Monday, May 8, 2000



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SITTING AT 1:30 P.M.

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(No. 6) – The Water Resources Conservation and Protection and Consequential Amendments Act/Loi sur la conservation et la protection des ressources hydriques et modifications corrélatives (Mr. MAGUIRE)

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(No. 7) – The Protection for Persons in Care Act/Loi sur la protection des personnes recevant des soins

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(No. 8) – The Enforcement of Judgments Conventions and Consequential Amendments Act/Loi sur les conventions relatives à l'exécution des jugements et modifications corrélatives (Mr. PRAZNIK)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX -

(No. 10) – The Cooperatives Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les coopératives [Mr. PENNER (Steinbach)]

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. ASHTON -

(No. 14) – The Provincial Railways Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les chemins de fer provinciaux

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On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. LATHLIN-

(No. 15) – The Water Rights Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les droits d'utilisation de l'eau

(Mr. MAGUIRE)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Ms. BARRETT –

(No. 18) – The Labour Relations Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les relations du travail (Mr. SCHULER)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. LATHLIN –

(No. 21) – The Water Resources Administration Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'aménagement hydraulique

(Mr. MAGUIRE)

SECOND READINGS:

(No. 22) – The Court of Queen's Bench Surrogate Practice Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la pratique relative aux successions devant la Cour du Banc de la Reine (Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH) (Printed)

(No. 23) – The Jury Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les jurés (Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH) (Printed)

(No. 24) – The Personal Property Security Amendment and Various Acts Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les sûretés relatives aux biens personnels et d'autres dispositions législatives (Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX) (Printed)

(No. 25) – The Interpretation and Consequential Amendments Act/Loi d'interprétation et modifications corrélatives

(Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH) (Printed)

(No. 26) – The Court of Queen's Bench Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Cour du Banc de la Reine

(Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH) (Printed)

DEBATE ON GOVERNMENT MOTION:

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK -

WHEREAS excess rainfall in the fall of 1998 and spring of 1999 resulted in over one million acres of land going unseeded, primarily in the southwest, but also in other areas of the province; and

WHEREAS the federal government has recognized the disaster situation and is compensating people for mould and other property damage under the Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements (DFAA); and

WHEREAS farmers lost chemical and fertilizer inputs and incurred extra costs to restore their land and for weed control, at the same time as they had no 1999 crop to sell; and

WHEREAS the Manitoba Government has repeatedly requested support from the federal government, which has the lead responsibility for disaster financing, for farmers who sustained damage to their land; and

WHEREAS the Manitoba Government pursued support for compensation under Section 25 of the DFAA, which specifies loss of applied fertilizer and land restoration and was turned down by the federal government; and

WHEREAS the Manitoba Government requested a Canada/Manitoba agreement for the provision of assistance similar to the levels provided in the 1996 Saguenay River Flood, the 1997 Red River Valley Flood and the 1998 Eastern Canada Ice storm, and the federal government has refused; and

WHEREAS there has been all-party cooperation on lobbying the federal government for assistance for Manitoba farmers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the federal government to reconsider its position on funding for the 1999 flooding which occurred throughout the province, but specifically in the southwest, and include loss of applied fertilizer and land restoration as eligible costs under the DFAA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the federal government to consider programs and assistance similar to that provided for disasters such as the 1996 Saguenay River Flood, the 1997 Red River Valley Flood and the 1998 Eastern Canada ice storm.

And the Proposed Motion of Mr. PENNER (Emerson) in amendment thereto as follows:

THAT the motion be amended by adding the following after the first "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED" clause:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the current Government of Manitoba acknowledge that, to date, the assistance it has provided to farmers affected by the 1999 flood has been insufficient, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the Manitoba Government is unable to secure support for 1999 Manitoba flood victims under the DFAA, that the Manitoba Government consider negotiating a 50-50 cost-shared program with the Federal Government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should the Manitoba Government fail to come to agreement with the Federal Government on a cost-shared disaster assistance program, that the Manitoba Government ensure all Manitobans that the monies required to alleviate the disaster will be included in the 2000/2001 Budget.

(Ms. CERILLI – 24 mins.)

