



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 23

SECOND SESSION, THIRTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYERS

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petitions were presented:

Mr. SCHULER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba request that the Minister responsible for Manitoba Hydro consider alternative routes for the additional 230KV and 500KV lines proposed for the RM of East St. Paul (Y. Krahn, C. Desender, A. Ryzebol and others)

Mr. LOEWEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba request that the Premier of Manitoba consider reversing his decision to not support construction of an underpass at Kenaston and Wilkes (C. Barenz, S. Portz, L. Portz and others)

Mr. PITURA – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba request that the Premier of Manitoba consider reversing his decision to not support construction of an underpass at Kenaston and Wilkes (J. Gordon, C. Wrixon, M. Carrette and others)

The following petitions were read and received:

Mr. SCHULER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba request that the Minister responsible for Manitoba Hydro consider alternative routes for the additional 230KV and 500KV lines proposed for the RM of East St. Paul (D. Brotchie, G. Hanks, G. Heft and others)

Mr. LOEWEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba request that the Premier of Manitoba consider reversing his decision to not support construction of an underpass at Kenaston and Wilkes (F. Anderson, G. Waters, S. Johnston and others)

Mr. PITURA – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba request that the Premier of Manitoba consider reversing his decision to not support construction of an underpass at Kenaston and Wilkes (B. Murphy, L. Champagne, E. Geddes and others)

Mr. SANTOS, Chairperson of the Committee of Supply, presented the Report of the Proceedings of the Committee of May 1, 2001 as follows:

IN THE COMMITTEE

The following Resolutions were adopted:

4.1 RESOLVED that there be granted to HER MAJESTY a sum not exceeding FOUR MILLION, SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS for JUSTICE:

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE \$4,062,500.00

for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 2002.

4.2 RESOLVED that there be granted to HER MAJESTY a sum not exceeding EIGHTY-SEVEN MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS for JUSTICE:

CRIMINAL JUSTICE \$87,477,300.00

for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 2002.

4.3 RESOLVED that there be granted to HER MAJESTY a sum not exceeding NINETEEN MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS for JUSTICE:

CIVIL JUSTICE \$19,516,900.00

for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 2002.

4.4 RESOLVED that there be granted to HER MAJESTY a sum not exceeding EIGHTY-FOUR MILLION, THREE HUNDRED ELEVEN THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS for JUSTICE:

CORRECTIONS \$84,311,400.00

for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 2002.

4.5 RESOLVED that there be granted to HER MAJESTY a sum not exceeding THIRTY-THREE MILLION, SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS for JUSTICE:

COURTS \$33,623,600.00

for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 2002.

4.6 RESOLVED that there be granted to HER MAJESTY a sum not exceeding ONE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-ONE THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS for JUSTICE:

AMORTIZATION OF CAPITAL ASSETS..... \$1,591,800.00

for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 2002.

7.3 RESOLVED that there be granted to HER MAJESTY a sum not exceeding FIFTEEN MILLION, ONE HUNDRED FORTY-ONE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS for FINANCE:

COMPROLLER \$15,141,500.00

for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 2002.

Resolutions were reported.

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

By leave, Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK introduced Bill (No. 16) – The Farm Practices Protection Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection des pratiques agricoles, and outlined the purposes thereof, it was read a First Time.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker made the following ruling:

On April 24, 2001, during the Budget debate, the Honourable Acting Deputy Speaker took under advisement a point of order raised by the Honourable Member from Assiniboia concerning language allegedly spoken across the House by the Honourable Member for Arthur-Virden. The Acting Deputy Speaker took the matter under advisement in order to examine Hansard and ascertain what was on the record.

I have reviewed the Hansard of April 24, 2001. At the time of the point of order, the Honourable Member for Arthur-Virden did not have the floor, nor was there a record in Hansard of the words complained of being attributed to the Honourable Member. Therefore, I must find that there is no point of order.

Pursuant to Rule 23(1), Mr. LOEWEN, Ms. KORZENIOWSKI, Messrs. HELWER and NEVAKSHONOFF and Hon. Mr. GERRARD made Members' Statements,

By unanimous consent, the sequence for consideration of estimates, as outlined in Sessional Paper No. 113 tabled on April 23, 2001, was further amended in order that Industry, Trade, and Mines be considered in the Chamber for Wednesday, May 2, 2001 and Thursday, May 3, 2001 only.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed to have two sections of the Committee of Supply to meet in Room 254 and in the Chamber for Wednesday, May 2, 2001.

Mr. 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.

Mr. MAGUIRE moved:

Resolution No. 1: Continued Inaction by the Provincial Government on the 1999 Manitoba Flood

WHEREAS 1999 saw severe and ongoing flood-related problems in parts of Manitoba that resulted in up to 10 per cent of total provincial farm land remaining unseeded; and

WHEREAS the difficulties experienced by the province's agricultural producers continue to have a ripple effect throughout the entire Manitoba economy, affecting not only farmers, but also the businesses and services that rely on the health of the agricultural economy; and

WHEREAS most members of the Manitoba Legislature, Keystone Agricultural Producers, the Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association and local economic development boards have continuously expressed concern to the Provincial and Federal Governments about the very serious long-term consequences arising from the devastating flood of 1999; and

WHEREAS the former Progressive Conservative administration enhanced the Producer Recovery Program, offered a Custom Seeding Program and extended the crop insurance spring seeding deadline for full coverage, all in an effort to mitigate the disaster created by the flood of 1999; and

WHEREAS the previous Progressive Conservative administration pressed the Federal Government to join the province to enact a \$50 per acre unseeded acreage coverage package for affected producers; and

WHEREAS the current Provincial Government appears to be unwilling to participate in any joint aid program that would require the Provincial Government to assume more than 10 per cent of the costs of the program; and

WHEREAS the current Provincial Government has refused to tap into the Fiscal Stabilization Fund to finance a new aid program for victims of the 1999 flood and to be prepared to lobby the Federal Government to provide their share, as was done during past disasters such as the 1989 forest fires and the 1997 Red River Valley flood; and

WHEREAS the current Provincial Government's continued failure to negotiate a new aid package that would provide direct benefits to the victims of the 1999 flood continues to create needless uncertainty for the individuals and communities affected by the disaster.

Wednesday, May 2, 2001

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider re-examining its unwillingness to come forward with any new financing to accompany its negotiations with the Federal Government to find solutions to the problems arising from the 1999 Manitoba flooding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider the creation of programs and services that will help ensure that the long-term economic impact of this devastating flooding is kept to a minimum.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. MAGUIRE, Hon. Mr. ASHTON and Mr. GILLESHAMMER having spoken,

And Mr. NEVAKSHONOFF 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 10:00 a.m. Thursday, May 3, 2001.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.