



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 3

FOURTH SESSION, THIRTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYERS

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. EICHLER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Premier of Manitoba to consider covering the cost of insulin pumps that are prescribed by an Endocrinologist or Medical Doctor under the Manitoba Health Insurance Plan. (J. Davidson, R. Davidson, M. Cook and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to consider the need to seek clarification on why the Government did not act on fixing the Crocus fund back in 2001. (L. Hauber, C. Hauber, D. Simard and others)

Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives made a statement regarding the preliminary results from a cross-Canada Avian Influenza survey of wild birds,

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

On motion of Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH, Bill (No. 2) – The Private Investigators and Security Guards Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les détectives privés et les gardiens de sécurité, was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

During Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker interjected and requested that the words "liar" and "lied" spoken by the Honourable Member for Steinbach be withdrawn.

WHEREUPON Mr. GOERTZEN withdrew his remarks.

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Ms. IRVIN-ROSS, Messrs. CUMMINGS, REID and GOERTZEN and Ms. BRICK made Members' Statements.

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

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 Fourth Session of the Thirty-Eighth Legislature of Manitoba.

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. MURRAY having spoken,

And Mr. MURRAY moved an amendment as follows:

THAT the Motion be amended by adding at the end of the sentence the following words:

But this House regrets

(a) the government's failure to acknowledge the escalating debt of our province, now in excess of \$20 billion, and its failure to commit to a comprehensive debt reduction strategy; and

(b) the government's failure to stem its insatiable spending habit; and

(c) the government's failure to present a plan to address the fact that Manitoba is the highest taxed province throughout all of Canada; and

(d) the government's failure to commit to the complete elimination of all education tax off of residential property and farmland; and

(e) the government's failure to address the fact that since 1999 gangs have flourished in Manitoba, including the establishment of the Hell's Angels, Bandidos, Mad Cowz and African Mafia; and

(f) the government's failure to address the escalating levels of gang activity, violent crime and property crime, including the fact that Manitoba has been the scene of numerous biker related murders and attempted murders and the murder of an innocent bystander; and

(g) the government's failure to implement the additional complement of police officers as promised in the 2005-2006 budget; and

(h) the government's failure to commit to not closing or converting rural hospitals; and

(i) the government's failure to address the doctor shortages, emergency room closures and downgraded health care services throughout rural Manitoba; and

(j) the government's failure to commit to addressing the doctor shortage in Brandon; and

(k) the government's failure to provide any meaningful and effective strategy to address growing wait lists throughout Manitoba; and

- (l) the government's failure to consider, within a publicly funded, single-payer health care system, the development of public-private partnerships for the delivery of health care services; and
- (m) the government's failure to have an effective plan in place to deal with the threat of a pandemic flu outbreak; and
- (n) the government's failure to initiate a review of health care regionalization; and
- (o) the government's failure to provide any strategy and support to Manitobans who are forced to travel by ambulance to access health care services not available in their communities and who are assessed enormous bills for those transfers; and
- (p) the government's failure to develop a plan to address the crumbling infrastructure within the City of Winnipeg and throughout the Province of Manitoba; and
- (q) the government's failure to support the desperate plight of agriculture producers given the flood conditions and the inability to grow a crop during this current growing season; and
- (r) the government's failure to move ahead in the development of slaughter capacity after two and a half years of the BSE crisis; and
- (s) the government's failure to call an independent public inquiry into the Crocus Fund scandal; and
- (t) the government's failure to address the Seven Oaks School Division scandal and its failure to admit to its mishandling of the Morris MacDonald School Division Adult Learning Program; and
- (u) the government's failure to resolve the retired teacher's COLA issue; and
- (v) the government's failure to develop a long-term economic strategy to address stagnant job growth and make Manitoba a "have" province; and
- (w) the government's failure to develop a long-term strategy addressing the out-migration of our best and brightest; and
- (x) the government's failure to commit to strengthening the role and function of the Public Accounts Committee; and
- (y) the government's failure to implement a strategy for predictable, long term and sustainable funding for post-secondary education; and
- (z) the government's failure to provide a strategy for the protection of clean water throughout the Province of Manitoba.

AND HAS THEREBY lost the trust and confidence of the people of Manitoba and this House.

Monday, October 31, 2005

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Hon. Mr. ASHTON and Mr. HAWRANIK having spoken,

And Mr. SANTOS speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 1, 2005.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.