



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 21

THIRD SESSION, THIRTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYERS

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mrs. TAILLIEU – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Transportation and Government Services consider paving Highway 200 between Highways 205 and 305 to ensure a smooth, safe and uninterrupted use of Highway 200. (S. Voth, C. Loewen, G. Pauls and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Provincial Government to consider adopting generally accepted accounting principles in reporting Manitoba's budgetary numbers. (R. San Juan, A. Cabrera, R. Tiodin and others)

Mr. CULLEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to strongly urge the Minister of Health to consider taking charge and ensuring that he will improve long-term planning efforts to develop a lasting solution to the chronic problem of pediatrician and other specialist shortages in Brandon and to treat this as the crisis that it is and consider consulting with front-line workers, particularly doctors, to find solutions and to strongly urge the Minister of Health and the Premier of Manitoba to consider ending highway medicine now. (D. Dickson, T. Vanuynsberghe, R. Verniest and others)

Mr. SCHULER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Provincial Government to consider providing East St. Paul with local ambulance service which would service both East and West St. Paul and to consider improving the way that ambulance service is supplied to all Manitoba's by utilizing technologies such as GPS in conjunction with a Medical Transportation Co-ordination Center (MTCC) which will ensure that patients receive the nearest ambulance in the least amount of time and to consider ensuring that appropriate funding is provided to maintain superior response times and sustainable services. (G. Hucul, J. Hucul, C. Hucul and others)

Hon. Mr. LATHLIN presented:

Communities Economic Development Fund, Quarterly Report, Nine Months, April 1 to December 31, 2004.

(Sessional Paper No. 34)

Hon. Mr. SMITH presented:

Manitoba Liquor Control Commission, Quarterly Report, Nine Months, April 1 to December 31, 2004.

(Sessional Paper No. 35)

Manitoba Lotteries Corporation, Quarterly Report, Nine Months, April 1 to December 31, 2004.

(Sessional Paper No. 36)

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

(No. 21) – The Oil and Gas Amendment and Oil and Gas Production Tax Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le pétrole et le gaz naturel et la Loi de la taxe sur la production de pétrole et de gaz
(Hon. Mr. RONDEAU)

(No. 203) – The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société d'assurance publique du Manitoba

(Mrs. MITCHELSON)

Following Oral Questions, Mr. DERKACH rose on a point of order requesting that the House recess in order for the House Leaders to meet with the Speaker to discuss the matter raised by the Honourable Member for Carman,

And Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH, Messrs. DERKACH and LAMOUREUX having spoken to the point of order,

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker recessed the House to consider the matter.

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mrs. DRIEDGER, Messrs. AGLUGUB, LOEWEN and ALTEMEYER and Hon. Mr. GERRARD made Members' Statements.

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

THAT this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government.

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

THAT the motion be amended by deleting all the words after "House" and substituting the following:

therefore regrets this Budget ignores the present and future needs of Manitobans by:

- (a) Failing to offer any vision and to reflect the priorities of Manitoba; and
- (b) Failing to provide a long-term economic strategy and tax reduction strategy that addresses the fact that Manitobans are now, under the Doer NDP government, the highest taxed west of New Brunswick, and make Manitoba a "have" province; and
- (c) Failing to address the debt of Manitoba which has grown under the Doer NDP government, thereby mortgaging our children's future; and
- (d) Failing to eliminate education taxes off of residential property and farmland; and
- (e) Failing to offer a "New Deal" which will meet the needs of Manitoba's municipalities; and
- (f) Failing to provide adequate funding for post-secondary institutions; and
- (g) Failing to provide relief for Manitoba's livestock producers and failing to provide for sufficient slaughter capacity; and
- (h) Failing to provide for a meaningful review of the operation and administration of Manitoba's Regional Health Authorities; and
- (i) Failing to provide a long-term plan for the reduction of health care waiting lists; and
- (j) Failing to provide an opportunity for publicly funded health care services in privately-managed clinics; and
- (k) Failing to provide child care options for parents by failing to support for-profit child care centers as well as not-for-profit centers, and failing to provide a tax credit for stay-at-home parents; and
- (l) Failing Manitoba's sick and elderly by increasing Pharmacare deductibles by 20% over the past four years; and
- (m) Failing to support Manitoba's environment by failing to provide for the long-term sustainability of Manitoba's recycling and product stewardship programs; and
- (n) Failing to deal with record numbers of auto thefts and record numbers of murders; and
- (o) Failing to provide a plan or strategy to break up existing gangs and prevent new gangs from coming to Manitoba; and
- (p) Failing to deal with the high number of grow-ops and labs manufacturing illegal drugs and the proliferation of drugs; and
- (q) Failing to acknowledge their raid on Manitoba Hydro contributed to a 10% increase in Hydro rates.

As a consequence, the Government has thereby lost the confidence of this House and the people of Manitoba.

And the proposed sub-amendment moved by Hon. Mr. GERRARD as follows:

THAT the amendment be amended by adding thereto the following words:

And further regrets that this Budget also ignores present and future needs of Manitobans by:

- (r) Failing to provide an effective plan to improve health and prevent sickness; and
- (s) Failing to provide an effective strategy to deal with child poverty; and
- (t) Failing to provide Manitobans with the approach needed to decrease childhood obesity and diabetes; and
- (u) Failing to provide Manitobans with the legal right to timely, quality health care; and
- (v) Failing to do any better than the previous Tory government in improving the dental health of Manitoba children and decreasing the incidence of early childhood tooth decay.

And the debate continuing on the sub-amendment,

And Mr. LAMOUREUX having spoken,

During the debate, Hon. Mr. RONDEAU rose on a point of order regarding the words "intentionally mislead" spoken by the Honourable Member for Inkster,

And Mr. LAMOUREUX voluntarily withdrew and concluded his remarks,

During the debate, Mr. SANTOS rose on a point of order and voluntarily apologized to the House for his actions during Oral Questions,

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker ruled that there was no point of order,

And Messrs. JENNISSEN and EICHLER, Hon. Mr. RONDEAU and Mrs. MITCHELSON having spoken,

The debate was allowed to remain open.

During Orders of the Day, Mr. DERKACH rose on a Matter of Privilege and moved:

THAT as a result of the inappropriate conduct and actions of the Member of Wellington in this House, that the Members of the Legislative Assembly and this House have lost confidence in this Member as the Deputy Speaker and that he be asked to resign as Deputy Speaker of this Chamber.

And Mr. LAMOUREUX and Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH having spoken,

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker ruled as follows:

When a Matter of Privilege is raised in the House, there are two aspects that the speaker has to determine. One is whether it is the earliest possible opportunity to raise the motion and secondly whether there appears to be a prima facie case of privilege. I believe that the subject matter of the Honourable Member's motion is of such importance that the house would want to deal with the issue immediately. It was my understanding from the latest meeting held, that Members want to have this issue dealt with today.

I therefore rule the motion in order, and put the motion before the House for debate.

And a debate arising,

And Messrs. DERKACH, LAMOUREUX and GOERTZEN having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was negatived, on the following division:

YEA

CULLEN	HAWRANIK
CUMMINGS	LAMOUREUX
DERKACH	MAGUIRE
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CHOMIAK	RONDEAU
DEWAR	SALE
DOER	SANTOS
IRVIN-ROSS	SHELLENBERG
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The House then adjourned at 5:49 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 17, 2005.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.