



**PRAYERS**

**10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.**

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. DYCK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Family Services and Housing consider changes to the departmental policy that pays family members a reduced amount of money for room and board when they care for their special needs dependants at home versus the amount paid to a non-parental care provider outside the family home and to consider examining on a case-by-case basis the merits of paying family members to care for special needs dependants at home versus paying to institutionalize them. (M. Hay, M. Hay, G. Hay and others)

Mr. CUMMINGS – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Transportation and Government Services to consider the reduction or elimination of load limits on Highway 276 north of Ste. Rose to permit grain farmers to haul their grain to market using long-haul trucks and to consider upgrading Highway 276 to enable farmers to drive long-haul trucks on this highway and remain competitive. (R. Panagapko, W. Iwanchysko, M. Kolochuk and others)

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Mr. Speaker presented:

Annual Report of the Office of the Children's Advocate for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2002.

(Sessional Paper No. 28)

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Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Messrs. TWEED, MARTINDALE, PENNER (Emerson) and NEVAKSHONOFF and Mrs. MITCHELSON made Members' Statements.

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**Friday April 25, 2003**

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The House resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. SELINGER:

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

And on the Proposed Amendment of Mr. MURRAY,

*THAT the motion be amended by deleting all the words after "House" and substituting the following:*

therefore regrets this Budget ignores the present and future needs of Manitobans by:

- (a) failing to offer any vision and to reflect the priorities of Manitobans;
- (b) failing to provide a long-term tax reduction strategy that addresses the fact that middle-income Manitobans are now, under the Doer government, the highest taxed west of New Brunswick and our business taxes are not competitive;
- (c) failing to provide a sustainable provincial spending plan by introducing a budget with a spending/tax cut ratio of 11 to 1;
- (d) failing to reimburse, as promised, the Fiscal Stabilization Fund of the \$150 million "temporary transfer" taken in the 2001-02 fiscal year;
- (e) failing to provide a strategy to address the exodus of Manitobans to other provinces, an average of 12 Manitobans each day;
- (f) failing to address the challenges in health care, including: providing a cardiac care system that meets the needs of Manitobans in a timely fashion, ending hallway medicine within six months as promised, reducing waiting lists for tests and appointments; and recruiting and retaining health care professionals; and
- (g) failing to provide adequate supports to Manitoba's agricultural sector.

As a consequence, the Government has thereby lost the confidence of this House and the people of Manitoba.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Mr. GILLESHAMMER, Ms. CERILLI and Mr. ENNS having spoken,

The debate was allowed to remain open.

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The House then adjourned at 12:29 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 28, 2003.

Hon. George HICKES,  
Speaker