


Wednesday, July 4, 2001

	LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA
	ORDER PAPER No. 57 And NOTICE PAPER
	SECOND SESSION, THIRTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYERS

SITTING AT 1:30 P.M.

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Mr. LOEWEN
Mrs. DRIEDGER

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Mr. LOEWEN
Mrs. DRIEDGER

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Hon. Mr. CALDWELL –

(No. 18) – The Teachers' Pensions Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la pension de retraite des enseignants

(amended – Committee)
[Amendment (1) – Mrs. SMITH (Fort Garry)]

DEBATE ON CONCURRENCE AND THIRD READINGS:

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH –

(No. 10) – The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods and Consequential Amendments Act/Loi visant à accroître la sécurité des collectivités et des quartiers et modifications corrélatives

(Hon. Mr. GERRARD)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Ms. MCGIFFORD –

(No. 17) – The Student Aid Act/Loi sur l'aide aux étudiants

(Mr. DERKACH)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. SMITH (Brandon West) –

(No. 24) – The Liquor Control Amendment and Consequential Amendments Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools et modifications corrélatives

(Mr. LAURENDEAU)

CONCURRENCE AND THIRD READINGS:

Hon. Mr. SELINGER –

(No. 7) – The Manitoba Hydro Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Hydro-Manitoba

Hon. Ms. BARRETT –

(No. 21) – The Manitoba Ethnocultural Advisory and Advocacy Council Act/Loi sur le Conseil ethnoculturel manitobain de consultation et de revendication

Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK –

(No. 22) – The Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation Amendment and Consequential Amendments Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Fondation de traitement du cancer et de recherche en cancérologie et modifications corrélatives

Hon. Mr. SMITH (Brandon West) –

(No. 26) – The Winnipeg Commodity Exchange Restructuring Act/Loi sur la réorganisation de la Bourse des marchandises de Winnipeg

Hon. Mr. SELINGER –

(No. 27) – The Manitoba Hydro Amendment Act (2)/Loi n° 2 modifiant la Loi sur l'Hydro-Manitoba

Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK –

(No. 40) – The Podiatrists Act/Loi sur les podiatres
(amended – Committee)

Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK –

(No. 42) – The Regulated Health Professions Statutes Amendment Act/Loi modifiant diverses lois sur les professions de la santé réglementées

DEBATE ON SECOND READINGS:

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. SELINGER –

(No. 47) – The Budget Implementation and Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2001/Loi d'exécution du budget de 2001 et modifiant diverses dispositions législatives en matière de fiscalité
(Mr. LOEWEN)

MOTIONS:

THAT the House resolve into the Committee of Supply.

THAT the House resolve into the Committee of Ways and Means.

OPPOSITION DAY MOTION – Wednesday, July 4, 2001:

Mr. REIMER –

WHEREAS Manitobans desire an open, honest and accountable government; and

WHEREAS the Premier of Manitoba did state on May 10, 2001 on CBC - TV news that, "The VLT money is up to \$1.5 million a year" in the proposed arena project; and

WHEREAS the Premier of Manitoba, to date, refuses to acknowledge he made this commitment to Manitobans; and

WHEREAS on June 27, 2001 the Premier of Manitoba did state in the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba that, "We feel that the term sheet is very, very consistent with what we have said verbally."

WHEREAS on page 8 of the True North Entertainment Complex Limited Partnership and the Government of Canada, the Government of Manitoba, the City of Winnipeg Term Sheet it indicates that the True North L.P. will be allocated 75% of the first \$2.0 million of annual gross revenues from the VLTs; and

WHEREAS in the event that annual gross revenues exceed \$2.0 million the revenue allocation formula may be adjusted downward to provide 20% of gross revenues to the True North L.P.; and

WHEREAS according to the criteria for VLT distribution, the coin in threshold for a single VLT in an establishment in the City of Winnipeg is \$432; and

WHEREAS 50 VLTs in the City of Winnipeg must, according to the criteria for VLT distribution, take in a minimum coin threshold of \$7,884,000 per year to avoid redistribution; and

WHEREAS according to page 8 of the Term Sheet, the Siteholder Agreement shall be 25 years; and

WHEREAS the True North L.P. may realize \$2,676,800 annually in VLT revenues; and

WHEREAS these numbers directly contradict the Premier of Manitoba's statement that, "The VLT money is up to \$1.5 million a year"; and

WHEREAS Winnipeg Liberal MP, Anita Neville was reported on June 24, 2001 in the *Winnipeg Sun* to have expressed an interest in seeing the project's business plan; and

WHEREAS Ms. Neville further advised that the federal government's proposed \$10 million contribution to the building was definitely not a done deal; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Auditor has publicly stated in the *Winnipeg Sun* on June 27, 2001 that, "There seems to be a general concern about the project in the community... We could add confirmation in our report to citizens"; and

WHEREAS under Section 15(1) of The Provincial Auditor Act, ..." the Lieutenant Governor in Council or the member of the Executive Council charged with the administration of The Financial Administration Act, may, at any time, direct the Provincial Auditor to make an examination and audit of the accounts of any person, branch, commission, board, department or agency of the government, in any way receiving, paying, or accounting for, public moneys and report thereon to him, and the Provincial Auditor shall forthwith make the examination, audit and report as directed, if in his opinion the making of the examination, audit and report does not interfere with his primary responsibilities; and

WHEREAS the True North Entertainment Complex Limited Partnership is, under the Term Sheet dated May 14, 2001, to be the recipient of a minimum \$13 million from the Province of Manitoba; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly urge the Manitoba Government to consider requesting the Provincial Auditor to make an examination and audit of the True North Entertainment Complex Limit Partnership including all aspects of public moneys allocated to the project; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly urge the Manitoba Government to consider providing all necessary financial documentation related to the project including a business plan to the Provincial Auditor as soon as possible.