



PRAYERS

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petition was presented and read:

Mr. HAWRANIK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Transportation and Government Services consider rebuilding and reconstructing the 14 kilometres of P.R. #304 to the south of PTH #11 at the earliest opportunity. (J. Dupont, M. Dupont, R. Berthelette and others)

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

(No. 11) – The Biofuels Act/Loi sur les biocarburants

(Hon. Mr. SALE)

(No. 207) – The Senior Citizens Subsidized Transportation Act/Loi sur le transport subventionné destiné aux personnes âgées

[Mrs. SMITH (Fort Garry)]

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mrs. SMITH (Fort Garry), Hon. Ms. MCGIFFORD, Messrs. ENNS and JENNISSEN and Hon. Mr. GERRARD made Members' Statements.

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

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

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. MURRAY having spoken,

Mr. MURRAY moved an amendment as follows:

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 offer any vision and to reflect the priorities of Manitobans;
- (b) failing to provide a long-term tax reduction strategy that addresses the fact that middle-income Manitobans are now, under the Doer government, the highest taxed west of New Brunswick and our business taxes are not competitive;
- (c) failing to provide a sustainable provincial spending plan by introducing a budget with a spending/tax cut ratio of 11 to 1;
- (d) failing to reimburse, as promised, the Fiscal Stabilization Fund of the \$150 million "temporary transfer" taken in the 2001-02 fiscal year;
- (e) failing to provide a strategy to address the exodus of Manitobans to other provinces, an average of 12 Manitobans each day;
- (f) failing to address the challenges in health care, including: providing a cardiac care system that meets the needs of Manitobans in a timely fashion, ending hallway medicine within six months as promised, reducing waiting lists for tests and appointments; and recruiting and retaining health care professionals; and
- (g) failing to provide adequate supports to Manitoba's agricultural sector.

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

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Hon. Mr. ASHTON, Mr. CUMMINGS, Hon. Ms. BARRETT, Mr. LOEWEN and Hon. Mr. CALDWELL having spoken,

The debate was allowed to remain open.

The House then adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 24, 2003.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker