



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 24

FIFTH SESSION, THIRTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX, Bill (No. 19) – The Government Purchases Amendment Act (Responsible Manufacturing)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les achats du gouvernement (pratiques équitables des fabricants), was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mrs. ROWAT – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Provincial Government to consider stopping the removal of these positions from our community (Minnedosa), and to consider utilizing current technology in order to maintain these positions in their existing location. (R. Pederson, C. Nagorski, B. Firby and others)

Mrs. TAILLIEU – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister charged with the administration of The Liquor Control Act to consider allowing the owners of Headingley Foods to sell alcohol at their store, thereby supporting small business and the prosperity of rural communities in Manitoba. (H. Fetterly, W. Sykes, N. Sykes and others)

Hon. Mr. RONDEAU, the Minister of Science, Technology, Energy and Mines, made a statement regarding the role and sacrifice made by our military service people and the tragic loss earlier this week of six Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan.

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

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mrs. MITCHELSON, Ms. KORZENIOWSKI, Messrs. DYCK, NEVAKSHONOFF and LAMOUREUX made Members' Statements.

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

THAT this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government.

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. MCFADYEN having spoken,

And Mr. MCFADYEN moved an amendment as follows:

THAT the Motion be amended by deleting all the words after “House” and substituting:

therefore regrets that this budget neglects many of the current and future needs of Manitobans by:

- (a) failing to set out a coherent plan to stem the flow of people out of Manitoba, after the loss of 35,000 Manitobans to other provinces since 1999; and
- (b) failing to make Manitoba a “have” province, reduce the debt and decrease the NDP government’s reliance on federal transfer payments; and
- (c) failing to implement taxation measures to make Manitoba competitive with other provinces; and
- (d) failing to entice businesses to come to Manitoba and spur economic and job growth while Manitoba now ranks seventh in job creation as it falls even further behind other jurisdictions; and
- (e) failing to address serious issues of crime such as auto theft, gang activity, and violent crime; and
- (f) failing to address chronic problems in health care, which has led Manitoba to be ranked 10th out of 10 provinces on health by the Conference Board of Canada; and
- (g) failing to address the emergency physician shortage that has crippled Manitoba hospitals and threatens to close more emergency rooms; and
- (h) failing to implement an effective strategy to reduce wait times for diagnostic testing, surgical procedures and appointments with specialists; and
- (i) failing to address the needs of farm families, increase slaughter capacity, develop a comprehensive biofuel strategy, and provide a sustainable plan for growth of agriculture and the rural economy; and
- (j) failing to declare a definitive end to the NDP government’s practice of raiding Manitoba Hydro’s revenues, which has negatively impacted the Crown Corporation’s financial position; and
- (k) failing to address the fact that the government’s mismanagement of the child welfare system has led to vulnerable children falling through the cracks; and
- (l) failing to embark on a long-overdue, science-based effort to clean up Lake Winnipeg, contrary to the Premier’s earlier promise that the environment “trumps all other issues” in government; and
- (m) failing to acknowledge that the NDP government’s inaction on the environment resulted in a 480,000 tonne increase of Manitoba’s greenhouse gas emissions between 2004 and 2005, the highest percentage increase in Canada; and
- (n) failing to make meaningful progress to ensure the strength and competitiveness of our post-secondary institutions; and

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(o) failing to provide clear information about the Spirited Energy campaign, the subject of yet another investigation of the NDP government by the Auditor General; and

(p) failing to be accountable to Manitobans for exorbitant cost overruns on the Floodway Expansion project and Manitoba Hydro office tower.

As a consequence, the Government has thereby lost the confidence of this House and the people of Manitoba.

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK, Messrs. GOERTZEN, SANTOS and PENNER having spoken.

The debate was allowed to remain open.

The House then adjourned at 4:59 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, 2007.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.