



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA**

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 5**

**THIRD SESSION, THIRTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE**

**PRAYERS**

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

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mrs. TAILLIEU – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Transportation and Government Services to consider paving Highway 200 between Highways 205 and 305 to ensure a smooth, safe and uninterrupted use of Highway 200. (G. Alarie, C. Stoyko, F. Borrowman and others)

Mrs. DRIEDGER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Provincial Government to consider redirecting administrative cost savings to front line health care workers and to treat front line health care workers with the respect they deserve and to consider supporting the Healthcare Employees' Pension Plan by not cutting pension benefits. (S. Garand, A. Mousseau, K. Kork and others)

Mr. HAWRANIK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Transportation and Government Services consider rebuilding and reconstructing the 14 kilometres of P.R. #304 to the south of PTH #11 at the earliest opportunity. (E. Forsyth, G. Harbottle, S. Harbottle)

Mr. EICHLER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Transportation and Government Services to consider having Highway 227 paved from the junction of Highway 248 and 227 all the way to Highway 16 the Yellow Head route and to request the Premier of Manitoba to consider supporting said initiatives to ensure for the safety of our Manitobans and all Canadians who travel along Manitoba Highways. (D. Smith, A. Smith, G. Hildebrandt and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to consider recognizing the need to sit for a minimum of 80 days in any given calendar year. (G. Malhi, M. Alibango, R. Acuna)

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The following Bills were respectively read a First Time and had their purposes outlined:

(No. 4) – The City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment Act (Differential Business Tax Rates)/Loi modifiant la Charte de la ville de Winnipeg (taux de taxe d'entreprise différentiels)

(Hon. Mr. SMITH)

(No. 201) – The Legislative Assembly Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Assemblée législative

(Mr. LAMOUREUX)

During Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker interjected during a point of order and requested that the words "deliberately misleading" spoken by the Honourable Member for Russell be withdrawn.

WHEREUPON Mr. DERKACH withdrew his remarks.

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Subsequently during Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker interjected during a point of order and requested that the words "jellyfish" spoken by the Honourable Member for Inkster be withdrawn.

WHEREUPON Mr. LAMOUREUX withdrew his remarks.

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Immediately following Oral Questions, Mr. DERKACH rose on a point of order regarding situations where questions are posed to Ministers who may not have the responsibility for that portfolio.

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker informed the House he would take the matter under advisement.

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Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Messrs. HAWRANIK and ALTEMEYER, Mrs. TAILLIEU, Messrs. SANTOS and MAGUIRE made Members' Statements.

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

THAT the following address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor:

We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba thank your Honour for the gracious speech addressed to us at this Third Session of the Thirty-Eighth Legislature of Manitoba.

And the proposed amendment moved by Mr. MURRAY as follows:

*THAT the Motion be amended by adding at the end of the sentence the following words:*

But this House regrets

- (a) the government's failure to commit to elimination of all education tax off of residential property and farmland; and
- (b) the government's failure to commit to not closing or converting rural hospitals; and
- (c) the government's failure to commit to addressing the pediatric doctor shortage in Brandon; and
- (d) the government's failure to provide any strategy to address growing wait lists throughout Manitoba; and

- (e) the government's failure to initiate a review of health care regionalization; and
- (f) the government's failure to meaningfully address the growing concerns related to organized crime including the fact that since November 2000 Manitoba has been the scene of 37 biker-related murders and attempted murders; and
- (g) the government's failure to develop a long-term economic strategy to address anemic job growth and make Manitoba a "have" province; and
- (h) the government's failure to adequately address the BSE crisis and to provide any plan to increase slaughter capacity in Manitoba, thereby threatening not only the stability of the livestock sector but all those other sectors in Manitoba's economic that are so reliant on its well-being; and
- (i) the government's failure to recognize and encourage the important role private sector involvement has in growing Manitoba's economy; and
- (j) the government's failure to acknowledge that balanced budgets have only been achieved through significant raids on Manitoba Hydro and the Fiscal Stabilization Fund; and
- (k) the government's failure to acknowledge their raid on Manitoba Hydro contributed to a 10% increase in Hydro rates; and
- (l) the government's failure to commit to calling an independent public inquiry into the spending of taxpayer money at Hydra House; and
- (m) the government's failure to commit to strengthening the role and function of the Public Accounts Committee.

AND HAS THEREBY lost the trust and confidence of the people of Manitoba and this House.

And the proposed sub-amendment moved by Hon. Mr. GERRARD as follows:

*THAT the amendment moved by the Honourable Member for Kirkfield Park be amended by adding thereto the following words:*

THAT this House further regrets:

1. the government's failure to provide Manitobans with accessible health care, leading to concern among patients and health care providers;
2. the government is not accountable or transparent to the people of Manitoba;
3. the government has no plan to address child poverty in Manitoba, the second highest in Canada;
4. the government has failed to adequately address education taxes on residential property and farmland;

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5. the government has failed to implement an effective strategy to address the growing problem of crime;
6. the government has no economic plan to move Manitoba out of the ranks of the 'have-not' provinces;
7. the government has failed to take action to clean up lakes like Kississing Lake; and
8. the government has failed to take action with respect to the long waiting times for testing for sleep disorders.

And the debate continuing on the sub-amendment,

And Messrs. MARTINDALE and MAGUIRE and Hon. Mr. RONDEAU having spoken,

And Mrs. TAILLIEU speaking at 12:30 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in her name.

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The House then adjourned at 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, November 29, 2004.

Hon. George HICKES,  
Speaker.