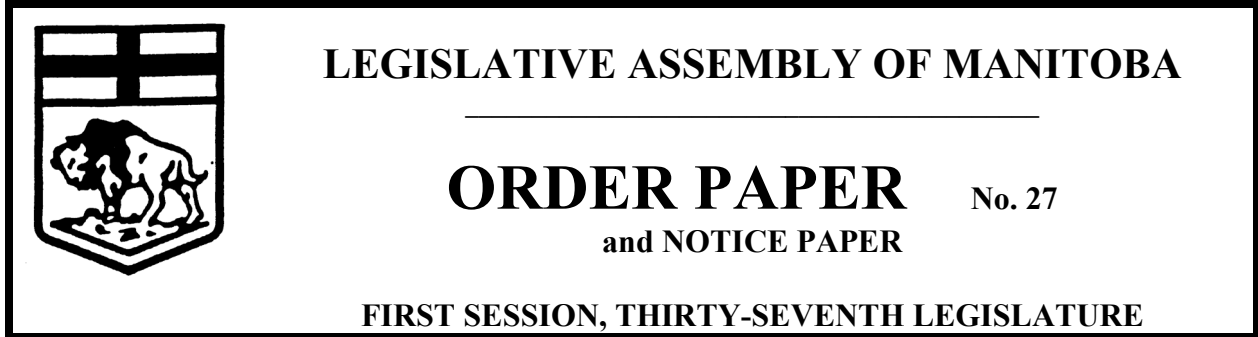


Monday, May 15, 2000



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SITTING AT 1:30 P.M.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

ADJOURNED DEBATE (FOURTH DAY OF DEBATE):

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. SELINGER –

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

And the Proposed Motion of Mr. STEFANSON in amendment thereto 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 provide a vision or plan for Manitoba's economy;
- (b) failing to protect the strong economic climate established in Manitoba during the last decade;
- (c) failing to provide substantial tax cuts to Manitobans;
- (d) failing to recognize the importance of tax competitiveness so Manitoba can continue to prosper;
- (e) failing to provide any incentive for our young people to stake their futures in Manitoba;
- (f) failing to provide adequate support to Manitoba's universities;
- (g) failing to provide a process for public consultation on the establishment of five new casinos;
- (h) failing to provide assistance to agriculture producers affected by severe flooding in southwestern Manitoba;
- (i) failing to meet the highways and infrastructure needs of rural Manitoba;
- (j) failing to end hallway medicine as promised;
- (k) failing to open 138 new, permanent hospital beds as promised; and
- (l) failing to deal with the needs and concerns of the City of Winnipeg.

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

(Mr. LOEWEN - 40 mins.)

DEBATE ON SECOND READINGS:

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. LATHLIN –
(No. 5) – The Wildlife Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la conservation de la faune
(Mr. ENNS) (Stands)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. LATHLIN –
(No. 6) – The Water Resources Conservation and Protection and Consequential Amendments
Act/Loi sur la conservation et la protection des ressources hydriques et modifications corrélatives
(Mr. MAGUIRE)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK –
(No. 7) – The Protection for Persons in Care Act/Loi sur la protection des personnes recevant des
soins
(Mr. LAURENDEAU) (Stands)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH –
(No. 8) – The Enforcement of Judgments Conventions and Consequential Amendments Act/Loi
sur les conventions relatives à l'exécution des jugements et modifications corrélatives
(Mr. PRAZNIK)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX –
(No. 10) – The Cooperatives Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les coopératives
[Mr. PENNER (Steinbach)]

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. ASHTON –
(No. 14) – The Provincial Railways Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les chemins de fer
provinciaux
(Mr. ROCAN)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. LATHLIN –
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l'eau
(Mr. MAGUIRE)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Ms. BARRETT –
(No. 18) – The Labour Relations Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les relations du travail
(Mr. SCHULER)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. LATHLIN –
(No. 21) – The Water Resources Administration Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur
l'aménagement hydraulique
(Mr. MAGUIRE)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH –
(No. 22) – The Court of Queen's Bench Surrogate Practice Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi
sur la pratique relative aux successions devant la Cour du Banc de la Reine
(Mr. LAURENDEAU)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH –
(No. 23) – The Jury Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les jurés
(Mr. LAURENDEAU)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX –
(No. 24) – The Personal Property Security Amendment and Various Acts Amendment Act/Loi
modifiant la Loi sur les sûretés relatives aux biens personnels et d'autres dispositions législatives
(Mrs. DACQUAY)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH –
(No. 25) – The Interpretation and Consequential Amendments Act/Loi d'interprétation et
modifications corrélatives
(Mrs. DAQUAY)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH –
(No. 26) – The Court of Queen's Bench Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Cour du
Banc de la Reine
(Mr. ROCAN)

