



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 7

THIRD SESSION, THIRTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYERS

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petitions were presented and read:

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. (M. Schrader, L. Steiner, K. Pietryk and others)

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. (M. Lapalisse, M. Gosselin, E. Lapalisse 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. (E. Celones, L. Celones, H. Jung Jun)

Mr. REIMER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Health to ensure that his attempts to balance his department's finances are not at the expense of the health and well-being of vulnerable Manitobans suffering from addiction and to consider monitoring the waiting lists for addiction treatment and to consider ensuring that timely treatment for Manitobans with addictions is not compromised by the Provincial Government's decision to cut the AFM's annual budget. (J. Lawrence, D. Fischer, P. Fischer and others)

Mr. FAURSCHOU – 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. (M. Heard, S. Connor, R. Leduc and others)

On motion of Hon. Mr. SELINGER (No. 5) – The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Amendment Act (Injury Compensation Appeal Commission)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société d'assurance publique du Manitoba (Commission d'appel des accidents de la route), was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

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Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Messrs. DYCK, SCHELLENBERG and FAURSCHOU, Ms. BRICK and Mr. LAMOUREUX made Members' Statements.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed that the debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne will be interrupted today at 3:30 p.m., in order to consider Second Reading of Bill (No. 4) – The City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment Act (Differential Business Tax Rates)/Loi modifiant la Charte de la ville de Winnipeg (taux de taxe d'entreprise différentiels), a resolution dealing with the events in the Ukraine and that this day be considered as a day of debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed that the House would sit from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to consider the debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne with the understanding that Routine Proceedings will take place at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 2, 2004.

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 Messrs. GOERTZEN, NEVAKSHONOFF and REIMER having spoken,

The debate was allowed to remain open.

Hon. Mr. SMITH moved:

THAT Bill (No. 4) – The City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment Act (Differential Business Tax Rates)/Loi modifiant la Charte de la ville de Winnipeg (taux de taxe d'entreprise différentiels), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. SMITH, Messrs. REIMER and LOEWEN, Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Mr. LAMOUREUX and Mrs. DRIEDGER having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed that the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs would meet at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 2, 2004, concurrently with the House.

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By unanimous consent, it was agreed to waive the quorum requirement in the House for the morning of Thursday, December 2, 2004.

By leave, Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK moved:

WHEREAS it is the right of all citizens to participate in free and fair elections, as outlined in the UN Declaration of Human Rights; and

WHEREAS hundreds of thousands of opposition supporters are gathered in central Kyiv, waving orange banners and singing after spending more than a week on the streets; and

WHEREAS several thousand international observers, including observers from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the European Union, the Council of Europe, the European Parliament, NATO, and the United States have reported massive electoral fraud in the recent Ukrainian elections; and

WHEREAS these observers included approximately 100 Canadian observers and two Canadian Parliamentary delegations; and

WHEREAS Ukraine's Supreme Court suspended the presidential poll result on Thursday to consider the opposition's complaints; and

WHEREAS Ukraine's Parliament declared the country's disputed presidential election invalid Saturday and also passed a vote of no confidence in the elections commission; and

WHEREAS Ukraine's Supreme Court is now considering the claims of massive fraud in the presidential elections stopping the inauguration of Mr. Yanukovich; and

WHEREAS based on the above mentioned observations, the electoral commission does not have a legitimate basis for declaring Mr. Yanukovich the winner of the presidential election.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to join with the people throughout the world, and particularly Manitobans of Ukrainian heritage, in marking unity with the Ukrainian people;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Government of Manitoba to work in cooperation with the Canadian government in support of measures they may undertake to uphold democratic processes in Ukraine.

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And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK, Mr. DERKACH, Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK, Messrs. PENNER and MARTINDALE, Mrs. DRIEDGER, Messrs. NEVAKSHONOFF, LOEWEN, REID, DYCK, SANTOS, and SCHULER, Mrs. MITCHELSON, Hon. Mr. ROBINSON, Mr. MAGUIRE and Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to, unanimously.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed that the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs would meet at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 2, 2004, concurrently with the House.

The House then adjourned at 5:33 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 1, 2004.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.