

Friday, December 5, 1997



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 7

FOURTH SESSION, THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYERS

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

The following petitions were presented:

Mr. EVANS (Interlake) - An Action Plan in Consultation with the Community for the Timely Implementation of Meaningful Change as Outlined in the Lavoie Inquiry, the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry and the Pedlar Report (C. Thomassen, P. Mallea, L. Comty and others)

Mr. MACKINTOSH - An Action Plan in Consultation with the Community for the Timely Implementation of Meaningful Change as Outlined in the Lavoie Inquiry, the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry and the Pedlar Report (D. Schnitzer, C. Bryant, M. Schnitzer and others)

Ms. McGIFFORD - An Action Plan in Consultation with the Community for the Timely Implementation of Meaningful Change as Outlined in the Lavoie Inquiry, the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry and the Pedlar Report (R. Schmalcel, J. Welsted, D. Hindle and others)

Ms. BARRETT - An Action Plan in Consultation with the Community for the Timely Implementation of Meaningful Change as Outlined in the Lavoie Inquiry, the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry and the Pedlar Report (S. Loney, S. Danco, S. Sinclair and others)

The following petitions were read and received:

Ms. WOWCHUK - An Action Plan in Consultation with the Community for the Timely Implementation of Meaningful Change as Outlined in the Lavoie Inquiry, the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry and the Pedlar Report (D. Medwechuk, J. Welsted, D. Caldwell and others)

Ms. McGIFFORD - An Action Plan in Consultation with the Community for the Timely Implementation of Meaningful Change as Outlined in the Lavoie Inquiry, the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry and the Pedlar Report (S. Hrynyk, M. Johnson, R. Purvis and others)

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By leave, the House reverted to "Presenting Petitions" and the following petition was presented:

Ms. CERILLI - An Action Plan in Consultation with the Community for the Timely Implementation of Meaningful Change as Outlined in the Lavoie Inquiry, the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry and the Pedlar Report (P. Bilsborrow, C. Payne, I. Griffin and others)

Hon. Mr. CUMMINGS presented:

Annual Report of the Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1997.

(Sessional Paper No. 72)

Also:

Five Year Report on the Status of Forestry for the period ended March 31, 1996.

(Sessional Paper No. 73)

Also:

Annual Report of the Department of Natural Resources for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1997.

(Sessional Paper No. 74)

Also:

Annual Report of the Pineland Forest Nursery for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1997.

(Sessional Paper No. 75)

Hon. Mr. DERKACH presented:

Annual Report of Manitoba Decentralization for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1997.

(Sessional Paper No. 76)

Also:

Annual Report of the Manitoba Water Services Board for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1997.

(Sessional Paper No. 77)

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Hon. Mrs. VODREY, the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women made a statement regarding the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women,

Ms. McGIFFORD commented on the statement.

The following Bills were, by leave, severally introduced and read a First Time:

(No. 4) - The Child and Family Services Amendment and Consequential Amendments Act; Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services à l'enfant et à la famille et modifications corrélatives
(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)
(Hon. Mrs. MITCHELSON)

(No. 5) - The Agricultural Credit Corporation Amendment Act; Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société du crédit agricole
(Hon. Mr. ENNS)

(No. 6) - The Animal Liability and Consequential Amendments Act; Loi sur la responsabilité des propriétaires d'animaux et modifications corrélatives
(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)
(Hon. Mr. ENNS)

(No. 14) - The Executions Amendment Act; Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'exécution des jugements
(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)
(Hon. Mr. McCRAE for Hon. Mr. TOEWS)

(No. 19) - The Public Trustee Amendment and Consequential Amendments Act; Loi modifiant la Loi sur le curateur public et modifications corrélatives
(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)
(Hon. Mr. McCRAE for Hon. Mr. TOEWS)

Hon. Mrs. MITCHELSON presented:

Message from His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 4).
(Sessional Paper No. 78)

Hon. Mr. ENNS presented:

Message from His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 6).
(Sessional Paper No. 79)

Hon. Mr. McCRAE for Hon. Mr. TOEWS presented:

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Message from His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 14).

(Sessional Paper No. 80)

Also:

Message from His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 19).

(Sessional Paper No. 81)

Pursuant to Rule 20(1), Mr. DYCK, Ms. CERILLI and Messrs. HELWER, SANTOS and LAMOUREUX made Members' Statements.

The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Proposed Motion of Mr. DYCK:

For an Address to His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor in answer to His Speech at the Opening of the Session.

And the Proposed Motion of Mr. DOER in amendment thereto as follows:

THAT the motion be amended by adding to it, after the word "session," the following words:

But this House regrets that this government has failed to meet the goals of Manitobans by:

- a) failing to provide adequate and timely compensation to Manitobans who were driven from their homes by the Red River flood, while holding the flood victims themselves responsible for the losses they suffered; and
- b) failing to respect the rights of Manitobans victimized by crime, in particular by making it mandatory (as it is in most other provinces) that crime victims be given opportunities to present victim impact statements to the court prior to sentencing; and
- c) forcing Manitobans to bear the costs of privatizing the Manitoba Telephone System, through escalating local phone rates intended to boost the profits of private shareholders; and
- d) failing to respond to Manitoban's frustrations over the lengthy waiting lists for medical procedures and surgeries; and
- e) failing to implement the key recommendations of the Pedlar Commission, many of which were repeated in the recent report of the Lavoie Inquiry; and
- f) failing to implement the key recommendations of its own report on the Health of Manitoba Children; and

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- g) failing to prepare Manitoba youth for the 21st Century by committing to stable funding for the public school system; and
- h) failing to support the Canadian Wheat Board as a single desk seller, despite the overwhelming support for the Wheat Board's role among Manitoba producers and its strategic position in the Manitoba economy; and
- i) failing to implement the recommendations of the AJI, while cutting funding to Friendship Centres and to the ACCESS and BUNTEP programs; and

has thereby lost the trust and confidence of the people of Manitoba and this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. EVANS (Brandon East) concluding his remarks,

And Mr. McALPINE having spoken,

And Mr. LAMOUREUX speaking at 12:30 p.m.,

The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

The House then adjourned at 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday next.

Hon. Louise Dacquay,
Speaker.