SECOND READINGS:

(No. 16) – The City of Winnipeg Amendment Act (2)/Loi n° 2 modifiant la Loi sur la Ville de
Winnipeg
(Hon. Ms. FRIESEN) (Printed)

(No. 27) – The Correctional Services Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services
correctionnels
(Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH) (Printed)

DEBATE ON GOVERNMENT MOTION:

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK –

WHEREAS excess rainfall in the fall of 1998 and spring of 1999 resulted in over one million
acres of land going unseeded, primarily in the southwest, but also in other areas of the province; and

WHEREAS the federal government has recognized the disaster situation and is compensating
people for mould and other property damage under the Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements
(DFAA); and

WHEREAS farmers lost chemical and fertilizer inputs and incurred extra costs to restore their
land and for weed control, at the same time as they had no 1999 crop to sell; and

WHEREAS the Manitoba Government has repeatedly requested support from the federal government, which has the lead responsibility for disaster financing, for farmers who sustained damage to their land; and

WHEREAS the Manitoba Government pursued support for compensation under Section 25 of the DFAA, which specifies loss of applied fertilizer and land restoration and was turned down by the federal government; and

WHEREAS the Manitoba Government requested a Canada/Manitoba agreement for the provision of assistance similar to the levels provided in the 1996 Saguenay River Flood, the 1997 Red River Valley Flood and the 1998 Eastern Canada Ice storm, and the federal government has refused; and

WHEREAS there has been all-party cooperation on lobbying the federal government for assistance for Manitoba farmers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the federal government to reconsider its position on funding for the 1999 flooding which occurred throughout the province, but specifically in the southwest, and include loss of applied fertilizer and land restoration as eligible costs under the DFAA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the federal government to consider programs and assistance similar to that provided for disasters such as the 1996 Saguenay River Flood, the 1997 Red River Valley Flood and the 1998 Eastern Canada ice storm.

(Mr. HELWER – 20 mins.)

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS:

Hon. Mr. DOER –

WHEREAS the Manitoba portion of the Hudson Bay Basin is essential to the social, economic and environmental well-being of our Province; and

WHEREAS the Manitoba portion of the Hudson Bay Basin provides potable water for 100,000 Manitobans, employment for 3500 Manitobans in the fishing industry– an industry that generates \$25 million for Manitoba and Canada each year-, a vibrant tourism industry, and a way of life for aboriginal communities; and

WHEREAS the Manitoba portion of the Hudson Bay Basin is critical to sustaining the eco-systems of our Province; and

WHEREAS the State of North Dakota has proposed the construction of an outlet that would divert water out of Devils Lake and into the Sheyenne River and subsequently into the Red River; and

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has raised serious concerns about the potential effects of the Devils Lake outlet proposal on water quality in Manitoba including high salt content, possible biota transfer, and possible fish pathogens that could enter the Manitoba portion of the Hudson Bay Basin; and

WHEREAS as recently as 1993, the State of North Dakota was advocating for the construction of an inlet into Devils Lake from the Missouri River Basin and as recently as 1997, the Governor of North Dakota re-iterated his support for an inlet; and

WHEREAS the combination of an inlet and an outlet at Devils Lake would constitute a new version of the Garrison diversion project and would have potentially devastating effects on the Manitoba portion of the Hudson Bay basin.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba oppose the unilateral diversion of water into the Red River by the State of North Dakota either through the Devils Lake outlet proposal or through a reformulated Garrison Diversion proposal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba call on the governments of the United States and Canada to ensure that there is a complete and comprehensive environmental impact statement on the Devils Lake outlet proposal that includes potential impacts on Canadian waters; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba support the Provincial government in calling for the public release of all studies done to date on the potential impacts of the Devils Lake outlet.

