



## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

### VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 3

#### SECOND SESSION, THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

#### PRAYER

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bills were severally read a First Time and had their purposes outlined:

(No. 2) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Trans Fats and Nutrition)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (gras trans et nutrition)

(Hon. Mr. BJORNSON)

(No. 201) – The Phosphorus-Free Dishwashing Detergent Act/Loi sur les détergents à vaisselle sans phosphore

(Hon. Mr. GERRARD)

(No. 217) – The Ukrainian Famine and Genocide Memorial Day Act/Loi sur le Jour commémoratif de la famine et du génocide ukrainiens

(Mr. DERKACH)

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Premier and his NDP Government to cooperate in uncovering the truth in why the Government did not act on what it knew and to consider calling a public inquiry on the Crocus Fund Fiasco. (E. Tongco, F. Marasigan, D. C. Mendoza and others)

Mrs. TAILLIEU – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation to consider making the completion of the dividing of the Trans Canada Highway in Headingley in 2008 an urgent Provincial Government priority and to consider evaluating whether any other steps can be taken to improve motorist safety while the dividing of the Trans Canada Highway in Headingley is being completed. (D. Anderson, A. Anderson, N. Girard and others)

Mr. JHA, Vice-Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, presented its First Report, which was read as follows:

#### Meetings

Your Committee met on the following occasions:

- Thursday, September 16, 2004 (2<sup>nd</sup> Session – 38<sup>th</sup> Legislature)
- Thursday, October 6, 2005 (3<sup>rd</sup> Session – 38<sup>th</sup> Legislature)

- Wednesday, November 21, 2007

All meetings were held in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

### **Matters under Consideration**

- The Annual Report of the Manitoba Lotteries Corporation for the year ended March 31, 2003
- The Annual Report of the Manitoba Lotteries Corporation for the year ended March 31, 2004
- The Annual Report of the Manitoba Lotteries Corporation for the year ended March 31, 2005
- The Annual Report of the Manitoba Lotteries Corporation for the year ended March 31, 2006
- The Annual Report of the Manitoba Lotteries Corporation for the year ended March 31, 2007

### **Committee Membership**

Substitutions received prior to commencement of the September 16, 2004 meeting:

- Mr. JHA for Mr. DEWAR
- Ms. IRVIN-ROSS for Ms. KORZENIOWSKI
- Mr. EICHLER for CUMMINGS
- Mr. GOERTZEN for FAURSCHOU

Committee Membership for the October 6, 2005 meeting:

- Ms. BRICK (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. DEWAR
- Mr. EICHLER
- Mr. FAURSCHOU
- Mr. JHA
- Mr. MARTINDALE (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. REID
- Mr. ROCAN
- Mr. SCHELLENBERG
- Mr. SCHULER
- Hon. Mr. SMITH

Committee Membership for the November 21, 2007 meeting:

- Mr. DEWAR
- Mr. JHA (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Ms. KORZENIOWSKI
- Ms. MARCELINO
- Mr. REID
- Ms. SELBY
- Hon. Mr. SELINGER
- Mr. BOROTSIK
- Mr. EICHLER
- Mr. FAURSCHOU
- Mr. GRAYDON

Your Committee elected Mr. REID as the Chairperson.

**Officials Speaking on Record at the September 16, 2004 meeting:**

- Winston Hodgins, President and Chief Executive Officer

**Officials Speaking on Record at the October 6, 2005 meeting:**

- Winston Hodgins, President & Chief Executive Officer

**Officials Speaking on Record at the November 21, 2007 meeting:**

- Winston Hodgins, President & Chief Executive Officer

**Reports Considered and Passed**

Your Committee considered and passed the following report as presented:

- The Annual Report of the Manitoba Lotteries Corporation for the year ended March 31, 2003

**Reports Considered but not Passed**

Your Committee considered the following reports but did not pass them:

- The Annual Report of the Manitoba Lotteries Corporation for the year ended March 31, 2004
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- The Annual Report of the Manitoba Lotteries Corporation for the year ended March 31, 2006
- The Annual Report of the Manitoba Lotteries Corporation for the year ended March 31, 2007

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

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Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK, the Deputy First Minister made a statement in recognition of the Day of the Ukrainian Famine Genocides of 1932 and 1933.

