



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 48

THIRD SESSION, THIRTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYERS

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. LOEWEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Provincial Government to recognize the need for a public high school in the southwest region of Winnipeg and in conjunction with the Public Schools Finance Board, to consider adequate funding to establish a high school in the southwest sector of Winnipeg. (S. Loscerbo-Boswick, R. Fazel, D. Boyechko 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. (J. McClelland, D. Ironside, F. Dyer and others)

Mr. GOERTZEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Family Services and Housing consider changes to the departmental policy that pays family members a reduced amount of money for room and board when they care for their special-needs dependants at home versus the amount paid to a non-parental care provider outside the family home and to consider examining on a case-by-case basis the merits of paying family members to care for special-needs dependants at home versus paying to institutionalize them. (B. Barnes-Kilmury, C. Thiessen, S. Paskanik and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to consider recognizing the need to sit for a minimum of 80 days in any given calendar year. (B. K. Sharma, M. Haegeman, C. Cassidy)

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. (E. Watkins, C. Clement, M. Foster and others)

Hon. Mr. SMITH presented:

Annual Report of The Municipal Board for the year ending December 31, 2004.
(Sessional Paper No. 82)

During Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker interjected and requested that the words "sits on her heinie" spoken by the Honourable Member for Inkster be withdrawn.

WHEREUPON Mr. LAMOUREUX withdrew his remarks.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker made the following ruling:

On May 11, 2005, the Honourable Government House Leader rose on a point of order regarding comments spoken by the Official Opposition House Leader while challenging the ruling of the Chair. The Honourable Government House Leader asserted that the Official Opposition House Leader had called the Honourable Minister of Education, Citizenship and Youth a liar, and requested that the words be withdrawn. I took the matter under advisement in order to view Hansard and verify the language used.

Page 2615 of Hansard for May 11, 2005 attributes the following words to the Honourable Official Opposition House Leader "Mr. Speaker, I am greatly disappointed given the fact that enough information was tabled in this House to prove that the Minister lied. I must challenge your ruling." It is clear from these comments that the Honourable Government House Leader does have a point of order, as it is unparliamentary to call another Member a liar.

In addition, in looking at the comments of the Honourable Official Opposition House Leader, he may not be aware of it, but he, with the words that he said, also reflected on the ruling of the Chair. As I have said in this House before, it is not appropriate for Members to reflect on the ruling of the Chair. Members have the option of challenging the ruling if they disagree with it, but it is out of order to comment on and reflect on the ruling. If any Member attempts to debate or comment on a ruling rather than challenging it, he or she will be called to order.

I therefore call upon the Official Opposition House Leader to unequivocally withdraw the word lied.

WHEREUPON Mr. DERKACH withdrew his remarks.

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Messrs. REIMER and NEVAKSHONOFF, Mrs. ROWAT, Ms. BRICK and Mr. FAURSCHOU made Members' Statements.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed for the concurrence motion to be considered in the Committee of Supply until 4:00 p.m., followed by the consideration of Bills in the House.

The House resolving into Committee of Supply.

The House resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Ms. ALLAN:

THAT Bill (No. 14) – The Electricians' Licence Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le permis d'électricien, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. SCHULER, LAMOUREUX and CULLEN 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. RONDEAU:

THAT Bill (No. 21) – The Oil and Gas Amendment and Oil and Gas Production Tax Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le pétrole et le gaz naturel et la Loi de la taxe sur la production de pétrole et de gaz, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. ROCAN and LOEWEN, Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Messrs. SCHULER, MAGUIRE and DYCK 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. SMITH:

THAT Bill (No. 15) – The Emergency Measures Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les mesures d'urgence, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. ROCAN, SCHULER, PENNER, LAMOUREUX, DYCK and MAGUIRE 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.

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

The House resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK:

THAT Bill (No. 27) – The Horse Racing Commission Amendment and Horse Racing Regulation Repeal Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Commission hippique et abrogeant la Loi sur les courses de chevaux, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. ROCAN and CULLEN, Mrs. TAILLIEU and Mr. EICHLER 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 then adjourned at 5:29 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, 2005.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.