



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 4

FOURTH SESSION, THIRTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYERS

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. EICHLER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Premier of Manitoba to consider covering the cost of insulin pumps that are prescribed by an Endocrinologist or Medical Doctor under the Manitoba Health Insurance Plan. (V. Slater, R. W. Burgess, E. Olson and others)

Mr. SCHULER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Premier to consider amending The Architects Act to provide engineers an exemption similar to that enjoyed by the architects under The Engineering and Geoscientific Professions Act. (A. Dilschneider, D. Park, S. Handberg and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to consider the need to seek clarification on why the Government did not act on fixing the Crocus fund back in 2001. (M. Townsley, R. Townsley, M. Townsley and others)

Mrs. ROWAT – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Transportation and Government Service to consider hardsurfacing of the unpaved portion of PR #340, south of Canadian Forces Base Shilo towards Wawanesa. (B. Wester, D. Emmett, H. Walsh and others)

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

(No. 5) – The Dental Hygienists Act/Loi sur les hygiénistes dentaires

(Hon. Mr. SALE)

(No. 6) – The Dental Association Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Association dentaire

(Hon. Mr. SALE)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Messrs. MURRAY, JHA, CULLEN, JENNISSEN and LAMOUREUX made Members' Statements.

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

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 Fourth Session of the Thirty-Eighth Legislature of Manitoba.

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

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

But this House regrets

(a) the government's failure to acknowledge the escalating debt of our province, now in excess of \$20 billion, and its failure to commit to a comprehensive debt reduction strategy; and

(b) the government's failure to stem its insatiable spending habit; and

(c) the government's failure to present a plan to address the fact that Manitoba is the highest taxed province throughout all of Canada; and

(d) the government's failure to commit to the complete elimination of all education tax off of residential property and farmland; and

(e) the government's failure to address the fact that since 1999 gangs have flourished in Manitoba, including the establishment of the Hell's Angels, Bandidos, Mad Cowz and African Mafia; and

(f) the government's failure to address the escalating levels of gang activity, violent crime and property crime, including the fact that Manitoba has been the scene of numerous biker related murders and attempted murders and the murder of an innocent bystander; and

(g) the government's failure to implement the additional complement of police officers as promised in the 2005-2006 budget; and

(h) the government's failure to commit to not closing or converting rural hospitals; and

(i) the government's failure to address the doctor shortages, emergency room closures and downgraded health care services throughout rural Manitoba; and

(j) the government's failure to commit to addressing the doctor shortage in Brandon; and

(k) the government's failure to provide any meaningful and effective strategy to address growing wait lists throughout Manitoba; and

- (l) the government's failure to consider, within a publicly funded, single-payer health care system, the development of public-private partnerships for the delivery of health care services; and
- (m) the government's failure to have an effective plan in place to deal with the threat of a pandemic flu outbreak; and
- (n) the government's failure to initiate a review of health care regionalization; and
- (o) the government's failure to provide any strategy and support to Manitobans who are forced to travel by ambulance to access health care services not available in their communities and who are assessed enormous bills for those transfers; and
- (p) the government's failure to develop a plan to address the crumbling infrastructure within the City of Winnipeg and throughout the Province of Manitoba; and
- (q) the government's failure to support the desperate plight of agriculture producers given the flood conditions and the inability to grow a crop during this current growing season; and
- (r) the government's failure to move ahead in the development of slaughter capacity after two and a half years of the BSE crisis; and
- (s) the government's failure to call an independent public inquiry into the Crocus Fund scandal; and
- (t) the government's failure to address the Seven Oaks School Division scandal and its failure to admit to its mishandling of the Morris MacDonald School Division Adult Learning Program; and
- (u) the government's failure to resolve the retired teacher's COLA issue; and
- (v) the government's failure to develop a long-term economic strategy to address stagnant job growth and make Manitoba a "have" province; and
- (w) the government's failure to develop a long-term strategy addressing the out-migration of our best and brightest; and
- (x) the government's failure to commit to strengthening the role and function of the Public Accounts Committee; and
- (y) the government's failure to implement a strategy for predictable, long term and sustainable funding for post-secondary education; and
- (z) the government's failure to provide a strategy for the protection of clean water throughout the Province of Manitoba.

AND HAS THEREBY lost the trust and confidence of the people of Manitoba and this House.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Messrs. SANTOS and SCHULER and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

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

THAT the Motion be amended by deleting items (d), (l) and (n) in the amendment, and by adding at the end of item (z) the following words:

(aa) the government's failure to commit to completely eliminate all education tax off farmland, and to move to 80% provincial funding of education, instead of the present level of less than 60%.

(bb) the government's failure to commit to legislate a legal right to timely access to quality health care and to provide for an approach which implements this right.

(cc) the government's failure to commit to the principle of accountability in the delivery of public health care services in Manitoba

(dd) the government's failure to provide for and to deliver on a vision for its direction in health care in Manitoba as exemplified by the closure of the maternity ward at Victoria General Hospital without an adequate plan for the future.

(ee) the government's failure to recognize the importance of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders and the government's failure to adequately provide for the critical need to diagnose and treat this condition well and to reduce the incidence of FASD and crime in Manitoba.

(ff) the government's failure to adequately address the causes of crime,

(gg) the government's failure to address poverty in Manitoba including overhauling the present social assistance system.

(hh) the government's failure to provide for an adequate approach to drainage and water management in Manitoba in order to provide for better support for farmers

(ii) the government's failure to recognize the urgent need to contain the leakage of toxic metals and other chemicals from the very large toxic waste tailings pile at Sherridon in northern Manitoba

(jj) the government's failure to develop a plan to restore the walleye (pickerel) fishery on Lake Winnipegosis to its historic levels.

(kk) the government's failure to deliver on their promise of establishing, in cooperation with the federal government, the Lowland's National Park.

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(ll) the government's failure to provide for an adequate plan to develop the tourism industry in Manitoba

(mm) the government's failure to work cooperatively with the Metis people in Manitoba in order to improve conditions for all Manitobans

(nn) the government's failure to commit to a process leading to electoral reform and improved democracy in Manitoba

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

And the debate continuing on the sub-amendment,

And Mrs. STEFANSON, Messrs. REID and EICHLER and Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS having spoken,

And Mr. GOERTZEN 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 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 2, 2005.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.