



PRAYERS

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Prior to Routine Proceedings, Hon. Mr. GERRARD rose on a Matter of Privilege and moved:

That this Matter of Privilege I have raised be referred to the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs.

And Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH, Mr. DERKACH, Hon. Mr. DOER and Mr. LAMOUREUX having spoken.

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker informed the House he would take the matter under advisement.

The following petitions were presented:

Mr. HAWRANIK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Transportation and Government Services consider rebuilding and reconstructing the 19 kilometres of PR #313 East of PR #315 to Pointe du Bois at the earliest opportunity. (L. Campbell, V. Lange, E. Jones and others)

Mr. DYCK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Transportation and Government Services to consider honouring the previous commitment and complete the four-laning of highway 32 through the City of Winkler, absorbing all costs related to the construction, as previously agreed; to consider the responsibility of the Department of Transportation and Government Services for the construction of rural highways; to consider the significant and strategic importance of the completion of four-laning highway 32 through the City of Winkler, especially as it relates to the economic growth and development of the City of Winkler and its trading area; and to consider the valuable contribution of the City of Winkler and its trading area to the provincial economy, and re-prioritize the four-laning of highway 32 for the 2004 construction season. (A. Brown, C. Schulz, H. Letkeman and others)

Mrs. DRIEDGER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to consider supporting the proposed Co-op program. (B. Cohen, P. Davis, P. Verma and others)

Mrs. MITCHELSON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Premier of Manitoba notify the City of Winnipeg that the Provincial Government will not allow an increase of the sales tax without a referendum being held as required under Balanced Budget legislation. (B. Siemens, B. Roscoe, V. Mueller and others)

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Finance and Auditor General to consider undertaking a thorough investigation of the provincial management of the walleye fishery on Lake Winnipegosis. (E. Wright, R. McKay, C. Fleming and others)

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

(No. 10) –The Gaming Control Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Commission de régie du jeu

(Hon. Mr. SALE)

(No. 13) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Appropriate Educational Programming)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (programmes d'éducation appropriés)

(Hon. Mr. BJORNSON)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Messrs. AGLUGUB, EICHLER, JENNISSON, DERKACH and LAMOUREUX made Members' Statements.

By leave, it was agreed that the House would adjourn at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26, 2003 with the understanding that this day will be considered as a day of debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

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

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-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 inability to fulfill the promises outlined in its Throne Speech of November 27, 2002, including the following failures: failing to build the economy, failing to enhance health care, and failing to open 1,000 new cottage lots and 1,000 new camp-sites; and

- (b) the government's failure to meaningfully address the growing concerns related to organized crime including the fact that since November 2000 Manitoba has been the scene of 37 biker-related murders and attempted murders; and
- (c) the government's failure to develop a long-term economic strategy to address anaemic job growth; and
- (d) the government's failure to adequately address the BSE crisis and to provide workable programs for producers, thereby threatening not only the stability of the livestock sector but all those other sectors in Manitoba's economic that are so reliant on its well-being; and
- (e) the government's failure to recognize and encourage the important role private sector involvement has in growing Manitoba's economy; and
- (f) the government's failure to acknowledge that balanced budgets have only been achieved through significant raids on Manitoba Hydro and the Fiscal Stabilization Fund; and
- (g) the government's failure to initiate a review of health care regionalization; and
- (h) the government's failure to develop a long-term economic and taxation strategy to address Manitoba's uncompetitive personal and business tax levels; and
- (i) the government's failure to provide a strategy ensuring two-thirds of all nursing positions in Manitoba are full-time by the spring of 2004 as previously committed; and
- (j) the government's failure to follow through on their commitment to ensure access to education for special needs students.

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. JHA, EICHLER, NEVAKSHONOFF and PENNER, Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK and Mr. GOERTZEN having spoken.

And Mr. ALTEMEYER speaking at 5:30 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name

The House then adjourned at 5:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 26, 2003.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.