



PRAYERS

1:30 O'CLOCK P.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. (L. Ludmar, K. Christenson, G. Faithfull 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. (W. Sheridan, D. Rogerson, M. Costen and others)

Mr. REID, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Industrial Relations, presented its First Report, which was read as follows:

Your Committee met on Monday, December 11, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building to consider Bills referred.

At that meeting your Committee elected Mr. AGLUGUB (The Maples) as the Vice-Chairperson.

Your Committee has considered:

Bill (No. 3) – The Civil Service Superannuation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la pension de la fonction publique

Bill (No. 4) – The Manitoba Employee Ownership Fund Corporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi constituant en corporation le Fonds de participation des travailleurs du Manitoba

Bill (No. 6) – The Pension Benefits Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les prestations de pension

and has agreed to report the same, without amendment.

Your Committee has also considered:

Bill (No. 2) – The Employment Standards Code Amendment Act/Loi modifiant le Code des normes d'emploi

and has agreed to report the same with the following amendment:

MOTION:

THAT the following be added after section 5 of the Bill:

5.1 Subsection 60(1) is amended by striking out "12 consecutive months" and substituting "seven consecutive months."

On motion of Mr. REID, the Report of the Committee was received.

Mr. MARTINDALE, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Law Amendments, presented its First Report, which was read as follows:

Your Committee met on Monday, December 11, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 254 of the Legislative Building to consider Bills referred.

At that meeting, your Committee elected Mr. SCHELLENBERG as Vice-Chairperson.

Your Committee heard representation on Bills as follows:

Bill (No. 5) – The Helen Betty Osborne Memorial Foundation Act/Loi sur la Fondation commémorative Helen Betty Osborne

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| George Muswaggon | Private Citizen |
| Chief Ron Evans | Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs |
| Cecilia Osborne | Private Citizen |
| Justine Osborne | Private Citizen |
| Grand Chief Whitebird | Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs |
| Ms. Sandra Delaronde | Private Citizen |

Your Committee has considered:

Bill (No. 5) – The Helen Betty Osborne Memorial Foundation Act/Loi sur la Fondation commémorative Helen Betty Osborne

and has agreed to report the same without amendment.

On motion of Mr. MARTINDALE, the Report of the Committee was received.

Hon. Mr. LATHLIN presented:

Annual Report of the Department of Conservation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000.
(Sessional Paper No. 50)

Annual Report of the Pineland Forest Nursery for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000.
(Sessional Paper No. 51)

Annual Report of The Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000.
(Sessional Paper No. 52)

Annual Report of the Sustainable Development Innovations Fund for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000.
(Sessional Paper No. 53)

Annual Report of the Venture Manitoba Tours Ltd. for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000.
(Sessional Paper No. 54)

Annual Report of the Manitoba Product Stewardship Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000.
(Sessional Paper No. 55)

Hon. Mr. SALE presented:

Annual Report of the Children and Youth Secretariat for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000.
(Sessional Paper No. 56)

Annual Report of the Department of Family Services and Housing for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000.
(Sessional Paper No. 57)

Hon. Ms. BARRETT presented:

Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation, Quarterly Report, Six Months, March 1, 2000 to August 31, 2000.
(Sessional Paper No. 58)

Annual Report of the Department of Labour for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000.
(Sessional Paper No. 59)

Annual Report of the Office of the Fire Commissioner for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000.
(Sessional Paper No. 60)

Annual Report of the Civil Service Commission for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000.
(Sessional Paper No. 61)

Auditor's Report and Financial Statements of the Public Service Group Insurance Fund for the year ending April 30, 2000.
(Sessional Paper No. 62)

Annual Report of the Manitoba Labour Board for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000.
(Sessional Paper No. 63)

Hon. Ms. FRIESEN presented:

Annual Report of the Department of Intergovernmental Affairs for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000.
(Sessional Paper No. 64)

By leave, Hon. Ms. MIHYCHUK introduced Bill (No. 8) – The Mines and Minerals Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les mines et les minéraux, and outlined the purposes thereof, it was read a First Time.

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Ms. MIHYCHUK presented:

Message from His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 8).
(Sessional Paper No. 65)

Pursuant to Rule 23(1), Messrs. HELWER, AGLUGUB, FAURSCHOU and MARTINDALE and Hon. Mr. GERRARD made Members' Statements.

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

(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.

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And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Mr. CUMMINGS, Ms. CERILLI, Mrs. SMITH (Fort Garry) and Messrs. JENNISSEN and PITURA having spoken,

The debate was allowed to remain open.

The House then adjourned at 5:35 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Thursday, December 14, 2000.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.