



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 7

FIFTH SESSION, THIRTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Bill (No. 202) – The Health Services Amendment and Health Services Insurance Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services de santé et la Loi sur l'assurance-maladie, was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

The following petitions were presented and read:

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. (T. Dyck, D. Lloyd, C. Sheldon and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to consider supporting the slogan "Friendly Manitoba" over "Spirited Energy" and to urge the Premier and his NDP caucus to make public the total cost in creating and promoting the new slogan "Spirited Energy". (G. Ordonez, Z. Ordonez, N. Tabita and others)

By leave, the House reverted to "Introduction of Bills".

On motion of Hon. Mr. RONDEAU, Bill (No. 7) – The Real Property Amendment Act (Wind Turbines)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les biens réels (éoliennes), was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mr. SCHELLENBERG, Mrs. ROWAT, Messrs. AGLUGUB, EICHLER and ALTEMEYER made Members' Statements.

Prior to Orders of the Day, Mr. LAMOUREUX rose on a Matter of Urgent Public Importance and moved:

THAT under Rule 36(1), the ordinary business of the House be set aside to discuss a Matter of Urgent Public Importance, namely the inappropriate actions taken by the Premier's Office in regards to interference in the NDP nomination in the constituency of The Maples.

And Messrs. LAMOUREUX and GOERTZEN and Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK having spoken to the urgency of the motion,

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker ruled as follows:

I thank the Honourable Members for their advice to the Chair on whether the motion proposed by the Honourable Member for Inkster should be debated today. The notice required by Rule 36(1) was provided. Under our Rules and Practices, the subject matter requiring urgent consideration must be so pressing that the public interest will suffer if the matter is not given immediate attention. There must also be no other reasonable opportunities to raise the matter.

I have listened very carefully to the arguments put forward, however I was not persuaded that the ordinary business of the House should be set aside to deal with this issue today. I do not believe that the public interest will be harmed if the business of the House is not set aside to debate the motion today.

Additionally, I would like to note that there are other avenues for members to raise this issue, which include questions in Question Period, and I would note that the issue has already been raised in Question Period. There are also the avenues of Members' Statements and the Throne Speech debate that could be used to raise the issue.

Therefore, with the greatest of respect, I must rule that this matter does not meet the criteria set by our Rules and Precedents and I rule the motion out of order as a Matter of Urgent Public Importance.

The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Proposed Motion of Ms. BRICK:

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 Fifth Session of the Thirty-Eighth Legislature of Manitoba.

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

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

But this House regrets

- (a) the government's failure to provide meaningful and competitive tax relief for Manitobans; and
- (b) the government's failure to provide foster placements for the unprecedented number of children in care housed in hotels; and

- (c) the government's failure to acknowledge that hallway medicine still exists in Manitoba, and that it has now progressed to a crisis in Winnipeg's emergency rooms due to a critical shortage of doctors; and
- (d) the government's failure to implement an effective strategy to reduce wait times for diagnostic testing, surgical procedures and appointments with specialists; and
- (e) the government's failure to address the critical shortage of health care professionals, which is crippling the ability of the system to provide timely access to care; and
- (f) the government's failure to keep rural emergency rooms open despite promising to do so, forcing Manitobans to travel crumbling highways to access emergency care; and
- (g) the government's failure to offer assurances to students and parents that educational outcomes and greater accountability in the education system are a high priority; and
- (h) the government's failure to call an independent public inquiry into the Crocus Investment Fund scandal, which resulted in 34,000 Manitobans losing more than \$60 million; and
- (i) the government's failure to ensure prudent expenditure of taxpayers' dollars, spending millions of dollars on rebranding campaigns and pre-election advertising; and
- (j) the government's failure to support the construction of a new transmission line for hydroelectricity on the east side of Lake Winnipeg, which will cost Hydro ratepayers over \$500 million; and
- (k) the government's failure to implement a long-term provincial strategy to recruit and retain police officers; and
- (l) the government's failure to crack down on auto thieves and gang activity; and
- (m) the government's failure to address court backlogs and the flourishing remand culture in Manitoba; and
- (n) the government's failure to focus on the competitiveness of our post-secondary institutions compared to others across the country; and
- (o) the government's failure to provide a strategy to promote growth in Manitoba's agricultural economy, focusing instead on issues under federal jurisdiction; and
- (p) the government's failure to implement a plan to market by-products of the biofuel production process; and
- (q) the government's failure to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and
- (r) the government's failure to acknowledge that it was Manitoba Progressive Conservatives who announced ideas for rebates on hybrid vehicles, an external review of the regionalization of health care and grandparents' rights legislation; and

- (s) the government's failure to ensure the promised level of flood protection for the City of Winnipeg; and
- (t) the government's failure to provide better economic development opportunities for rural and northern Manitoba; and
- (u) the government's failure to create a competitive environment that encourages private sector businesses to come to Manitoba and spur job creation and economic growth; and
- (v) the government's failure to address the out-migration of Manitobans, especially our youth.

AND HAS THEREBY lost the trust and confidence of the people of Manitoba and this House.

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

THAT the Amendment be amended by deleting items (a), (b), (o), and (r) and by adding at the end of item (v) the following words:

- (w) the government's failure to provide meaningful tax changes, such as elimination of the payroll tax, that would make Manitoba more economically competitive;
- (x) the government's failure to resolve the underlying cause of the unprecedented number of children in care housed in hotels, namely its failure to provide adequate resources and assistance to help keep struggling families together in the first place;
- (y) the government's failure to provide a stable policy environment to promote growth in Manitoba's agricultural sector, one that involves genuine consultation with agricultural producers and representatives from rural municipalities;
- (z) the government's failure to commit to the principle of accountability in the delivery of public health care services in Manitoba;
- (aa) the government's failure to legislate a legal right to timely access to quality health care and to provide the public policy framework required to implement this right;
- (bb) the government's seven years of neglect of the importance of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders in Manitoba, their connection to criminal activity, and the desperate need to diagnose and treat this condition;
- (cc) the government's failure to properly address the issue of phosphorus-loading into Lake Winnipeg because of its preference for hollow policy announcements, such as buffer zones;
- (dd) the government's absurd decision to place a moratorium on all hog plant expansions after blatantly ignoring wide-spread opposition to locating the OlyWest Hog Processing Plant inside the city limits of Winnipeg;
- (ee) the government's failure to facilitate the creation of an argi-industrial park outside of the City of Winnipeg to support developments such as the OlyWest Plant;

(ff) the government's failure to respond to the health care state of emergency declared by Cross Lake as well as its failure to resolve the difficulties in the provision of basic health care services to other First Nations communities in Manitoba;

(gg) the government's failure to work co-operatively with the Métis people of Manitoba;

(hh) the government's failure to adequately promote and encourage the tourism across all of Manitoba; and

(ii) the government's refusal to commit to a process leading to meaningful electoral reform and improved democracy in Manitoba.

And the debate continuing on the sub-amendment,

And Mrs. TAILLIEU, Hon. Mr. SMITH, Messrs. DYCK and SALE having spoken,

And the Question being put on the sub-amendment. It was negatived, on the following division:

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ASHTON	MCFADYEN
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CALDWELL	NEVAKSHONOFF
CHOMIAK	OSWALD
CULLEN	REID
DEWAR	ROBINSON
DOER	RONDEAU
DRIEDGER	ROWAT
EICHLER	SALE
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And the debate continuing on the amendment,

The debate was allowed to remain open.

In accordance with Rule 31(9), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Seven Years, Seven Scandals Resolution will be considered next Thursday, November 30, 2006.

The House then adjourned at 4:55 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Friday, November 24, 2006.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.