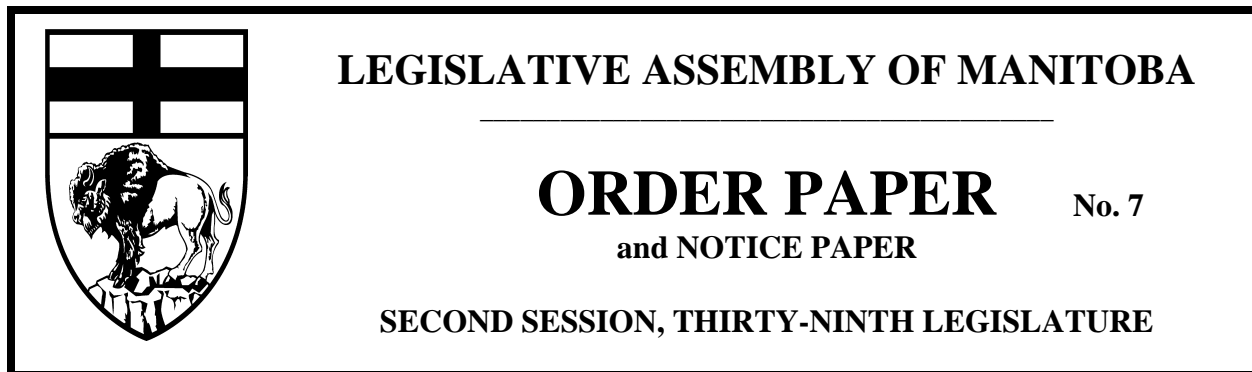


Wednesday, November 28, 2007



PRAYER

SITTING AT 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH –

(No. 7) – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act (Child Pornography Reporting)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services à l'enfant et à la famille (obligation de signaler la pornographie juvénile)

Hon. Mr. GERRARD –

(No. 200) – The Waste Reduction and Prevention Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réduction du volume et de la production des déchets

Hon. Mr. GERRARD –

(No. 206) – The Elections Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi électorale

Hon. Mr. GERRARD –

(No. 207) – The Manitoba Hydro Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Hydro-Manitoba

Hon. Mr. GERRARD –

(No. 208) – The Crown Appointment Review Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur l'examen des nominations au sein des sociétés d'état (modification de diverses lois)

Hon. Mr. GERRARD –

(No. 209) – The Personal Health Information Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les renseignements médicaux personnels

Hon. Mr. GERRARD –

(No. 210) – The Winter Spreading of Manure and Biosolids Prohibition Act/Loi interdisant l'épandage hivernal de déjections et de biosolides

Mr. LAMOUREUX –

(No. 211) – The Environment Amendment Act (Methamphetamine)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'environnement (méthamphétamine)

Mr. SCHULER –

(No. 212) – The Teachers' Pensions Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la pension de retraite des enseignants

Mr. EICHLER –

(No. 213) – The Set Date Elections and Electoral Fairness Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur la tenue d'élections à date fixe et l'équité électorale (modification de diverses lois)

Mrs. TAILLIEU –

(No. 214) – The Labour Relations Amendment Act (Information in Employee's Language)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les relations du travail (renseignements fournis dans la langue des employés)

Mr. SCHULER –

(No. 215) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Property Development)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (mise en valeur d'un bien réel)

Mr. SCHULER –

(No. 218) – The Public Schools Finance Board Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la commission des finances des écoles publiques

Mrs. DRIEDGER –

(No. 219) – The Government-Issued Photo Identification Act/Loi sur les cartes-photos d'identité délivrées par le gouvernement

PETITIONS

Mrs. TAILLIEU

Mr. SCHULER

Mr. MCFADYEN

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ADJOURNED DEBATE (Sixth Day of Debate):

On the Proposed Motion of Ms. BRAUN –

THAT the following address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor:

We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, thank your Honour for the gracious speech addressed to us at this Second Session of the Thirty-Ninth Legislature of Manitoba.

And the Proposed Motion of Mr. MCFADYEN in amendment thereto as follows:

THAT the Motion be amended by adding at the end the following words:

But this House regrets:

- (a) the government's misguided directive to Manitoba Hydro to construct the BiPole III transmission line on the west side of the province, resulting in more than \$500 million in additional capital costs, 40 megawatts of line loss and more than \$17 million annually in lost sale revenues; and
- (b) the government's refusal to provide answers to the 34,000 Manitobans who lost over \$100 million of their savings in the Crocus Investment Fund scandal; and
- (c) the government's failure to ensure that the safety of children in the care of Child and Family Services is a paramount consideration; and
- (d) the government's mismanagement of the health care system, resulting in a shortage of health care professionals, bloated bureaucracies, lengthy wait times for diagnostic tests and treatments, and the closure of 14 rural emergency rooms; and
- (e) the government's wasteful expenditure of \$3 million on the ineffective Spirited Energy campaign; and
- (f) the government's complacency towards making Manitoba competitive with other western provinces, particularly Saskatchewan; and

