



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 3

SECOND SESSION, FORTIETH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Hon. Ms. OSWALD, Bill (No. 4) – The Personal Health Information Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les renseignements médicaux personnels, was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. MAGUIRE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation consider abandoning the "Manitoba Freeway" proposal for the junction of PTH 1 and Virden's three intersections—particularly the King Street junction. (L. Lamb, M. Gray, M. Ivey and others)

Mr. WISHART – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the appropriate Ministers of the Provincial Government consider repairing St. Ambrose Provincial Park and its access points to their pre-flood conditions so the park can be re-opened for the 2013 season or earlier if possible. (R. Schultz, A. Horben, L. Kelly and others)

Mr. SMOOK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Health consider reopening the emergency room in Vita as soon as possible and commit to providing adequate medical support for residents of south eastern Manitoba for many years to come. (W. Styletski, V. Irvine, J. Pichlyk and others)

Mr. EWASKO – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation recognize that Lee River Road and Cape Coppermine Road can no longer adequately serve both area residents and tourists and as such consider making improvements to the road to reflect its current use. (S. Bidinosti, R. Bidinosti, C. Lofto and others)

Hon. Mr. SWAN presented:

Annual Report of the Victim Services Complaints for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2012.
(Sessional Paper No. 5)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mrs. MITCHELSON, Messrs. GAUDREAU, HELWER and WHITEHEAD and Hon. Mr. GERRARD made Members' Statements.

The House resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Proposed Motion of Mr. GAUDREAU:

THAT the following address be presented to His Honour the Administrator:

We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba thank your Honour for the gracious speech addressed to us at this Second Session of the Fortieth Legislature of Manitoba.

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. PALLISTER having spoken,

And Mr. PALLISTER moved an amendment as follows:

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

But this House regrets:

- a) That despite record tax increases and record increases in transfers from other jurisdictions, the Provincial Government continues to spend beyond its means to the detriment of future generations; and
- b) That despite record tax increases and record increases in transfers from other jurisdictions, the Provincial Government has doubled the provincial debt; and
- c) That despite record tax increases and record increases in transfers from other jurisdictions, Manitoba remains the child poverty capital of Canada; and
- d) That despite record tax increases and record increases in transfers from other jurisdictions, Manitoba food bank usage is at record high levels including the highest percentage of children using food banks in Canada; and
- e) That despite record tax increases and record increases in transfers from other jurisdictions, Manitoba's infrastructure deficit is not being addressed and roads and bridges are in disrepair; and
- f) That despite record tax increases and record increases in transfers from other jurisdictions, many recent flood victims have still not received adequate compensation for their losses; and
- g) That despite record tax increases and record increases in transfers from other jurisdictions, long wait times in emergency rooms and for surgeries continue to put the health of Manitobans at risk; and

- h) That despite record tax increases and record increases in transfers from other jurisdictions, many seniors face long wait times for long-term care beds; and
- i) That despite record tax increases and record increases in transfers from other jurisdictions, Manitoba students continue to score at or near the bottom in core subjects such as math, reading and science; and
- j) That despite record tax increases and record increases in transfers from other jurisdictions, Manitoba universities are still ranked near the bottom compared to their Canadian counterparts; and
- k) That despite record tax increases and record increases in transfers from other jurisdictions, there continues to be a critical shortage of affordable housing; and
- l) That despite record tax increases and record increases in transfers from other jurisdictions, the Provincial Government insists on politically interfering with Crown Corporations in an attempt to siphon more money from them and from Manitobans; and
- m) That despite record tax increases and record increases in transfers from other jurisdictions, Manitoba remains the violent crime capital of Canada and gangs continue to flourish; and
- n) That despite record tax increases and record increases in transfers from other jurisdictions, many Aboriginal Manitobans still live in poverty and their communities lack basic services; and
- o) That despite record tax increases and record increases in transfers from other jurisdictions, many farm sectors do not receive adequate support when circumstances beyond their control impact food production; and
- p) That despite record tax increases and record increases in transfers from other jurisdictions, far too many Manitobans are leaving to live in other provinces.

As a consequence of these and many other failings, the Provincial Government has thereby lost the trust and confidence of this House.

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK and Mrs. DRIEDGER having spoken.

And Ms. WIGHT 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. Thursday, November 22, 2012.

Hon. Daryl REID,
Speaker.