



**PRAYERS**

**1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.**

The following petitions were presented:

Mr. DYCK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Transportation and Government Services to consider honouring the previous commitment and complete the four-laning of highway 32 through the City of Winkler, absorbing all costs related to the construction, as previously agreed; to consider the responsibility of the Department of Transportation and Government Services for the construction of rural highways; to consider the significant and strategic importance of the completion of four-laning highway 32 through the City of Winkler, especially as it relates to the economic growth and development of the City of Winkler and its trading area; and to consider the valuable contribution of the City of Winkler and its trading area to the provincial economy, and re-prioritize the four-laning of highway 32 for the 2004 construction season. (C. Hildebrand, D. Thiessen, N. Dueck and others)

Mrs. DRIEDGER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to consider supporting the proposed Co-op program. (Z. Browning, D. Paluck, T. Stevensen and others)

Mrs. MITCHELSON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Premier of Manitoba notify the City of Winnipeg that the Provincial Government will not allow an increase of the sales tax without a referendum being held as required under Balanced Budget legislation. (M. Spielvogel, E. Malbasa, W. Helgason and others)

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Finance and Auditor General to consider undertaking a thorough investigation of the provincial management of the walleye fishery on Lake Winnipegosis. (L. Genaille, E. Baumung, C. Nepinak and others)

Mrs. TAILLIEU – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Provincial and Federal Governments consider settling outstanding claims from the 1997 Flood of the Century before proceeding with a major expansion of the Red River Floodway; to consider ensuring that flood compensation mechanisms are evaluated, updated and enacted before a major expansion of the Red River Floodway proceeds; and consider clarifying outstanding flood-related issues, such as the threat of artificial flooding and the public's desire for clarification with respect to the floodway operating rules. (M. Clifton, R. Starr, R. Klassen and others)

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Mr. Speaker presented:

Annual Report of the Provincial Ombudsman for the year ending December 31, 2002.  
(Sessional Paper No. 7)

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Hon. Mr. SMITH presented:

Manitoba Liquor Control Commission, Quarterly Report, Six Months, April 1, 2003 to September 30, 2003.  
(Sessional Paper No. 8)

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Hon. Mr. LATHLIN presented:

Annual Report of the Communities Economic Development Fund for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2003.  
(Sessional Paper No. 9)

Communities Economic Development Fund, Quarterly Report, Six Months, April 1, 2003 to September 30, 2003.  
(Sessional Paper No. 10)

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On Motion of Hon. Ms. ALLAN Bill (No. 9) – The Manitoba Immigration Council Act/Loi sur le Conseil de l'immigration du Manitoba, was read a first time and had its purposes outlined.

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Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mr. ROCAN, Ms. OSWALD, Mrs. TAILLIEU, Mr. JHA and Mrs. ROWAT made Members' Statements.

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

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-Eighth Legislature of Manitoba.

And the proposed amendment moved by Mr. MURRAY as follows:

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

But this House regrets

(a) the government's inability to fulfill the promises outlined in its Throne Speech of November 27, 2002, including the following failures: failing to build the economy, failing to enhance health care, and failing to open 1,000 new cottage lots and 1,000 new camp-sites; and

- (b) the government's failure to meaningfully address the growing concerns related to organized crime including the fact that since November 2000 Manitoba has been the scene of 37 biker-related murders and attempted murders; and
- (c) the government's failure to develop a long-term economic strategy to address anaemic job growth; and
- (d) the government's failure to adequately address the BSE crisis and to provide workable programs for producers, thereby threatening not only the stability of the livestock sector but all those other sectors in Manitoba's economic that are so reliant on its well-being; and
- (e) the government's failure to recognize and encourage the important role private sector involvement has in growing Manitoba's economy; and
- (f) the government's failure to acknowledge that balanced budgets have only been achieved through significant raids on Manitoba Hydro and the Fiscal Stabilization Fund; and
- (g) the government's failure to initiate a review of health care regionalization; and
- (h) the government's failure to develop a long-term economic and taxation strategy to address Manitoba's uncompetitive personal and business tax levels; and
- (i) the government's failure to provide a strategy ensuring two-thirds of all nursing positions in Manitoba are full-time by the spring of 2004 as previously committed; and
- (j) the government's failure to follow through on their commitment to ensure access to education for special needs students.

AND HAS THEREBY lost the trust and confidence of the people of Manitoba and this House.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Messrs. HAWRANIK and CALDWELL, Mrs. MITCHELSON, Mr. MALOWAY, Mrs. ROWAT, Hon. Mr. RONDEAU and Mr. LOEWEN having spoken.

And the Question being put on the amendment. It negatived on the following division.

**YEA**

CUMMINGS	MAGUIRE
DERKACH	MITCHELSON
DRIEDGER	MURRAY
DYCK	PENNER
EICHLER	REIMER
GERRARD	ROCAN
GOERTZEN	ROWAT
HAWRANIK	SCHULER
LAMOUREUX	STEFANSON
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AGLUGUB	MARTINDALE
ALLAN	MCGIFFORD
ALTEMEYER	MELNICK
ASHTON	MIHYCHUK
BJORNSON	NEVAKSHONOFF
BRICK	OSWALD
CALDWELL	REID
DEWAR	ROBINSON
DOER	RONDEAU
IRVIN-ROSS	SALE
JENNISSON	SANTOS
JHA	SHELLENBERG
KORZENIOWSKI	SELINGER
LATHLIN	SMITH
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And the debate continuing on the main motion.

And Hon. Ms. MELNICK having spoken. The debate was allowed to remain open.

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The House then adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 3, 2003.

Hon. George HICKES,  
Speaker.