- (g) the government's failure to make Manitoba an attractive place for our young people, resulting in the loss of 35,000 Manitobans who have left for greener pastures in other provinces; and
- (h) the government's growing dependence on federal transfer payments; and
- (i) the government's cancellation of the previous government's debt repayment plan and failure to apply some of the record federal transfer revenues to reduce debt, leaving a legacy of debt to our children and grandchildren; and
- (j) the government's failure to address the unprecedented number of shootings and criminals in possession of illegal firearms; and
- (k) the government's lack of efforts to develop strategies to help the agricultural sector dealing with challenges such as the effects of the rising Canadian dollar, high input costs, and the potential effects of Country of Origin Labelling, among others; and
- (l) the government's inability to facilitate and promote the development of a strong and vibrant rural economy; and
- (m) the government's ineffectiveness in addressing ongoing infrastructure challenges in key areas such as bridges, highways, roads, sewage and water treatment, and telecommunications such as rural broadband; and
- (n) the government's lack of a long-term strategy to address education infrastructure needs in rapidly growing communities; and
- (o) the government's chronic under-funding of our post-secondary institutions for almost a decade; and
- (p) the government's inaction on important environmental initiatives in spite of countless announcements and promises of action, including improving the health of Lake Winnipeg, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and moving forward on a Progressive Conservative proposal to implement a beverage container deposit return system; and
- (q) the government's broken promises to end hallway medicine, put in place a Privacy Commissioner, and make our communities safer; and
- (r) the government's lack of fairness and accountability in important areas of government such as the awarding of contracts, elections legislation, legislative committees and privacy legislation; and
- (s) the government's demonstrated disrespect for the role of a provincial government by acting as a property developer, thereby putting taxpayers' dollars at risk; and

(t) the government's mismanagement of Manitoba Housing and its failure to address the deplorable conditions that low income Manitobans have been forced to endure, such as bed bugs, mould, and chronic violence and drug activity within public housing.

AND AS A CONSEQUENCE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS THEREBY lost the trust and confidence of the people of Manitoba and this House.

(Mr. FAURSCHOU – 20 mins.)

SECOND READINGS:

Hon. Mr. BJORNSON –

(No. 2) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Trans Fats and Nutrition)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (gras trans et nutrition)

Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK –

(No. 3) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act/Loi modifiant le Code de la route

Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK –

(No. 4) – The Provincial Court Amendment Act (Family Mediators and Evaluators)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Cour provinciale (médiateurs et enquêteurs familiaux)

Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK –

(No. 5) – The Witness Security Act/Loi sur la sécurité des témoins
(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. SELINGER –

(No. 6) – The Securities Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les valeurs mobilières

NOTICE PAPER

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR THURSDAY:

Hon. Ms. MELNICK –

(No. 8) – The Phosphorus Reduction Act (Water Protection Act Amended)/Loi sur la réduction du phosphore (modification de la Loi sur la protection des eaux)

WRITTEN QUESTIONS:

Mr. GRAYDON –

1. To respond to public safety concerns about the Letellier Bridge on Highway 201, will the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation indicate when the bridge will be replaced?
2. Will the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation confirm that the replacement Letellier Bridge on Highway 201 will be two lanes with A-one loading?
3. Will the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation confirm the cost of replacing the Letellier Bridge on Highway 201?
4. Will the Minister of Aboriginal and Northern Affairs indicate whether discussions are taking place with Roseau River Anishinabe First Nation to address the concerns they outlined in their letter of November 5, 2007 regarding the replacement of the Letellier Bridge on Highway 201?
5. Will the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation provide an update on the progress on land negotiations related to the replacement of the Letellier Bridge on Highway 201, which affects an agricultural producer on the west end of the bridge, and also the Roseau River Anishinabe First Nation?

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR TUESDAY NEXT:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

Ms. BLADY – Women Minorities and Aboriginal People in the Legislature

1. WHEREAS in 2001 there were 585,125 women in Manitoba making up 51% of the provincial population; and

WHEREAS in 2001 there were over 150,000 Aboriginal people living in the Province of Manitoba, making up in excess of 14% of the total population; and

WHEREAS as a result of the 2007 election there are now 13 women in the Government Caucus, and 5 women in the Official Opposition Caucus; and

WHEREAS the Manitoba Legislative Assembly of Manitoba has more women elected as a proportion than any other Legislature in Canada; and

WHEREAS having women in politics is important to ensure that young women have role models who serve as living testimonials that they too can be elected officials; and

WHEREAS 2007 was the first time a woman from an ethnic minority was elected to the Manitoba Legislature; and

WHEREAS there are three Aboriginal Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) in the Government caucus;

WHEREAS the Speaker of the Manitoba Legislative Assembly is the first Inuit Speaker in any province in Canada; and

WHEREAS electing women, visible minorities and Aboriginal people is critical to ensuring that the makeup of our elected assembly is reflective of the electorate; and

WHEREAS the legislative process is aided greatly by having citizens from all cross-sections of society with their diversity of experiences involved in the decision making process.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba continue to promote women, ethnic minorities and Aboriginal people's involvement in the political and electoral process.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

The Standing Committee on CROWN CORPORATIONS will meet in Room 255, Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba on December 5, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the Annual Reports of the Manitoba Liquor Control Commission for the fiscal years ending March 31, 2004, March 31, 2005, March 31, 2006 and March 31, 2007.

The Standing Committee on CROWN CORPORATIONS will meet in Room 255, Legislative Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba on December 12, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the Annual Reports of the Workers Compensation Board for the years ending December 31, 2004, December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2006; the Annual Reports of the Appeal Commission and Medical Review Panel for the years ending December 31, 2004, December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2006 and the Five Year Plans of the Workers Compensation Board for the years 2004-2008, 2005-2009; 2006-2010 and 2007-2011.