



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 31

SECOND SESSION, THIRTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYERS

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petitions were presented:

Mr. SCHULER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba request that the Minister responsible for Manitoba Hydro consider alternative routes for the additional 230KV and 500KV lines proposed for the RM of East St. Paul (N. Lutzer, M. Lutzer, D. Silven and others)

Mr. PITURA – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba request that the Premier of Manitoba consider reversing his decision to not support construction of an underpass at Kenaston and Wilkes (T. Barsalou, M. Lagace, A. Morissette and others)

Mr. LOEWEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba request that the Premier of Manitoba consider reversing his decision to not support construction of an underpass at Kenaston and Wilkes (N. Liebrecht, J. Novan, C. McCracken and others)

Mrs. DRIEDGER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba request that the Premier of Manitoba consider reversing his decision to not support construction of an underpass at Kenaston and Wilkes (S. Bednarek, R. Wray, S. Corrigan and others)

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Mr. PITURA – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba request that the Premier of Manitoba consider reversing his decision to not support construction of an underpass at Kenaston and Wilkes (R. Haas, C. Polanski, D. Brown and others)

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Mrs. DRIEDGER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba request that the Premier of Manitoba consider reversing his decision to not support construction of an underpass at Kenaston and Wilkes (T. Hartling, W. Sperry, W. Henselwood and others)

Mr. SANTOS, Vice-Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Rules of the House, presented its First Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings:

Your Committee met on May 14, 2001 in Room 255 of the Legislative Building to consider matters referred.

Matters under consideration:

Amendments to the Rules, Orders and Forms of Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba.

Resignations / Elections:

Mr. SANTOS elected as Vice-Chairperson.

Amendments to Rules Considered and Reported:

THAT existing Rule 2 be repealed and the following substituted:

Daily Sittings

2.(1) The Assembly shall meet each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday that is not a holiday, unless otherwise ordered.

(2) The Assembly shall also not sit during the week in March designated by the Department of Education as “spring break” for the public school system.

THAT new Sub-rules 2.3(a), 2.3(b), 2.3(c), 2.3(d) and 2.3(e) be added as follows:

Fall Sittings

2.3(a) The House shall sit in any one or more of the months of September, October, November or December for a minimum of twelve (12) sitting days, but the 12 sittings days shall not commence after December 1st.

2.3(b) If a new session is commencing in the fall, the House shall be adjourned by the Speaker at the end of the first full week in December without the question being put, providing the Throne Speech has been passed, and the House shall stand adjourned until the call of the Speaker.

2.3(c) If the fall sittings are a continuation of an existing session, sub-rule 2.3(b) shall not apply.

2.3(d) The provisions of sub-rule 2.3(a) are not applicable for the First Session of the Legislature following a Provincial general election.

2.3(e) Notwithstanding sub-rule 43.(1), the Government House Leader can interrupt the debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne for up to three days, which need not be consecutive, to call government business. This rule does not affect the number of days of debate outlined in Rule 42.

THAT existing Sub-Rule 3.(3) be amended as follows:

Thursday Morning Sitings

3.(3) Except during the debates on the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne and the Budget the House shall also sit on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. for Private Members' Business. On these days, the Speaker shall leave the Chair at 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

THAT new Sub-Rule 3.(4.1) be added as follows:

Adjournment on Thursday during Committee of Supply

3.(4.1) Once consideration of department estimates has begun, the Speaker shall adjourn the Thursday sitting on Friday at 12:30 p.m. to accommodate the sittings of the Committee of Supply on Friday morning.

THAT existing Sub-Rule 3.(5) be amended as follows:

Adjournments over the weekend

3.(5) When the House is adjourned at 12:30 p.m. on Fridays during the debates on the motions for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne and the Budget or when the House is adjourned at 12:30 p.m. on Fridays during consideration of departmental estimates and at all other times on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. it shall stand adjourned, unless otherwise ordered, until the following Monday.

