

Tuesday, May 26, 1998



## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

### VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 53

FOURTH SESSION, THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

#### PRAYERS

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petition was presented:

Mr. JENNISSEN - Minister of Energy and Mines to consider transferring the account of the Mining Reserve Fund to a banking service in Lynn Lake should such a facility meet provincial standards (S. Beskorowayny, S. Lengyel, K. Lloyd and others)

Mr. LAURENDEAU, Chairperson of the Committee of Supply presented the Report of the Proceedings of the Committee of May 25, 1998 as follows:

#### IN THE COMMITTEE

The following Resolutions were adopted:

22.1 RESOLVED that there be granted to HER MAJESTY a sum not exceeding NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS for STATUS OF WOMEN:

STATUS OF WOMEN .....	\$923,800.00
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for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1999.

Resolution was reported.

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

Hon. Mr. STEFANSON presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review - 1998-1999 - Revenue Estimates.  
(Sessional Paper No. 199)

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By leave, Mr. STRUTHERS, having introduced Bill (No. 301) - An Act to Amend an Act to Incorporate the Dauphin General Hospital Foundation; Loi modifiant la Loi constituant la Fondation de l'Hôpital général de Dauphin, and outlined the purposes thereof, it was read a First Time.

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Following Oral Questions, Madam Speaker made the following ruling:

On May 4, 1998 during Question Period I took under advisement, in order to review Hansard, a point of order raised by the Opposition House Leader.

The point of order concerned an answer given by the Honourable First Minister to a question asked by the Honourable Member for Osborne. The point of order raised by the House Leader for the Official Opposition alleged that the First Minister imputed unworthy motives to the Honourable Member for Osborne, and that the comments should be withdrawn.

In the response to the question, the Premier said "You see this leads to the confusion and the raw attempts for people to get involved for political purposes in this thing" and "We cannot just go running around and tilting at every possible new avenue in hopes that it will bring some positive political benefit to us." I am ruling that there was not a point of order. However, I would caution the First Minister to choose his words with care as in this instance they did create disorder.

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Pursuant to Rule 20(1), Messrs. McALPINE, KOWALSKI, SVEINSON, JENNISSON and Ms. FRIESEN made Members' Statements.

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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.

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By leave, it was agreed to proceed with Resolution No. 55 and that Resolution No. 34 be moved to the location previously held by Resolution No. 55 on the Order Paper.

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Mr. LAMOUREUX moved:

Resolution No. 55: All-Party Justice Taskforce

WHEREAS the citizens of Manitoba expect a process of judicial reform that reflects the commonly held belief that Manitobans who break the law should shoulder the consequences of their actions; and

WHEREAS children under the age of twelve that break the law must also be held responsible for their actions; and

WHEREAS alternative forms of sentencing, such as, Youth Justice Committees, are becoming increasingly popular in dealing with offenders under the age of twelve; and

WHEREAS the Winnipeg Police Service has begun an important move toward community policing; and

WHEREAS there is an urgent need for this government to work with local communities in order to establish, expand and strengthen different ways of dealing with individuals who break the law.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Assembly urge the Minister of Justice to consider the formation of an all-party justice task force to examine the issue of justice in Manitoba, holding at least 10 public meetings across the province, in an effort to solicit advice and comment regarding justice in Manitoba.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. LAMOUREUX, Hon. Mr. McCRAE and Mr. MACKINTOSH having spoken,

And Mr. TWEED speaking at 5:59 p.m.,

The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

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The House then adjourned at 5:59 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. tomorrow.

Hon. Louise Dacquay,  
Speaker.