



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 11

FIRST SESSION, THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

In accordance with Rule 31(9), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Manitoba Drainage Management Program Resolution will be considered next Thursday, October 4, 2007.

Hon. Mr. GERRARD moved:

THAT Bill (No. 202) – The Apology Act/Loi sur la présentation d'excuses, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

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

Hon. Mr. GERRARD moved:

THAT Bill (No. 203) – The Phosphorus-Free Dishwashing Detergent Act/Loi sur les détergents à vaisselle sans phosphore, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. GERRARD, and (by leave), Mrs. STEFANSON, Messrs. GRAYDON, CULLEN, DERKACH and LAMOUREUX having spoken,

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

Mr. SCHULER moved:

Resolution No. 2: Crocus Investment Fund Scandal

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WHEREAS widespread damage has been done to the venture capital market in Manitoba as a result of the Crocus Investment Fund scandal; and

WHEREAS the Auditor General's *Examination of the Crocus Investment Fund* indicated that as early as 2001 the Government was made aware of red flags at the Crocus Investment Fund; and

WHEREAS the RCMP cannot investigate the role Government officials may have had in the demise of the Crocus Investment Fund; and

WHEREAS the Manitoba Securities Commission can only investigate the board of directors of the Crocus Investment Fund not the role that Government may have played in the fall of the Crocus Investment Fund; and

WHEREAS in previous Public Accounts hearings, no one would answer questions regarding who had the authority to overrule industry officials and prevent them from doing their jobs regarding the Crocus Investment Fund; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has been named in \$200 million lawsuit filed on behalf of investors in the Crocus Investment Fund and as a result the Premier, the Finance Minister and other ministers will not be able to answer questions put to them in Question Period because the case would be before the courts; and

WHEREAS the RCMP investigation, Manitoba Securities Commission hearings or Public Accounts DO NOT FORCE the government officials to testify under oath about their knowledge of the Crocus Investment Fund Scandal; and

WHEREAS as a direct result of the Government ignoring the red flags, more than 34,000 Crocus investors have lost more than \$60 million; and

WHEREAS only a public inquiry will force every person involved in the Crocus Investment Fund scandal to testify under oath and only then will Manitobans hear the truth of what really led to the demise of the Crocus Investment Fund.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to strongly consider calling an independent public inquiry into the Crocus Investment Fund scandal.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. SCHULER, Hon. Mr. RONDEAU, Mr. HAWRANIK, Hon. Messrs. SELINGER and GERRARD and Mr. MALOWAY having spoken,

And Mr. DERKACH speaking at 12:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bills were severally read a First Time and had their purposes outlined:

(No. 10) – The Family Maintenance Amendment and Inter-jurisdictional Support Orders Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'obligation alimentaire et la Loi sur l'établissement et l'exécution réciproque des ordonnances alimentaires

(Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK)

(No. 17) – The Firefighters, Peace Officers and Workers Memorial Foundations Act/Loi sur les fondations à la mémoire des pompiers, des agents de la paix et des travailleurs

(Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX)

(No. 209) – The Historic Trans-Canada Highway Act/Loi sur l'ancienne route transcanadienne

(Mr. HAWRANIK)

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. CULLEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister for Infrastructure and Transportation to consider implementing a speed zone on Provincial Trunk Highway #2 adjacent to the Village of Glenboro. (D. Naismith, K. Robinson, L. Blain and others)

Mrs. ROWAT – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation to act on this situation by considering the construction of a 4-lane highway that would by-pass around the Village of Forrest. (C. L. Wilcox, J. Howden, V. Robertson and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Premier and his Government to recognize and acknowledge how important immigration is to our province by improving and strengthening the Provincial Nominee Program. (D. Ferrer, H. Regalado, A. Sarte and others)

Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK presented:

Annual Report of the Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 33)

Annual Report of the Food Development Centre for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 34)

During Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker interjected and requested that the words "if he's Honourable" spoken by the Honourable Minister of Finance be withdrawn.

WHEREUPON Hon. Mr. SELINGER withdrew his remarks.

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Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Messrs. SWAN, DYCK, NEVAKSHONOFF, PEDERSEN and JHA made Members' Statements.

The House resolving into Committee of Supply.

By leave, it was agreed for the House to revert to "Introduction of Bills" in order for Mr. Speaker to put the question on Bill (No. 17) – The Firefighters, Peace Officers and Workers Memorial Foundations Act/Loi sur les fondations à la mémoire des pompiers, des agents de la paix et des travailleurs, on the record.

The House then adjourned at 6:32 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, October 1, 2007.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.