MOTION:

THAT Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

THAT Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into a Committee to consider of Ways and Means for raising of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:

8. Mr. PITURA – Enhancing the Viability of the Port of Churchill
9. Mr. ENNS – Water Use Strategy
10. Mrs. DACQUAY – Continuation of the Previous Government's Tourism Initiatives
11. Mr. NEVAKSHONOFF – Aboriginal and Inner City Representation

12. Mr. STRUTHERS – Support of Agriculture
13. Mr. DEWAR – Aboriginal Veteran Thomas George Prince
14. Mr. MAGUIRE – Problems with the Federal Government's Proposed Endangered Species Legislation
15. Mr. REID – EI Surplus
16. Mr. HELWER – Youth Entrepreneurs and Employment
17. Mr. FILMON – Balanced Budget Legislation
18. Mr. PENNER (Emerson) – Rural Diversification
19. Mrs. DRIEDGER – Child Pornography
20. Ms. ALLAN – Nunavut
21. Mr. CUMMINGS – Lack of a Federal Contribution to Highways Programs
22. Mr. FILMON – The Importance of Enacting Workfare
23. Mrs. SMITH (Fort Garry) – Accountability In Education
24. Ms. ALLAN – CRTC
25. Mr. PRAZNIK – Enhancing Community Policing Efforts
26. Mr. ROCAN – Rate Payer Protection and Crown Corporations
27. Mr. STEFANSON – Quarterly Health Progress Reports
28. Mr. REIMER – Continuation of the Canada-Manitoba Infrastructure Works Program
29. Mr. MALOWAY – The Tobin Tax
30. Mr. MAGUIRE – The Impact of the 1999 Manitoba Flood
31. Ms. CERILLI – Multi-Lateral Agreement on Investment and the World Trade Organization
32. Mr. LAURENDEAU – The Film Industry
33. Hon. Mr. GERRARD – Compensation for 1999 Spring Flooding to Southwestern Manitoba
34. Ms. ASPER – Measuring and Enhancing the Effectiveness of Computer Assisted Training
35. Mr. SMITH (Brandon West) – Port of Churchill

36. Mr. HELWER – Employment Insurance Surplus
37. Hon. Mr. GERRARD – Compensation to Business of Southwestern Manitoba affected by the 1999 Flooding Conditions
38. Ms. KORZENIOWSKI – International Year of Older Persons
39. Mrs. SMITH (Fort Garry) – Youth News Network and School Board Autonomy
40. Mr. SCHULER – Manitoba Federation of Labor’s Position on Taxes
41. Mr. SCHULER – Property Tax Cuts
42. Mr. DERKACH – Tuition Fees Freeze
43. Ms. KORZENIOWSKI – Airline Restructuring in Canada
44. Mr. PRAZNIK – Youth Criminal Justice Act
45. Mr. PENNER (Steinbach) – Federal Immigration Policy
46. Mr. STEFANSON – Health Care Promises
47. Mr. TWEED – 32 Hour Work Week
48. Mr. PITURA – Sustainable Development
49. Mr. JENNISSEN – Sayisi Dene
50. Mrs. MITCHELSON – Number of Beds Added
51. Mr. REIMER – Telemarketing Fraud
52. Mrs. DRIEDGER – Organ Donations
53. Mr. LAURENDEAU – Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
54. Mr. DERKACH – Doubling Community Colleges Enrolment
55. Mr. RONDEAU – School Breakfast Program
56. Mr. CUMMINGS – School Safety
57. Mr. MARTINDALE – Habitat for Humanity
58. Mr. PENNER (Steinbach) – Business Development Strategies
59. Mr. LOEWEN – Manitoba Hydro and Downtown Revitalization

