

Tuesday, April 21, 1998



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 34

FOURTH SESSION, THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYERS

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The Clerk formally advised the Assembly that Madam Speaker was unavoidably detained and called upon the Deputy Speaker to take the Chair pursuant to the Statutes. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

The following petition was presented:

Mr. SANTOS - Minister of Health to put an end to the centralization and privatization of Winnipeg hospital food services (M. Lange, C. Pawley, B. Maltman and others)

The following petitions were read and received:

Mr. SANTOS - Minister of Health to put an end to the centralization and privatization of Winnipeg hospital food services (S. Strutinsky, E. Emberly, P. Chong and others)

Mr. MALOWAY - Minister of Health to put an end to the centralization and privatization of Winnipeg hospital food services (G. Pinlac, R. Paulhus, R. Black and others)

Mr. SVEINSON, Acting Chairperson of the Committee of Supply presented the Report of the Proceedings of the Committee of April 20, 1998, as follows:

IN THE COMMITTEE

The following Resolutions were adopted:

13.1 RESOLVED that there be granted to HER MAJESTY a sum not exceeding ONE MILLION, THREE HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS for RURAL DEVELOPMENT:

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE \$1,394,000.00

for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1999.

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13.6 RESOLVED that there be granted to HER MAJESTY a sum not exceeding TWENTY-ONE MILLION DOLLARS for RURAL DEVELOPMENT:

RURAL ECONOMIC PROGRAMS \$21,000,000.00

for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1999.

13.7 RESOLVED that there be granted to HER MAJESTY a sum not exceeding EIGHT MILLION, TWO HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for RURAL DEVELOPMENT:

EXPENDITURES RELATED TO CAPITAL..... \$8,244,100.00

for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1999.

Resolutions were reported.

Report was received and the Committee of Supply obtained leave to sit again.

Following Oral Questions, Madam Speaker made the following ruling:

During Question Period on March 25, 1998, the Honourable Member for Crescentwood raised a point of order respecting words spoken by the Honourable Minister of Health. The point of order alleged that the Minister had imputed unworthy motives to the Honourable Member for Crescentwood.

I took the matter under advisement in order to review Hansard. The words objected to, I believe, by the Honourable Member for Crescentwood were "time and time again we have seen Members of the Opposition, particularly the Member for Crescentwood, exaggerate and take out of context remarks." I wish to read into the record some words of former Speaker Fraser of the House of Commons. ". . .this place has never been a tea party and strong-minded men and women who believe passionately in things are going to express that passion and conviction from time to time . . . this is a tough place . . . that is not an excuse for excess, but it is and it must be remembered that the most precious things and the most vital issues that this country faces are debated here and there will be at times expressions of great commitment, conviction and passion. I am sure that people will understand that in a free country, provided that those expressions are done in such a way that they do not wound others or bring into indignity the institution itself, that is probably something we have always had and probably something that will continue."

I do not believe that the words used by the Honourable Minister of Health did constitute an imputation of unworthy motives to the Honourable Member for Crescentwood. There was, therefore, no point of order.

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Pursuant to Rule 20 (1), Mrs. RENDER, Messrs. JENNISSEN, PENNER and KOWALSKI and Ms. McGIFFORD made Members' Statements.

Madam Speaker having left the Chair and the House resolving itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty;

And the House continuing in Committee, the Proceedings were interrupted at 5:00 p.m. for Private Members' Business.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed to proceed with Private Members' Resolution No. 18 and that Private Members' Resolution No. 16 would retain its position on the Order Paper.

By leave, it was agreed that Private Members' Resolution No. 17 be withdrawn from the Order Paper.

Mr. DEWAR moved:

Resolution No. 18: Recycling for Apartment Dwellers

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has committed to the provision of recycling services for all Manitobans and the reduction of waste by 50 per cent by the year 2000, based on 1988 figures; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government, in conjunction with the City of Winnipeg, has established a recycling program which is woefully inadequate as it neglects and excludes 30 per cent of Winnipeg householders, roughly 90,000 residents, who live in apartment complexes or townhouses, by disallowing them from utilizing the recycling services; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has been and continues to charge a 2 cent environmental levy on all purchases of beverage containers which all consumers are required to pay, and which continues to raise a revenue of over \$400,000 a month for the Provincial Government; and

WHEREAS recent indications support the forecast that the projected surplus from the 2 cent beverage container levy will be \$6 million; and

WHEREAS given that apartment dwellers have contributed to this fund, many of them are angry that they are being forced to pay the environmental levy without being given access to recycling services; and

WHEREAS all Manitobans who are taxed for a service should have the opportunity to utilize that service without being discriminated against based upon their residence.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government, working in conjunction with the City of Winnipeg, to consider establishing a recycling program which is accessible to all residents of Winnipeg regardless of whether they live in a house, townhouse, or apartment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Assembly urge the Provincial Government to consider introducing a comprehensive province-wide recycling program, which will be fully accessible to all residents of Manitoba whether or not they reside in a urban, rural or northern area.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. DEWAR, Hon. Mr. McCRAE, Mr. ASHTON and Hon. Mr. CUMMINGS having spoken,

And Hon. Mr. RADCLIFFE speaking at 6:00 p.m.,

The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

The House then adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. tomorrow.

Hon. Louise Dacquay,
Speaker.