THAT existing Sub-Rule 22.(2) be amended as follows:

Order after Routine Business

22.(2) The order of business for the consideration by the House, day by day, after the daily routine and on Thursday mornings shall be as follows:

(a) Report Stage - Amendments

Government Bills – Concurrence and Third Readings, Second Readings
etc.

(b) Private Members' Business

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Thursday mornings.

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Private Bills

Public Bills

Orders for Return and Addresses for Papers

Private Members' Resolutions

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Private Members' Resolutions

Orders for Return and Addresses for Papers

Public Bills

Private Bills

THAT new Sub-Rule 22.(3) be added:

Two separate periods

22.(3) Private Members' Business on Thursday mornings shall consist of two separate periods, each one considering a different category of Private Members' Business.

THAT existing Sub-Rule 44.(1) be amended as follows:

Debatable Motions

(f) for the Concurrence and Third Reading of a Bill.

THAT existing Sub-Rule 60.(1) be amended as follows:

Notices of motions, etc.

60.(1) One day notice must be given of a motion:

- (a) for leave to present a Bill, resolution or address; or
- (b) for the appointment of any Committee; or
- (c) for the placing of a written question on the Order Paper;

but this Rule does not apply to Bills after their introduction, or to Private Bills, or to the times of meeting or adjournment of the House.

THAT existing Sub-Rule 60.(2) be amended as follows:

Notices of motion to be filed before adjournment

60.(2) The notice of motion shall be

- (a) filed with the Clerk before the daily adjournment hour of the House;
- (b) printed in the Notice Paper two days after filing; and
- (c) placed on the Order Paper for consideration on the day following the notice.

THAT new Sub-Rule 60.(2.1) be added as follows:

Notices of motion to present a Bill to be filed before adjournment

60.(2.1) Notwithstanding sub-rule (2), the notice of motion for leave to present a Bill shall be

- (a) filed with the Clerk before the daily adjournment hour of the House;
- (b) printed in the Notice Paper one day after filing; and
- (c) placed on the Order Paper on the day following the notice.

THAT new Sub-rule 60.(2.2) be added as follows:

Filing of Notices of motion

60.(2.2) A notice of motion shall be filed with the Clerk at any time

- (a) during the session prior to the daily adjournment hour of the House; and
- (b) during an intersessional period until 12:00 p.m. two working days prior to the opening of a new session or the reconvening of an existing session.

THAT new Sub-Rule 60.(2.3) be added as follows:

Filing of Notices of motion for leave to present a Bill

60.(2.3) Notwithstanding sub-rule (2.2), a notice of motion for leave to present a Bill shall be filed with the Clerk at any time

- (a) during the session prior to the daily adjournment hour of the House; and
- (b) during an intersessional period until 12:00 p.m. one working day prior to the opening of a new session or the reconvening of an existing session.

THAT new Sub-Rule 60.(2.4) be added as follows:

Notice of intersessional filing

60.(2.4) The notice of motion filed in accordance with sub-rules (2.2)(b) and (2.3)(b),

- (a) in the case of the opening of the first session of a legislature, shall be printed in the Notice Paper on the third day of business; or
- (b) in the case of the opening of a second or subsequent session, shall be printed in the Notice Paper on the second day of business; or
- (c) in the case of reconvening of an existing session, shall be printed in the Notice Paper on the first day of business; and
- (d) shall be placed on the Order Paper for consideration on the sitting day following the notice.

THAT new Sub-Rule 60.(2.5) be added as follows:

Filing of notices on a Friday

60.(2.5) Notwithstanding sub-rule (2.1), a notice of a motion filed on a Friday with the Clerk, prior to adjournment, shall be placed on the Notice Paper on the following Monday.

THAT existing Sub-Rule 60.(3) be amended as follows:

Opposition Day motions

60.(3) Notwithstanding sub-rules (1) and (2)(c), two sitting days notice is required for a motion to be debated on an Opposition Day.

THAT existing Sub-Rule 64.(2) be amended as follows:

To be filed with Clerk

64.(2) A motion requiring notice shall be filed with the Clerk and, if approved by the Speaker, shall be reproduced as notice on the Notice Paper and shall be placed on the Order Paper as set out in accordance with Rule 60.

