



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA**

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**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS** No. 47

**SECOND SESSION, THIRTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE**

**PRAYERS**

**10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.**

Mr. MALOWAY moved:

THAT Bill (No. 301) – The Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company and National Trust Company Act/Loi concernant la Société de Fiducie Banque de Nouvelle-Écosse et la Compagnie Trust National, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Messrs. MALOWAY and LAURENDEAU having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

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The House resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Proposed Motion of Mr. SCHULER:

THAT Bill (No. 200) – The Electoral Divisions Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les circonscriptions électorales, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Ms. BARRETT having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mr. STRUTHERS, adjourned on division.

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Mr. HELWER moved:

THAT Bill (No. 201) – The Electoral Divisions Amendment Act (2)/Loi n° 2 modifiant la Loi sur les circonscriptions électorales, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. HELWER having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mr. REID, adjourned on division.

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Mr. JENNISSEN moved:

Resolution No. 8: Via Rail

WHEREAS VIA rail serves northern Manitoba and provides major links to Thompson, The Pas, Lynn Lake, Thicket Portage, Pukatawagan and Churchill among other northern communities; and

WHEREAS residents of many northern communities are reliant on the passenger rail service for functions as common as visiting a doctor and purchasing necessary supplies; and

WHEREAS the residents of northern rail line communities, including young children, should not be subjected to second and third rate travel conditions; and

WHEREAS the operation of an efficient and modern rail service is of benefit to the residents of northern Manitoba; and

WHEREAS rail transportation is vital for manufacturing and the promotion of tourism, both of which benefit all Manitobans; and

WHEREAS northern municipalities and northern organizations have advocated for better and safer service; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government, in April 2000, injected \$400 million into improvements at VIA rail, including a renewal of the fleet, improvements at rail stations among other initiatives.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider working with Transport Canada and VIA Rail to ensure that some of the \$400 million in new investment be used to improve rail facilities in Manitoba; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider ensuring continual support from the Federal Government for the development of rail transport in northern Manitoba where these services are so vital to the wellbeing of the population.

And a debate arising,

And Messrs. JENNISSEN and GILLESHAMMER having spoken,

And Mr. REID speaking at 11:00 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

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Mr. PENNER (Steinbach) moved:

Resolution No. 9: The Importance of Rural Diversification Initiatives

WHEREAS the elimination of the Crow Rate by the Federal Government has been responded to with diversification of the rural economy and the growth of value-added activities; and

WHEREAS diversification of the rural economy leads to increased job creation, increased investment and export opportunities; and

WHEREAS the previous Provincial Government recognized the need and potential for rural diversification through its Rural Economic Strategy, a program which included accomplishments such as the creation of 97 community roundtables, the Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI), youth entrepreneurship programs, the Working for Value Task Force, and a rejuvenation of community development corporations; and

WHEREAS rural diversification has been an important factor in both Manitoba's continued economic growth and in the province having maintained one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country; and

WHEREAS it is in the interest of all Manitobans for these trends to continue; and

WHEREAS the current Provincial Government has already taken a step backward on this important issue by eliminating the Department of Rural Development; and

WHEREAS the current Provincial Government has chosen to alter the Rural Development Bonds Act program so that the Grow Bonds Program is now open to businesses within the City of Winnipeg, thereby changing the original spirit and intent of the program, which was to foster rural development.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider continuing the previous government's efforts to support ongoing diversification of the rural economy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider continuing the Rural Economic Strategy, and thereby ensure the continued growth and prosperity of the rural economy.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. PENNER (Steinbach), Hon. Ms. FRIESEN and Mr. PENNER (Emerson) having spoken,

And Mr. STRUTHERS speaking at 12:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

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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 (J. Munch, J. Anderlic, B. Borokas 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 (M. Todosichuk, G. Dangerfield, A. McLaughlin and others)

Mr. HELWER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba request that the Minister of Transportation and Government Services consider upgrading Provincial Trunk Highway #9 and the Selkirk Corridor thoroughfares immediately (D. Hunter, L. McCausland, B. Hiltz 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. Przybyl, T. Mills, D. Carriere and others)

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The following petitions were read and received:

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 (W. Fraser, B. Gamey, E. Rochon Fraser and others)

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 (S. Kraichy, R. Chrusch, L. Chrusch 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 (L. Britton, M. Eden, B. Oakden and others)

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Pursuant to Rule 23(1), Messrs. STRUTHERS, DYCK, MARTINDALE, PENNER (Steinbach) and NEVAKSHONOFF made Members' Statements.

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**Thursday, June 14, 2001**

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The House resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. ASHTON:

THAT Bill (No. 11) – The Highway Traffic Amendment and Consequential Amendments Act/Loi modifiant le Code de la route et modifications corrélatives, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Mrs. STEFANSON, Messrs. SCHULER, LOEWEN and LAURENDEAU having spoken,

The debate was allowed, by leave, to remain in the name of Mr. GILLESHAMMER.

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The House resolving into the Committee of Supply.

And the House continuing in Committee.

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The House then adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, June 18, 2001.

Hon. George HICKES,  
Speaker.