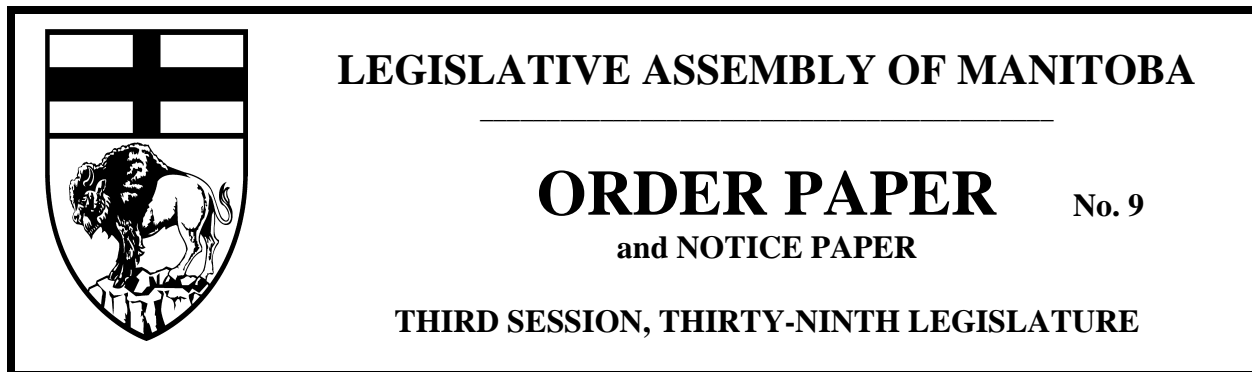


Tuesday, December 2, 2008



PRAYER

SITTING AT 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Mr. LAMOUREUX –

(No. 202) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Bicycle Helmets)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (casques de bicyclettes)

Hon. Mr. GERRARD –

(No. 214) – The Elections Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi électorale

Mr. LAMOUREUX –

(No. 215) – The Elections Amendment and Elections Finances Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi électorale et la Loi sur le financement des campagnes électorales

Hon. Mr. GERRARD –

(No. 216) – The Crown Appointment Review Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur l'examen des nominations au sein des sociétés d'Etat (modification de diverses lois)

Mr. GOERTZEN –

(No. 222) – The Justice for Victims of Child Pornography Act/Loi sur l'indemnisation des victimes de pornographie juvénile

Mrs. ROWAT –

(No. 226) – The Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day Act/Loi sur la Journée de sensibilisation au deuil périnatal

Mr. LAMOUREUX –

(No. 227) – The Grandparents' Day Recognition Act/Loi sur la reconnaissance de la Fête des grands-parents

Mr. GRAYDON –

(No. 229) – The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Amendment Act (Justice for Victims of Serious Automobile Accidents)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société d'assurance publique du Manitoba (justice pour les victimes d'accidents d'automobile graves)

Hon. Mr. GERRARD –

(No. 230) – The Mental Health Bill of Rights/Déclaration des droits des personnes ayant une maladie mentale

PETITIONS

Mr. DYCK

Mr. LAMOUREUX

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ADJOURNED DEBATE (Eighth Day of Debate):

On the Proposed Motion of Ms. SELBY –

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 Third Session of the Thirty-Ninth Legislature of Manitoba.

(Mr. LAMOUREUX – 27 mins.)

SECOND READINGS:

Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK –

(No. 2) – The Animal Care Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le soin des animaux
(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS –

(No. 3) – The Forest Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les forêts
(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. ASHTON –

(No. 4) – The Community Revitalization Tax Increment Financing Act/Loi sur le financement
fiscal de la revitalisation urbaine
(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX –

(No. 5) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Promoting Safer and Healthier Conditions in
Motor Vehicles)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (promotion de la santé et de la sécurité dans les
véhicules automobiles)

Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS –

(No. 6) – The East Side Traditional Lands Planning and Special Protected Areas Act/Loi sur
l'aménagement des terres traditionnelles situées du côté est et les zones protégées spéciales
(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

OPPOSITION DAY MOTION:

Mr. MCFADYEN –

WHEREAS Manitoba is a diverse and beautiful province whose citizens take tremendous pride in its history, its culture and its plentiful natural attractions; and

WHEREAS Manitobans have watched their neighbours in other provinces enjoy prosperity and security as a result of those provinces' prudent financial practices and their strong efforts to help their businesses and industries thrive and be globally competitive; and

WHEREAS regrettably over the last nine years Manitoba has failed to fulfill its potential thanks to this government's ongoing failure to articulate a long-term vision aimed at making Manitoba grow and prosper; and

WHEREAS this Provincial Government's time in power can be characterized as one of missed opportunities and the failure to build Manitoba's economy and protect its finances; and

WHEREAS while Manitoba remains the only "have not" province in western Canada, the Provincial Government continues to act like a "will not" government; and

WHEREAS despite receiving unprecedented levels of funding from the Federal Government over the past nine years, the Provincial Government has not moved aggressively to pay down debt; and

WHEREAS at a time when Manitobans would like to see the province's finances improving, the province's total debt has grown to nearly \$20 billion, including crown corporations, representing \$16,600 for each person in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS Manitoba's total debt is now 30 times higher than the balance of the Manitoba's saving's account, the fiscal stabilization fund, due to the Provincial Government's poor planning and inaction;

WHEREAS as a result of the Provincial Government's failure to plan for these tough economic times, Manitoba's savings account only has \$670 million unallocated and available for use to support government services for Manitobans; and

WHEREAS according to the Conference Board of Canada consumer confidence in Manitoba is at an all time low; and

WHEREAS the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development is predicting the worst recession since the 1980s which it predicts will lead to growing unemployment in Canada; and

WHEREAS Manitoba experienced the lowest private sector employment growth in Canada from 2003 to 2007 and remains uncompetitive in attracting and growing business; and

WHEREAS single taxpayers in Manitoba without children start paying taxes sooner in Manitoba than in any other jurisdiction in Canada and Manitobans continue to pay the highest income taxes west of Quebec; and

WHEREAS Manitobans are still waiting for the Provincial Government to provide them with an economic update akin to the updates provided in British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan, an update that tells them about the state of the Province's finances today, and, just as importantly, how the Provincial Government plans to deal with the coming financial storm;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider acknowledging that under its stewardship, Manitoba has failed to fulfill its potential over the last nine years; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider releasing an economic plan for the Province that reassures Manitobans that they have a plan to deal with the immediate economic crisis as well as a long term economic vision for the province that will make us competitive with our western neighbours.

NOTICE PAPER

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WEDNESDAY:

Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK –

(No. 7) – The Food Safety and Related Amendments Act/Loi sur la salubrité des aliments et modifications connexes

Mr. MCFADYEN –

(No. 231) – The Elections Finances Amendment Act (Abolishing the Vote Tax)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le financement des campagnes électorales (abolition de la subvention sur les votes)

Mrs. STEFANSON –

(No. 232) –The Climate Change and Emissions Reduction Amendment Act (Ministerial Accountability for Failure to Meet Targets)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les changements climatiques et la réduction des émissions de gaz à effet de serre (responsabilité ministérielle en cas de non-réalisation des objectifs)