

Tuesday, May 19, 1998



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 49

FOURTH SESSION, THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYERS

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. LAURENDEAU, Chairperson of the Committee of Supply presented the Report of the Proceedings of the Committee of May 14, 1998 as follows:

IN THE COMMITTEE

In the section of the Committee of Supply sitting in Room 254, on Thursday, May 14, 1998, considering the estimates of the Department of Justice, Mr. TWEED moved a motion "THAT the question be put." A voice vote was held, whereupon a counted vote was requested and Members sitting in Room 254 and Room 255 returned to the Chamber. A counted vote was held on the motion, which was defeated (43-0).

Report was presented.

Report was received and the Committee of Supply obtained leave to sit again.

Hon. Mr. PITURA presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review - 1998-1999 - Government Services and Emergency Expenditures.

(Sessional Paper No. 194)

Hon. Mr. STEFANSON presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review - 1998-1999 - Enabling Appropriations, Other Appropriations.

(Sessional Paper No. 195)

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Hon. Mr. RADCLIFFE presented:

Annual Report of the Automobile Injury Compensation Appeal Commission for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1998.

(Sessional Paper No. 196)

On motion of Mr. HICKES:

ORDERED that the composition of the Standing Committee on Law Amendments be amended as follows:

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Mr. STRUTHERS for Ms. CERILLI,
Mr. MALOWAY for Mr. MARTINDALE.

On motion of Mr. HELWER:

ORDERED that the composition of the Standing Committee on Law Amendments be amended as follows:

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Hon. Mr. McCRAE for Hon. Mr. TOEWS.

Pursuant to Rule 20(1), Messrs. DYCK, EVANS (Brandon East) and ROCAN, Ms. FRIESEN and Mr. LAMOUREUX made Members' Statements.

In accordance with Rule 21, Mr. EVANS (Interlake), Ms. BARRETT, and Ms. McGIFFORD rose on grievances.

By unanimous consent, the sequence for consideration of estimates, as outlined in Sessional Paper No. 142 tabled on March 24, 1998, and subsequently amended, was further amended in order that consideration of the estimates of the Department of Environment be considered in Room 255, until further notice.

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By leave, Hon. Mr. McCRAE moved:

THAT the French title of Bill (No. 6) - The Animal Liability and Consequential Amendments Act as it appeared in the order paper, and subsequently when it received First Reading and Second Reading, be altered to read "Loi sur la responsabilité à l'égard des animaux et modifications corrélatives", and that both the First Reading and Second Reading stages be now deemed to have been passed under the correct title.

And the Question being put,

It was agreed to.

Madam Speaker having left the Chair and the House resolving itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty;

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

Mr. LAURENDEAU moved:

THAT Bill (No. 302) - The St. Paul's College Incorporation Amendment Act; Loi modifiant la Loi constituant en corporation le «St. Paul's College», be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. LAURENDEAU having spoken,

And the Question being put,

It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

Ms. FRIESEN moved:

Resolution No. 31: Student Debt Relief Program

WHEREAS according to Statistics Canada, student fees accounted for almost one quarter of operating revenues of universities in 1995, up from one sixth in both 1975 and 1985; and

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WHEREAS this means that, coupled with a sharp rise in tuition fees, thousands of post-secondary students are being forced to carry huge debt loads to finance their education; and

WHEREAS the situation also affects college students whose average age is 28, and who frequently have dependent children and other forms of debt; and

WHEREAS Manitoba has no debt relief strategy generally available to university and college students; and

WHEREAS the huge debt required to finance an education is, increasingly, a deterrent, and in some cases a prohibition, to academically able people who should have access to educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS in the 1997 Maclean's survey, all three Manitoba universities compared poorly in the scholarships and bursaries category to other provinces where there is a higher commitment of funds to universities for this purpose; and

WHEREAS all these facts speak to the urgent need for a comprehensive strategy on debt relief to include bursary and scholarship programs, co-operative education opportunities and loan forgiveness programs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider implementing a comprehensive strategy for student debt relief for both university and college students.

And a debate arising,

And Ms. FRIESEN, Hon. Mrs. McINTOSH, Messrs. DYCK and LAMOUREUX having spoken,

And Mr. FAURSCHOU 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 1:30 p.m. tomorrow.

Hon. Louise Dacquay,
Speaker.