THAT new Sub-Rule 73.(1.1) be added as follows:

Quorum not required during Friday sittings

73.(1.1) The quorum for a Committee of the Whole House is 10 members. Notwithstanding, when the Committee of Supply is sitting on a Friday, there is no requirement to maintain a quorum.

THAT existing Sub-Rule 74.(1) be amended as follows:

Time Limit

74.(1) In each session, not more than 140 hours shall be allowed for the consideration of ways and means and supply resolutions respecting main, interim, capital and supplementary estimates and for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the relevant Supply Bills.

THAT new Sub-Rules 75.(5) and 75.(6) be added as follows:

Committee of Supply Hours

75.(5) The Committee of Supply may sit on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays after Routine Proceedings, and shall sit on Fridays (continuation of Thursday's sittings) from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The sitting hours on Fridays may be varied by unanimous consent of the Committee of Supply, or a section thereof.

Business after Committee of Supply Rises on Friday

75.(6) Where the Committee of Supply sits on a Friday, and after the Committee rises, any motion except a motion to adjourn the House is out of order.

THAT new Sub-Rules 75.(12.1), 75.(12.2) and 75.(12.3) be added as follows:

Votes in Supply on Fridays

75.(12.1) Where the Committee of Supply, or a section of the Committee of Supply, is sitting on a Friday morning, no count out votes will be held.

Count-out Votes on Fridays deferred

75.(12.2) The Chairperson of the committee, or a section thereof, shall defer the vote on the motion until the next sitting of the Committee of Supply in the Chamber where such item will be the first order of business.

No new departments introduced on Friday

75.(12.3) During the consideration of estimates on Fridays, the estimates of a new department or entity shall not be commenced.

THAT Sub-Rule 75.(13) be repealed and the following substituted:

Reports of Committee of Supply

75.(13) The Chairperson of the Committee of Supply shall report to the House items passed during the consideration of interim, main and capital supply, and shall also report at the conclusion of the estimates process, all resolutions passed and the concurrence motion. The Chairperson shall report matters of privilege referred by the Committee as well as incidents of grave disorder.

THAT new Sub-Rule 75.(19) be added:

Consideration of Departmental Estimates

75.(19) During consideration of departmental estimates, line items may be called for the purpose of asking questions or moving amendments, however there is no requirement to pass line items. Departmental resolutions must be called individually for passage.

THAT existing Sub-Rule 83.(2) be repealed and the following substituted:

Committee Membership Substitutions

83.(2) Substitutions to the membership of any standing Committee of the House must be provided in writing to the Clerk's Office by the Whips or Whip's designate of each recognized party.

Notice of Substitution Required

83.(3) The Whips or Whip's designate of each recognized party must provide the name(s) of the Member(s) resigning from the Standing Committee and the name(s) of the replacement Member(s) 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Filling of Vacancies at Committee Meetings

83.(4) If the 30 minute filing requirement for committee substitutions has passed, the committee may fill the vacancy by a majority vote of the Committee. The Whip or Whip's designate, following the completion of the committee meeting must file official notification with the Clerk's Office of substitutions made during such meeting.

THAT existing Sub-Rule 87.(2) be amended as follows:

Concurrence

87. (2)

(a) Concurrence in a report of a Committee may be moved subsequently after the usual notice has been given.

(b) Concurrence in a report of a Committee respecting clause by clause consideration of a Bill shall be moved in conjunction with the Third Reading motion.

THAT existing Sub-Rule 101.(4) be repealed and the following substituted:

Report Stage

101.(4) Unless otherwise ordered by the House the Report stage of any Bill reported from any Standing or Special Committee shall not be taken into consideration prior to two sitting days following the presentation of the report of the Committee with respect thereto.