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

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Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mr. MARTINDALE, Mrs. MITCHELSON, Messrs. SWAN and DERKACH and Ms. BRICK made Members' Statements.

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The House resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Proposed Motion of Ms. BRAUN:

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 Second Session of the Thirty-Ninth Legislature of Manitoba.

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. MCFADYEN having spoken,

And Mr. MCFADYEN moved an amendment as follows:

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

But this House regrets

- (a) the government's misguided directive to Manitoba Hydro to construct the BiPole III transmission line on the west side of the province, resulting in more than \$500 million in additional capital costs, 40 megawatts of line loss and more than \$17 million annually in lost sale revenues; and
- (b) the government's refusal to provide answers to the 34,000 Manitobans who lost over \$100 million of their savings in the Crocus Investment Fund scandal; and
- (c) the government's failure to ensure that the safety of children in the care of Child and Family Services is a paramount consideration; and
- (d) the government's mismanagement of the health care system, resulting in a shortage of health care professionals, bloated bureaucracies, lengthy wait times for diagnostic tests and treatments, and the closure of 14 rural emergency rooms; and
- (e) the government's wasteful expenditure of \$3 million on the ineffective Spirited Energy campaign; and
- (f) the government's complacency towards making Manitoba competitive with other western provinces, particularly Saskatchewan; and
- (g) the government's failure to make Manitoba an attractive place for our young people, resulting in the loss of 35,000 Manitobans who have left for greener pastures in other provinces; and
- (h) the government's growing dependence on federal transfer payments; and
- (i) the government's cancellation of the previous government's debt repayment plan and failure to apply some of the record federal transfer revenues to reduce debt, leaving a legacy of debt to our children and grandchildren; and

(j) the government's failure to address the unprecedented number of shootings and criminals in possession of illegal firearms; and

(k) the government's lack of efforts to develop strategies to help the agricultural sector dealing with challenges such as the effects of the rising Canadian dollar, high input costs, and the potential effects of Country of Origin Labelling, among others; and

(l) the government's inability to facilitate and promote the development of a strong and vibrant rural economy; and

(m) the government's ineffectiveness in addressing ongoing infrastructure challenges in key areas such as bridges, highways, roads, sewage and water treatment, and telecommunications such as rural broadband; and

(n) the government's lack of a long-term strategy to address education infrastructure needs in rapidly growing communities; and

(o) the government's chronic under-funding of our post-secondary institutions for almost a decade; and

(p) the government's inaction on important environmental initiatives in spite of countless announcements and promises of action, including improving the health of Lake Winnipeg, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and moving forward on a Progressive Conservative proposal to implement a beverage container deposit return system; and

(q) the government's broken promises to end hallway medicine, put in place a Privacy Commissioner, and make our communities safer; and

(r) the government's lack of fairness and accountability in important areas of government such as the awarding of contracts, elections legislation, legislative committees and privacy legislation; and

(s) the government's demonstrated disrespect for the role of a provincial government by acting as a property developer, thereby putting taxpayers' dollars at risk; and

(t) the government's mismanagement of Manitoba Housing and its failure to address the deplorable conditions that low income Manitobans have been forced to endure, such as bed bugs, mould, and chronic violence and drug activity within public housing.

AND AS A CONSEQUENCE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS THEREBY lost the trust and confidence of the people of Manitoba and this House.

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK, Messrs. CULLEN, MARTINDALE and DYCK having spoken.

And Ms. HOWARD speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in her name.

**Thursday, November 22, 2007**

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The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Friday, November 23, 2007.

Hon. George HICKES,  
Speaker.