



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 2

FIRST SESSION, THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. CULLEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister for Infrastructure and Transportation to consider implementing a speed zone on Provincial Trunk Highway #2 adjacent to the Village of Glenboro. (C. Skanderberg, L. Gravel, M. Haslen and others)

Mrs. DRIEDGER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Health to consider developing a clear, immediate plan to address the ER doctor shortage and to consider taking all necessary steps to ensure the Grace Hospital emergency room does not close. (J. Green, G. Keating, T. Young and others)

Mrs. ROWAT – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation to act on this situation by considering the construction of a 4-lane highway that would bypass around the Village of Forrest. (E. Lewandoski, S. Fehr, K. Rothnie and others)

Mrs. TAILLIEU – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister charged with the administration of The Liquor Control Act to consider allowing the owners of Headingley Foods to sell alcohol at their store, thereby supporting small business and the prosperity of rural communities in Manitoba. (J. Auber, M. MacDonald, J. Boyda and others)

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Premier and his NDP Government to consider ensuring that Winnipeg has a rapid transit system as soon as possible. (K. Woodward, J. Xu, K. Morrison and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Premier and his NDP Government to cooperate in uncovering the truth in why the Government did not act on what it knew and to consider calling a public inquiry on the Crocus Fund Fiasco. (C. Blyth, R. Blyth, C. Blyth and others)

Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS, the Minister of Conservation, made a statement regarding the flood watch issued for the Nopiming, Whiteshell and Shellmouth areas and for the Whitemouth River.

Mr. MAGUIRE and, by leave, Hon. Mr. GERRARD commented on the statement.

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Ms. KORZENIOWSKI, Messrs. EICHLER, SWAN and DYCK and Ms. BRAUN made Members' Statements.

The House resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Proposed Motion of Ms. HOWARD:

THAT the following address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor:

We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba thank your Honour for the gracious speech addressed to us at this First Session of the Thirty-Ninth Legislature of Manitoba.

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. MCFADYEN having spoken,

And Mr. MCFADYEN moved an amendment as follows:

THAT the Motion be amended by adding at the end the following words:

But this House regrets

(a) the government's failure to address the fact that Manitoba's health care system is ranked dead last in Canada, failure to end hallway medicine as promised, failure to keep Manitoba emergency rooms open and safely operating, and failure to ensure that Manitobans have timely access to health care; and

(b) the government's failure to make a substantial commitment to the health of Lake Winnipeg, and to effectively limit Manitoba's greenhouse gas emissions; and

(c) the government's failure to make post secondary institutions sustainable, by neglecting their needs and failing to provide leadership and a long-term strategy for their growth; and

(d) the government's failure to take responsibility for the fact that Manitoba is first in Canada for robberies and homicides committed using a firearm, experiences very high rates of auto theft and violent crime, and the government's tendency to blame the federal government for these problems; and

(e) the government's failure to make Manitoba competitive by failing to index tax brackets to inflation, failing to recognize that Manitoba's basic personal exemption is the lowest in Western Canada, and allowing Manitoba to remain the highest taxed province west of Quebec; and

(f) the government's failure to make Manitoba Hydro strong, by raiding it, weakening it, and jeopardizing it to the point where it now carries more than \$7 billion in long term debt; and

(g) the government's failure to address Manitoba's crumbling infrastructure for the last eight years, leading to washouts, detours, weight restrictions and collapsed bridges.

AND HAS THEREFORE failed to address the priorities of Manitobans.

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WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Ms. BLADY, Messrs. BRIESE, SARAN and PEDERSEN, Ms. BRAUN, Mr. GRAYDON, Ms. SELBY and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

And Hon. Mr. GERRARD moved a sub-amendment as follows:

THAT the Motion be amended by adding at the end of item (g) the following words:

(h) the government's failure to address the fact that Manitoba has the worst high school drop out rate of all provinces;

(i) the government's failure to be able to deliver quick access to surgery after a hip fracture so that Manitoba now has the worst record of all provinces;

(j) the government's inadequate approach to improving the Provincial Nominee Program.

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker ruled the sub-amendment in order.

And the debate continuing on the sub-amendment,

And Mr. LAMOUREUX speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Friday, June 8, 2007.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.