

PRAYERS

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Hon. Mr. SMITH, Bill (No. 10) – The Convention Centre Corporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Corporation du Centre des congrès, was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mrs. DRIEDGER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Provincial Government to recognize the need for a public high school in the southwest region of Winnipeg and in conjunction with the Public Schools Finance Board, to consider adequate funding to establish a high school in the southwest sector of Winnipeg. (C. Taillon, P. Lea, F. Danakas and others)

Mr. PENNER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to consider temporarily lifting the road restrictions on roads in the storm-affected areas of the R.M. of Piney and to consider providing aid to the R.M. of Piney and to individual property owners to assist with the cleanup and recovery efforts. (B. Grenier, G. Marion, J. Blacquiere and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to consider the need to seek clarification on why the Government did not act on fixing the Crocus fund back in 2001. (A. Janier, C. Watson, B. Misener and others)

Mr. EICHLER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Premier of Manitoba to consider covering the cost of insulin pumps that are prescribed by an Endocrinologist or Medical Doctor under the Manitoba Health Insurance Plan. (E. Hibbitt, R. Maartense, D. Kozyra and others)

Hon. Mr. LATHLIN presented:

Communities Economic Development Fund, Quarterly Reports, Three Months, April 1 to June 30, 2005.

(Sessional Paper No. 10)

Communities Economic Development Fund, Quarterly Reports, Six Months, April 1 to September 30, 2005.

(Sessional Paper No. 11)

Hon. Mr. SELINGER presented:

Benefits Summary, Auditor's Report and Financial Statements of the Public Service Group Insurance Fund for the year ending April 30, 2005.

(Sessional Paper No. 12)

Return pursuant to section 20 of The Public Officers Act dated November 14, 2005. Sessional Paper No. 13)

Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH presented:

Annual Report of the Civil Legal Services for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005. (Sessional Paper No. 14)

Annual Report of the Public Trustee for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005.

(Sessional Paper No. 15)

Copy of Regulations filed under The Regulations Act, being Manitoba Regulations Nos. 203/2004 to 145/2005.

(Sessional Paper No. 16)

Annual Report of the Provincial Court of Manitoba for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004. (Sessional Paper No. 17)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Messrs. SWAN, CULLEN and AGLUGUB, Mrs. STEFANSON and Mr. ALTEMEYER made Members' Statements.

Prior to Orders of the Day, Mr. LAMOUREUX rose on a Matter of Urgent Public Importance and moved:

THAT under Rule 36(1) the ordinary business of the House be set aside to deal with a Matter of Urgent Public Importance, namely, the need to consider the current status of the Crocus Fund and why it is critically important that a Public Inquiry be called in order to protect the interests of the tax payer and to uncover the reasons as to why the Government chose not to act on problems with the fund dating back to 2001.

And Messrs. LAMOUREUX and DERKACH and Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH having spoken to the urgency of the motion,

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker ruled as follows:

I thank the Honourable Members for their advice to the Chair on whether the motion proposed by the Honourable Member for Inkster should be debated today. The notice required by Rule 36(1) was provided. Under our rules and practices, the subject matter requiring urgent consideration must be so pressing that the public interest will suffer if the matter is not given immediate attention. There must also be no other reasonable opportunities to raise the matter.

I do not doubt that this matter is one that is of serious concern to some Members in the House.

I have listened very carefully to the arguments put forward, however I was not pursuaded that the ordinary business of the House should be set aside to deal with this issue today. Although undoubtedly this is a very serious issue that the Member has brought forward, I do not believe that the public interest will be harmed if the business of the House is not set aside to debate the motion today.

Additionally, I would like to note that there are other avenues for Members to raise this issue, including questions in Question Period, and raising the item under Grievances. In addition, Members had the opportunity to raise this and many other issues during the recent debate on the address in reply that was concluded last week.

Therefore, with the greatest of respect, I must rule that this matter does not meet the criteria set by our rules and precedents and I rule the motion out of order as a Matter of Urgent Public Importance.

Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH moved:

THAT Bill (No. 2) – The Private Investigators and Security Guards Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les détectives privés et les gardiens de sécurité, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mr. DERKACH, adjourned.

Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH moved:

THAT Bill (No. 3) – The Enforcement of Canadian Judgments Act/Loi sur l'exécution des jugements canadiens, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mr. DERKACH, adjourned.

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

THAT Bill (No. 5) – The Dental Hygienists Act/Loi sur les hygiénistes dentaires, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate continuing,

And Mr. REIMER, Ms. IRVIN-ROSS, Messrs. SCHULER and SWAN having spoken,

The debate was allowed, by leave, to remain in the name of Mr. DYCK.

The House resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Ms. ALLAN:

THAT Bill (No. 7) – The Architects and Engineers Scope of Practice Dispute Settlement Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur le règlement des différends portant sur le champ d'exercice des architectes et des ingénieurs (modification de diverses dispositions législatives), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate continuing,

And Messrs. CUMMINGS and MAGUIRE having spoken,

The debate was allowed, by leave, to remain in the name of Mr. SCHULER.

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

THAT Bill (No. 8) – The Official Time Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le temps réglementaire, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate continuing,

And Mr. AGLUGUB, Ms. BRICK and Mr. SWAN having spoken,

The debate was allowed, by leave, to remain in the name of Mr. MAGUIRE.

The House then adjourned at 4:19 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 15, 2005.

Hon. George HICKES, Speaker.