



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 8

FIFTH SESSION, THIRTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Immediately following the Prayer, Hon. Mr. GERRARD rose on a Matter of Privilege and moved:

THAT this Matter of Privilege be referred to a committee of this Legislature.

And Mr. GOERTZEN, Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK and Mr. LAMOUREUX having spoken.

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker informed the House he would take the matter under advisement.

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

(No. 8) – The Public Accounts Committee Meeting Dates Act (Legislative Assembly Act Amended)/Loi sur les dates de réunion du Comité des comptes publics (modification de la Loi sur l'Assemblée législative)

(Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK)

(No. 203) – The Liquor Control Amendment Act (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Prevention)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools (prévention de l'ensemble des troubles causés par l'alcoolisation fœtale)

(Mr. LAMOUREUX)

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mrs. TAILLIEU – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister charged with the administration of The Liquor Control Act to consider allowing the owners of Headingley Foods to sell alcohol at their store, thereby supporting small business and the prosperity of rural communities in Manitoba. (R. Spice, R. Galbraith, I. Naurock and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Premier and his NDP Government to cooperate in uncovering the truth in why the Government did not act on what it knew and to consider calling a public inquiry on the Crocus Fund Fiasco. (D. Surrett, P. Surrett, A. Pistun and others)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Messrs. SWAN, MCFADYEN, NEVAKSHONOFF and CUMMINGS and Hon. Mr. BJORNSON made Members' Statements.

The House resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Proposed Motion of Ms. BRICK:

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 Fifth Session of the Thirty-Eighth Legislature of Manitoba.

And the proposed amendment moved by Mr. MCFADYEN 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 failure to provide meaningful and competitive tax relief for Manitobans; and
- (b) the government's failure to provide foster placements for the unprecedented number of children in care housed in hotels; and
- (c) the government's failure to acknowledge that hallway medicine still exists in Manitoba, and that it has now progressed to a crisis in Winnipeg's emergency rooms due to a critical shortage of doctors; and
- (d) the government's failure to implement an effective strategy to reduce wait times for diagnostic testing, surgical procedures and appointments with specialists; and
- (e) the government's failure to address the critical shortage of health care professionals, which is crippling the ability of the system to provide timely access to care; and
- (f) the government's failure to keep rural emergency rooms open despite promising to do so, forcing Manitobans to travel crumbling highways to access emergency care; and
- (g) the government's failure to offer assurances to students and parents that educational outcomes and greater accountability in the education system are a high priority; and
- (h) the government's failure to call an independent public inquiry into the Crocus Investment Fund scandal, which resulted in 34,000 Manitobans losing more than \$60 million; and
- (i) the government's failure to ensure prudent expenditure of taxpayers' dollars, spending millions of dollars on rebranding campaigns and pre-election advertising; and
- (j) the government's failure to support the construction of a new transmission line for hydroelectricity on the east side of Lake Winnipeg, which will cost Hydro ratepayers over \$500 million; and

- (k) the government's failure to implement a long-term provincial strategy to recruit and retain police officers; and
- (l) the government's failure to crack down on auto thieves and gang activity; and
- (m) the government's failure to address court backlogs and the flourishing remand culture in Manitoba; and
- (n) the government's failure to focus on the competitiveness of our post-secondary institutions compared to others across the country; and
- (o) the government's failure to provide a strategy to promote growth in Manitoba's agricultural economy, focusing instead on issues under federal jurisdiction; and
- (p) the government's failure to implement a plan to market by-products of the biofuel production process; and
- (q) the government's failure to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and
- (r) the government's failure to acknowledge that it was Manitoba Progressive Conservatives who announced ideas for rebates on hybrid vehicles, an external review of the regionalization of health care and grandparents' rights legislation; and
- (s) the government's failure to ensure the promised level of flood protection for the City of Winnipeg; and
- (t) the government's failure to provide better economic development opportunities for rural and northern Manitoba; and
- (u) the government's failure to create a competitive environment that encourages private sector businesses to come to Manitoba and spur job creation and economic growth; and
- (v) the government's failure to address the out-migration of Manitobans, especially our youth.

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, MARTINDALE and MAGUIRE having spoken.

And Mr. REID speaking at 12:30 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

The House then adjourned at 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, November 27, 2006.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.