

Tuesday, March 24, 1998



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 23

FOURTH SESSION, THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYERS

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petitions were presented:

Mr. DEWAR - Minister of Health to put an end to the centralization and privatization of Winnipeg hospital food services (K. King, A. Duchfield, K. Richards and others)

Mr. MALOWAY - Minister of Health to put an end to the centralization and privatization of Winnipeg hospital food services (M. G. Cron, E. F. Faderon, L. Hussein and others)

The following petition was read and received:

Mr. SANTOS - Minister of Health to put an end to the centralization and privatization of Winnipeg hospital food services (R. David, D. Sellines, D. Casey and others)

Hon. Mrs. VODREY presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 1998-1999, Departmental Expenditure Estimates - Culture, Heritage and Citizenship.

(Sessional Paper No. 141)

During Oral Questions, Mr. ASHTON rose on a point of order and indicated that the Honourable Minister of Rural Development had been reading from a letter and should thereby be required to table it,

And Hon. Mr. DERKACH having spoken to the point of order,

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker informed the House that she would take the matter under advisement.

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Pursuant to Rule 20(1), Mr. MACKINTOSH, Hon. Mr. TOEWS, Messrs. PENNER, ASHTON, DYCK and KOWALSKI made Members' Statements.

During Members' Statements, Mr. ASHTON rose on a point of order and stated that the Honourable Minister of Justice's statement was not related to his constituency but was in fact directly related to his ministerial portfolio,

And Hon. Mr. TOEWS having spoken to the point of order,

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker ruled there was a point of order and cited Rule 20.(2) of the Rules, Orders and Forms of Proceeding of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba which states, "A Minister of the Crown may not use the time allotted for Members' Statements to comment on government policy or ministerial or departmental action."

Subsequently, during Members' Statements, Mr. ASHTON rose on a further point of order stating that the Honourable Minister of Justice, in his Members' Statement, had used the word "scurrilous,"

And Hon. Mr. McCRAE having spoken to the point of order,

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker ruled that the use of the word had caused disorder in the House and requested that the word be withdrawn,

Hon. Mr. TOEWS withdrew his remark.

Madam Speaker having left the Chair and the House resolving itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty;

And the House continuing in Committee, and progress having been made and reported, the Committee obtained leave to sit again.

Hon. Mr. McCRAE presented:

Sequence for consideration of the Estimates by the Committee of Supply, both in the Chamber and outside the Chamber.

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Mr. PENNER moved:

Resolution No. 8: Agricultural Diversification

WHEREAS the federal government has eliminated the Crow Benefit, a \$750-million support of the Western grain transportation system; thereby creating uncertainty and forcing change upon Manitoba's agricultural producers; and

WHEREAS the cost of exporting grain is increasingly prohibitive and has caused Manitoba's agricultural producers to reconsider their cropping options; and

WHEREAS Manitoba farmers are increasingly integrating livestock, poultry and hog operations, oilseed and vegetable production into their more traditional grain operations; and

WHEREAS the Manitoba government through its Working for Value Task Force recognized the need to increasingly diversify agricultural production at both the farm and the value-added processing level; and

WHEREAS the Manitoba government has supported the efforts of agricultural producers and processors to diversify their operations through programs such as the Manitoba Agri-Ventures Initiative, the Agricultural Diversification Loans Program, the Community Works program, Grow Bonds and the Rural Economic Development Initiative.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the provincial government to consider continuing to provide agricultural producers and processors with the tools to diversify their operations and to seek out opportunities to make the transition to value-added activities.

And a debate arising,

And Messrs. PENNER and STRUTHERS and Hon. Mr. ENNS having spoken,

And Mr. EVANS (Interlake) speaking at 6:00 p.m.,

The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

The House then adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. tomorrow.

Hon. Louise Dacquay,
Speaker.