

PRAYERS

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

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. (W. Sheridan, D. Rogerson, M. Costen and others)

The following petition was read and received:

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. (W. Hrynkow, M. Hrynkow, J. Kowalski and others)

Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX presented:

Annual Report of The Trade Practices Inquiry Act for the period ending December 5, 2000.

(Sessional Paper No. 39)

Hon. Ms. MCGIFFORD presented:

Annual Report of the Department of Culture, Heritage and Tourism for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000.

(Sessional Paper No. 40)

Annual Report of the Manitoba Arts Council for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000.

(Sessional Paper No. 41)

Annual Report of the Manitoba Seniors Directorate for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000. (Sessional Paper No. 42)

Annual Report of the Manitoba Lotteries Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000. (Sessional Paper No. 43) Manitoba Liquor Control Commission, Quarterly Report, Six Months, April 1, 2000 to September 30, 2000. (Sessional Paper No. 44) Manitoba Liquor Control Commission, Quarterly Report, Three Months, April 1, 2000 to June 30, 2000. (Sessional Paper No. 45) Annual Report of the Status of Women for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000. Annual Report of the Manitoba Women's Advisory Council for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000. (Sessional Paper No. 46) Annual Report of the Manitoba Women's Advisory Council for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000. (Sessional Paper No. 47) Manitoba Lotteries Corporation, Quarterly Report, Six Months, April 1, 2000 to September 30, 2000.

(Sessional Paper No. 48)

Hon. Mr. ROBINSON presented:

Annual Report of the Department of Aboriginal and Northern Affairs for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000.

(Sessional Paper No. 49)

By leave, Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX introduced Bill (No. 9) – The Vital Statistics Amendment and Consequential Amendments Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les statistiques de l'état civil et modifications corrélatives, and outlined the purposes thereof, it was read a First Time.

Pursuant to Rule 23(1), Mr. JENNISSEN, Mrs. SMITH (Fort Garry), Mr. RONDEAU, Mrs. STEFANSON and Mr. PENNER (Steinbach) made Members' Statements.

The House resumed the Interrupted 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 proposed amendment moved by Mr. MURRAY 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.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX, Mr. LOEWEN, Hon. Mr. CALDWELL, Mrs. STEFANSON, Hon. Mr. LATHLIN, Messrs. GILLESHAMMER and SMITH (Brandon West) having spoken,

And Mr. CUMMINGS speaking at 5:59 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

The House then adjourned at 5:59 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 13, 2000.

Hon. George HICKES, Speaker.