



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 19**

**SECOND SESSION, THIRTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE**

**PRAYERS**

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

The following petition was presented:

Mr. SCHULER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba request that the Minister responsible for Manitoba Hydro consider alternative routes for the additional 230KV and 500KV lines proposed for the RM of East St. Paul (L. Kraus, K. Dueck, E. Uhryniuk and others)

The following petition was read and received:

Mr. SCHULER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba request that the Minister responsible for Manitoba Hydro consider alternative routes for the additional 230KV and 500KV lines proposed for the RM of East St. Paul (R. Slobodian, B. Oleschuk, R. Palaschuk and others)

Hon. Mr. ASHTON, the Minister of Transportation and Government Services made a statement regarding an update on the flooding conditions in southern Manitoba,

Mr. PITURA commented on the statement.

Hon. Ms. BARRETT presented:

Annual Report of the Appeal Commission of the Workers Compensation Board for the year ending December 31, 2000.

(Sessional Paper No. 122)

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2001-2002 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Manitoba Labour and Immigration.

(Sessional Paper No. 123)

Hon. Ms. MIHYCHUK presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2001-2002 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Manitoba Industry, Trade and Mines

(Sessional Paper No. 124)

Hon. Mr. SELINGER presented:

Annual Report of the Provincial Auditor – Compliance and Special Audits for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2000.

(Sessional Paper No. 125)

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Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker made the following ruling:

During Oral Questions on Wednesday, April 18, 2001, I took under advisement a point of order raised by the Official Opposition House Leader regarding the use of the word “scurrilous” by the Minister of Finance in response to a question asked by the Member for Springfield. The Government House Leader also spoke to the same point of order. I took the matter under advisement in order to peruse Hansard and to consult the procedural authorities.

The word “scurrilous” has been the subject of intervention by Speakers four times in the last seventeen years. On April 11, 1985, Mr. Speaker Walding ruled that the word was inappropriate for use in the Assembly, and ruled that the word was unparliamentary. On March 24, 1998, Madam Speaker Dacquay ruled that the words “scurrilous accusations” was unparliamentary and requested the withdrawal of the word “scurrilous.” Similarly, On May 27, 1998, Madam Speaker Dacquay again ruled the words “scurrilous accusations” out of order, and requested a withdrawal of the words. On May 27, 1999, the then Minister of Justice (the then Member for Rossmere) voluntarily withdrew the words “scurrilous accusations” when a point of order was raised.

Based on these rulings from former Manitoba Speakers, I am ruling that the use of the word “scurrilous” is unparliamentary, and I would ask the Honourable Minister of Finance to withdraw that word.

Hon. Mr. SELINGER withdrew his remark.

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Pursuant to Rule 23(1), Mr. TWEED, Ms. ALLAN, Messrs. PENNER (Steinbach) and SCHELLENBERG and Hon. Mr. GERRARD made Members' Statements.

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By unanimous consent, the sequence for consideration for estimates, as outlined in Sessional Paper No. 113 tabled on April 23, 2001, was amended in order that Industry, Trade and Mines be considered in Room 255 for Thursday, April 26, 2001, only.

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By leave, it was agreed that the House would adjourn at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25, 2001.

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**Wednesday, April 25, 2001**

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Mr. Speaker having left the Chair and the House resolving itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty;

And the House continuing in Committee.

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The House then adjourned at 5:01 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, April 26, 2001.

Hon. George HICKES,  
Speaker.