



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 17**

**FIRST SESSION, FORTIETH LEGISLATURE**

**PRAYER**

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

On motion of Mr. GOERTZEN, Bill (No. 204) – The Criminal Property Forfeiture Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la confiscation de biens obtenus ou utilisés criminellement, was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

The following petition was presented and read:

Mr. GRAYDON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the appropriate Provincial Government departments to consider working with all stakeholders to develop a strategy to swiftly address the serious challenges posed by limited cellular phone service in southeastern Manitoba in order to ensure that people and property can be better protected in the future. (W. Remenda, C. Roeland, G. V. Gentes and others)

Mr. Speaker presented:

Members' Allowances Compliance Report for the period ending March 31, 2011.  
(Sessional Paper No. 16)

Hon. Mr. SWAN presented:

Copy of Regulations filed under The Regulations Act, being Manitoba Regulations Nos. 152/2010 to 163/2011.  
(Sessional Paper No. 17)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Ms. BLADY, Mr. SCHULER, Ms. CROTHERS, Mr. EICHLER and Hon. Mr. GERRARD made Members' Statements.

The House resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS:

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

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. MCFADYEN having spoken,

And Mr. MCFADYEN moved an amendment as follows:

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

therefore regrets this budget fails to address the priorities of Manitobans by:

- a) breaking the Premier's promise not to increase taxes; and
- b) imposing \$184 million in new taxes on hard pressed Manitoba families, who are also facing higher hydro rates and property taxes, increased child care fees and a range of other hidden taxes; and
- c) driving gas prices higher at a time when gas prices in Manitoba have already increased 12% so far this year, further increasing the burden on Manitoba families, while cutting spending on Manitoba's crumbling infrastructure; and
- d) failing to take action to build safe communities as Manitoba has become the violent crime capital of Canada with Winnipeg's murder rate reaching an all time high in 2011; and
- e) failing to recognize the importance of agriculture, food production and rural communities; and
- f) failing to take action to protect Manitobans from future floods and failing to adequately compensate families for past damages; and
- g) failing Manitoba students who scored among the lowest in Canada on national and international reading, math and science tests; and
- h) creating an even bigger sinkhole of debt, now at \$27.6 billion and rising, which as a result will force Manitoba families to pay higher taxes in the years ahead; and
- i) failing to encourage greater trade opportunities with Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan by refusing to join the New West Partnership; and
- j) failing to undertake a review of program spending across all government services; and
- k) failing to tackle the red tape burden that is hurting business and private investment in Manitoba; and

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- l) failing to comply with recommendations of the Public Utilities Board to carry out an independent review of Manitoba Hydro's capital program; and
- m) mismanaging \$35 billion in federal transfer payments received since 2000; and
- n) failing to offer a plan to encourage private investment to create opportunity and wealth so Manitobans can feel hope that our province will one day emerge from the hole of debt and dependency and see a brighter future.

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

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Messrs. GAUDREAU and MAGUIRE having spoken.

And Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

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The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 19, 2012.

Hon. Daryl REID,  
Speaker.