



PRAYER

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH presented:

Annual Report of the Public Trustee for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2003.

(Sessional Paper No. 28)

Annual Report of the Civil Legal Services Special Operating Agency for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2003.

(Sessional Paper No. 29)

Hon. Mr. ROBINSON presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2003-2004 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Sport.

(Sessional Paper No. 30)

Hon. Ms. MCGIFFORD presented:

Annual Report of The Manitoba Student Aid Program for the year ending July 31, 2002.

(Sessional Paper No. 31)

Hon. Mr. CALDWELL presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2003-2004 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Family Services and Housing.

(Sessional Paper No. 32)

Hon. Mr. ASHTON presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2003-2004 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Sustainable Development Innovations Fund.

(Sessional Paper No. 33)

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2003-2004 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Conservation.

(Sessional Paper No. 34)

Prior to Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker made the following statement:

As a result of negotiations and an agreement that has been reached between representatives of the government, the official opposition, and the Independent Members, the following provisions will be implemented during Oral Questions for the month of September, 2003, on a trial basis:

- 50 seconds will be allowed for questions and answers during Oral Questions;
- no points of order are to be raised using Beauchesne citations 409(2), 410, 417 and 408(2);
- points of order and matters of privilege can continue to be raised during Oral Questions;
- Leader's latitude will continue to apply, with the exception of when a question is directed to a specific Minister and is instead answered by the Premier;
- the assignment of questions during Oral Questions is such that questions 1 to 6 will be allocated to the Official Opposition caucus, question 7 will be designated for the Independent (Liberal) Members, and question 8 will go to a government backbencher, if a government backbencher should rise to ask a question. The order will then revert back to the Official Opposition caucus;
- the Independent (Liberal) Members are guaranteed a question every day, and if the Liberals should miss the opportunity to ask a question due to time expiring, the Liberals will receive two questions during the following Question Period. This is to be accomplished by the Speaker recognizing the Liberals when 10 minutes are remaining in the subsequent Question Period;
- On Mondays and Tuesdays, it is agreed that one Independent (Liberal) Member can ask one question and one supplementary, to be followed by the other Independent (Liberal) Member, who will then be allowed to ask one question.

Effective September 10, I will be applying these practices to the remaining Question Periods for the month of September.

Wednesday, September 10, 2003

I wish to extend thanks to all Members for their hard work and diligence in negotiating this agreement, particularly the Honourable Government House Leader, the Honourable House Leader for the Official Opposition, and the Honourable Member for Inkster.

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Messrs. GOERTZEN, BJORNSON and TWEED, Ms. IRVIN-ROSS and Hon. Mr. GERRARD made Members' Statements.

The House resolving into the Committee of Supply.

The House then adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, September 11, 2003.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.