60. Mr. NEVAKSHONOFF – Crown Lands
61. Mr. AGLUGUB – Immigration Levels
62. Ms. CERILLI – Recreation Opportunities in Manitoba
63. Mr. SCHELLENBERG – Automated Teller Machines (ATMs)
64. Mr. MALOWAY – Credit Card Interest Rates
65. Mr. DEWAR – Dredging of Red River in Interlake Region
66. Mr. SANTOS – Professional and Technical Accreditation
67. Mr. MARTINDALE – Sinclair Park Kids at Risk Program
68. Mr. SANTOS – Partisan Political Contributions
69. Mr. ROCAN – State of the Canadian Grain Industry
70. Mr. AGLUGUB – Immigration Application and Landing Fees
71. Mr. REID – Fuel Taxes
72. Mr. SCHELLENBERG – Water Exports
73. Mr. GILLESHAMMER – Canada-US Agricultural Trade Disputes
74. Mr. STRUTHERS – Garrison & Devils Lake Diversions
75. Mr. DYCK – Continuation of the Children First Strategy
76. Mr. SMITH (Brandon West) – A Non-Partisan Committee on Defining Agricultural Disasters
77. Mr. PENNER (Emerson) – Agricultural Income Disaster Assistance (AIDA)
78. Mr. JENNISSEN – VIA
79. Mr. ENNS – Railway Running Rights
80. Ms. ASPER – Culture of Peace
81. Mr. RONDEAU – Literacy
1. Mrs. DACQUAY – Breast Health Awareness
(Ms. CERILLI – 14 mins./123 mins. remaining)
2. Mr. FAURSCHOU – Graduated Driver’s Licenses
(Mr. RONDEAU – 4 mins./126 mins. remaining)

3. Mr. FAURSCHOU – Post Secondary Education – Accessibility and Affordability
(Mr. STRUTHERS – 12 mins./124 mins. remaining)
4. Mrs. MITCHELSON – Nurses Recruitment and Retention
(Hon. Mr. ASHTON - 8 mins./125 mins. remaining)
5. Mr. LOEWEN – REDI Program Success
[Mr. SMITH (Brandon West) – 14 mins./123 mins. remaining]
6. Mr. DYCK – Commercialization in the Classroom
(Mr. SCHELLENBERG - 8 mins./124 mins. remaining)
7. Mr. GILLESHAMMER – Foreign Trade
[Mr. SMITH (Brandon West) –12 mins./125 mins. remaining]

SECOND READINGS – PUBLIC BILLS:

(No. 200) – The Lotteries Accountability and Consequential Amendments Act/Loi sur l'obligation redditionnelle en matière de loteries et modifications corrélatives
(Mr. REIMER) (Printed)

NOTICE PAPER

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR WEDNESDAY NEXT:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

Mr. MARTINDALE –

82. WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba supports the cause of democracy and human rights throughout the world; and

WHEREAS 47 million Burmese citizens are currently subject to harsh military rule of the self-named State Peace and Development Council (formerly the State Law and Order Restoration Council); and

WHEREAS past travesties against justice committed by the current Burmese junta include the massacre of approximately 10,000 pro-democracy citizens on or about August 8, 1988; and

WHEREAS violations against human rights by the existing Burmese junta also include imprisonment, extrajudicial executions, rape, forced labour, and forced relocations under the regime's credo of "disciplined democracy" (Human Rights Watch World Report, 1999); and

WHEREAS the only legitimacy and power of the current Burmese regime rests on its support from self-interested external bodies such as China, the Association of South-East Asian Nations and multinational corporations such as the oil corporations of UNOCAL (U.S.) and TOTAL (France); and

WHEREAS pro-junta lobby groups are taking steps to end the U.S. government's current sanctions against the regime; and

WHEREAS the Canadian federal government has already expressed its condemnation of human rights abused in Burma by imposing sanctions against the current regime; and

WHEREAS Canadian corporations are seeking compatibility with the Burmese dictatorship; and

WHEREAS the National League for Democracy, which won the 1990 general elections in Burma with a plurality of 82% of the popular vote (while supervised by the military) has not been allowed to constitute a government; and

WHEREAS a coalition of 250 Burmese members of Parliament representing five parties did, on September 16, 1998, form the Committee Representing the People's Parliament (CRPP) to act on behalf of the entire elected parliament; and

WHEREAS the European, Belgian, Danish, and Norwegian parliaments have all explicitly recognized, and expressed their support for, the CRPP.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba deplore the continuing violations of human rights in Burma, including extrajudicial and arbitrary executions, rapes, torture, inhuman treatment, mass arrests, forced labour, forced relocation and denial of freedom of expression, assembly, association and movement, as reported by the UN Human Rights Special Rapporteur; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba recognize that these human rights abuses in Burma are the result of policy at the highest level and that the regime's officials bear political and legal responsibility for them; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Federal Government to take the necessary action to achieve coordinated international action to stop these violations of human rights; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Assembly direct the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly to send a copy of this resolution to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and to all Manitoba Members of Parliament.