



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 8

SECOND SESSION, THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

(No. 8) – The Phosphorus Reduction Act (Water Protection Act Amended)/Loi sur la réduction du phosphore (modification de la Loi sur la protection des eaux)

(Hon. Ms. MELNICK)

(No. 214) – The Labour Relations Amendment Act (Information in Employee's Language)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les relations du travail (renseignements fournis dans la langue des employés)

(Mrs. TAILLIEU)

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Premier and his NDP Government to cooperate in uncovering the truth in why the Government did not act on what it knew and to consider calling a public inquiry on the Crocus Fund Fiasco. (M. Goodmanson, A. Mateo, C. Karamchand and others)

Mr. MCFADYEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Education and the Premier to consider setting aside land and funds to construct new schools to accommodate the needs of the new provincial government development of Waverly West to allow kids attending schools in the southwest area of Winnipeg to remain in existing schools located closer to home. (M. Barnabé, M. McDonald, D. Scollnik and others)

Mrs. TAILLIEU – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation to consider making the completion of the dividing of the Trans Canada Highway in Headingley in 2008 an urgent Provincial Government priority and to consider evaluating whether any other steps can be taken to improve motorist safety while the dividing of the Trans Canada Highway in Headingley is being completed. (R. Ammeter, T. Gantzert, K. Cutts and others)

Mr. SCHULER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to consider adequate funding for the PAA on a long-term basis to ensure that the current retired teachers, as well as all future retirees, receive a fair COLA. (M. Young, Y. Collins, S. Allen and others)

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Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Messrs. JENNISSEN, BRIESE, NEVAKSHONOFF, EICHLER and MALOWAY made Members' Statements.

In accordance with Rule 31(9), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Spirited Energy Resolution will be considered next Thursday, December 6, 2007.

The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Proposed Motion of Ms. BRAUN:

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 Second Session of the Thirty-Ninth Legislature of Manitoba.

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

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

But this House regrets

- (a) the government's misguided directive to Manitoba Hydro to construct the BiPole III transmission line on the west side of the province, resulting in more than \$500 million in additional capital costs, 40 megawatts of line loss and more than \$17 million annually in lost sale revenues; and
- (b) the government's refusal to provide answers to the 34,000 Manitobans who lost over \$100 million of their savings in the Crocus Investment Fund scandal; and
- (c) the government's failure to ensure that the safety of children in the care of Child and Family Services is a paramount consideration; and
- (d) the government's mismanagement of the health care system, resulting in a shortage of health care professionals, bloated bureaucracies, lengthy wait times for diagnostic tests and treatments, and the closure of 14 rural emergency rooms; and
- (e) the government's wasteful expenditure of \$3 million on the ineffective Spirited Energy campaign; and
- (f) the government's complacency towards making Manitoba competitive with other western provinces, particularly Saskatchewan; and
- (g) the government's failure to make Manitoba an attractive place for our young people, resulting in the loss of 35,000 Manitobans who have left for greener pastures in other provinces; and
- (h) the government's growing dependence on federal transfer payments; and

(i) the government's cancellation of the previous government's debt repayment plan and failure to apply some of the record federal transfer revenues to reduce debt, leaving a legacy of debt to our children and grandchildren; and

(j) the government's failure to address the unprecedented number of shootings and criminals in possession of illegal firearms; and

(k) the government's lack of efforts to develop strategies to help the agricultural sector dealing with challenges such as the effects of the rising Canadian dollar, high input costs, and the potential effects of Country of Origin Labelling, among others; and

(l) the government's inability to facilitate and promote the development of a strong and vibrant rural economy; and

(m) the government's ineffectiveness in addressing ongoing infrastructure challenges in key areas such as bridges, highways, roads, sewage and water treatment, and telecommunications such as rural broadband; and

(n) the government's lack of a long-term strategy to address education infrastructure needs in rapidly growing communities; and

(o) the government's chronic under-funding of our post-secondary institutions for almost a decade; and

(p) the government's inaction on important environmental initiatives in spite of countless announcements and promises of action, including improving the health of Lake Winnipeg, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and moving forward on a Progressive Conservative proposal to implement a beverage container deposit return system; and

(q) the government's broken promises to end hallway medicine, put in place a Privacy Commissioner, and make our communities safer; and

(r) the government's lack of fairness and accountability in important areas of government such as the awarding of contracts, elections legislation, legislative committees and privacy legislation; and

(s) the government's demonstrated disrespect for the role of a provincial government by acting as a property developer, thereby putting taxpayers' dollars at risk; and

(t) the government's mismanagement of Manitoba Housing and its failure to address the deplorable conditions that low income Manitobans have been forced to endure, such as bed bugs, mould, and chronic violence and drug activity within public housing.

AND AS A CONSEQUENCE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS THEREBY lost the trust and confidence of the people of Manitoba and this House.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Mr. SCHULER, Ms. SELBY, Mrs. TAILLIEU, Hon. Mr. BJORNSON, Mrs. ROWAT and Hon. Ms. ALLAN having spoken,

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

YEA

BOROTSIK	HAWRANIK
BRIESE	LAMOUREUX
CULLEN	MAGUIRE
DERKACH	MCFADYEN
DRIEDGER	MITCHELSON
DYCK	PEDERSEN
EICHLER	ROWAT
FAURSCHOU	SCHULER
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NAY

ALLAN	MALOWAY
ASHTON	MARCELINO
BLADY	MARTINDALE
BJORNSON	MCGIFFORD
BRAUN	MELNICK
BRICK	NEVAKSHONOFF
CALDWELL	OSWALD
CHOMIAK	REID
DEWAR	ROBINSON
DOER	RONDEAU
HOWARD	SARAN
JENNISSEN	SELBY
JHA	SELINGER
KORZENIOWSKI	STRUTHERS
LEMIEUX	SWAN
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And the debate continuing on the main motion,

And Mrs. STEFANSON having spoken,

And Hon. Mr. RONDEAU speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

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Mr. GRAYDON asked Written Questions (Nos. 1 to 5) for reply to the following:

1. To respond to public safety concerns about the Letellier Bridge on Highway 201, will the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation indicate when the bridge will be replaced?
2. Will the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation confirm that the replacement Letellier Bridge on Highway 201 will be two lanes with A-one loading?
3. Will the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation confirm the cost of replacing the Letellier Bridge on Highway 201?
4. Will the Minister of Aboriginal and Northern Affairs indicate whether discussions are taking place with Roseau River Anishinabe First Nation to address the concerns they outlined in their letter of November 5, 2007 regarding the replacement of the Letellier Bridge on Highway 201?
5. Will the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation provide an update on the progress on land negotiations related to the replacement of the Letellier Bridge on Highway 201, which affects an agricultural producer on the west end of the bridge, and also the Roseau River Anishinabe First Nation?

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Friday, November 30, 2007.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.