THAT existing Sub-Rule 101.(6) be repealed and the following substituted:

Notice of Report Stage Amendment

101.(6) Subject to sub-rule (8), no motion to amend, delete, insert or restore any clause or provision of a Bill shall be entertained on the consideration of the Report Stage of the Bill unless

(a) notice of the motion has been given to the Clerk two sitting days before the Order of the Day for consideration of the Report Stage of the Bill is to be listed on the Order Paper, and

(b) copies of the motion have been distributed in the House on the sitting day before the Order of the Day for consideration of the Report Stage of the Bill is to be listed on the Order Paper.

THAT existing Sub-Rule 101.(7) be repealed.

THAT existing Sub-Rules 101.(13) and 101.(14) be repealed and the following substituted:

Motion following Report Stage

101.(13) A concurrence and third reading motion shall be put:

(a) where the proceedings at the report stage amendment stage on any bill have been concluded; or

(b) where it is listed on the order paper under "Concurrence and Third Reading" as set out in sub-rule 22.(2)(a)

Third Reading

(14) Pursuant to sub-rule 101.(13), debate on third reading may proceed.

THAT existing Sub-Rule 101.(15) be repealed and the following substituted:

Third Reading where no amendment

101.(15) Two sitting days after a Bill has been reported from a Standing or Special Committee, and no amendment has been proposed at Report Stage, a motion "that the Bill as reported from the Standing or Special Committee, (as amended--if applicable), be concurred in and be now read for a Third Time and passed" may be moved.

THAT existing Rule 102 be amended as follows:

Recommittal

102. Where the Order of the Day for Concurrence and Third Reading is called, any Member desiring to recommit the Bill shall move to discharge the Order and to recommit the Bill; and upon such a motion being resolved in the affirmative, the Member shall give notice of the instructions to be given, but those instructions shall not be taken into consideration before the next sitting of the House.

Your Committee recommends adoption of the following simplified language for **Royal Assents**:

Financial Bills

Speaker says: Your Honour, The Legislative Assembly of Manitoba asks Your Honour to accept the following Bills:

Clerk replies: In Her Majesty's name, the Lieutenant Governor thanks the Legislative Assembly, and assents to these Bills

Non-Financial Bills

Speaker says: Your Honour, At this sitting, the Legislative Assembly has passed certain Bills that I ask Your Honour to give assent to.

Clerk replies: In Her Majesty's name, His Honour assents to these Bills.

Your Committee recommends adoption of the following simplified language for Petitions:

TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA:

These are the reasons for this petition: (*or*: The background to this petition is as follows:)

(Briefly summarize the problem or grievance and any necessary background information)

We petition the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba as follows:

(Set out the action the Legislative Assembly is being asked to take or not take)

Name (Please Print)	Address	Signature
_____	_____	_____
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SAMPLE PETITION

TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA:

These are the reasons for this petition: [*or*: The background to this petition is as follows:]

1. Many LPNs have been eliminated from most acute care facilities in Manitoba, including the St. Boniface, Health Sciences Centre, Seven Oaks, Concordia and Victoria Hospitals.
2. The LPNs of this province are valuable members of the health care system, providing professional, competent, skilled and cost effective services.
3. Staffing cuts will only result in declining quality of health care and potentially tragic outcomes.
4. It will not be long before the negative results of this shortcut effort are realized - just as they were in Alberta.
5. The elimination of LPNs in Manitoba's health care facilities will lead to higher costs and poorer patient care.

We petition the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba as follows:

1. We request the Minister of Health to consider stopping the elimination of LPNs from the staffing complement in our health care facilities.
2. We request the Minister of Health to recognize the value and dedicated service of LPNs across the province.

Name (Please Print)	Address	Signature
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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THAT Appendices A, A1, B, C and D be deleted and replaced with the following:

APPENDIX A
MODEL PETITION

TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA:

These are the reasons for this petition: (or: The background to this petition is as follows:)

(Briefly summarize the problem or grievance and any necessary background information)

We petition the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba as follows:

(Set out the action the Legislative Assembly is being asked to take or not take)

Name (Please Print)	Address	Signature
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NOTE: A minimum of three signatures are required for the sufficient execution of the petition.

