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ALLAN, Nancy	St. Vital	N.D.P.
ASHTON, Steve, Hon.	Thompson	N.D.P.
ASPER, Linda	Riel	N.D.P.
BARRETT, Becky, Hon.	Inkster	N.D.P.
CALDWELL, Drew, Hon.	Brandon East	N.D.P.
CERILLI, Marianne	Radisson	N.D.P.
CHOMIAK, Dave, Hon.	Kildonan	N.D.P.
CUMMINGS, Glen	Ste. Rose	P.C.
DACQUAY, Louise	Seine River	P.C.
DERKACH, Leonard	Russell	P.C.
DEWAR, Gregory	Selkirk	N.D.P.
DOER, Gary, Hon.	Concordia	N.D.P.
DRIEDGER, Myrna	Charleswood	P.C.
DYCK, Peter	Pembina	P.C.
ENNS, Harry	Lakeside	P.C.
FAURSCHOU, David	Portage la Prairie	P.C.
FILMON, Gary	Tuxedo	P.C.
FRIESEN, Jean, Hon.	Wolseley	N.D.P.
GERRARD, Jon, Hon.	River Heights	Lib.
GILLESHAMMER, Harold	Minnedosa	P.C.
HELWER, Edward	Gimli	P.C.
HICKES, George	Point Douglas	N.D.P.
JENNISSEN, Gerard	Flin Flon	N.D.P.
KORZENIOWSKI, Bonnie	St. James	N.D.P.
LATHLIN, Oscar, Hon.	The Pas	N.D.P.
LAURENDEAU, Marcel	St. Norbert	P.C.
LEMIEUX, Ron, Hon.	La Verendrye	N.D.P.
LOEWEN, John	Fort Whyte	P.C.
MACKINTOSH, Gord, Hon.	St. Johns	N.D.P.
MAGUIRE, Larry	Arthur-Virden	P.C.
MALOWAY, Jim	Elmwood	N.D.P.
MARTINDALE, Doug	Burrows	N.D.P.
McGIFFORD, Diane, Hon.	Lord Roberts	N.D.P.
MIHYCHUK, MaryAnn, Hon.	Minto	N.D.P.
MITCHELSON, Bonnie	River East	P.C.
NEVAKSHONOFF, Tom	Interlake	N.D.P.
PENNER, Jack	Emerson	P.C.
PENNER, Jim	Steinbach	P.C.
PITURA, Frank	Morris	P.C.
PRAZNIK, Darren	Lac du Bonnet	P.C.
REID, Daryl	Transcona	N.D.P.
REIMER, Jack	Southdale	P.C.
ROBINSON, Eric, Hon.	Rupertsland	N.D.P.
ROCAN, Denis	Carman	P.C.
RONDEAU, Jim	Assiniboia	N.D.P.
SALE, Tim, Hon.	Fort Rouge	N.D.P.
SANTOS, Conrad	Wellington	N.D.P.
SHELLENBERG, Harry	Rossmere	N.D.P.
SCHULER, Ron	Springfield	P.C.
SELINGER, Greg, Hon.	St. Boniface	N.D.P.
SMITH, Joy	Fort Garry	P.C.
SMITH, Scott	Brandon West	N.D.P.
STEFANSON, Eric	Kirkfield Park	P.C.
STRUTHERS, Stan	Dauphin-Roblin	N.D.P.
TWEED, Mervin	Turtle Mountain	P.C.
WOWCHUK, Rosann, Hon.	Swan River	N.D.P.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

Thursday, November 18, 1999

The House met at 1:30 p.m.

At 1:30 p.m., the Acting Sergeant-at-Arms, carrying the Mace in the crook of his arm and followed by the clerks of the Legislative Assembly, entered the Chamber. The Acting Sergeant-at-Arms returned to the main entrance of the Chamber and shouldered the mace. The clerks took post on the west side of the Chamber, stood and awaited the arrival of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor.

Mr. Clerk (William Remnant): I wish to inform the Assembly that I have received from the Chief Electoral Officer the lists of names of members elected to serve in the Thirty-seventh Legislative Assembly, and I am tabling those lists.

