

Thursday, March 19, 1998



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 21

FOURTH SESSION, THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYERS

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

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

WHEREAS Manitobans strongly believe that Quebec is a vital and welcome partner in the Canadian federation; and

WHEREAS nine premiers and the territorial leaders, meeting in Calgary in September, 1997, agreed on a Framework for Discussion on Canadian Unity; and

WHEREAS after discussions among the leaders of the three political parties represented in this Assembly, the Manitoba Legislative Task Force on Canadian Unity was established to consult Manitobans on the Calgary Framework and other issues relating to Canadian unity, and to renew the Manitoba tradition of building consensus on issues of Canadian unity; and

WHEREAS the said Task Force, having heard from Manitobans through a wide variety of consultative mechanisms, reported to this Assembly with respect to the Calgary Framework and other issues relating to Canadian identity and values; and

WHEREAS the Report of the Task Force concluded that Manitobans support the Calgary Framework; and

WHEREAS nothing in the Calgary Framework is intended to derogate from any Aboriginal or treaty right recognized by law; and

WHEREAS Manitobans have expressed their strong belief that better recognition of the rights and concerns of Aboriginal peoples is important to Canadian unity.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. This Assembly affirms that Quebec is a vital and welcome partner in the Canadian federation;
2. This Assembly affirms that better recognition of the Aboriginal and treaty rights of the Aboriginal peoples and full participation by the Aboriginal peoples in the federation are important to Canadian unity;

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3. This Assembly supports the Calgary Framework, with amendment to point 4, as follows:

1. All Canadians are equal and have rights protected by law.
2. All provinces, while diverse in their characteristics, have equality of status.
3. Canada is graced by a diversity, tolerance, compassion and an equality of opportunity that is without rival in the world.
4. Canada's diversity includes Aboriginal peoples and cultures, the vitality of the English and French languages and a multicultural citizenry drawn from all parts of the world.
5. In Canada's federal system, where respect for diversity and equality underlies unity, the unique character of Quebec society, including its French speaking majority, its culture and its tradition of civil law, is fundamental to the well being of Canada. Consequently, the legislature and Government of Quebec have a role to protect and develop the unique character of Quebec society within Canada.
6. If any future constitutional amendment confers powers on one province, these powers must be available to all provinces.
7. Canada is a federal system where federal, provincial, and territorial governments work in partnership while respecting each other's jurisdictions. Canadians want their governments to work cooperatively and with flexibility to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of the federation. Canadians want their governments to work together particularly in the delivery of their social programs. Provinces and territories renew their commitment to work in partnership with the Government of Canada to best serve the needs of Canadians.

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. MACKINTOSH, TWEED, SALE, ROCAN and LAMOUREUX and Hon. Mr. NEWMAN having spoken,

The debate was allowed to remain in the name of Mrs. RENDER, by leave.

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1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petition was presented:

Mr. MACKINTOSH - Minister of Health to put an end to the centralization and privatization of Winnipeg hospital food services (K. Solinsky, C. Smith, F. Pennell and others)

The following petition was read and received:

Ms. BARRETT - Minister of Health to put an end to the centralization and privatization of Winnipeg hospital food services (T. Hudson, J. MacDuff, D. Stuski and others)

By leave, the House reverted to "Presenting Petitions" and the following petition was presented:

Mr. HICKES - Minister of Health to put an end to the centralization and privatization of Winnipeg hospital food services (D. Myrowich, M. Myrowich, T. Drysdale and others)

By leave, the House reverted to "Reading and Receiving Petitions" and the following petition was read and received:

Mr. HICKES - Minister of Health to put an end to the centralization and privatization of Winnipeg hospital food services (T. Chubaty, D. Martens, P. Kler and others)

Hon. Mr. PRAZNIK presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 1998-1999, Departmental Expenditure Estimates - Health and Addictions Foundation.

(Sessional Paper No. 136)

Hon. Mr. REIMER presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 1998-1999, Departmental Expenditure Estimates - Seniors Directorate.

(Sessional Paper No. 137)

Also:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 1998-1999, Departmental Expenditure Estimates - Housing.

(Sessional Paper No. 138)

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Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 1998-1999, Departmental Expenditure Estimates - Urban Affairs.

(Sessional Paper No. 139)

Hon. Mr. FINDLAY presented:

Annual Report of the Department of Highways and Transportation for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1997.

(Sessional Paper No. 140)

By leave, Mr. MACKINTOSH having introduced Bill (No. 201) - The Crime Victims' Bill of Rights and Consequential Amendments Act; Loi sur la déclaration des droits des victimes d'actes criminels et modifications corrélatives, and outlined the purposes thereof, it was read a First Time.

During Oral Questions, Hon. Mr. McCRAE rose on a point of order stating that the Honourable Member for Concordia was not directing his comments through the Chair,

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker ruled that there was a point of order.

Pursuant to Rule 20(1), Messrs. DYCK, HICKES, LAURENDEAU, KOWALSKI and MACKINTOSH made Members' Statements.

During Members' Statements, Mr. DOER rose on a point of order regarding the word "racism" used by the Honourable Member for Pembina and requested that Madam Speaker review her previous ruling on the use of the word,

And Hon. Mr. McCRAE and Ms. FRIESEN having spoken to the point of order,

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker informed the House she would take the matter under advisement and report back to the House.

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By unanimous consent, it was agreed that the House would not sit on Easter Monday, April 13, 1998.

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And the debate continuing,

And Mrs. RENDER concluding her remarks,

And Mr. STRUTHERS, Hon. Mr. ENNS, Ms. FRIESEN, Hon. Mr. DOWNEY, Messrs. LATHLIN, ROBINSON and PENNER, Hon. Mr. RADCLIFFE, Messrs. LAURENDEAU and McALPINE, Hon. Mrs. VODREY and Hon. Mr. McCRAE having spoken,

And the Question being put,

It was agreed to, unanimously.

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By leave, it was agreed that Private Members' Business would be waived for Thursday, March 19, 1998, only.

The House then adjourned at 5:55 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday next.

Hon. Louise Dacquay,
Speaker.