



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 29

FIFTH SESSION, THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH, Bill (No. 17) – The Cooperatives Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les coopératives, was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Justice to consider working with the RCMP, the federal government and communities to develop strategies to address service challenges in rural Manitoba, such as the possibility of having response units that could be dispatched to regions affected by crime waves and to consider working with stakeholders to determine if the current RCMP detachment boundaries are designed to ensure the swiftest and most effective service delivery. (D. Councillor, G. Asham, H. Roulette and others)

Mr. GOERTZEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Justice to consider ensuring that all court orders for car thieves are vigorously monitored and enforced and to consider ensuring all breaches of court orders on car thieves are reported to police and vigorously prosecuted. (K. Phillips, K. Grenkow, E. Dow and others)

Mr. PEDERSEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Justice deny all MPI benefits to a person for injuries received in an accident if he or she is convicted of stealing a motor vehicle involved in the accident. (J. Wood, W. Kissick, C. Bruce and others)

Mr. CULLEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to build the Bipole III transmission line on the shorter and more reliable east side of Lake Winnipeg, in order to save each Manitoba family of four \$11,748. (E. O'Dowd, L. Kluga, J. Braun and others)

Hon. Ms. SELBY presented:

Annual Reports of the Manitoba Adult Literacy Strategy and the Adult Learning Centres for the year ending June 30, 2010.

(Sessional Paper No. 32)

Hon. Mr. ASHTON, the Minister responsible for Emergency Measures, made a statement regarding the status of flooding in Manitoba.

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

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Hon. Ms. SELBY, Mr. MCFADYEN, Ms. KORZENIOWSKI, Mr. CULLEN and Hon. Mr. BJORNSON made Members' Statements.

The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK:

THAT this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government.

And the proposed amendment moved by Mr. MCFADYEN as follows:

That the Motion be amended by deleting all the words after "House" and substituting:

therefore acknowledges that this budget contains some worthy promises for Manitobans, including:

- (a) Finally applying federal support toward an increased police presence in the province of Manitoba; and
- (b) Allowing universities and colleges more certainty in their provincial funding and more flexibility to pursue excellence; and
- (c) Providing capital support for needed improvements to our medical, educational and recreational facilities such as the Grace Hospital emergency room, expansion of the hospital at Ste. Anne and schools in locations such as Sage Creek; and
- (d) Providing some additional resources for the protection of Manitobans from excess moisture conditions in both the short-term and longer-term; and
- (e) Providing modest tax relief for Manitoba families; including school tax relief.

However, this House must also point out that the budget could do more to address the needs of future generations of Manitobans by doing more to reduce waste and mismanagement in the provincial budget, and reduce the reliance on increasing the deficit and dependence on debt and avoid tax increases in non-election years.

Therefore, this House resolves to support the positive promises referred to above, but amends the government's general budgetary policy as follows:

- (a) By calling on the Provincial Government to reduce waste and mismanagement, starting with allowing Manitoba Hydro to build BiPole III on the east side route, saving Manitoba families an extra \$11,748, protecting Manitoba Hydro's system reliability, reducing the impacts on the environment and lowering the long term summary deficit; and

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- (b) By calling on the Provincial Government to implement efforts to lower the deficit and control debt through a spending review process that will reduce waste, protect frontline social services and bring a more balanced fiscal approach, therefore ensuring a prosperous future for Manitobans.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Hon. Ms. HOWARD, Mr. BOROTSIK, Hon. Ms. ALLAN, Mrs. ROWAT, Ms. BRAUN, Messrs. PEDERSEN and MARTINDALE, Mrs. DRIEDGER and Hon. Mr. RONDEAU having spoken.

And Mr. BRIESE 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, April 15, 2011.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.