The Premier and the military and civil aides met in the Lieutenant Governor's reception room.

The Premier and the military and civil aides accompanied His Honour from the reception room to the Chamber in the following order:

*The civil aide on the right;
The military aide on the left;
The Premier;
The Lieutenant Governor.*

At the main entrance, the military and civil aides halted and turned inwards to allow the Lieutenant Governor and the Premier to proceed through the north doors, where His Honour was met by the Mace.

Acting Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms (Mr. Dennis Huyda): His Honour the Lieutenant Governor.

The Lieutenant Governor then, preceded by the Mace carried shoulder high and followed on his left by the military aide and on his right by the civil aide, proceeded along the west side of the Chamber to the throne. The Premier proceeded along the east side and stood on the floor on the east side of the Chamber.

The military aide took up his position on the east side of the throne and the civil aide took up his position on the west side of the throne.

The Lieutenant Governor seated himself on the throne; the Mace made obeisance and retired to the east side of the Chamber.

Hon. Peter Liba (Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Manitoba): Please be seated.

Hon. Gord Mackintosh (Minister of Justice and Attorney General): I am directed by His Honour the Lieutenant Governor to inform you that he will not declare the causes of calling this Legislature until a Speaker has been elected in accordance with the law.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor rose to retire.

The Mace made obeisance before the Lieutenant Governor and preceded His Honour along the east side of the Chamber to the main entrance of the House, accompanied by the Premier and the aides.

The Mace returned from the main entrance of the House and was placed under the table. The Premier proceeded to his seat in the Chamber and the clerks took their chairs at the table.

Mr. Clerk: Please be seated. Members of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to the Lieutenant Governor's direction and the rules of this Assembly, it is my duty to call upon you to elect a member to preside over your deliberations as Speaker. Would the Acting Sergeant-at-Arms and the Acting Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms please put the voting booths and the ballot box in place. Would the pages please distribute the list of candidates to all members and place one in each voting booth.

For your information before beginning the election, I will briefly outline the process to be followed as set out in the Rules of the House.

For the first and any subsequent ballot required, members will be asked to go to the blue carpet behind the third row of desks on their respective sides of the House, then to file past the Speaker's Chair and down the steps to the head of the Clerk's table and return to your place.

When all members wishing to vote have done so, the House will recess while the clerks withdraw to count the vote. A majority of the votes cast is required to be elected Speaker. If no candidate receives a majority, the candidate who received the lowest number of votes will be dropped from the next ballot.

* (1335)

If two candidates are tied with the lowest number of votes, they will both be dropped. If all candidates receive the same number of votes, no names will be dropped from the next ballot.

Immediately before the start of the second or any subsequent ballot, members who wish to withdraw will be given an opportunity to do so. When the count of each ballot is completed, a five-minute bell will recall members to the Chamber.

The following members have declared their intention to stand for election to the office of Speaker. The candidates are George Hickes, Marcel Laurendeau, Denis Rocan and Conrad Santos.

In preparation for the vote, the Acting Sergeant-at-Arms will inspect and lock the ballot box.

The list of candidates is on each member's desk and in each of the two voting booths. I will now open the sealed ballots.

I now ask those members who wish to cast their ballot to proceed to the blue carpet behind the third row of seating on your respective sides of the House and then to file past the Speaker's Chair and to the head of the Clerk's table where

you will receive a ballot. Your name will be checked off a list once you have your ballot and you will be asked to initial the list. You are asked then to proceed to the voting booth on the side of the table nearest you. Please print or write legibly the surname of your candidate on the ballot paper, then proceed to the ballot box and place your ballot in the ballot box.

* (1345)

If there are any members who have not voted and wish to do so, would they please do so now.

All members apparently having voted, the House will recess to the call of the bells while the clerks at the table count the ballots. The bells will ring for five minutes to recall members to the Chamber when the results of the first ballot are ready to be announced. Thank you very much.

The House recessed at 2 p.m.

After Recess

The House resumed at 2:05 p.m.

Mr. Clerk: The member for Point Douglas (Mr. Hickes) has received a majority of the ballots cast.

