LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 42

THIRD SESSION, THIRTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Hon. Mr. LATHLIN presented:

Annual Report of the Department of Conservation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001. (Sessional Paper No. 149)

Annual Report of the Sustainable Development Innovations Fund for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001.

(Sessional Paper No. 150)

Annual Report of The Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001.

(Sessional Paper No. 151)

Annual Report of the Pineland Forest Nursery for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001. (Sessional Paper No. 152)

Annual Report of the Manitoba Product Stewardship Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001.

(Sessional Paper No. 153)

Annual Report of The Manitoba Hazardous Waste Management Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001.

(Sessional Paper No. 154)

Annual Report of the Venture Manitoba Tours Ltd. for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2001. (Sessional Paper No. 155)

Hon. Mr. SMITH (Brandon West) presented:

The Liquor Control Commission, Quarterly Report, Nine Months, April 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001.

(Sessional Paper No. 156)



PRAYERS

By leave, Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK introduced Bill (No. 26) – The Occupational Therapists Act/Loi sur les ergothérapeutes, and outlined the purposes thereof, it was read a First Time.

During Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker interjected and cautioned all Honourable Members regarding the use of the words "honest" and "dishonest".

Subsequently, during Oral Questions, Mr. LAURENDEAU rose on a point of order regarding Beauchesne citation 417.

And Hon. Mr. SELINGER having spoken to the point of order,

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker informed the House he would take the matter under advisement.

Subsequently, during Oral Questions, Mr. LAURENDEAU rose on a point of order regarding Beauchesne citation 417.

And Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH having spoken to the point of order,

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker informed the House he would take the matter under advisement.

Pursuant to Rule 23(1), Messrs. SCHULER and JENNISSEN, Mrs. DACQUAY, Messrs. RONDEAU and DYCK made Members' Statements.

The House resolving into the Committee of Supply.

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

Mr. AGLUGUB moved:

Resolution No. 10: Immigration Head Tax

WHEREAS the Federal Government imposes a Right of Landing Fee, more commonly known as a "head tax," on new immigrants to Canada who do not qualify as refugees; and

WHEREAS immigration to Canada is a fundamental component of the future economic development of our country; and

WHEREAS this head tax presents a financial barrier to the unification of family members living abroad; and

WHEREAS the growing Manitoba economy requires skilled workers and those who possess these skills should not be presented with a financial barrier to immigration; and

WHEREAS new immigrants are an important part of the vibrant cultural communities that exist both in Winnipeg and throughout Manitoba; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government has already eliminated the landing fee requirement for refugee class immigrants.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Federal Government to eliminate the Right of Landing Fee, or "head tax," from the immigration process in Canada; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Assembly direct the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly to send a copy of this resolution to all Members of Parliament from Manitoba.

And a debate arising,

And Messrs. AGLUGUB and SCHULER having spoken,

And the Question being put, it was agreed to unanimously.

The House then adjourned at 5:20 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 5, 2002.

Hon. George HICKES, Speaker.