

Tuesday, April 17, 2001



PRAYERS

SITTING AT 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

PRESENTING PETITIONS

READING AND RECEIVING PETITIONS

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS AND TABLING OF REPORTS

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Hon. Mr. SELINGER –

(No. 7) – The Manitoba Hydro Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Hydro-Manitoba
(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH –

(No. 10) – The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods and Consequential Amendments Act/Loi
visant à accroître la sécurité des collectivités et des quartiers et modifications corrélatives
(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. SMITH (Brandon West) –

(No. 12) – The Real Property Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les biens réels

Mr. SCHULER –

(No. 200) – The Electoral Divisions Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les circonscriptions
électorales

ORAL QUESTIONS

MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

ORDERS OF THE DAY

ADJOURNED DEBATE (FOURTH DAY OF DEBATE):

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. SELINGER –

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

And the Proposed Motion of Mr. MURRAY in amendment thereto as follows:

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 work hard today, to adequately prepare Manitoba for the challenges of tomorrow;
- (b) failing to address very real concerns about the sustainability of the high level of expenditures built into this budget;
- (c) failing to provide a vision or plan for Manitoba's economy;
- (d) failing to protect the strong economic climate established in Manitoba during the last decade;
- (e) failing to provide meaningful tax cuts to Manitobans;
- (f) failing to recognize the importance of tax competitiveness so Manitoba can continue to prosper;
- (g) failing to create an economic climate that will draw investment to Manitoba;
- (h) failing to provide any incentive for our young people to stake their futures in Manitoba;
- (i) failing to address the serious socio-economic crisis facing rural communities due to the crisis in the grains, oilseeds and specialty crops sector;
- (j) failing to provide assistance to agriculture producers still affected by severe flooding in southwestern Manitoba in 1999;

- (k) failing to properly prioritize the highways and infrastructure needs of Manitoba;
- (l) failing to end hallway medicine as promised;
- (m) failing to address the growing shortage of health care professionals;
- (n) failing to address health care waiting lists; and
- (o) failing to address the critical shortage of teachers at all levels across the province.

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

(Hon. Mr. CALDWELL – 30 mins.)

SECOND READINGS:

(No. 8) – The Mines and Minerals Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les mines et les minéraux

(Hon. Ms. MIHYCHUK) (Printed)

(No. 9) – The Vital Statistics Amendment and Consequential Amendments Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les statistiques de l'état civil et modifications corrélatives

(Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX) (Printed)

(No. 11) – The Highway Traffic Amendment and Consequential Amendments Act/Loi modifiant le Code de la route et modifications corrélatives

(Hon. Mr. ASHTON) (Printed)

MOTIONS:

THAT Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

THAT Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into a Committee to consider of Ways and Means for raising of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:

1. Mr. MAGUIRE – Continued Inaction by the Provincial Government on the 1999 Manitoba Flood
2. Ms. KORZENIOWSKI – Nursing Program

3. Mr. DERKACH – Rural Health Issues
4. Mr. MARTINDALE – Winnipeg Inner-City Housing
5. Mr. AGLUGUB – Changing Immigration Income Requirements
6. Mrs. DRIEDGER – Child Pornography
7. Mr. DYCK – Accountability in Education
8. Mr. JENNISSEN – VIA Rails
9. Mr. PENNER (Steinbach) – The Importance of Rural Diversification Initiatives
10. Mrs. STEFANSON – Preparing for the Digital Economy
11. Mr. MAGUIRE – Long-Term Water Use Strategy for Manitoba
12. Mr. SANTOS – Multiculturalism
13. Mr. SCHULER – Parental Leave
14. Mr. LAURENDEAU – Telemarketing Fraud
15. Hon. Mr. GERRARD – Improving Democratic Accountability Through All-Party Legislative Screening of Provincial Appointments
16. Mr. REID – Minimum Wage Review
17. Mr. NEVAKSHONOFF – Crop Insurance
18. Ms. ALLAN – Commitment to Public Schools
19. Mr. MARTINDALE – Habitat for Humanity
20. Mr. DYCK – Midwifery
21. Mrs. SMITH (Fort Garry) – School Division Amalgamation
22. Mr. DEWAR – Aboriginal Veteran Thomas George Prince
23. Mr. REIMER – Education Support Levy
24. Mr. SANTOS – Professional Accreditation
25. Mr. MALOWAY – Balanced Budgets
26. Mrs. DACQUAY – Combating Elder Abuse
27. Mr. MURRAY – City of Winnipeg

