

Monday, May 11, 1998



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 44

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 (H. Nanacowy, R. Bouchie, E. Clarke and others)

Mr. HICKES - Minister of Health to put an end to the centralization and privatization of Winnipeg Hospital food services (M. Lentowich, L. Cann, R. Valez and others)

The following petitions were read and received:

Mr. JENNISSON - Minister of Energy and Mines to consider immediately restoring the six million dollars taken from the Mining Reserve Fund (H. Klunder, A.C. Borgstrom, C. Woods and others)

Mr. MALOWAY - Minister of Health to put an end to the centralization and privatization of Winnipeg Hospital food services (K. Moore, D. Boboski, C. Champagne and others)

Mr. LAURENDEAU, Chairperson of the Committee of Supply presented the Report of the Proceedings of the Committee of May 8, 1998 as follows:

IN THE COMMITTEE

The following Resolutions were adopted:

9.2

RESOLVED that there be granted to HER MAJESTY a sum not exceeding THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS for FAMILY SERVICES:

EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME ASSISTANCE \$351,448,200.00

for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1999.

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9.3 RESOLVED that there be granted to HER MAJESTY a sum not exceeding ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN MILLION, SIX HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS for FAMILY SERVICES:

COMMUNITY LIVING..... \$118,630,600.00

for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1999

19.1 RESOLVED that there be granted to HER MAJESTY a sum not exceeding THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for NORTHERN AFFAIRS:

NORTHERN AFFAIRS EXECUTIVE \$385,100.00

for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1999.

19.2 RESOLVED that there be granted to HER MAJESTY a sum not exceeding FOURTEEN MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS for NORTHERN AFFAIRS:

NORTHERN AFFAIRS OPERATIONS..... \$14,552,300.00

for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1999.

19.3 RESOLVED that there be granted to HER MAJESTY a sum not exceeding TWO MILLION, SIX HUNDRED FOURTEEN THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS for NORTHERN AFFAIRS:

EXPENDITURES RELATED TO CAPITAL..... \$2,614,600.00

for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1999.

Resolutions were reported.

Report was received and the Committee of Supply obtained leave to sit again.

By leave, the House reverted to "Ministerial Statements and Tabling of Reports" and Hon. Mr. McCRAE presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review - 1998-1999 - Sustainable Development Innovations Fund.

(Sessional Paper No. 185)

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Also:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review - 1998-1999 - Environment.
(Sessional Paper No. 186)

The following Bills were, by leave, severally introduced and read a First Time:

(No. 45) - The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Amendment Act; Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société d'assurance publique du Manitoba
(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)
(Hon. Mr. McCRAE)

(No. 54) - The Engineering and Geoscientific Professions and Consequential Amendments Act; Loi sur les ingénieurs et les géoscientifiques et modifications corrélatives
(Hon. Mr. GILLESHAMMER)

(No. 55) - The Certified Applied Science Technologists Act; Loi sur les technologues agréés des sciences appliquées
(Hon. Mr. GILLESHAMMER)

Hon. Mr. McCRAE presented:

Message from His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 45)
(Sessional Paper No. 187)

Following Oral Questions, Madam Speaker made the following ruling:

On April 16, 1998 during Question Period I took under advisement, in order to review Hansard, a point of order.

It concerned an answer given by the Honourable Minister of Justice to a question asked by the Honourable Member for St. John's. The point of order raised by the House Leader for the Official Opposition alleged that the Minister was not responding to the matter raised and was provoking debate. Having reviewed the Hansard transcript, I must conclude that there indeed was a point of order. The Minister of Justice should have, in responding to the question, complied with the requirements of Beauchesne citation 417--that is, he should have responded to the matter raised and should not have provoked debate.

Pursuant to Rule 20(1), Mr. SVEINSON, Ms. BARRETT, Mr. FAURSCHOU, Ms. WOWCHUK and Mr. ROCAN made Members' Statement.

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By unanimous consent, the sequence for consideration of estimates, as outlined in Sessional Paper No. 142 tabled on March 24, 1998, and subsequently amended, was further amended in order that the consideration of the estimates of Community Support Programs to be followed by consideration of Canada-Manitoba Infrastructure Program-Capital take place in Room 255 for today, May 11, 1998, only.

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, the Proceedings were interrupted at 5:00 p.m. for Private Members' Business.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed to proceed with Private Members' Resolution No. 28 and that Private Members' Resolution No. 27 would retain its position on the Order Paper.

Ms. FRIESEN moved:

Resolution No. 28: Maintaining Canadian History as a Core Course

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has announced plans to reform the education system; and

WHEREAS as part of the Provincial Government's changes to the school system Canadian History will cease to become a compulsory program at the Senior III level; and

WHEREAS the removal of mandatory senior high Canadian History from the compulsory category is a regressive step; and

WHEREAS many groups, like the Retired Teachers' Association of Manitoba, the Dominion Institute and the Winnipeg School Division #1 have raised concerns about weaknesses in Canadian History and have expressed these concerns to the Provincial Government; and

WHEREAS Manitoba and Canada are currently facing many social and political challenges, which require our citizens to have an understanding of the social, economic, corporate and labour history of all Canadian people, including First Nations; and

WHEREAS it is imperative that Canada's future leaders possess an understanding of our past if they are to effectively govern our future; and

WHEREAS new Canadians want the opportunity to gain a thorough knowledge of the history of their new country; and

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WHEREAS history helps to develop a shared sense of identity in all our citizens, and assists in establishing an emotional bond to our nation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider reversing its policy to make Canadian History an optional subject in Manitoba's high schools.

And a debate arising,

And Ms. FRIESEN, Hon. Mrs. McINTOSH, Messrs. LAMOUREUX and DYCK having spoken,

And Mr. FAURSCHOU 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.