GOVERNMENT MOTION:

Hon. Mr. DOER –

WHEREAS the Manitoba portion of the Hudson Bay Basin is essential to the social, economic and environmental well-being of our Province; and

WHEREAS the Manitoba portion of the Hudson Bay Basin provides potable water for 100,000 Manitobans, employment for 3500 Manitobans in the fishing industry– an industry that generates \$25 million for Manitoba and Canada each year-, a vibrant tourism industry, and a way of life for aboriginal communities; and

WHEREAS the Manitoba portion of the Hudson Bay Basin is critical to sustaining the ecosystems of our Province; and

WHEREAS the State of North Dakota has proposed the construction of an outlet that would divert water out of Devils Lake and into the Sheyenne River and subsequently into the Red River; and

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has raised serious concerns about the potential effects of the Devils Lake outlet proposal on water quality in Manitoba including high salt content, possible biota transfer, and possible fish pathogens that could enter the Manitoba portion of the Hudson Bay Basin; and

WHEREAS as recently as 1993, the State of North Dakota was advocating for the construction of an inlet into Devils Lake from the Missouri River Basin and as recently as 1997, the Governor of North Dakota re-iterated his support for an inlet; and

WHEREAS the combination of an inlet and an outlet at Devils Lake would constitute a new version of the Garrison diversion project and would have potentially devastating effects on the Manitoba portion of the Hudson Bay basin.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba oppose the unilateral diversion of water into the Red River by the State of North Dakota either through the Devils Lake outlet proposal or through a reformulated Garrison Diversion proposal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba call on the governments of the United States and Canada to ensure that there is a complete and comprehensive environmental impact statement on the Devils Lake outlet proposal that includes potential impacts on Canadian waters; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba support the Provincial government in calling for the public release of all studies done to date on the potential impacts of the Devils Lake outlet.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:

- 6. Mr. DYCK Commercialization in the Classroom
- 7. Mr. GILLESHAMMER Foreign Trade
- 8. Mr. PITURA Enhancing the Viability of the Port of Churchill

- 9. Mr. ENNS Water Use Strategy
- 10. Mrs. DACQUAY Continuation of the Previous Government's Tourism Initiatives
- 11. Mr. NEVAKSHONOFF Aboriginal and Inner City Representation
- 12. Mr. STRUTHERS Support of Agriculture
- 13. Mr. DEWAR Aboriginal Veteran Thomas George Prince
- 14. Mr. MAGUIRE Problems with the Federal Government's Proposed Endangered Species Legislation
- 15. Mr. REID EI Surplus
- 16. Mr. HELWER Youth Entrepreneurs and Employment
- 17. Mr. FILMON Balanced Budget Legislation
- 18. Mr. PENNER (Emerson) Rural Diversification
- 19. Mrs. DRIEDGER Child Pornography
- 20. Ms. ALLAN Nunavut
- 21. Mr. CUMMINGS Lack of a Federal Contribution to Highways Programs
- 22. Mr. FILMON The Importance of Enacting Workfare
- 23. Mrs. SMITH (Fort Garry) Accountability In Education
- 24. Ms. Allan CRTC
- 25. Mr. PRAZNIK Enhancing Community Policing Efforts
- 26. Mr. ROCAN Rate Payer Protection and Crown Corporations
- 27. Mr. STEFANSON Quarterly Health Progress Reports
- 28. Mr. REIMER Continuation of the Canada-Manitoba Infrastructure Works Program
- 29. Mr. MALOWAY The Tobin Tax
- 30. Mr. MAGUIRE The Impact of the 1999 Manitoba Flood
- 31. Ms. CERILLI Multi-Lateral Agreement on Investment and the World Trade Organization
- 32. Mr. LAURENDEAU The Film Industry
- 33. Hon. Mr. GERRARD Compensation for 1999 Spring Flooding to Southwestern Manitoba

