



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 39**

**FIRST SESSION, FORTIETH LEGISLATURE**

**PRAYER**

**10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.**

By leave, it was agreed for the House to deal with Second Reading of Bill (No. 216).

Mr. HELWER moved:

THAT Bill (No. 216) – The Crown Corporations Public Review and Accountability Amendment Act (Manitoba Hydro Ratepayers Protection)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'examen public des activités des corporations de la Couronne et l'obligation redditionnelle de celles-ci (la stabilisation des tarifs d'Hydro-Manitoba), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. HELWER, Hon. Mr. RONDEAU, Mr. PEDERSEN, Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS, Mr. FRIESEN, Hon. Mr. ASHTON and Mrs. STEFANSON having spoken,

And speaking Mr. ALTEMEYER at 11:00 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

In accordance with Rule 31(9), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Freedom of Information Request Fairness Resolution will be considered next Thursday, May 31, 2012.

Mr. GOERTZEN moved:

Resolution No. 7: Recidivism in Manitoba

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has changed the long standing method of reporting the reoffence rates of criminals released from jail as a way to hide their failure on rehabilitating criminals; and

WHEREAS for years, the Provincial Government has recorded recidivism as criminals who were charged with a new offence within two years of being released from jail; and

WHEREAS the previous method of recording resulted in reports of 90% of youth being classified as repeat offenders and 70% of adults being classified as reoffenders; and

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WHEREAS a new definition for recidivism was created which only counts individuals as repeat offenders if they are convicted of a new offence, not charged, within two years of their release; and

WHEREAS as a result of the Provincial Government's change in recording methods, there was a seemingly magical drop in recidivism for both youth and adults in Manitoba of between 30% and 40%.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government consider requiring the Attorney General to apologize to Manitobans who have been the victims of crime for having given up on the problem of criminals leaving jail and reoffending and trying to make the problem look less alarming by changing how recidivism is calculated.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. GOERTZEN, Hon. Mr. SWAN, Mr. EICHLER, Hon. Mr. CHIEF and Messrs. SCHULER and MALOWAY having spoken,

And Ms. WIGHT speaking at 12:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in her name.

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

The following petitions were presented and read:

Ms. BLADY – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba that *The Jewish Child and Family Service Incorporation Act*, R.S.M. 1990, c. 80 be repealed and replaced by an *Act* that better reflects its current operations. (R. Asper, D. Asper, M. Blankstein and others)

Mr. GOERTZEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Health to ensure additional personal care homes and long-term care space are made available in the City of Steinbach on a priority basis. (G. Fender, D. Turner, M. Borkowsky and others)

Mr. PEDERSEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to build the Bipole III transmission line on the shorter, more reliable east side of Lake Winnipeg route, in order to save Manitobans from a “BILLION DOLLAR BOONDOOGLE”. (L. Mueller, L. Richards, J. Andrews and others)

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Hon. Mr. ROBINSON presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2012-2013 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Aboriginal and Northern Affairs.

(Sessional Paper No. 49)

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2012-2013 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Sport.

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Hon. Ms. IRVIN ROSS presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2012-2013 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Housing and Community Development.

(Sessional Paper No. 51)

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Hon. Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2012-2013 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Culture, Heritage and Tourism.

(Sessional Paper No. 52)

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Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS for Hon. Ms. MELNICK presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2012-2013 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Immigration and Multiculturalism.

(Sessional Paper No. 53)

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Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2012-2013 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Innovation, Energy and Mines.

(Sessional Paper No. 54)

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Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Ms. BLADY, Mr. EWASKO, Ms. BRAUN, Mrs. MITCHELSON and Mr. MALOWAY made Members' Statements.

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The House resolved into Committee of Supply. The Proceedings were interrupted at 5:00 p.m. with the understanding that the Committee of Supply would resume Friday, May 25, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

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The House then adjourned at 12:31 p.m. Friday, May 25, 2012 until 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 28, 2012.

Hon. Daryl REID,  
Speaker.