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Thursday, December 7, 2000

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 3

SECOND SESSION, THIRTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

The following petition was presented:

Mrs. DRIEDGER – Minister of Health and the First Minister instruct the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority to end its plans to remove the Health Centre at 108 Bond Street from Transcona and to consider finding existing space in Downtown Transcona. (J. Andrusiak, M. Elnisky, J. Elnisky and others)

Hon. Mr. CALDWELL presented:

Annual Report of the Department of Education and Training for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000.

(Sessional Paper No. 9)

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Annual Report of the Council on Post-Secondary Education for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000.

(Sessional Paper No. 10)

Annual Report of the Manitoba Education Research Learning Information Networks (MERLIN) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000.

(Sessional Paper No. 11)

Annual Report of the Manitoba Text Book Bureau for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000. (Sessional Paper No. 12)

Annual Report of the University of Manitoba for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000. (Sessional Paper No. 13)

Annual Report of the University of Winnipeg for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000. (Sessional Paper No. 14)

Annual Report of the Brandon University for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000. (Sessional Paper No. 15)

Annual Report of the Assiniboine Community College for the year ending June 30, 2000. (Sessional Paper No. 16)



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Annual Report of the Keewatin Community College for the year ending June 30, 2000. (Sessional Paper No. 17) Annual Report of the Red River College for the year ending June 30, 2000. (Sessional Paper No. 18) Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK presented: Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture and Food for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000. (Sessional Paper No. 19) Annual Report of the Manitoba Agricultural Credit Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000. (Sessional Paper No. 20) Annual Report of the Manitoba Crop Insurance Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000. (Sessional Paper No. 21) Annual Report of The Manitoba Farm Mediation Board for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000. (Sessional Paper No. 22) Annual Report of the Food Development Centre for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000. (Sessional Paper No. 23) Pursuant to Rule 23(1), Mr. PENNER (Steinbach), Ms. ASPER, Mrs. DACQUAY, Ms. KORZENIOWSKI and Mr. JENNISSEN made Members' Statements. The House resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Proposed Motion of Mr. STRUTHERS:

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-Seventh Legislature of Manitoba.

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. MURRAY having spoken,

And Mr. MURRAY moved an amendment as follows:

THAT the Motion be amended by adding to it, after the word "Manitoba." the following words:

BUT this House regrets

(a) the government's inability to fulfill the promises outlined in its Throne Speech of November 25, 1999, including the following failures: not ending hallway medicine; not addressing the province-wide shortage of health professionals; not strengthening the home care system; not making math and reading skill assessments available to parents at the beginning of the Grade 3 year; not creating positive alternatives for youth who may be at risk of committing crimes; not ensuring a viable future for the family farm in Manitoba; and, not forging a new strategy for economic development; and

(b) the government's failure to address the challenges facing all Manitobans and their health care system; and

(c) the government's failure to guarantee to Manitobans that it will not raid Crown corporation surpluses, as was attempted with Manitoba Public Insurance; and

(d) the government's failure to release long-term strategies for economic growth which include meaningful tax reductions for families and business, thereby making Manitoba less able to compete in the national and global economy; and

(e) the government's failure to provide any meaningful measures to maintain economic growth and stimulate job creation, thereby making Manitoba a less attractive place in which to live, work, invest and raise families; and

(f) the government's failure to address Manitoba's participation in the national infrastructure program and how these projects will take shape around the province; and

(g) the government's failure to set forth a plan with clearly defined timelines to address flood protection needs for the Red River Valley and beyond; and

(h) the government's failure to address the issue of providing adequate and timely compensation to Manitobans affected by the flooding and excess soil moisture conditions in the spring of 1999 in southwestern Manitoba and the fall of 2000 in southeastern Manitoba; and

(i) the government's failure to arrive at a national farm safety net program that adequately addresses the needs of the province's farmers; and

(j) the government's failure to address the issues raised by its complete mismanagement of the expansion of gaming through the creation of five First Nations casinos; and

(k) the government's failure to provide a vision and a plan for the future of this province.

AND 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, Mrs. MITCHELSON and Mr. MARTINDALE having spoken,

And Mr. PENNER (Emerson) 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 10:00 a.m. Friday, December 8, 2000.

Hon. George HICKES, Speaker.