



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 23

SECOND SESSION, THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

(No. 20) – The Gunshot and Stab Wounds Mandatory Reporting Act/Loi sur la déclaration obligatoire des blessures par balle et par arme blanche

(Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK)

(No. 21) – The Advisory Council on Workforce Development Act/Loi sur le Conseil consultatif du développement de la main-d'œuvre

(Hon. Mr. SWAN)

(No. 225) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Bicycle Helmets)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (casques de bicyclettes)

(Mr. LAMOUREUX)

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. DYCK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Health to strongly consider giving priority for funding to develop and staff a new 100 bed long-term-care facility so that clients are not exposed to unsafe conditions and so that Boundary Trails Health Centre beds remain available for acute care patients instead of waiting placement clients. (L. McCasky, R. Voth, M. Braun 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. (J. Larkin, B. Larkin, A. Larkin 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. Huska, P. Harding, M. Coopsammy and others)

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. (F. Ines, P. Rarhma, L. Ines and others)

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation to examine the state of PR 481, to see first hand the state of disrepair that this road has become subject to and to consider action that will see this road repaired and subsequently maintained for the safety of local residents. (E. McKay, D. Beaului, B. Campbell and others)

Mr. GRAYDON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister responsible for the administration of *The Liquor Control Act* to consider working with MLCC to find alternate means of addressing rising administrative costs; and to consider working with MLCC to revise the decision to implement a significant annual license fee increase; and to consider ensuring that the unique challenges faced by small businesses are better taken into account in the future. (R. Jorgensen, C. Bailey, K. Dill and others)

Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK presented:

Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation, Quarterly Report, Twelve Months, March 1, 2007 to February 29, 2008.

(Sessional Paper No. 13)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Messrs. DYCK, MARTINDALE, BRIESE, JENNISSON and CULLEN 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 the proposed amendment moved by Mr. MCFADYEN as follows:

That the Motion be amended by deleting all the words after “House” and substituting:

therefore regrets that this budget fails to address the priorities of Manitobans by:

- (a) failing to move Manitoba forward towards achieving its true potential and becoming more competitive both within Canada and internationally; and
- (b) increasing Manitoba’s reliance on the taxpayers of other provinces through equalization payments; increasing spending by over 6% without any emphasis on getting results for Manitobans; and
- (c) continuing to channel billions into taxpayer funded projects at the expense of private investment which is the true basis for a wealthy society; and

- (d) neglecting to reduce taxes which are increasing out of line with taxes charged in other places with \$9 of new spending for every dollar of tax relief; and
- (e) increasing Manitoba's staggering debt load rather than doing what all responsible families and governments across Canada are doing in good economic times, which is to reduce debt; and
- (f) ignoring the priorities of Manitobans by failing to provide adequate resources to combat crime and put an end to the revolving door justice system; and
- (g) raising Pharmacare deductibles yet again, forcing seniors and low-income Manitobans to bear the brunt of wasteful spending decisions; and
- (h) failing to end hallway medicine, as promised, while at the same time nearly doubling the health care budget; and
- (i) ignoring the City of Brandon, Manitoba's second largest urban centre; and
- (j) extending the tuition freeze for yet another year and weakening our universities and colleges; and
- (k) failing to plan for and meet the urgent infrastructure, education, and child care needs of growing communities throughout the province; and
- (l) neglecting to better protect Manitoba's most vulnerable children in the care of the child welfare system; and
- (m) abandoning rural Manitobans through punitive regulations and the lack of a long-term plan to grow the rural economy; and
- (n) failing to address the challenges facing the cattle and pork sectors as they deal with low commodity prices, the impact of the high Canadian dollar, rising input costs, pending Country of Origin Labeling, and the extension of the moratorium on the hog industry; and
- (o) failing to provide a strategy to deal with the more than four dozen boil water advisories in Manitoba; and
- (p) postponing any significant progress on greenhouse gas emissions targets until beyond the scope of the current government's mandate; and
- (q) neglecting to reverse the misguided political decision to run BiPole III down the West Side of Lake Winnipeg, thereby abandoning East Side communities, wasting \$1.5 billion, and mortgaging the future of Manitoba children.

As a consequence, the Government has thereby lost the confidence of this House and the people of Manitoba.

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Mr. SCHULER, Ms. BLADY, Mrs. TAILLIEU, Mr. DEWAR, Mrs. DRIEDGER, Ms. MARCELINO, Mr. EICHLER and Hon. Mr. RONDEAU having spoken.

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

In accordance with Rule 31(8), the Government House Leader announced that the Trafficking in Human Beings Resolution will be considered next Tuesday, April 22, 2008.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, 2008.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.