



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

FOURTH SESSION, THIRTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Hon. Mr. DOER, Bill (No. 22) – The Elections Reform Act/Loi sur la réforme électorale, was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. REIMER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Premier of Manitoba and the Minister of Health to consider providing CancerCare Manitoba with the appropriate funding necessary so that they may provide leading edge care for patients in the same manner as other provinces and to consider accelerating the process by which new cancer treatment drugs are approved so that more Manitobans are able to be treated in the most effective manner possible. (S. Huynh, C. Turenne, W. Loewen and others)

Mrs. STEFANSON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Premier of Manitoba and the Minister of Health to consider providing CancerCare Manitoba with the appropriate funding necessary so that they may provide leading edge care for patients in the same manner as other provinces and to consider accelerating the process by which new cancer treatment drugs are approved so that more Manitobans are able to be treated in the most effective manner possible. (J. Ross, B. Grey, D. Skipper and others)

Mrs. ROWAT – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Transportation and Government Service to consider providing sufficient resources to enhance driver and vehicle safety on Highway 10 and to consider upgrading Highway 10. (E. Marnock, S. Davies, K. Dmytriw and others)

Mr. MAGUIRE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to strongly urge the Premier to consider calling an independent public inquiry into the Crocus Investment Fund scandal. (A. Wieler, M. Wieler, B. Cusson and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to consider the need to seek clarification on why the Government did not act on fixing the Crocus fund back in 2001 and to urge the Premier and his Government to cooperate in making public what really happened. (R. Jewer, M. Dickie, J. Severyn and others)

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By leave, the House reverted to "Ministerial Statements".

Hon. Mr. ASHTON, the Minister of Water Stewardship made a statement regarding the status of flooding in Manitoba.

Mr. PENNER and, by leave, Mr. LAMOUREUX commented on the statement.

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Messrs. JENNISSEN and CULLEN, Ms. BRICK, Mrs. ROWAT and Mr. NEVAKSHONOFF made Members' Statements.

Following Members Statements', Mr. EICHLER rose on a Matter of Urgent Public Importance and moved:

THAT under Rule 36(1) the regularly scheduled business of the House be set aside to discuss a Matter of Urgent Public Importance; the dire state of Manitoba's agricultural economy, its impact on the lives of farm families, rural communities and the economy of our province as a whole and the provincial government's abdication of responsibility and commitment to one of the largest economic sectors in our province.

And Mr. EICHLER, Hon. Mr. ASHTON and, by leave, Mr. LAMOUREUX having spoken to the urgency of the motion,

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker ruled as follows:

I thank the Honourable Members for their advice to the Chair on whether the motion proposed by the Honourable Member for Lakeside should be debated today. The notice required by Rule 36(1) was provided. Under our Rules and Practices, the subject matter requiring urgent consideration must be so pressing that the public interest will suffer if the matter is not given immediate attention. There must also be no other reasonable opportunities to raise the matter.

I do not doubt that this matter is one that is of serious concern to Members, as agriculture is an economic activity that is of vital importance to our province.

I have listened very carefully to the arguments put forward, however I was not persuaded that the ordinary business of the House should be set aside to deal with this issue today.

Additionally, I would like to note that there are other avenues for Members to raise this issue, including questions in Question Period, raising the item under Members' Statements, and raising the issue during the Budget Debate.

Therefore, with the greatest of respect, I rule the motion out of order as a Matter of Urgent Public Importance.

Subsequently following Members Statements', Mr. DERKACH rose on a point of order requesting that the debate on the Matter of Urgent Public Importance proceed.

And Hon. Mr. ASHTON and Mr. LAMOUREUX having spoken to the point of order,

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker ruled that there was no point of order.

From his decision, Mr. DERKACH appealed to the House,

And the Question being put, "Shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained?" It was agreed to, on the following division:

YEA

AGLUGUB	MARTINDALE
ALLAN	MCGIFFORD
ALTEMEYER	MELNICK
ASHTON	NEVAKSHONOFF
BJORNSON	REID
BRICK	ROBINSON
CALDWELL	RONDEAU
DEWAR	SALE
IRVIN-ROSS	SCHELLENBERG
JENNISSEN	SELINGER
JHA	SMITH
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NAY

CULLEN	LAMOUREUX
CUMMINGS	MAGUIRE
DERKACH	MITCHELSON
DRIEDGER	MURRAY
DYCK	PENNER
EICHLER	REIMER
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The House then adjourned at 5:04 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, 2006.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.