



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

FOURTH SESSION, THIRTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Immediately following the Prayer, the House resumed contributions to a Matter of Privilege raised by Mr. LAMOUREUX on May 5, 2006.

And Mr. LAMOUREUX concluded his remarks and moved:

THAT the Speaker in consultation with representatives from all three parties that are represented inside the Legislature, review, reassess and report back on possible changes to the Rules, Orders and Forms of Proceeding of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba.

And Mr. GOERTZEN and Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH having spoken,

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

On motion of Hon. Mr. SELINGER Bill (No. 34) – The Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act/Loi sur les divulgations faites dans l'intérêt public (protection des divulgateurs d'actes répréhensibles), was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. PENNER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Provincial Government to consider stopping the removal of these positions from our community (Neepawa), and to consider utilizing current technology (ie: Land Management Services existing satellite sub-office in Dauphin, MB) in order to maintain these positions in their existing location. (M. Gerrard, D. Evans, E. Montgomery and others)

Mrs. TAILLIEU – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Provincial Government to consider calling a public inquiry into all aspects of the delivery of child welfare services throughout Manitoba. (T. Wood, J. Dusik, D. Dusik and others)

Mr. DYCK – 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. (B. Yang, S. Uprety, C. Seepanl and others)

Mrs. STEFANSON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to strongly urge the Premier to consider calling an independent public inquiry into the Crocus Investment Fund scandal. (K. Ellis, F. J. Holmes, E. Walker 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. (W. Gill, B. Davie, M. Ishenberg and others)

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Provincial Government to immediately cancel its plans to support the construction of the OlyWest Hog Plant and Rendering Factory near any urban residential area. (R. Wallin, E. Gratton, C. Laxson and others)

Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS, the Minister of Conservation made a statement regarding today, May 8, 2006, being Arbor Day,

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

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mr. SWAN, Mrs. DRIEDGER, Ms. KORZENIOWSKI, Mr. DYCK and Hon. Mr. RONDEAU made Members' Statements.

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

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

And the proposed amendment moved by Mr. MURRAY as follows:

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

therefore regrets this Budget ignores the present and future needs of Manitobans by:

(a) Failing to be accountable to Manitobans for the overspending and fiscal mismanagement of this Doer NDP government; and

(b) Failing to be accountable for the fact that Manitoba families will be the highest taxed of any province in Canada; and

- (c) Failing to provide a long-term strategy to bolster Manitoba's economy and make Manitoba a "have" province; and
- (d) Failing to be accountable for the dismal state of agriculture in Manitoba and the lack of sufficient slaughter capacity in the province and to provide a sustainable plan for the growth of agriculture and the rural economy; and
- (e) Failing to provide a climate that encourages private sector job creation and growth in the province, to provide opportunity for Manitoba youth to remain in the province; and
- (f) Failing to accept responsibility and be accountable for the province's unprecedented level of debt, which has grown to over \$20 Billion under the Doer NDP government, thereby mortgaging our children's and grandchildren's future; and
- (g) Failing to eliminate education taxes off residential property and farmland; and
- (h) Failing to provide adequate funding for post secondary institutions; and
- (i) Failing to be accountable for the dead last ranking of Manitoba's health care system by the Conference Board of Canada; and
- (j) Failing to be transparent and accountable for where health care dollars are being spent; and
- (k) Failing to be accountable for the increased court backlog and probation breaches; and
- (l) Failing to provide a long term strategy for the revitalization of rural Manitoba and continuing to ignore rural Manitobans; and
- (m) Failing to be accountable for drawing money from the "rainy day fund" in times of unprecedented revenues.

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

And the proposed sub-amendment moved by Hon. Mr. GERRARD as follows:

THAT the amendment be amended by adding thereto the following words:

And further regrets that this Budget also ignores present and future needs of Manitobans by:

- (n) Failing to present a genuinely balanced budget as demonstrated by the government's raid of the Fiscal Stabilization Fund as explained above; and
- (o) Failing to protect the province's financial sector by calling a public inquiry into the Crocus Investment Fund scandal; and

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(p) Failing to take adequate measures to protect children in the care of Manitoba Child and Family Services and to provide adequate transition to children in care so that they are at high risk after leaving care; and

(q) Failing to provide an effective strategy to deal with child poverty; and

(r) Failing to provide Manitobans with the legal right to timely, quality health care.

And the debate continuing on the sub-amendment,

And leave having been denied to have the matter remain in the name of Mr. FAURSCHOU,

And Ms. BRICK, Mrs. ROWAT, Messrs. AGLUGUB, DYCK and JENNISSON, Mrs. MITCHELSON and Mr. REID having spoken,

And Mr. DERKACH speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, 2006.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.