



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 20**

**FIFTH SESSION, THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE**

**PRAYERS**

**1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.**

Hon. Mr. ENNS, the Minister of Agriculture, on behalf of the Minister of Natural Resources made a statement concerning the improvement in the fire situation in Manitoba.

Mr. STRUTHERS commented on the statement.

Following Oral Questions, Madam Speaker made the following ruling:

I took under advisement on April 15 a point of order raised by the Honourable Member for Burrows respecting the use of the word "liars". Just before the point of order was raised, I had cautioned the Honourable Member for using a quotation from the report by former Chief Justice Monnin.

Upon reviewing the Hansard transcript for April 15 and reflecting on the matter, I must agree with both the Honourable Member for Burrows and the Acting Government House Leader. Page 387 of the current edition of Erskine May states "A Member is not allowed to use unparliamentary words by the device of putting them in somebody else's mouth." However, the Member for Burrows did not directly or indirectly allude to any Members of the Assembly when he used the Monnin quote. Therefore the words as used by the Honourable Member on April 15 were not unparliamentary and consequently were in order.

Pursuant to Rule 20 (1), Messrs. DYCK, EVANS (Brandon East), PENNER, SALE and LAMOUREUX made Members' Statements.

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

THAT this House approve in general the budgetary policy of the government.

And the Proposed Motion of Mr. LAMOUREUX moved in amendment thereto:

THAT the motion be amended by adding thereto the following words:

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BUT that this House regrets;

THAT this government, by neglecting to incorporate in their budgets the full financial activity of crown corporations and their complete pension liabilities, by failing to report the cost of the purchase of Centra Gas, by draining the fiscal stabilization fund for partisan political reasons, and by failing to respond to the demand for clearer accounting practices, as recommended by the provincial auditor, has tabled a budget that does not reflect the transparency, openness and accountability that Manitobans expect from their provincial government and has turned the provincial budget into an election platform and therefore this House has lost confidence in the government and has thereby lost the confidence of this legislature and the people of Manitoba.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Mr. SANTOS concluding his remarks,

And Messrs. McALPINE, SALE, FAURSCHOU and STRUTHERS having spoken,

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

The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

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The House then adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. tomorrow.

Hon. Louise Dacquay,  
Speaker.