



PRAYERS

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

The following petition was presented:

Mr. SCHULER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba request that the Minister responsible for Manitoba Hydro consider alternative routes for the additional 230KV and 500KV lines proposed for the RM of East St. Paul (F. Butler, C. Stevens, N. Toyne and others)

The following petition was read and received:

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Hon. Ms. BARRETT, the Minister of Labour and Immigration made a statement regarding today, April 20, 2001 being Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Memorial Day,

Mrs. DACQUAY and, by leave, Hon. Mr. GERRARD commented on the statement.

Hon. Mr. LATHLIN, the Minister of Conservation made a statement regarding an update on the flooding conditions in southern Manitoba,

Mr. PENNER (Emerson) and, by leave, Hon. Mr. GERRARD commented on the statement.

Hon. Mr. SELINGER presented:

Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board, Quarterly Report, Nine Months, April 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000.

(Sessional Paper No. 109)

Quarterly Financial Report, Nine Months, April 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000.

(Sessional Paper No. 110)

Annual Report of the Provincial Auditor – Audit of the Public Accounts for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000.

(Sessional Paper No. 111)

Public Accounts of the Province of Manitoba for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000 (Volume 4).

(Sessional Paper No. 112)

Pursuant to Rule 23(1), Messrs. PRAZNIK, JENNISSEN, MAGUIRE, SANTOS and PENNER (Steinbach) made Members' Statements.

On motion of Mr. DEWAR:

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

Hon. Mr. ASHTON for Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX.

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

THAT this House approve in general the budgetary policy of the government.

And on the Proposed Amendment of Mr. MURRAY:

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

therefore regrets this budget ignores the present and future needs of Manitobans by:

- (a) failing to work hard today, to adequately prepare Manitoba for the challenges of tomorrow;
- (b) failing to address very real concerns about the sustainability of the high level of expenditures built into this budget;
- (c) failing to provide a vision or plan for Manitoba's economy;
- (d) failing to protect the strong economic climate established in Manitoba during the last decade;
- (e) failing to provide meaningful tax cuts to Manitobans;
- (f) failing to recognize the importance of tax competitiveness so Manitoba can continue to prosper;
- (g) failing to create an economic climate that will draw investment to Manitoba;

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- (h) failing to provide any incentive for our young people to stake their futures in Manitoba;
- (i) failing to address the serious socio-economic crisis facing rural communities due to the crisis in the grains, oilseeds and specialty crops sector;
- (j) failing to provide assistance to agriculture producers still affected by severe flooding in southwestern Manitoba in 1999;
- (k) failing to properly prioritize the highways and infrastructure needs of Manitoba;
- (l) failing to end hallway medicine as promised;
- (m) failing to address the growing shortage of health care professionals;
- (n) failing to address health care waiting lists; and
- (o) failing to address the critical shortage of teachers at all levels across the province.

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

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Messrs. DEWAR and MAGUIRE having spoken,

And Ms. ALLAN speaking at 12:30 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in her name.

The House then adjourned at 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 23, 2001.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.