



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 21

FIRST SESSION, FORTIETH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

(No. 9) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Community Use of Schools)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (utilisation communautaire des écoles)

(Hon. Ms. ALLAN)

(No. 10) – The Securities Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les valeurs mobilières

(Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS)

(No. 211) – The Increased Transparency and Accountability Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur la transparence et la responsabilité (modification de diverses dispositions législatives)

(Mrs. STEFANSON)

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the appropriate ministers of the Provincial Government to consider outlining to Parks Canada the importance that a viable recreational facility in the Mount Agassiz area would play in the local and provincial economies and to consider working with all stakeholders, including Parks Canada, to help develop a plan for a viable, multi-season recreation facility in the Mount Agassiz area. (B. Rasmussen, M. Hunter, R. Eastoe and others)

Mr. WISHART – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation to recognize the safety concerns and the negative socioeconomic impact caused by the loss of the bridge and to consider establishing a low level crossing for farm machinery to cross the Portage Diversion a half mile north of Provincial Road 227. (C. Finnie, J. Finnie, K. Yuill 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. (L. Musick, S. Plaziw, B. Preteau and others)

Mr. JHA, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, presented its Fourth Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings:

Your Committee met on the following occasions in the Legislative Building:

- April 4, 2011 (5th Session – 39th Legislature)
- April 23, 2012

Matters under Consideration

- The Annual Report of the Manitoba Lotteries Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010
- The Annual Report of the Manitoba Lotteries Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011

Committee Membership

Committee membership for the April 4, 2011 meeting:

- Hon. Mr. ASHTON
- Ms. BLADY
- Mr. BOROTSIK
- Mr. GRAYDON
- Mr. MARTINDALE
- Mr. PEDERSEN
- Mr. REID (*Chairperson*)
- Mrs. ROWAT
- Mr. SARAN (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. WHITEHEAD
- Mr. WIEBE

Committee membership for the April 23, 2012 meeting:

- Mr. ALTEMEYER
- Hon. Mr. ASHTON
- Mr. BRIESE
- Mr. EWASKO
- Mr. GRAYDON
- Mr. JHA (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. NEVAKSHONOFF
- Hon. Ms. SELBY
- Mrs. STEFANSON
- Hon. Mr. SWAN
- Mr. WIEBE

Your Committee elected Mr. Wiebe as the Vice-Chairperson at the April 23, 2012 meeting.

Officials Speaking on Record

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- Winston Hodgins, MLC President & Chief Executive Officer

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- Bev Mehmel, MLC Director Corporate Social Responsibility

Report Considered and Passed

Your Committee considered and passed the following report as presented:

- The Annual Report of the Manitoba Lotteries Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010

Report Considered but not Passed

Your Committee considered the following report but did not pass it:

- The Annual Report of the Manitoba Lotteries Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011

On motion of Mr. JHA, the Report of the Committee was received.

Hon. Mr. SWAN presented:

Annual Report of the Vehicle Impoundment Registry for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011.
(Sessional Paper No. 22)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Messrs. GRAYDON and WHITEHEAD, Mrs. STEFANSON and Messrs. GAUDREAU and SMOOK made Members' Statements.

In accordance with Rule 31(8), the Government House Leader announced that the Manitoba Volunteers Resolution will be considered on the next Tuesday of Private Members' Business.

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
- 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,

Tuesday, April 24, 2012

And Mrs. DRIEDGER, Hon. Ms. OSWALD, Mr. SMOOK, Hon. Mr. RONDEAU, Mr. HELWER, Hon. Ms. SELBY and Messrs. CULLEN and ALTEMEYER having spoken.

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

During the debate, Mr. Speaker interjected and requested that Members should be referred to by their constituency or their portfolio and that the reference spoken by the Honourable Member for Emerson should be corrected on record.

WHEREUPON Mr. GRAYDON apologized for his remarks.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, 2012.

Hon. Daryl REID,
Speaker.