mr. REIMER to replace them.

Mr. Bob Sparrow, Chief Executive Officer and Mr. Jim Baker, Director of Finance provided such information as was requested with respect to the Financial Statements and business of Venture Manitoba Tours Ltd.

Mr. Peter Hak, Senior Vice-President and Chief Executive Officer and Mr. Brian Stepnuk, Vice-President of Finance and Administration provided such information as was requested with respect to the Annual Reports and business of the Manitoba Lotteries Corporation.

Mr. Harold Westdahl, Chairman of the Board and Mr. R. Gordon Wakeling, General Manager and Chief Executive Officer provided such information as was requested with respect to the Annual Reports and business of the Communities Economic Development Fund.

Mr. Jim Kilgour, Secretary-Treasurer of Manitoba Development Corporation and Mr. Hugh Eliasson, Deputy Minister of Industry, Trade and Mines provided such information as was requested with respect to the Annual Reports and business of the Manitoba Development Corporation.

Your Committee has considered the Annual Reports of the Manitoba Lotteries Corporation for the years ended March 31, 1996, March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998 and March 31, 1999; Annual Reports of the Communities Economic Development Fund for the years ended March 31, 1998 and March 31, 1999; Financial Statements of Venture Manitoba Tours Ltd. for March 31, 1997 and 1996, March 31, 1998 and 1997 and March 31, 1999; and the Annual Reports of the Manitoba Development Corporation for the years ended March 31, 1998 and March 31, 1999 and has adopted the same as presented.

On motion of Mr. JENNISEN, the report of the Committee was received.

Ms. ASPER, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Utilities and Natural Resources presented its First Report, which was read as follows:

Your Committee met on Thursday, April 20, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building to consider the Annual Report of the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation for the year ended February 28, 1999.

At the April 20, 2000 meeting, your Committee accepted the resignations of Mr. JENNISEN, Hon. Ms. MCGIFFORD, Messrs. PENNER (Emerson) and GILLESHAMMER and elected Mr. MARTINDALE, Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH, Messrs. HELWER and LOEWEN to replace them. The Committee subsequently accepted the resignation of Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH and elected Mr. SCHELLENBERG to replace him.

At that meeting, your Committee elected Mr. MARTINDALE as Vice-Chairperson.

Ms. Shari Decter Hirst, Chairperson of the Board and Mr. Jack Zacharias, Chief Executive Officer and President provided such information as was requested with respect to the Annual Report and business of the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation.

Your Committee has considered the Annual Report of the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation for the year ended February 28, 1999 and has adopted the same as presented.

On motion of Ms. ASPER, the report of the Committee was received.

Hon. Mr. LATHLIN, the Minister of Conservation made a statement regarding the wildfire situation in Manitoba, Spring 2000,

Mr. ENNS commented on the statement.

Hon. Mr. SELINGER, the Minister of Finance made a statement regarding the late Archbishop Antoine Hacault,

Mr. FILMON and, by leave, Hon. Mr. GERRARD commented on the statement.

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Hon. Ms. MCGIFFORD, the Minister of Culture, Heritage and Tourism made a statement regarding Manitoba Book Week,

Mrs. DACQUAY commented on the statement.

By leave, Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK introduced Bill (No. 7) – The Protection for Persons in Care Act/Loi sur la protection des personnes recevant des soins, and outlined the purposes thereof, it was read a First Time.

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

By leave, Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH introduced Bill (No. 9) – The Court Security Act/Loi sur la sécurité dans les tribunaux, and outlined the purposes thereof, it was read a First Time.

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

By leave, Hon. Ms. BARRETT introduced Bill (No. 19) – The Holocaust Memorial Day Act/Loi sur le Jour commémoratif de l'Holocauste, and outlined the purposes thereof, it was read a First Time.

Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK presented:

Message from His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 7).

(Sessional Paper No. 115)

Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH presented:

Message from His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 9).

(Sessional Paper No. 116)

Mr. Speaker informed the House that Ms. Patricia Chaychuk had been appointed Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker then informed the House that Garry Clark had been appointed Sergeant-at-Arms and that Blake Dunn had been appointed Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms.

Pursuant to Rule 23(1), Mrs. DRIEDGER, Mr. MARTINDALE, Mrs. DACQUAY, Messrs. SCHELLENBERG and PENNER (Steinbach) made Members' Statements.

By leave, Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH moved:

THAT Bill (No. 9) – The Court Security Act/Loi sur la sécurité dans les tribunaux, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH and Mr. PRAZNIK having spoken,

And Hon. Mr. GERRARD speaking,

During the debate, Mr. LAURENDEAU rose on a point of order regarding the relevancy of the comments spoken by the Honourable Member for River Heights,

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker ruled that there was no point of order,

From his decision, Mr. LAURENDEAU appealed to the House,

And the Question being put, "Shall the Ruling of the Chair be sustained?" It was agreed to.

And Hon. Mr. GERRARD concluding his remarks,

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.

On motion of Mr. DEWAR:

ORDERED that the composition of the Standing Committee on Law Amendments be amended as follows:

Wednesday, April 26, 2000 at 10:00 a.m.:
Mr. MARTINDALE for Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK,
Ms. ALLAN for Mr. STRUTHERS,
Mr. AGLUGUB for Ms. ASPER.

On motion of Mr. DYCK:

ORDERED that the composition of the Standing Committee on Law Amendments be amended as follows:

Wednesday, April 26, 2000 at 10:00 a.m.:
Mr. PRAZNIK for Mr. PENNER (Emerson).

By leave, Hon. Ms. BARRETT moved:

THAT Bill (No. 19) – The Holocaust Memorial Day Act/Loi sur le Jour commémoratif de l'Holocauste, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Ms. BARRETT, Mrs. DACQUAY, Hon. Messrs. GERRARD and DOER, Mr. PRAZNIK, Hon. Mr. SALE, Mr. LOEWEN, Ms. ASPER and Mr. ROCAN having spoken,

The debate was allowed to remain open.

Mrs. DACQUAY moved:

Resolution No. 1: Breast Health Awareness

WHEREAS breast cancer is currently the leading cause of death among women between the ages of 35 and 55; and

WHEREAS since the inception of the Breast Screening Program in 1995 almost 50, 000 women between 50 and 69 years of age have been screened; and

WHEREAS to date, over 300 cases of cancers have been detected as a direct result of the screening program; and

WHEREAS self examination leads to the detection of 75% of all breast growths; and

WHEREAS detecting breast cancer at an early stage increases the treatment options for women; and

WHEREAS the combination of regular mammography screenings and breast exams has been shown to reduce mortality by as much as 30%; and

WHEREAS in 1998 the then Progressive Conservative government introduced two mobile mammography units and mammography technologists to rural Manitoba to take the screening program on the road; and

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WHEREAS the then Progressive Conservative government planned, developed and opened the Breast Health Clinic located at 100-400 Tache Avenue, to provide a centralized on-site facility that includes comprehensive diagnostic assessment, risk assessment, counseling, genetic testing and emotional support.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider supporting the goals and efforts implemented by the previous administration through the Manitoba Breast Screening Program in order to help reduce the number of deaths from breast cancer and to provide a service that is sensitive and responsive to the needs of women.

And a debate arising,

And Mrs. DACQUAY, Mr. STRUTHERS, Mrs. DRIEDGER, Hon Mr. GERRARD and Ms. KORZENIOWSKI having spoken,

And Ms. CERILLI speaking at 6:00 p.m.,

The debate was allowed to remain in her name.

The House then adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, 2000.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.