- 34. Ms. ASPER Measuring and Enhancing the Effectiveness of Computer Assisted Training
- 35. Mr. SMITH (Brandon West) Port of Churchill
- 36. Mr. HELWER Employment Insurance Surplus
- 37. Hon. Mr. GERRARD Compensation to Business of Southwestern Manitoba affected by the 1999 Flooding Conditions
- 38. Ms. KORZENIOWSKI International Year of Older Persons
- 39. Mrs. SMITH (Fort Garry) Youth News Network and School Board Autonomy
- 40. Mr. SCHULER Manitoba Federation of Labor's Position on Taxes
- 41. Mr. SCHULER Property Tax Cuts
- 42. Mr. DERKACH Tuition Fees Freeze
- 43. Ms. KORZENIOWSKI Airline Restructuring in Canada
- 44. Mr. PRAZNIK Youth Criminal Justice Act
- 45. Mr. PENNER (Steinbach) Federal Immigration Policy
- 46. Mr. STEFANSON Health Care Promises
- 47. Mr. TWEED -32 Hour Work Week
- 48. Mr. PITURA Sustainable Development
- 49. Mr. JENNISSEN Sayisi Dene
- 50. Mrs. MITCHELSON Number of Beds Added
- 51. Mr. REIMER Telemarketing Fraud
- 52. Mrs. DRIEDGER Organ Donations
- 53. Mr. LAURENDEAU Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
- 54. Mr. DERKACH Doubling Community Colleges Enrolment
- 55. Mr. RONDEAU School Breakfast Program
- 56. Mr. CUMMINGS School Safety
- 57. Mr. MARTINDALE Habitat for Humanity
- 58. Mr. PENNER (Steinbach) Business Development Strategies

- 59. Mr. LOEWEN Manitoba Hydro and Downtown Revitalization
- 60. Mr. NEVAKSHONOFF Crown Lands
- 61. Mr. AGLUGUB Immigration Levels
- 62. Ms. CERILLI Recreation Opportunities in Manitoba
- 63. Mr. SCHELLENBERG Automated Teller Machines (ATMs)
- 64. Mr. MALOWAY Credit Card Interest Rates
- 65. Mr. DEWAR Dredging of Red River in Interlake Region
- 66. Mr. SANTOS Professional and Technical Accreditation
- 67. Mr. MARTINDALE Sinclair Park Kids at Risk Program
- 68. Mr. SANTOS Partisan Political Contributions
- 69. Mr. ROCAN State of the Canadian Grain Industry
- 70. Mr. AGLUGUB Immigration Application and Landing Fees
- 71. Mr. REID Fuel Taxes
- 72. Mr. SCHELLENBERG Water Exports
- 73. Mr. GILLESHAMMER Canada-US Agricultural Trade Disputes
- 74. Mr. STRUTHERS Garrison & Devils Lake Diversions
- 75. Mr. DYCK Continuation of the Children First Strategy
- 76. Mr. SMITH (Brandon West) A Non-Partisan Committee on Defining Agricultural Disasters
- 77. Mr. PENNER (Emerson) Agricultural Income Disaster Assistance (AIDA)
- 78. Mr. JENNISSEN VIA
- 79. Mr. ENNS Railway Running Rights
- 80. Ms. ASPER Culture of Peace
- 81. Mr. RONDEAU Literacy
- 1. Mrs. DACQUAY Breast Health Awareness (Ms. CERILLI – 14 mins./123 mins. remaining)
- 2. Mr. FAURSCHOU Graduated Driver's Licenses (Mr. RONDEAU – 4 mins./126 mins. remaining)

- 3. Mr. FAURSCHOU Post Secondary Education Accessibility and Affordability (Mr. STRUTHERS 12 mins./124 mins. remaining)
- 4. Mrs. MITCHELSON Nurses Recruitment and Retention (Hon. Mr. ASHTON - 8 mins./125 mins. remaining)
- 5. Mr. LOEWEN REDI Program Success [Mr. SMITH (Brandon West) – 14 mins./123 mins. remaining]

NOTICE PAPER

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WEDNESDAY NEXT:

Mr. Reimer –

(No. 200) – The Lotteries Accountability and Consequential Amendments Act/Loi sur l'obligation redditionnelle en matière de loteries et modifications corrélatives