

Tuesday, April 7, 1998



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 27

FOURTH SESSION, THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYERS

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petitions were presented:

Mr. MALOWAY - Minister of Health to put an end to the centralization and privatization of Winnipeg hospital food services (P. DeClara, C.R. McLeod, P. Mark and others)

Ms. McGIFFORD - Adequate and Stable Funding for the Evergreen Women's Resource Centre, and other Women's Resource Centres in Manitoba (C. Romanchuk, S. Threlfell, K. Peterson and others)

Ms. WOWCHUK - Adequate and Stable Funding for the Evergreen Women's Resource Centre, and other Women's Resource Centres in Manitoba (E. Meleshko, C. Leblanc, S. Ward and others)

Mr. EVANS (Brandon East) - An Act to Amend the Brandon University Foundation Act (Brandon University Foundation)

The following petitions were read and received:

Ms. McGIFFORD - Adequate and Stable Funding for the Evergreen Women's Resource Centre, and other Women's Resource Centres in Manitoba (L. Sobie, E. Sigvaldason, K. Finnsson and others)

Ms. WOWCHUK - Adequate and Stable Funding for the Evergreen Women's Resource Centre, and other Women's Resource Centres in Manitoba (V. Grieve, C. Kawaleski, D. Zelenitsky and others)

Ms. BARRETT - Adequate and Stable Funding for the Evergreen Women's Resource Centre, and other Women's Resource Centres in Manitoba (W. Cochrane, S.A. LeRoy, P. LeRoy and others)

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Mr. LAURENDEAU, Chairperson of the Committee of Supply, reported progress having been made on April 6, 1998. Report was received and the Committee of Supply obtained leave to sit again.

Hon. Mr. GILLESHAMMER presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review - 1998-1999 - Manitoba Labour.
(Sessional Paper No. 154)

Pursuant to Rule 20(1), Mr. SVEINSON, Ms. WOWCHUK, Messrs. McALPINE and LAMOUREUX and Ms. McGIFFORD made Members' Statements.

During Members' Statements, Mr. EVANS (Brandon East) rose on a point of order requesting clarification as to whether it was acceptable practice for a Member to be reading their Members' Statement from a written script,

And Hon. Mr. McCRAE and Mr. McALPINE having spoken to the point of order,

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker informed the House she would take the matter under advisement.

Madam Speaker having left the Chair and the House resolving itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty;

And the House continuing in Committee, the Proceedings were interrupted at 5:00 p.m. for Private Members' Business.

Mr. TWEED moved:

Resolution No. 10: Physician Recruitment and Retention

WHEREAS physician recruitment and retention in rural and northern areas is an ongoing issue of concern recognized by the Government of Manitoba; and

WHEREAS Manitoba Health is committed to working with the College of Physicians and Surgeons to maintain the high standards we have all come to expect as well as being proactive with multiple new initiatives; and

WHEREAS Manitoba Health has increased off-shore recruitment initiatives, announced a Locum Tenens Program and has lobbied the Manitoba College of Physicians and Surgeons to bring their rules in line with other provinces; and

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WHEREAS Manitoba Health, Rural Health Authorities, the Manitoba Medical Association and other stakeholders have developed a new and unique model for remunerating emergency physicians; and

WHEREAS Manitoba Health will continue to work with foreign medical graduates by reviewing current tutoring and resident programs; and

WHEREAS starting in the 1998/99 academic year all family medicine residents will be required to do 2 rotations in rural or northern communities; and

WHEREAS rural and northern communities have a role in the long-term plan for retention of new physicians.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba support the Department of Health in its efforts to find sustainable and innovative solutions in recruiting and retaining physicians for rural and northern Manitobans.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. TWEED and Ms. WOWCHUK having spoken,

Ms. WOWCHUK moved in amendment as follows:

THAT the resolution be amended by deleting all the words after the word 'Manitoba' in the THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED clause and substituting the following: "condemn the Provincial Government for failing to deal seriously with problems in recruiting and retaining physicians for rural and northern Manitobans."

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker informed the House she would take the matter under advisement.

And the debate continuing on the main motion,

And Messrs. DYCK and TWEED having spoken,

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And Mr. HELWER speaking at 6:00 p.m.,

The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

The House then adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. tomorrow.

Hon. Louise Dacquay,
Speaker.