



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 4

SECOND SESSION, THIRTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYERS

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

The following petition was presented:

Mrs. DRIEDGER – Minister of Health and the First Minister instruct the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority to end its plans to remove the Health Centre at 108 Bond Street from Transcona and to consider finding existing space in Downtown Transcona. (M. Dean, N. Kiesman, R. Mann and others)

The following petition was read and received:

Mrs. DRIEDGER – Minister of Health and the First Minister instruct the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority to end its plans to remove the Health Centre at 108 Bond Street from Transcona and to consider finding existing space in Downtown Transcona. (J. Andrusiak, M. Elnisky, J. Elnisky and others)

Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH presented:

Annual Report of the Department of Justice and Justice Initiatives Fund for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000.

(Sessional Paper No. 24)

Annual Report of the Law Enforcement Review Agency for the year ending December 31, 1999.

(Sessional Paper No. 25)

Annual Report of the Public Trustee for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000.

(Sessional Paper No. 26)

Annual Report of the Legal Aid Services Society of Manitoba for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000.

(Sessional Paper No. 27)

Annual Report of the Manitoba Human Rights Commission for the year ending December 31, 1999.

(Sessional Paper No. 28)

Annual Report of the Justice, Criminal Division – the Victims' Services for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000.

(Sessional Paper No. 29)

Copy of Regulations filed under The Regulations Act, being Manitoba Regulations Nos. 149/99 to 156/2000.

(Sessional Paper No. 30)

During Oral Questions, Mr. LAURENDEAU rose on a point of order regarding the word "untruth" spoken by the Honourable Minister of Agriculture and Food and requested it be withdrawn,

And Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH having spoken to the point of order,

WHEREUPON, Mr. Speaker requested the Honourable Minister of Agriculture and Food to unequivocally withdraw her comments,

Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK withdrew her remarks.

Pursuant to Rule 23(1), Mr. TWEED, Ms. ALLAN, Messrs. CUMMINGS, SMITH (Brandon West) and MAGUIRE made Members' Statements.

On motion of Mr. DYCK:

ORDERED that the composition of the Standing Committees be amended as follows:

Law Amendments:

Mr. MURRAY for Mrs. SMITH (Fort Garry),
Mr. PITURA for Mr. PENNER (Emerson),
Mr. PRAZNIK for Mr. FAURSCHOU.

Industrial Relations:

Mr. TWEED for Mrs. SMITH (Fort Garry),
Mrs. STEFANSON for Mr. PENNER (Emerson).

On motion of Mr. DEWAR:

ORDERED that the composition of the Standing Committees be amended as follows:

Industrial Relations:

Hon. Ms. MCGIFFORD for Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX,
Ms. CERILLI for Mr. SMITH (Brandon West).

Law Amendments:

Hon. Ms. FRIESEN for Hon. Mr. CALDWELL,
Hon. Mr. ROBINSON for Hon. Mr. SALE,
Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH for Mr. REID.

The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Proposed Motion of Mr. STRUTHERS:

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 Second Session of the Thirty-Seventh Legislature of Manitoba.

And the proposed amendment moved by Mr. MURRAY as follows:

THAT the Motion be amended by adding to it, after the word "Manitoba." the following words:

BUT this House regrets

- (a) the government's inability to fulfill the promises outlined in its Throne Speech of November 25, 1999, including the following failures: not ending hallway medicine; not addressing the province-wide shortage of health professionals; not strengthening the home care system; not making math and reading skill assessments available to parents at the beginning of the Grade 3 year; not creating positive alternatives for youth who may be at risk of committing crimes; not ensuring a viable future for the family farm in Manitoba; and, not forging a new strategy for economic development; and
- (b) the government's failure to address the challenges facing all Manitobans and their health care system; and
- (c) the government's failure to guarantee to Manitobans that it will not raid Crown corporation surpluses, as was attempted with Manitoba Public Insurance; and
- (d) the government's failure to release long-term strategies for economic growth which include meaningful tax reductions for families and business, thereby making Manitoba less able to compete in the national and global economy; and
- (e) the government's failure to provide any meaningful measures to maintain economic growth and stimulate job creation, thereby making Manitoba a less attractive place in which to live, work, invest and raise families; and
- (f) the government's failure to address Manitoba's participation in the national infrastructure program and how these projects will take shape around the province; and
- (g) the government's failure to set forth a plan with clearly defined timelines to address flood protection needs for the Red River Valley and beyond; and

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(h) the government's failure to address the issue of providing adequate and timely compensation to Manitobans affected by the flooding and excess soil moisture conditions in the spring of 1999 in southwestern Manitoba and the fall of 2000 in southeastern Manitoba; and

(i) the government's failure to arrive at a national farm safety net program that adequately addresses the needs of the province's farmers; and

(j) the government's failure to address the issues raised by its complete mismanagement of the expansion of gaming through the creation of five First Nations casinos; and

(k) the government's failure to provide a vision and a plan for the future of this province.

AND has thereby lost the trust and confidence of the people of Manitoba and this House.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Mr. PENNER (Emerson), Hon. Messrs. ASHTON and GERRARD having spoken,

And Mr. TWEED speaking at 12:30 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

The House then adjourned at 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, December 11, 2000.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.