



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 20

FIRST SESSION, FORTIETH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bills were respectively read a First Time and had their purposes outlined:

(No. 7) – The Community Renewal Act/Loi sur la revalorisation des collectivités

(Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS)

(No. 206) – The Drivers and Vehicles Amendment Act (Licence Plates for Volunteer Firefighters)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les conducteurs et les véhicules (plaques d'immatriculation pour pompiers volontaires)

(Mr. EICHLER)

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. GOERTZEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Health to ensure additional personal care homes and long-term care space are made available in the City of Steinbach on a priority basis. (D. Plett, E. Enns, B. Plett and others)

Mr. GRAYDON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the appropriate Provincial Government departments to consider working with all stakeholders to develop a strategy to swiftly address the serious challenges posed by limited cellular phone service in southeastern Manitoba in order to ensure that people and property can be better protected in the future. (K. Price, D. Remillard, M. Chubaty and others)

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation to consider the importance of reducing the speed limit on PTH 5 to 80 km/hour in the vicinity of the Town of Ste. Rose from the west side of the Turtle River bridge to the south side of the access to the Ste. Rose Auction Mart to help better protect motorist safety. (R. Letain, B. Rambow, L. Pebevekeloese and others)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mr. HELWER, Ms. BLADY, Messrs. BRIESE and PETERSEN and Ms. WIGHT made Members' Statements.

The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS:

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 of the words after "House" and substituting:

therefore regrets this budget fails to address the priorities of Manitobans by:

- a) breaking the Premier's promise not to increase taxes; and
- b) imposing \$184 million in new taxes on hard pressed Manitoba families, who are also facing higher hydro rates and property taxes, increased child care fees and a range of other hidden taxes; and
- c) driving gas prices higher at a time when gas prices in Manitoba have already increased 12% so far this year, further increasing the burden on Manitoba families, while cutting spending on Manitoba's crumbling infrastructure; and
- d) failing to take action to build safe communities as Manitoba has become the violent crime capital of Canada with Winnipeg's murder rate reaching an all time high in 2011; and
- e) failing to recognize the importance of agriculture, food production and rural communities; and
- f) failing to take action to protect Manitobans from future floods and failing to adequately compensate families for past damages; and
- g) failing Manitoba students who scored among the lowest in Canada on national and international reading, math and science tests; and
- h) creating an even bigger sinkhole of debt, now at \$27.6 billion and rising, which as a result will force Manitoba families to pay higher taxes in the years ahead; and
- i) failing to encourage greater trade opportunities with Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan by refusing to join the New West Partnership; and
- j) failing to undertake a review of program spending across all government services; and
- k) failing to tackle the red tape burden that is hurting business and private investment in Manitoba; and
- l) failing to comply with recommendations of the Public Utilities Board to carry out an independent review of Manitoba Hydro's capital program; and

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- m) mismanaging \$35 billion in federal transfer payments received since 2000; and
- n) failing to offer a plan to encourage private investment to create opportunity and wealth so Manitobans can feel hope that our province will one day emerge from the hole of debt and dependency and see a brighter future.

As a consequence, the Provincial Government has thereby lost the confidence of this House and the people of Manitoba.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Messrs. FRIESEN, MARCELINO (Tyndall Park), PEDERSEN, CALDWELL and GOERTZEN and Hon. Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) having spoken.

And Mrs. DRIEDGER speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in her name.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, 2012.

Hon. Daryl REID,
Speaker.