



PRAYERS

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. CUMMINGS – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Transportation and Government Services to consider the reduction or elimination of load limits on Highway 276 north of Ste. Rose to permit grain farmers to haul their grain to market using long-haul trucks and to consider upgrading Highway 276 to enable farmers to drive long-haul trucks on this highway and remain competitive. (E. Bodnar, M. Helash, O. Kindzerski and others)

Mr. DYCK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Family Services and Housing consider changes to the departmental policy that pays family members a reduced amount of money for room and board when they care for their special needs dependants at home versus the amount paid to a non-parental care provider outside the family home and to consider examining on a case-by-case basis the merits of paying family members to care for special needs dependants at home versus paying to institutionalize them. (E. Guenther, L. Guenther, A. Rempel and others)

By leave, Mr. LOEWEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Health to consider providing funding to develop and staff a specialized home care facility or hospital ward for geriatric psychiatric patients in northern Manitoba so that patients are not forced to be transferred to southern facilities and to consider the importance of individualized, high quality care for geriatric psychiatric patients and significance of them being able to obtain care and treatment in facilities close to their families and loved ones. (T. Scheres, N. Richardson, E. Richardson and others)

Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2003-2004 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Education and Youth.

(Sessional Paper No. 30)

Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2003-2004 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Health
(Sessional Paper No. 31)

Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH presented:

Sequence for consideration of the Estimates by the Committee of Supply, both in the Chamber and outside the Chamber.
(Sessional Paper No. 32)

Hon. Mr. ASHTON, the Minister of Conservation made a statement regarding National Forest Week, May 4 to May 10, 2003.

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

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

(No. 16) – The Manitoba Immigration Council Act/Loi sur le Conseil de l'immigration du Manitoba
(Hon. Ms. BARRETT)

(No. 19) – The Fisheries Amendment Act (Offences and Penalties)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la pêche (infractions et peines)
(Hon. Mr. ASHTON)

(No. 208) – The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société d'assurance publique du Manitoba
(Mrs. MITCHELSON)

During Oral Questions, Mr. LAURENDEAU rose on a point of order regarding the expiration of time during Question Period.

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker ruled that there was no point of order,

From his decision, Mr. LAURENDEAU appealed to the House,

And the Question being put. "Shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained?"

It was agreed to, on the following division:

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Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Messrs. AGLUGUB and ENNS, Ms. KORZENIOWSKI, Messrs. MAGUIRE and JENNISSEN made Members' Statements.

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

THAT this House approves 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 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.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Mr. REIMER and Hon. Mr. SELINGER having spoken,

And the Question being put on the amendment. It was negatived, on the following division:

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And the Question being put on the main motion. It was agreed to, on the following division:

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The House then adjourned at 5:11 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 5, 2003.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker