

## PRAYER

## 1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

(No. 41) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Enhanced Safety Regulation of Heavy Motor Vehicles)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (sécurité accrue liée aux véhicules automobiles lourds)

(Hon. Mr. ASHTON)

(No. 208) – The Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Act/Loi sur le dépistage systématique des déficiences auditives chez les nouveau-nés

(Mrs. ROWAT)

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. GOERTZEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Local Government afford local governments the respect they deserve and reverse his decision to force municipalities with fewer than 1,000 constituents to amalgamate. (K. Kopytko, J. Kopytko, G. Denischuk and others)

Mr. WISHART – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the appropriate Ministers of the Provincial Government consider repairing St. Ambroise Provincial Park and its access points to their preflood conditions so the park can be re-opened for the 2013 season or earlier if possible. (M. McRae, L. Smith, L. McRae and others)

Mr. EWASKO – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (J. Wanlin, S. Nightingale, D. Beger and others)

Mrs. ROWAT – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Local Government afford local governments the respect they deserve and reverse his decision to force municipalities with fewer than 1,000 constituents to amalgamate. (R. Falloon, J. Smith, L. Golletz and others)

Mr. PEDERSEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Local Government afford local governments the respect they deserve and reverse his decision to force municipalities with fewer than 1,000 constituents to amalgamate. (D. Cole, P. Benn, P. R. Jewitt and others)

Mr. GRAYDON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation to repair or replace the existing bridge as soon as possible to allow communities on both sides of the river to return to regular activities. (C. Barnabe, L. Dupuis, N. Bolduc and others)

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation to consider making the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of PTH 16 and PTH 5 North a priority project in order to help protect the safety of the motorists and pedestrians who use it. (N. Strohman, L. Yerex, J. McConnell and others)

Mrs. DRIEDGER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (S. Kaufmann, P. Kaufmann, A. Mills and others)

Mr. SMOOK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (S. Melnychuk, M. L. Botoluk, D. Wiebe and others)

Mr. CULLEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (R. G. Downs, G. V. Price, B. L. Price and others)

Mr. EICHLER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (C. Doll, K. Meyers, M. Sigurdson and others)

Mrs. STEFANSON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (M. Kwok, S. Bienot, J. Moore and others)

Mr. FRIESEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (G. Braun, E. Hildebrand, R. Isaac and others)

Mr. MAGUIRE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (L. Penner, M. Stebnicky, G. Cherewayko and others)

Mr. SCHULER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (S. Wiebe, J. Wiebe, C. Schellenburg and others)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Messrs. GRAYDON, JHA and EICHLER and Hon. Messrs. SWAN and GERRARD made Members' Statements.

In accordance with Rule 27, Mr. FRIESEN rose on a Grievance.

The House resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS:

THAT Bill (No. 20) – The Manitoba Building and Renewal Funding and Fiscal Management Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur le financement du renouvellement des infrastructures et la gestion financière (modification de diverses dispositions législatives), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the proposed amendment moved by Mrs. DRIEDGER as follows:

THAT the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word "THAT" and substituting the following:

This House declines to give Second Reading to Bill (No. 20) – The Manitoba Building and Renewal Funding and Fiscal Management Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur le financement du renouvellement des infrastructures et la gestion financière (modification de diverses dispositions législatives), because this House has not received satisfactory evidence or assurances that an increase in the retail sales tax was either considered or recommended at the government's pre-budget consultation meetings.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Mr. MAGUIRE, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Messrs. EWASKO and SMOOK having spoken,

And Mr. BRIESE 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 10:00 a.m. Thursday, May 9, 2013.

Hon. Daryl REID, Speaker.