



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 12

THIRD SESSION, THIRTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYERS

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petitions were presented and read:

By leave, Mr. FAURSCHOU for 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. (H. Stromecki, Z. Szewc, S. Milsom 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. (E. Alarie, A. Alarie, R. Alarie and others)

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. (E. Toews, F. Dryden, D. Vandal 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. (J. Olaes, D. Olaes, L. Reyes)

Mr. CUMMINGS – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to strongly urge the Minister of Health to consider taking charge and ensuring that he will improve long-term planning efforts to develop a lasting solution to the chronic problem of pediatrician and other specialist shortages in Brandon, and to treat this as the crisis that it is and consider consulting with front-line workers, particularly doctors, to find solutions and to strongly urge the Minister of Health and the Premier of Manitoba to consider ending highway medicine now. (S. Mervyn, R. Morris, J. Simpson and others)

Mr. MAGUIRE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to strongly urge the Minister of Health to consider taking charge and ensuring that he will improve long-term planning efforts to develop a lasting solution to the chronic problem of pediatrician and other specialist shortages in Brandon, and to treat this as the crisis that it is and consider consulting with front-line workers, particularly doctors, to find solutions and to strongly urge the Minister of Health and the Premier of Manitoba to consider ending highway medicine now. (J. Waines, M. McConnell, G. Longmuir)

Hon. Mr. SMITH presented:

Manitoba Lotteries Corporation, Quarterly Report, Six Months, April 1 to September 30, 2004.
(Sessional Paper No. 30)

Hon. Mr. ROBINSON, the Minister of Culture, Heritage and Tourism made a statement recognizing a number of talented Aboriginal artists from Manitoba's Sound Recording Industry.

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

On motion of Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK for Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH Bill (No. 11) – The Provincial Court Amendment Act (Justices of the Peace)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Cour provinciale (juges de paix) was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. DERKACH rose on a point of order questioning the need for unanimous consent for the moment of silence requested by the Honourable Member for River East.

And Hon. Mr. ASHTON, Mrs. MITCHELSON and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken to the point of order,

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

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mr. MARTINDALE, Mrs. TAILLIEU, Messrs. DEWAR and DERKACH and Hon. Mr. GERRARD made Members' Statements.

Hon. Ms. ALLAN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 10) – The Pension Benefits Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les prestations de pension, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Ms. ALLAN having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mr. REIMER, adjourned.

By leave, Mr. DERKACH moved the following Opposition Day Motion:

WHEREAS the Doer government has demonstrated its inability to deal with the serious issues affecting Manitobans; and

WHEREAS the departments of Health, Family Services and Housing, Justice, Education and Agriculture have proven to be in absolute chaos; and

WHEREAS the department of Health continues to mismanage its finances and the administrative costs of Manitoba's Regional Health Authorities are allowed to skyrocket; and

WHEREAS rural Manitoba is suffering from chronic doctor shortages, hospital closures and cuts to mental health programs; and

WHEREAS the number of homicides in Winnipeg has reached an all time high of 32; and

WHEREAS the safety of all Manitobans is being compromised by the catch and release justice policies of the Doer government; and

WHEREAS the Doer government has abandoned Manitobans struggling through the BSE crisis, by not increasing slaughter capacity in the province or providing producers with cash advances; and

WHEREAS the Doer government has abandoned Manitobans by not committing to the complete removal of education tax from residential property and farmland by 2007; and

WHEREAS school overcrowding continues to be a problem in Manitoba and the Doer government has delayed construction on new schools because of a 'glitch'; and

WHEREAS the Doer government has chosen to deal with school overcrowding through press releases, which promise new schools that are not being built; and

WHEREAS the Doer government has ignored recommendations made by Manitoba's Children's Advocate, despite having knowledge that children have been forced to spend the night in a jail cell; and

WHEREAS the Doer government has failed all Manitobans by not providing accountability and transparency into the financial mismanagement at Hydra House; and

WHEREAS the Doer government has failed vulnerable Manitobans in the care of Hydra House by not dealing with allegations when they first arose in 2000; and

WHEREAS the number of kids in hotels has risen significantly under the Doer government despite the Minister of Family Services statement that the number was vastly reduced from those under the Filmon government; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba condemn the Doer government and its Ministers for failing to live up to the election promises they made to Manitobans and for abandoning vulnerable Manitobans affected by cuts to health care, the BSE crisis, the chaos in the Department of Family Services and Housing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Premier to apologize for misleading Manitobans and for not implementing the promises he made during the last election campaign; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the government to immediately abandon its self-congratulatory advertising campaigns and redirect those funds to Manitobans in need.

And a debate arising,

And Messrs. DERKACH and HAWRANIK, Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK, Mr. PENNER, Hon. Mr. ASHTON, Mr. CUMMINGS, Hon. Ms. OSWALD, Mr. EICHLER, Hon. Mr. SALE, Messrs. SCHULER and LAMOUREUX, Hon. Mr. BJORNSON and Mr. FAURSCHOU having spoken,

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

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EICHLER
FAURSCHOU
GERRARD
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DEWAR	SALE
DOER	SANTOS
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The House then adjourned at 5:10 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 9, 2004.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.