



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 17

THIRD SESSION, THIRTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYERS

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mrs. TAILLIEU – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Transportation and Government Services consider paving Highway 200 between Highways 205 and 305 to ensure a smooth, safe and uninterrupted use of Highway 200. (N. Doerksen, J. Bilodeau, R. Sorin and others)

Mrs. ROWAT – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Premier to consider ensuring that acute care and emergency services are available to the residents of Rivers and surrounding areas in their local hospital and to live up to his promise to not close the Rivers Hospital and to request that the Minister of Health consider developing a long term solution to the chronic shortages of frontline healthcare professionals in rural Manitoba. (V. Roth, T. Gercama, L. Kiesman and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Provincial Government to consider adopting generally accepted accounting principles in reporting Manitoba's budgetary numbers. (D. Zelinsky, R. Zelinsky, S. Howanyk and others)

Mr. CULLEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to strongly urge the Minister of Health to consider taking charge and ensuring that he will improve long-term planning efforts to develop a lasting solution to the chronic problem of pediatrician and other specialist shortages in Brandon and to treat this as the crisis that it is and consider consulting with front-line workers, particularly doctors, to find solutions and to strongly urge the Minister of Health and the Premier of Manitoba to consider ending highway medicine now. (D. Gollett, S. Walker, J. Ryland and others)

Mr. SCHULER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Provincial Government to consider providing East St. Paul with local ambulance service which would service both East and West St. Paul and to consider improving the way that ambulance service is supplied to all Manitoba's by utilizing technologies such as GPS in conjunction with a Medical Transportation Co-ordination Center (MTCC) which will ensure that patients receive the nearest ambulance in the least amount of time and to consider ensuring that appropriate funding is provided to maintain superior response times and sustainable services. (R. Karp, M. Rehaluk, D. Karp and others)

Thursday, March 10, 2005

On motion of Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS, Bill (No. 16) – The Wildlife Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la conservation de la faune, was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

During Oral Questions, Mr. LOEWEN rose on a Matter of Privilege and moved:

THAT as a result of the seriousness of this breach of privilege, that this matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs; and

THAT the Minister of Health be requested to apologize to Manitobans and to all Honourable Members of this Chamber for purposefully and knowingly misleading Manitobans and the Honourable Members of this Chamber.

And Hon. Mr. ASHTON, Mr. ROCAN, Mrs. DRIEDGER, Messrs. LAMOUREUX and DERKACH having spoken.

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker informed the House he would take the matter under advisement.

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mr. SWAN, Mrs. MITCHELSON, Mr. ALTEMEYER, Mrs. TAILLIEU and Mr. JENNISSEN made Members' Statements.

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

THAT this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government.

And the proposed amendment moved by Mr. MURRAY as follows:

THAT the motion be amended by deleting all the words after "House" and substituting the following:

therefore regrets this Budget ignores the present and future needs of Manitobans by:

- (a) Failing to offer any vision and to reflect the priorities of Manitoba; and
- (b) Failing to provide a long-term economic strategy and tax reduction strategy that addresses the fact that Manitobans are now, under the Doer NDP government, the highest taxed west of New Brunswick, and make Manitoba a "have" province; and
- (c) Failing to address the debt of Manitoba which has grown under the Doer NDP government, thereby mortgaging our children's future; and
- (d) Failing to eliminate education taxes off of residential property and farmland; and
- (e) Failing to offer a "New Deal" which will meet the needs of Manitoba's municipalities; and
- (f) Failing to provide adequate funding for post-secondary institutions; and

- (g) Failing to provide relief for Manitoba's livestock producers and failing to provide for sufficient slaughter capacity; and
- (h) Failing to provide for a meaningful review of the operation and administration of Manitoba's Regional Health Authorities; and
- (i) Failing to provide a long-term plan for the reduction of health care waiting lists; and
- (j) Failing to provide an opportunity for publicly funded health care services in privately-managed clinics; and
- (k) Failing to provide child care options for parents by failing to support for-profit child care centers as well as not-for-profit centers, and failing to provide a tax credit for stay-at-home parents; and
- (l) Failing Manitoba's sick and elderly by increasing Pharmacare deductibles by 20% over the past four years; and
- (m) Failing to support Manitoba's environment by failing to provide for the long-term sustainability of Manitoba's recycling and product stewardship programs; and
- (n) Failing to deal with record numbers of auto thefts and record numbers of murders; and
- (o) Failing to provide a plan or strategy to break up existing gangs and prevent new gangs from coming to Manitoba; and
- (p) Failing to deal with the high number of grow-ops and labs manufacturing illegal drugs and the proliferation of drugs; and
- (q) Failing to acknowledge their raid on Manitoba Hydro contributed to a 10% increase in Hydro rates.

As a consequence, the Government has thereby lost the confidence of this House and the people of Manitoba.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Messrs. LOEWEN, SANTOS and CULLEN, Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK and Mr. CUMMINGS having spoken,

And Mr. MARTINDALE speaking at 5:30 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

The House then adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Friday, March 11, 2005.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.