Pursuant to the rules, I declare the honourable member for Point Douglas elected as Speaker of the Thirty-seventh Legislative Assembly of Manitoba.

The Premier and the Leader of the Opposition escorted the newly elected Speaker to the Chair and he was invested with the robes of office.

The Mace was then placed on the table.

Mr. Speaker: Honourable members of the Thirty-seventh Legislative Assembly, I wish to thank the members for the high honour the House has conferred on me. I leave the floor of this House to take the Speaker's Chair, while I leave behind all political and partisan feelings. I intend to carry out the important duties of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly with impartiality and to the best of my ability.

[Inuktitut spoken]

What I said to you in my first language, Inuktitut, thank you very much for supporting me.

I am advised that His Honour is about to enter the Chamber.

The Speaker then took the Chair.

The Premier left the Chamber to meet His Honour in the reception room. The clerks took post on the west side of the Chamber.

The Mace proceeded to the entrance of the House to meet His Honour, who re-entered the Chamber accompanied by the aides and the Premier, as on his first entry. The Speaker left the Chair and stood on the floor of the Chamber on the east side. The Mace made obeisance and retired to the east side of the Chamber.

* (1410)

Acting Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms: His Honour the Lieutenant Governor.

The Lieutenant Governor, accompanied by his aides and by the Premier, entered and took his seat on the throne. The clerks moved to the east side of the Chamber. The Speaker, who had moved to the east side of the floor before the Lieutenant Governor entered the House, moved to the centre of the floor, doffing his hat.

Mr. Speaker: Your Legislative Assembly has elected me as its Speaker. On behalf of the Assembly, it is my duty to claim all the Assembly's traditional rights and privileges, especially the privilege of freedom of speech in debate and access to your Honour when required. I ask you to give the most favourable consideration to the Assembly's proceedings.

The Speaker then moved back to the east side of the House.

Mr. Mackintosh: Mr. Speaker, His Honour is confident that the Assembly's proceedings will be conducted with wisdom and prudence. In addition, His Honour grants the Assembly's claim to its traditional rights and privileges. His

Honour will declare the causes of calling this Legislative Assembly on Thursday, November 25, at 1:30 p.m.

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor rose to retire.

The Mace then made obeisance before the Lieutenant Governor and preceded His Honour along the east side of the Chamber to the main entrance of the House, accompanied by the Premier and the aides.

The Speaker proceeded to the Chair after His Honour retired from the House.

The Premier proceeded to his seat in the Chamber and the clerks took their chairs at the table.

The Acting Sergeant-at-Arms proceeded to the Speaker who was standing before the Chair. The Mace made obeisance and returned to the table.

Mr. Speaker: O Eternal and Almighty God, from Whom all power and wisdom come, we are assembled here before Thee to frame such laws as may tend to the welfare and prosperity of our province. Grant, O merciful God, we pray Thee, that we may desire only that which is in accordance with Thy will; that we may seek it with wisdom, know it with certainty and accomplish it perfectly for the glory and honour of Thy name and for the welfare of all our people. Amen.

The Speaker bowed to the members and seated the House.

* (1415)

Hon. Gary Doer (Premier): I move, seconded by the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs (Ms. Friesen), that Conrad Santos, member of the Electoral Division of Wellington, be the Chairperson of the Committees of the Whole and Deputy Speaker.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Doer: I move, seconded by the honourable Attorney General (Mr. Mackintosh), that Harry

Schellenberg, member for the Electoral Division of Rossmere, be Deputy Chairperson of the Committees of the Whole House.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Doer: I move, seconded by the honourable Minister of Health (Mr. Chomiak), that Bonnie Korzeniowski, member of the Electoral Division of St. James, be Deputy Chairperson of the Committees of the Whole House.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Mackintosh: Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the honourable Minister of Labour (Ms. Barrett), that when the House adjourns today, it shall stand adjourned until Thursday, November 25, at 1:30 p.m.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Mackintosh: I move, seconded by the Minister of Agriculture and Food (Ms. Wowchuk), that this House do now adjourn.

Motion agreed to, and the House adjourned and stands adjourned until 1:30 p.m., Thursday, November 25, 1999.