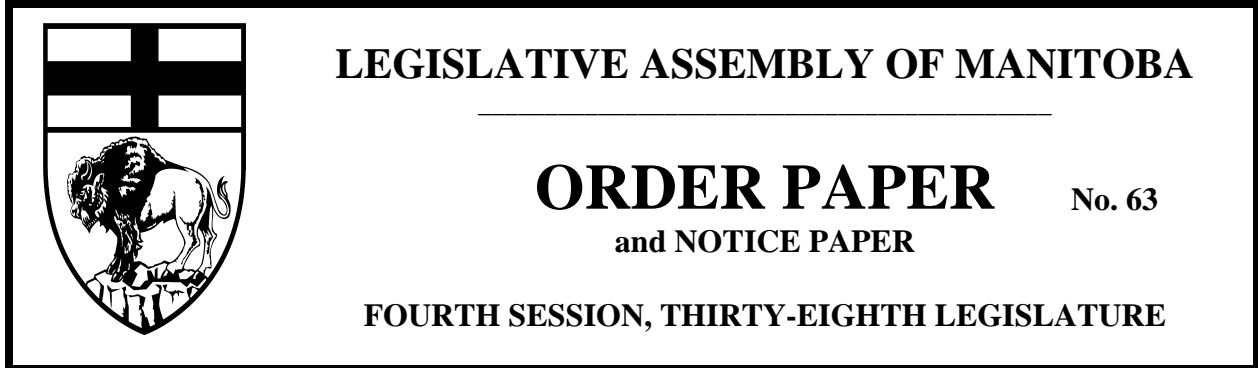


Friday, May 5, 2006



PRAYER

SITTING AT 10:00 A.M.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Hon. Mr. SELINGER –

(No. 34) – The Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act/Loi sur les divulgations faites dans l'intérêt public (protection des divulgateurs d'actes répréhensibles)

Mr. HAWRANIK –

(No. 212) – The Historic Trans-Canada Highway Act/Loi sur l'ancienne route transcanadienne

Mr. LAMOUREUX –

(No. 213) – The Milk Prices Review Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le contrôle du prix du lait

PETITIONS

Mr. HAWRANIK
Mr. MURRAY
Mr. REIMER
Mr. PENNER
Mr. FAURSCHOU
Mr. MAGUIRE
Mr. ROCAN
Mr. GOERTZEN
Mrs. MITCHELSON
Mr. DYCK
Mrs. STEFANSON
Mrs. DRIEDGER

Mr. LAMOUREUX
Mrs. ROWAT
Mr. EICHLER
Mr. CULLEN
Mrs. TAILLIEU
Hon. Mr. GERRARD

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

WRITTEN QUESTIONS:

Mr. LAMOUREUX –

21. Will the Premier confirm for the Legislative Assembly that neither he nor his office had any knowledge of the impending financial difficulties or financial irregularities with respect to the Crocus Investment Fund prior to December of 2004?
22. Will the Premier sign an affidavit indicating that neither he nor his office had any knowledge of the impending financial difficulties or financial irregularities with respect to the Crocus Investment Fund prior to December of 2004?

ADJOURNED DEBATE (SEVENTH 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 words:

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

- (a) Failing to be accountable to Manitobans for the overspending and fiscal mismanagement of this Doer NDP government; and

- (b) Failing to be accountable for the fact that Manitoba families will be the highest taxed of any province in Canada; and
- (c) Failing to provide a long-term strategy to bolster Manitoba's economy and make Manitoba a "have" province; and
- (d) Failing to be accountable for the dismal state of agriculture in Manitoba and the lack of sufficient slaughter capacity in the province and to provide a sustainable plan for the growth of agriculture and the rural economy; and
- (e) Failing to provide a climate that encourages private sector job creation and growth in the province, to provide opportunity for Manitoba youth to remain in the province; and
- (f) Failing to accept responsibility and be accountable for the province's unprecedented level of debt, which has grown to over \$20 Billion under the Doer NDP government, thereby mortgaging our children's and grandchildren's future; and
- (g) Failing to eliminate education taxes off residential property and farmland; and
- (h) Failing to provide adequate funding for post secondary institutions; and
- (i) Failing to be accountable for the dead last ranking of Manitoba's health care system by the Conference Board of Canada; and
- (j) Failing to be transparent and accountable for where health care dollars are being spent; and
- (k) Failing to be accountable for the increased court backlog and probation breaches; and
- (l) Failing to provide a long term strategy for the revitalization of rural Manitoba and continuing to ignore rural Manitobans; and
- (m) Failing to be accountable for drawing money from the "rainy day fund" in times of unprecedented revenues.

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

And the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. GERRARD in sub-amendment thereto as follows:

That the amendment be amended by adding thereto the following words:

And further regrets that this budget also ignores the present and future needs of Manitobans by:

- (n) Failing to present a genuinely balanced budget as demonstrated by the government's raid of the Fiscal Stabilization Fund as explained above; and

(o) Failing to protect the province's financial sector by calling a public inquiry into the Crocus Investment Fund scandal; and

(p) Failing to take adequate measures to protect children in the care of Manitoba Child and Family Services and to provide adequate transition to children in care so that they are at high risk after leaving care; and

(q) Failing to provide an effective strategy to deal with child poverty; and

(r) Failing to provide Manitobans with the legal right to timely, quality health care.
(Mr. FAURSCHOU – 13 mins.)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

(94 hrs. 52 mins.)