28. Mr. STRUTHERS – Farm and Rural Stress Line
29. Mr. PITURA – Enhancing the Viability of the Port Of Churchill
30. Ms. KORZENIOWSKI – Persons in Care
31. Mr. GILLESHAMMER – Agricultural Trade Disputes
32. Mrs. SMITH (Fort Garry) – Bill 12 – The Public Schools Amendment Act
33. Mr. DEWAR – Highways Funding
34. Ms. CERILLI – Garrison and Devils Lake Diversions
35. Mr. MALOWAY – Tobin Tax
36. Mrs. MITCHELSON – Nursing Shortage
37. Mr. NEVAKSHONOFF – The Canadian Wheat Board
38. Mr. HELWER – Employment Insurance Surplus
39. Mr. JENNISSEN – Sayisi Dene
40. Mr. ENNS – Dual Marketing of Hogs
41. Mr. PENNER (Emerson) – Making Participation in Manitoba's Agricultural Sector an Attractive Option
42. Mr. PITURA – Youth News Network and School Board Autonomy
43. Mr. SCHULER – Bill 44 – The Labour Relations Amendment Act (2)
44. Mr. FAURSCHOU – Rate Payer Protection and Crown Corporations
45. Mr. ENNS – Problems with the Federal Government's Proposed Endangered Species Legislation
46. Mrs. STEFANSON – Organ Donations
47. Mrs. DRIEDGER – Health Care Promises
48. Mr. PENNER (Steinbach) – Federal Immigration Policy
49. Mr. HELWER – Examination of Rural and Agricultural Development Issues Required
50. Mr. SMITH (Brandon West) – Child Support Payments
51. Mr. SCHELLENBERG – Western Economic Diversification
52. Mr. MURRAY – Excel Manitoba

53. Mr. FAURSCHOU – Agricultural Research and Development
54. Mr. REID – Port of Churchill's Best Year to Date
55. Mr. RONDEAU – Immigration
56. Mr. LOEWEN – Capital Region Review Report
57. Hon. Mr. GERRARD – Establishment of an All-Party Committee to Investigate Compensation of Victims of the Floods of 1997 and 1999
58. Mr. RONDEAU – Recreation
59. Mr. TWEED – Aboriginal Casinos
60. Mr. AGLUGUB – Immigration Head Tax
61. Mrs. DACQUAY – Immigrant Landing Fees
62. Mr. TWEED – Personal Income Taxes
63. Mr. CUMMINGS – The Importance of Transitional Support to the Work Force
64. Mr. SCHELLENBERG – National Child Benefit Supplement
65. Ms. ASPER – International Year of Volunteers
66. Ms. CERILLI – Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
67. Mr. STRUTHERS – Family Farm Support
68. Mr. DERKACH – Tuition Policy Impact
69. Mr. LOEWEN – Bill 4 – The Elections Finances Amendment Act
70. Mr. LAURENDEAU – Sustaining Manitoba's Film Industry
71. Mrs. MITCHELSON – Youth Criminal Justice Act
72. Mr. ROCAN – State of the Canadian Grain Industry
73. Mr. SMITH (Brandon West) – CFB Shilo
74. Ms. ASPER – Manitoba Bursary Program
75. Mr. ROCAN – Prostate Cancer
76. Mr. CUMMINGS – Police Athletic Clubs

- 77. Mr. GILLESHAMMER – Lack of Federal Funding for Highways
- 78. Mr. PRAZNIK – Access Rights of Grandparents
- 79. Mr. PENNER (Emerson) – Agricultural Support Programs
- 80. Ms. ALLAN – Manitoba Tourism

NOTICE PAPER

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR THURSDAY NEXT:

PROPOSED GOVERNMENT MOTION:

Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK –

WHEREAS increasing agricultural subsidies provided by the United States and the European Union federal treasuries continue to depress world prices for grains and oilseeds; and

WHEREAS Manitoba grains and oilseeds producers continue to have their margins decline because of low prices and rapidly increasing input costs, especially for fuel and fertilizer; and

WHEREAS the Manitoba government and producers requested immediate assistance for grains and oilseeds producers from the federal government for the 2001 crop year; and

WHEREAS the federal government responded with \$500 million, dependent upon a provincial contribution of 40 per cent, which was denounced as inadequate by Canadian farmers and farm organizations; and

WHEREAS provincial agriculture ministers from Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario and Quebec requested an additional \$500 million in federal support to address the immediate crisis; and

WHEREAS the Manitoba government, despite limited financial resources; announced that it would provide \$38 million toward the aid package; and

WHEREAS the Premier of Manitoba has written the Prime Minister, demanding that he be involved in this critical issue.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Federal Government to recognize federal support supplied in other countries and immediately provide at least a further \$500 million in assistance for grains and oilseeds producers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Federal Government be more aggressive on the international stage in fighting for the removal of foreign subsidies for agriculture; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be referred to the Standing Committee on Agriculture and that the Committee be empowered to make such changes to the wording of the resolution as the Committee deems advisable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Standing Committee on Agriculture hold such meetings at such times and places as it may deem advisable to receive briefs and hear representations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Standing Committee on Agriculture report to the Assembly in a timely fashion.

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)