



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

FOURTH SESSION, THIRTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mrs. ROWAT – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Family Services and Housing and the Premier to consider amending legislation to improve the process by which grandparents can obtain reasonable access to their grandchildren. (G. Shackleford, L. Bjornson, M. Grant and others)

Mrs. STEFANSON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Premier of Manitoba and the Minister of Health to consider providing CancerCare Manitoba with the appropriate funding necessary so that they may provide leading edge care for patients in the same manner as other provinces and to consider accelerating the process by which new cancer treatment drugs are approved so that more Manitobans are able to be treated in the most effective manner possible. (K. Mitchell, J. Anderson, C. Dathart and others)

Mrs. MITCHELSON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Premier of Manitoba and the Minister of Health to consider providing CancerCare Manitoba with the appropriate funding necessary so that they may provide leading edge care for patients in the same manner as other provinces and to consider accelerating the process by which new cancer treatment drugs are approved so that more Manitobans are able to be treated in the most effective manner possible. (A. Cellamare, R. Cellamare, D. Phillips and others)

Mr. CUMMINGS – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to strongly urge the Premier to consider calling an independent public inquiry into the Crocus Investment Fund scandal. (G. Burner, D. Burner, M. Vodrey 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 and to urge the Premier and his Government to cooperate in making public what really happened. (J. Klingzahn, B. Daurie, H. Davies and others)

Friday, April 21, 2006

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Messrs. NEVAKSHONOFF and ROCAN, Ms. IRVIN-ROSS, Mrs. TAILLIEU and Mr. JHA made Members' Statements.

Following Members' Statements, Mr. EICHLER rose on a Matter of Urgent Public Importance and moved:

THAT under Rule 36(1) the regularly scheduled business of the House be set aside to discuss a Matter of Urgent Public Importance, namely, the Government's unilateral decision to create the Manitoba Cattle Enhancement Council and establish a mandatory \$2.00 per head cattle levy, and their potential impact on the cattle industry and cattle producers in Manitoba in terms of the circumvention of the democratic principles in our society.

And Mr. EICHLER and Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK having spoken to the urgency of the motion,

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker ruled as follows:

I thank the Honourable Members for their advice to the Chair on whether the motion proposed by the Honourable Member for Lakeside should be debated today. The notice required by Rule 36(1) was provided. Under our Rules and Practices, the subject matter requiring urgent consideration must be so pressing that the public interest will suffer if the matter is not given immediate attention. There must also be no other reasonable opportunities to raise the matter.

I do not doubt that this matter is one that is of serious concern to Members, as the cattle industry is an economic activity that is of vital importance to our province.

I have listened very carefully to the arguments put forward, however I was not persuaded that the ordinary business of the House should be set aside to deal with this issue today.

Additionally, I would like to note that there are other avenues for Members to raise this issue, including questions in Question Period, raising the item under Members' Statements, and raising the issue during the Budget Debate.

Therefore, with the greatest of respect, I rule the motion out of order as a Matter of Urgent Public Importance.

Subsequently following Members' Statements, Mr. GOERTZEN rose on a Matter of Privilege regarding Beauséjour citation 634 and indicated that Bill (No. 22) was an omnibus bill and that it violates his privileges as a Member.

And Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH having spoken.

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker ruled there was no Matter of Privilege.

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

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

YEA

AGLUGUB	MCGIFFORD
ALLAN	MELNICK
ALTEMEYER	NEVAKSHONOFF
BJORNSON	OSWALD
BRICK	REID
DEWAR	RONDEAU
DOER	SALE
IRVIN-ROSS	SANTOS
JHA	SHELLENBERG
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DERKACH	MITCHELSON
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The House then adjourned at 12:33 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 24, 2006.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.