



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 4**

**THIRD SESSION, THIRTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE**

**PRAYERS**

**1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.**

Prior to Routine Proceedings, Mr. CUMMINGS rose on a Matter of Privilege and moved:

THAT this matter be referred to the Committee on Legislative Affairs.

And Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH having spoken.

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker informed the House he would take the matter under advisement.

Subsequently prior to Routine Proceedings, Mr. DERKACH rose on a Matter of Privilege and moved:

THAT this matter be referred to the Committee on Legislative Affairs and be reported to this House.

And Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH, Mr. LAMOUREUX, Hon. Mr. DOER and Mrs. MITCHELSON having spoken.

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker informed the House he would take the matter under advisement.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mrs. TAILLIEU – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Transportation and Government Services to consider paving Highway 200 between Highways 205 and 305 to ensure a smooth, safe and uninterrupted use of Highway 200. (I. Boulet, A. Boulet, C. Shaw and others)

Mrs. DRIEDGER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Provincial Government to consider redirecting administrative cost savings to front line health care workers and to treat front line health care workers with the respect they deserve and to consider supporting the Healthcare Employees' Pension Plan by not cutting pension benefits. (T. Ciporski, L. Kash, M. Bortkiewicz and others)

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. (M. Bonekamp, D. Gelin, T. Pictor)

Mr. EICHLER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Transportation and Government Services to consider having Highway 227 paved from the junction of Highway 248 and 227 all the way to Highway 16 the Yellow Head route and to request the Premier of Manitoba to consider supporting said initiatives to ensure for the safety of our Manitobans and all Canadians who travel along Manitoba Highways. (M. McRae, A. McRae, W. McRae and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to consider recognizing the need to sit for a minimum of 80 days in any given calendar year. (D. Dempsey, W. Thompson, F. Liebzeit)

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Hon. Ms. OSWALD presented:

Annual Report of The Addictions Foundation of Manitoba for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004.  
(Sessional Paper No. 18)

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

(No. 200) – The Personal Information Protection Act/Loi sur la protection des renseignements personnels  
(Mrs. TAILLIEU)

(No. 2) – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act (Child Protection Penalties)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services à l'enfant et à la famille (peines applicables en matière de protection des enfants)  
(Hon. Ms. MELNICK)

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Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Messrs. NEVAKSHONOFF and MURRAY, Ms. IRVIN-ROSS, Mr. EICHLER and Ms. BRICK made Members' Statements.

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

THAT the following address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor:

We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba thank your Honour for the gracious speech addressed to us at this Third Session of the Thirty-Eighth Legislature of Manitoba.

And the proposed amendment moved by Mr. MURRAY as follows:

*THAT the Motion be amended by adding at the end of the sentence the following words:*

But this House regrets

- (a) the government's failure to commit to elimination of all education tax off of residential property and farmland; and
- (b) the government's failure to commit to not closing or converting rural hospitals; and
- (c) the government's failure to commit to addressing the pediatric doctor shortage in Brandon; and
- (d) the government's failure to provide any strategy to address growing wait lists throughout Manitoba; and
- (e) the government's failure to initiate a review of health care regionalization; and
- (f) the government's failure to meaningfully address the growing concerns related to organized crime including the fact that since November 2000 Manitoba has been the scene of 37 biker-related murders and attempted murders; and
- (g) the government's failure to develop a long-term economic strategy to address anemic job growth and make Manitoba a "have" province; and
- (h) the government's failure to adequately address the BSE crisis and to provide any plan to increase slaughter capacity in Manitoba, thereby threatening not only the stability of the livestock sector but all those other sectors in Manitoba's economic that are so reliant on its well-being; and
- (i) the government's failure to recognize and encourage the important role private sector involvement has in growing Manitoba's economy; and
- (j) the government's failure to acknowledge that balanced budgets have only been achieved through significant raids on Manitoba Hydro and the Fiscal Stabilization Fund; and
- (k) the government's failure to acknowledge their raid on Manitoba Hydro contributed to a 10% increase in Hydro rates; and
- (l) the government's failure to commit to calling an independent public inquiry into the spending of taxpayer money at Hydra House; and
- (m) the government's failure to commit to strengthening the role and function of the Public Accounts Committee.

AND HAS THEREBY lost the trust and confidence of the people of Manitoba and this House.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS, Messrs. EICHLER and SWAN and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

And Hon. Mr. GERRARD moved a sub-amendment as follows:

*THAT the amendment moved by the Honourable Member for Kirkfield Park be amended by adding thereto the following words:*

THAT this House further regrets:

1. the government's failure to provide Manitobans with accessible health care, leading to concern among patients and health care providers;
2. the government is not accountable or transparent to the people of Manitoba;
3. the government has no plan to address child poverty in Manitoba, the second highest in Canada;
4. the government has failed to adequately address education taxes on residential property and farmland;
5. the government has failed to implement an effective strategy to address the growing problem of crime;
6. the government has no economic plan to move Manitoba out of the ranks of the 'have-not' provinces;
7. the government has failed to take action to clean up lakes like Kississing Lake; and
8. the government has failed to take action with respect to the long waiting times for testing for sleep disorders.

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker ruled the sub-amendment in order.

And the debate continuing on the sub-amendment,

And Mr. JHA and Mrs. DRIEDGER having spoken,

And Mr. MARTINDALE speaking at 5:30 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

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The House then adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Friday, November 26, 2004.

Hon. George HICKES,  
Speaker.