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APPENDIX A-1

NOTICE OF A PETITION FOR A PRIVATE BILL

This is notice to the public that _____ (name of the petitioner) will present a petition for a private bill to the Legislative Assembly at this or the next session of the Legislature.

The private bill will do the following: (in the space below, describe the bill, state what it is intended to do and specify any exceptional provisions that the petitioner proposes to include in the bill)

Date

Signature of the petitioner (or petitioner's lawyer)

Address of the petitioner (or petitioner's lawyer)

APPENDIX B

NOTICE OF A VACANCY IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

To the Lieutenant Governor in Council:

1. In accordance with section 25 of *The Legislative Assembly Act*, this is notice of a vacancy in the electoral division of _____
(name of electoral division).
 2. The member who is vacating the seat is: _____
 3. The reason for the vacancy is: _____

 4. We ask you to pass an Order-in-Council to fill the vacancy.
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The two members of the Legislative Assembly giving this notice are:

Signature of member

Signature of member

NOTE: Section 25 of *The Legislative Assembly Act* states:

Notice of vacancy caused in any other way than by resignation

25 Subject to section 71 of *The Controverted Elections Act*, in any case of a vacancy in the representation of an electoral division created in any other way than by resignation, any two members of the Legislative Assembly may give notice of the vacancy to the Lieutenant Governor in Council and request the passing of an order in council for the filling of the vacancy under *The Election Act*.

APPENDIX C

RESIGNATION OF A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

To the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:

I, _____ (name of member) intend to resign my seat
in the Legislative Assembly for the electoral division of _____
(name of electoral division).

Date

Signature of the member

Two witnesses are needed:

Signature of first witness

Signature of second witness

NOTE: Section 22 of *The Legislative Assembly Act* states:

Resignation of member

22 Any member of the Legislative Assembly may resign his seat,

(a) by giving, in his place in the assembly, notice of his intention to resign, in which case, after the notice has been entered by the clerk of the assembly in the journals, the seat of the member thereupon becomes vacant; or

(b) by addressing and causing to be delivered to the Speaker a declaration of his intention to resign, made in writing under his hand before two witnesses, which declaration may be so made and delivered either before or during a session of the Legislature, or in the interval between two sessions, and upon receipt thereof by the Speaker the seat of the member thereupon becomes vacant.

Your Committee agreed to amend the wording for resolving into the Committee of Supply to read: "I move that the House resolve into the Committee of Supply."

Your Committee agreed that the amendments to the Rules, Orders and Forms of Proceedings, would be in force until March 31, 2002, with the Rules Committee to meet prior to expiration of this period.

Your Committee agreed that the Clerk be authorized to re-number the Rules, Orders and Forms of Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly.

Your Committee agreed that the staff of the Clerk's Office be authorized to produce revised rules incorporating all amendments, additions and deletions.

Your Committee agreed that the amendments to the Rules, Orders and Forms of Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba would come into force on the day the report of the committee was concurred in the House.

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

Mr. SANTOS, Chairperson of the Committee of Supply, presented the Report of the Proceedings of the Committee of May 15, 2001 as follows:

IN THE COMMITTEE

The following Resolutions were adopted:

3.2 RESOLVED that there be granted to HER MAJESTY a sum not exceeding FORTY-EIGHT MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS for AGRICULTURE AND FOOD:

RISK MANAGEMENT AND INCOME SUPPORT PROGRAMS	\$48,764,600.00
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for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 2002.

3.3 RESOLVED that there be granted to HER MAJESTY a sum not exceeding SIX MILLION, TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOUR THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for AGRICULTURE AND FOOD:

MANITOBA AGRICULTURAL CREDIT CORPORATION	\$6,284,100.00
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for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 2002.

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12.1 RESOLVED that there be granted to HER MAJESTY a sum not exceeding SIX MILLION, TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS for CONSERVATION:

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE \$6,223,600.00

for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 2002.

17.1 RESOLVED that there be granted to HER MAJESTY a sum not exceeding FOUR MILLION, FORTY-NINE THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS for CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION..... \$4,049,400.00

for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 2002.

17.2 RESOLVED that there be granted to HER MAJESTY a sum not exceeding ONE HUNDRED ONE THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

AMORTIZATION OF CAPITAL ASSETS..... \$101,100.00

for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 2002.

22.1 RESOLVED that there be granted to HER MAJESTY a sum not exceeding ONE MILLION, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINE THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS for STATUS OF WOMEN:

STATUS OF WOMEN..... \$1,189,700.00

for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 2002.

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

AMORTIZATION OF CAPITAL ASSETS..... \$27,900.00

for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 2002.

24.1 RESOLVED that there be granted to HER MAJESTY a sum not exceeding SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS for SENIORS DIRECTORATE:

SENIORS DIRECTORATE \$768,800.00

for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 2002.

24.2 RESOLVED that there be granted to HER MAJESTY a sum not exceeding EIGHTEEN THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS for SENIORS DIRECTORATE:

AMORTIZATION OF CAPITAL ASSETS..... \$18,700.00

for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 2002.

Resolutions were reported.

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

Hon. Mr. SELINGER, the Minister of Finance made a statement regarding the release of the First Report on French Language Services for the period of 1999 to 2000,

Mr. ROCAN and, by leave, Hon. Mr. GERRARD commented on the statement.

Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH presented:

Annual Report of The Discriminatory Business Practices Act for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001.

(Sessional Paper No. 150)

Hon. Ms. FRIESEN presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2001-2002 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Intergovernmental Affairs

(Sessional Paper No. 151)

By leave, Hon. Mr. SMITH (Brandon West) introduced Bill (No. 26) – The Winnipeg Commodity Exchange Restructuring Act/Loi sur la réorganisation de la Bourse des marchandises de Winnipeg, and outlined the purposes thereof, it was read a First Time.

During Oral Questions, Mr. LAURENDEAU rose on a point of order regarding leader's latitude and indicated that the Honourable First Minister was provoking debate,

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

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker ruled there was no point of order,

From his decision, Mr. LAURENDEAU appealed to the House.

And the Question being put, "Shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained?". It was agreed to, on division.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker made the following ruling:

During Oral Questions on May 10, 2001, the Honourable Official Opposition House Leader raised a point of order concerning the comments spoken by the Honourable Minister of Health while responding to a question. The Honourable Official Opposition House Leader contended that the remarks were a personal attack against the Honourable Member for River Heights. The Honourable Government House Leader also spoke to the same point of order. I took the matter under advisement in order to peruse the record and to consult the procedural authorities.

On page 1618 of Hansard, the Honourable Minister of Health is recorded as saying "Mr. Speaker, this is far more complex than I think the Member opposite probably understands with respect to this particular issue." Based on these comments, I would rule that there is no point of order. The Honourable Minister of Health did not make a reference regarding the capability of the Honourable Member for River Heights to understand the issue but instead noted the complexity of the matter.

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

By leave, the House reverted to "Ministerial Statements and Tabling of Reports".

Hon. Mr. SELINGER presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2001-2002 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Enabling Appropriations and Other Appropriations.
(Sessional Paper No. 152)

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2001-2002 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Employee Pensions and Other Costs
(Sessional Paper No. 153)

By leave, Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH moved:

THAT the First Report of the Standing Committee on the Rules of the House be concurred in.

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

By leave, it was agreed to waive Private Members' Business for Thursday, May 17, 2001.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed that Committee of Supply would not meet on Friday, May 18, 2001.

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By unanimous consent, it was agreed that any Petitions filed during the session can be in either the new format as indicated in the new rules or the old format, with the understanding that for the next session, petitions should be in the new format.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed that the current motion "THAT Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into a Committee to consider of Ways and Means for raising of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty" be amended to read: "THAT the House resolve into the Committee of Ways and Means."

The House resolving into the Committee of Supply.

And the House continuing in Committee.

The House then adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, May 17, 2001.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.