REPORT STAGE AMENDMENTS:

Hon. Mr. ASHTON–

(No. 13) – The Conservation Districts Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les districts de conservation

[Amendment (1) – Hon. Mr. GERRARD]
[Amendments (2) – Mr. LAMOUREUX]

Hon. Mr. SELINGER –

(No. 16) – The Corporations Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les corporations
[Amendment (1) – Hon. Mr. GERRARD]

DEBATE ON SECOND READINGS:

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS –

(No. 4) – The Dangerous Goods Handling and Transportation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la manutention et le transport des marchandises dangereuses
(Mr. DYCK) (Stands)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK –

(No. 11) – The Winter Heating Cost Control Act/Loi sur la limitation des frais de chauffage en hiver

(Mr. DERKACH) (Stands)
(Mrs. TAILLIEU – 22 mins.) (Stands)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. SMITH –

(No. 15) – The Emergency Measures Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les mesures d'urgence

(Mr. DYCK) (Stands)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK –

(No. 19) – The Agri-Food and Rural Development Council Act/Loi sur le Conseil du développement agroalimentaire et rural

(Mr. DYCK) (Stands)

SECOND READINGS:

Hon. Mr. ASHTON –

(No. 14) – The Water Rights Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les droits d'utilisation de l'eau

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK –

(No. 20) – The Family Farm Protection Amendment and Farm Lands Ownership Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection des exploitations agricoles familiales et la Loi sur la propriété agricole

Hon. Mr. SALE –

(No. 21) – The Public Health Act/Loi sur la santé publique

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. DOER –

(No. 22) – The Elections Reform Act/Loi sur la réforme électorale

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH –

(No. 23) – The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi visant à accroître la sécurité des collectivités et des quartiers

Hon. Mr. SELINGER –

(No. 24) – The Consumer Protection Amendment Act (Government Cheque Cashing Fees)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection du consommateur (frais d'encaissement des chèques du gouvernement)

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. SELINGER –

(No. 25) – The Consumer Protection Amendment Act (Payday Loans)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection du consommateur (prêts de dépannage)
(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. SALE –

(No. 27) – The Tobacco Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act/Loi sur le recouvrement du montant des dommages et du coût des soins de santé imputables au tabac

Hon. Mr. ROBINSON –

(No. 28) – The Manitoba Museum Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le Musée du Manitoba

Hon. Ms. MCGIFFORD –

(No. 29) – The Degree Granting Act/Loi sur l'attribution de grades

Hon. Ms. ALLAN –

(No. 30) – The Fires Prevention And Emergency Response Act/Loi sur la prévention des incendies et les interventions d'urgence
(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK –

(No. 31) – The Animal Diseases Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les maladies des animaux
(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. LATHLIN –

(No. 32) – The Real Property Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les biens réels

Hon. Mr. LATHLIN –

(No. 33) – The Northern Affairs Act/Loi sur les affaires du Nord
(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. BJORNSON –

(No. 35) – The Public Schools Finance Board Amendment and The Public Schools Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Commission des finances des écoles publiques et la Loi sur les écoles publiques
(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Ms. OSWALD –

(No. 36) – The Youth Drug Stabilization (Support for Parents) Act/Loi sur la stabilisation des mineurs toxicomanes (aide aux parents)

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Mr. RONDEAU –

(No. 37) – The Labour-Sponsored Investment Funds Act, 2006 (Various Acts Amended)/Loi de 2006 sur les fonds de placement des travailleurs (modification de diverses dispositions législatives)

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

Hon. Ms. MELNICK –

(No. 38) – The Housing and Renewal Corporation Amendment Act (Fund for Housing Revitalization)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société d’habitation et de rénovation (fonds destiné à la revitalisation des logements)

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

NOTICE PAPER

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR THURSDAY NEXT:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

Mr. CULLEN – Rural Healthcare

8. WHEREAS the Brandon Regional Health Authority (BRHA) is experiencing physician vacancies in the areas of pediatrics, orthopedic surgery, emergency medicine, radiology, internal medicine and anaesthesia; and

WHEREAS communities throughout the Assiniboine Regional Health Authority (ARHA) are experiencing emergency room closures, doctor shortages and the downgrading of health care services; and

WHEREAS the recruitment efforts of the BRHA and ARHA over the last year have failed to fill many of the vacancies that exist; and

WHEREAS Manitoba taxpayers are footing the bill for locum physician coverage in the Westman region; and

WHEREAS as a result of the physician vacancies and emergency room closures throughout the BRHA and ARHA, many patients are being forced to travel by ambulance on Manitoba’s highways to access health care services; and

WHEREAS patients are being assessed ambulance bills totalling thousands of dollars; and

WHEREAS rural Manitobans are being treated as second class citizens; and

WHEREAS the Minister of Health has admitted that the existing ambulance transfer policy is inequitable and unfair to rural Manitobans.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba strongly urge the Premier and the Minister of Health to consider living up to their promises to retain and restore health care services to the City of Brandon and communities throughout rural Manitoba; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba strongly urge the Premier and the Minister of Health to consider ending Highway Medicine and ensure that rural Manitobans are able to access medical treatment in their local hospitals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba request the Premier and the Minister of Health to stop treating rural Manitobans like second class citizens and to consider covering the costs of all inter-facility ambulance transfers.