



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 22

SECOND SESSION, THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bills were respectively read a First Time and had their purposes outlined:

(No. 19) – The Liquor Control Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools

(Hon. Mr. SWAN)

(No. 200) – The Waste Reduction and Prevention Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réduction du volume et de la production des déchets

(Hon. Mr. GERRARD)

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mrs. TAILLIEU – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation to consider making the completion of the dividing of the Trans Canada Highway in Headingley in 2008 an urgent Provincial Government priority and to consider evaluating whether any other steps can be taken to improve motorist safety while the dividing of the Trans Canada Highway in Headingley is being completed. (R. Wiebe, K. Saunders, V. Pearn and others)

Mr. MAGUIRE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Health to consider taking serious action to fill the nursing vacancies at personal care homes in the Town of Virden and to consider reopening the beds that have been closed as a result of this nursing shortage and to consider prioritizing the needs of those seniors that have been moved out of their community by committing to move those individuals back into Virden as soon as beds become available. (W. Unger, W. Gardner, K. Bergson and others)

Mr. SCHULER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to consider adequate funding for the PAA on a long-term basis to ensure that the current retired teachers, as well as all future retirees, receive a fair COLA. (C. Munro, J. Biy, J. Biy and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Premier and his Government to recognize and acknowledge how important immigration is to our province by improving and strengthening the Provincial Nominee Program. (D. Bell, C. Smith, M. Polvorosa and others)

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation to examine the state of PR 481, to see first hand the state of disrepair that this road has become subject to and to consider action that will see this road repaired and subsequently maintained for the safety of local residents. (M. Neault, S. Thibut, A. Zastre and others)

Hon. Ms. ALLAN presented:

Annual Report of The Workers Compensation Board for the year ending December 31, 2007.
(Sessional Paper No. 10)

Annual Report of the Appeal Commission and Medical Review Panel of The Workers Compensation Board for the year ending December 31, 2007.
(Sessional Paper No. 11)

Annual Report of the Five Year Plan for The Workers Compensation Board for the years 2008 to 2012.
(Sessional Paper No. 12)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Ms. MARCELINO, Mr. PEDERSEN, Ms. BRICK, Messrs. GRAYDON and MALOWAY 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. MCFADYEN as follows:

That the Motion be amended by deleting all the words after "House" and substituting:

therefore regrets that this budget fails to address the priorities of Manitobans by:

- (a) failing to move Manitoba forward towards achieving its true potential and becoming more competitive both within Canada and internationally; and
- (b) increasing Manitoba's reliance on the taxpayers of other provinces through equalization payments; increasing spending by over 6% without any emphasis on getting results for Manitobans; and
- (c) continuing to channel billions into taxpayer funded projects at the expense of private investment which is the true basis for a wealthy society; and

- (d) neglecting to reduce taxes which are increasing out of line with taxes charged in other places with \$9 of new spending for every dollar of tax relief; and
- (e) increasing Manitoba's staggering debt load rather than doing what all responsible families and governments across Canada are doing in good economic times, which is to reduce debt; and
- (f) ignoring the priorities of Manitobans by failing to provide adequate resources to combat crime and put an end to the revolving door justice system; and
- (g) raising Pharmacare deductibles yet again, forcing seniors and low-income Manitobans to bear the brunt of wasteful spending decisions; and
- (h) failing to end hallway medicine, as promised, while at the same time nearly doubling the health care budget; and
- (i) ignoring the City of Brandon, Manitoba's second largest urban centre; and
- (j) extending the tuition freeze for yet another year and weakening our universities and colleges; and
- (k) failing to plan for and meet the urgent infrastructure, education, and child care needs of growing communities throughout the province; and
- (l) neglecting to better protect Manitoba's most vulnerable children in the care of the child welfare system; and
- (m) abandoning rural Manitobans through punitive regulations and the lack of a long-term plan to grow the rural economy; and
- (n) failing to address the challenges facing the cattle and pork sectors as they deal with low commodity prices, the impact of the high Canadian dollar, rising input costs, pending Country of Origin Labeling, and the extension of the moratorium on the hog industry; and
- (o) failing to provide a strategy to deal with the more than four dozen boil water advisories in Manitoba; and
- (p) postponing any significant progress on greenhouse gas emissions targets until beyond the scope of the current government's mandate; and
- (q) neglecting to reverse the misguided political decision to run BiPole III down the West Side of Lake Winnipeg, thereby abandoning East Side communities, wasting \$1.5 billion, and mortgaging the future of Manitoba children.

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

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And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Messrs. MARTINDALE, DERKACH and CALDWELL, Mrs. MITCHELSON, Messrs. REID and HAWRANIK and Hon. Mr. BJORNSON having spoken.

And Mr. SCHULER 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, April 15, 2008.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.