



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 4

SECOND SESSION, THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

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

(No. 3) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act/Loi modifiant le Code de la route

(Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK)

(No. 202) – The Health Services Amendment and Health Services Insurance Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services de santé et la Loi sur l'assurance-maladie

(Hon. Mr. GERRARD)

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. MAGUIRE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Health to consider taking serious action to fill the nursing vacancies at personal care homes in the Town of Virden and to consider reopening the beds that have been closed as a result of this nursing shortage and to consider prioritizing the needs of those seniors that have been moved out of their community by committing to move those individuals back into Virden as soon as beds become available. (W. R. Gardner, N. Cannon, M. Delvenne and others)

Mrs. TAILLIEU – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation to consider making the completion of the dividing of the Trans Canada Highway in Headingley in 2008 an urgent Provincial Government priority and to consider evaluating whether any other steps can be taken to improve motorist safety while the dividing of the Trans Canada Highway in Headingley is being completed. (J. Ham, J. Milowski, L. Milowski and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Premier and his Government to recognize and acknowledge how important immigration is to our province by improving and strengthening the Provincial Nominee Program. (J. Tan, J. B. Tan, A. Tan and others)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mrs. STEFANSON, Ms. KORZENIOWSKI, Messrs. FAURSCHOU, JENNISSEN and CULLEN made Members' Statements.

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

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 Second Session of the Thirty-Ninth Legislature of Manitoba.

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

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

But this House regrets

- (a) the government's misguided directive to Manitoba Hydro to construct the BiPole III transmission line on the west side of the province, resulting in more than \$500 million in additional capital costs, 40 megawatts of line loss and more than \$17 million annually in lost sale revenues; and
- (b) the government's refusal to provide answers to the 34,000 Manitobans who lost over \$100 million of their savings in the Crocus Investment Fund scandal; and
- (c) the government's failure to ensure that the safety of children in the care of Child and Family Services is a paramount consideration; and
- (d) the government's mismanagement of the health care system, resulting in a shortage of health care professionals, bloated bureaucracies, lengthy wait times for diagnostic tests and treatments, and the closure of 14 rural emergency rooms; and
- (e) the government's wasteful expenditure of \$3 million on the ineffective Spirited Energy campaign; and
- (f) the government's complacency towards making Manitoba competitive with other western provinces, particularly Saskatchewan; and
- (g) the government's failure to make Manitoba an attractive place for our young people, resulting in the loss of 35,000 Manitobans who have left for greener pastures in other provinces; and
- (h) the government's growing dependence on federal transfer payments; and
- (i) the government's cancellation of the previous government's debt repayment plan and failure to apply some of the record federal transfer revenues to reduce debt, leaving a legacy of debt to our children and grandchildren; and
- (j) the government's failure to address the unprecedented number of shootings and criminals in possession of illegal firearms; and
- (k) the government's lack of efforts to develop strategies to help the agricultural sector dealing with challenges such as the effects of the rising Canadian dollar, high input costs, and the potential effects of Country of Origin Labelling, among others; and

(l) the government's inability to facilitate and promote the development of a strong and vibrant rural economy; and

(m) the government's ineffectiveness in addressing ongoing infrastructure challenges in key areas such as bridges, highways, roads, sewage and water treatment, and telecommunications such as rural broadband; and

(n) the government's lack of a long-term strategy to address education infrastructure needs in rapidly growing communities; and

(o) the government's chronic under-funding of our post-secondary institutions for almost a decade; and

(p) the government's inaction on important environmental initiatives in spite of countless announcements and promises of action, including improving the health of Lake Winnipeg, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and moving forward on a Progressive Conservative proposal to implement a beverage container deposit return system; and

(q) the government's broken promises to end hallway medicine, put in place a Privacy Commissioner, and make our communities safer; and

(r) the government's lack of fairness and accountability in important areas of government such as the awarding of contracts, elections legislation, legislative committees and privacy legislation; and

(s) the government's demonstrated disrespect for the role of a provincial government by acting as a property developer, thereby putting taxpayers' dollars at risk; and

(t) the government's mismanagement of Manitoba Housing and its failure to address the deplorable conditions that low income Manitobans have been forced to endure, such as bed bugs, mould, and chronic violence and drug activity within public housing.

AND AS A CONSEQUENCE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS THEREBY lost the trust and confidence of the people of Manitoba and this House.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Ms. HOWARD, Messrs. DERKACH and ALTEMEYER having spoken.

And Mr. BRIESE speaking at 12:30 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

The House then adjourned at 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, November 26, 2007.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.