

Wednesday, April 15, 1998



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 31

FOURTH SESSION, THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYERS

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petitions were presented:

Mr. MALOWAY - Minister of Health to put an end to the centralization and privatization of Winnipeg hospital food services (S. Taylor, K. Cox, B. Griffin and others)

Mr. HICKES - Minister of Health to put an end to the centralization and privatization of Winnipeg hospital food services (D. Reid, D. Prazno and A. Dancer)

By leave, the following petitions were read and received:

Mr. MALOWAY - Minister of Health to put an end to the centralization and privatization of Winnipeg hospital food services (P. Rinehart, K. Martin and E. Bairil)

Mr. HICKES - Minister of Health to put an end to the centralization and privatization of Winnipeg hospital food services (D. Louriero, E. Swiston, D. Webb and others)

The following petition was read and received:

Ms. FRIESEN - Minister of Health to put an end to the centralization and privatization of Winnipeg hospital food services (J. Brown, J. Dobbie, B. King and others)

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Mr. LAURENDEAU, Chairperson of the Committee of Supply, presented the Report of the Proceedings of the Committee of April 14, 1998, as follows:

IN THE COMMITTEE

The following Resolution was adopted:

13.3 RESOLVED that there be granted to HER MAJESTY a sum not exceeding NINE HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHT THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS for RURAL DEVELOPMENT:

SMALL BUSINESS AND CORPORATE PLANNING SERVICES	\$998,800.00
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for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1999.

Resolution was reported.

Report was received and the Committee of Supply obtained leave to sit again.

Hon. Mrs. MITCHELSON presented:

Annual Report of the Children's Advocate for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1997.
(Sessional Paper No. 159)

Hon. Mrs. VODREY presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review - 1998-1999 - Manitoba Status of Women.
(Sessional Paper No. 160)

Prior to Orders of the Day, Madam Speaker made the following ruling:

On March 24, 1998 during Question Period, the Opposition House Leader raised a two-part point of order respecting an answer provided by the Honourable Minister of Rural Development to a question posed by the Honourable Member for Swan River. In the first part of the point of order, the Honourable Minister was called on to table a letter he referenced in the answer, and in the second part of the point of order, it was suggested that the latter part of the answer was inappropriate editorial comment.

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In reading the Hansard record, it is clear that the Minister of Rural Development did not read from a letter, therefore he is not obligated to table it. This is based on Beaudesne citation 495(7) which indicates that when a letter, even though it may have been written originally as a private letter, becomes part of a record of a department, it becomes a public document and if quoted by a Minister in debate, must be tabled on request.

A Manitoba precedent in a Speaker's ruling given on September 18, 1989 reinforces our parliamentary practice that in order for a Minister to be required to table a letter, he or she must have quoted from it. Therefore, there was no point of order respecting the tabling of the letter.

Concerning the "editorial comment" made by the Minister, having read Hansard, I would concur with the Opposition House Leader and rule that there was a point of order. When answering questions, the Minister should deal with the matter raised in the question and should not provoke debate.

Pursuant to Rule 20(1), Messrs. ROCAN, JENNISSEN and DYCK, Ms. FRIESEN and Mr. EVANS (Brandon East) made Members' Statements.

Hon. Mr. PRAZNIK moved:

THAT Bill (No. 20) - The Medical Amendment Act; Loi modifiant la Loi médicale, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. PRAZNIK having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mr. JENNISSEN, adjourned.

Hon. Mr. NEWMAN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 21) - The Communities Economic Development Fund Amendment Act; Loi modifiant la Loi sur le Fonds de développement économique local, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. NEWMAN having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mr. MARTINDALE, adjourned.

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Hon. Mr. ENNS moved:

THAT Bill (No. 22) - The Veterinary Services Amendment Act; Loi modifiant la Loi sur les soins vétérinaires, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. ENNS having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mr. MARTINDALE, adjourned.

Hon. Mr. ENNS moved:

THAT Bill (No. 24) - The Crop Insurance Amendment Act; Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'assurance-récolte, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. ENNS having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mr. MARTINDALE, adjourned.

Hon. Mr. FINDLAY moved:

THAT Bill (No. 25) - The Highway Traffic Amendment Act; Loi modifiant le Code de la route, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. FINDLAY having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mr. JENNISSEN, adjourned.

Hon. Mrs. McINTOSH moved:

THAT Bill (No. 26) - The Teachers' Society Amendment Act; Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Association des enseignants du Manitoba, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

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And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mrs. McINTOSH having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mr. MARTINDALE, adjourned.

Hon. Mr. DOWNEY moved:

THAT Bill (No. 27) - The Manitoba Employee Ownership Fund Corporation Amendment Act; Loi modifiant la Loi constituant en corporation le Fonds de participation des travailleurs du Manitoba, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. DOWNEY having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mr. MARTINDALE, adjourned.

Hon. Mr. GILLESHAMMER moved:

THAT Bill (No. 28) - The Employment Standards Code and Consequential Amendments; Code des normes d'emploi et modifications corrélatives, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. GILLESHAMMER having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mr. MARTINDALE, adjourned.

The House resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mrs. MITCHELSON:

THAT Bill (No. 4) - The Child and Family Services Amendment and Consequential Amendments Act; Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services à l'enfant et à la famille et modifications corrélatives, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

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And Messrs. MARTINDALE, DOER, LAMOUREUX and JENNISSEN having spoken,

And Mr. SANTOS speaking at 5:00 p.m.,

The debate was allowed to remain in his name and, by leave, in the name of Mr. REID.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed that Private Members' Resolution No. 13 - Manitoba Legislative Task Force on Canadian Unity, sponsored by the Honourable Member for St. Vital, was withdrawn.

Mr. MACKINTOSH moved:

Resolution No. 14: Gang Action Plan

WHEREAS since 1990, violent crime in Manitoba has increased more than three times as much as the Canadian average; and

WHEREAS crime can only be effectively dealt with through both prevention and suppression; and

WHEREAS the tough talk of the Provincial Government has not been matched with action; and

WHEREAS Manitobans want a positive, comprehensive response to crime and gang crime that provides alternatives for youth; and

WHEREAS a July 1996 editorial entitled, "The Real Solution" stated, "Help could come from improved recreation, training and employment programs and from improved support for families in trouble. Young people with no marketable skills, no job and no prospects are apt candidates for gang activity."; and

WHEREAS in his 1996 Report on the Headingly Riot, Justice Ted Hughes, Q. C. said, "The difficult part of this process will be to move the governments at the federal/provincial/territorial table in the direction of "The Real Solution". What must be appreciated is the serious consequences that will occur if that movement does not commence, for failure to respond will threaten the continuance of control of our streets by lawful authorities."; and

WHEREAS the New Democratic Party has put forward an eighteen point plan to deal with gang crime; and

WHEREAS this Gang Action Plan is divided into elements focused on both the justice system and families as well as schools and communities; and

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WHEREAS this fully costed plan has been the subject of widespread consultation and has been praised as a detailed plan to fight youth crime that is well thought through and constructive.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider developing policies which offer hope and opportunity to provide positive alternatives to youth, as well as swift meaningful and firm consequences to members of criminal gangs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Assembly urge the Provincial Government to consider using the New Democratic Party "Gang Action Plan" as a basis for provincial policy on organized criminal gangs.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. MACKINTOSH, Hon. Mr. TOEWS, Mr. KOWALSKI and Hon. Mr. NEWMAN having spoken,

And Mr. TWEED speaking at 6:00 p.m.,

The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

The House then adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

Hon. Louise Dacquay,
Speaker.