



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 28**

**FIFTH SESSION, THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE**

**PRAYER**

**1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.**

On motion of Hon. Mr. SWAN, Bill (No. 16) – The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Amendment and Criminal Property Forfeiture Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi visant à accroître la sécurité des collectivités et des quartiers et la Loi sur la confiscation de biens obtenus ou utilisés criminellement, was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Justice to consider working with the RCMP, the federal government and communities to develop strategies to address service challenges in rural Manitoba, such as the possibility of having response units that could be dispatched to regions affected by crime waves and to consider working with stakeholders to determine if the current RCMP detachment boundaries are designed to ensure the swiftest and most effective service delivery. (W. C. Schultz, E. Turko, I. Ross and others)

Mr. GOERTZEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Justice to consider ensuring that all court orders for car thieves are vigorously monitored and enforced and to consider ensuring all breaches of court orders on car thieves are reported to police and vigorously prosecuted. (J. Zon, P. Slorid, J. Paswarak and others)

Mr. PEDERSEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Justice deny all MPI benefits to a person for injuries received in an accident if he or she is convicted of stealing a motor vehicle involved in the accident. (P. Grift, G. Wymer, D. Rinn and others)

Ms. Speaker presented:

Annual Report of the Children's Advocate for the fiscal years ending March 31, 2009 and March 31, 2010.

(Sessional Paper No. 30)

Hon. Mr. SWAN presented:

Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation, Quarterly Report, Twelve Months, March 1, 2010 to February 28, 2011.

(Sessional Paper No. 31)

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Hon. Mr. ASHTON, the Minister responsible for Emergency Measures, made a statement regarding the status of flooding in Manitoba.

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

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Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mrs. DRIEDGER, Ms. BLADY, Mrs. TAILLIEU and Mr. ALTEMEYER made Members' Statements.

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

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 acknowledges that this budget contains some worthy promises for Manitobans, including:

- (a) Finally applying federal support toward an increased police presence in the province of Manitoba; and
- (b) Allowing universities and colleges more certainty in their provincial funding and more flexibility to pursue excellence; and
- (c) Providing capital support for needed improvements to our medical, educational and recreational facilities such as the Grace Hospital emergency room, expansion of the hospital at Ste. Anne and schools in locations such as Sage Creek; and
- (d) Providing some additional resources for the protection of Manitobans from excess moisture conditions in both the short-term and longer-term; and
- (e) Providing modest tax relief for Manitoba families; including school tax relief.

However, this House must also point out that the budget could do more to address the needs of future generations of Manitobans by doing more to reduce waste and mismanagement in the provincial budget, and reduce the reliance on increasing the deficit and dependence on debt and avoid tax increases in non-election years.

Therefore, this House resolves to support the positive promises referred to above, but amends the government's general budgetary policy as follows:

- (a) By calling on the Provincial Government to reduce waste and mismanagement, starting with allowing Manitoba Hydro to build BiPole III on the east side route, saving Manitoba families an extra \$11,748, protecting Manitoba Hydro's system reliability, reducing the impacts on the environment and lowering the long term summary deficit; and
- (b) By calling on the Provincial Government to implement efforts to lower the deficit and control debt through a spending review process that will reduce waste, protect frontline social services and bring a more balanced fiscal approach, therefore ensuring a prosperous future for Manitobans.

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK, Mr. FAURSCHOU, Hon. Mr. BJORNSON, Mr. GRAYDON, Hon. Mr. ASHTON and Mr. SCHULER having spoken.

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

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During the debate, Mrs. TAILLIEU rose on a point of order regarding the Minister of Innovation, Energy and Mines resting his foot on his chair while addressing the House.

And Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK having spoken to the point of order,

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker ruled that there was a point of order.

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Subsequently during the debate, Mr. Speaker interjected and cautioned the Honourable Minister of Entrepreneurship, Training and Trade with regards to the use of the words "Darth Debater".

WHEREUPON Hon. Mr. BJORNSON withdrew his remarks.

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The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14, 2011.

Hon. George HICKES,  
Speaker.