

PRAYERS

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

(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. MACKINTOSH)

(No. 210) – The Workplace Safety and Health Amendment Act (Harassment in the Workplace)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la sécurité et l'hygiène du travail (harcèlement dans le lieu de travail)

(Hon. Mr. GERRARD)

The following petitions were presented and read:

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 and to urge the Premier and his Government to cooperate in making public what really happened. (L. Hauber, C. Hauber, K. Wedge and others)

Mrs. ROWAT – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Transportation and Government Service to consider providing sufficient resources to enhance driver and vehicle safety on Highway 10 and to consider upgrading Highway 10. (K. Wozney, B. Shoemaker, A. Swair and others)

Mrs. STEFANSON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Premier of Manitoba and the Minister of Health to consider providing CancerCare Manitoba with the appropriate funding necessary so that they may provide leading edge care for patients in the same manner as other provinces and to consider accelerating the process by which new cancer treatment drugs are approved so that more Manitobans are able to be treated in the most effective manner possible. (D. Campbell, R. Cassels, V. Savelsbergh and others)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Messrs. AGLUGUB and MURRAY, Ms. BRICK, Mrs. STEFANSON and Ms. KORZENIOWSKI made Members' Statements.

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 the debate continuing,

And Mr. MURRAY having spoken,

And Mr. MURRAY moved an amendment 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.

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment in order.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

During the debate, Mr. LAMOUREUX rose on a point of order regarding the speaking rotation in the debate.

And Hon. Mr. ASHTON and Mr. DERKACH having spoken to the point of order,

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker ruled that there was no point of order.

From his decision, Mr. DERKACH appealed to the House,

And the Question being put, "Shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained?" It was agreed to, on the following division:

YEA

Allan	MARTINDALE
Altemeyer	McGifford
ASHTON	Melnick
BJORNSON	NEVAKSHONOFF
Brick	Reid
Сноміак	Robinson
DEWAR	Rondeau
DOER	SALE
IRVIN-ROSS	SANTOS
Jennissen	SCHELLENBERG
JHA	Selinger
Korzeniowski	Smith
LATHLIN	STRUTHERS
Lemieux	SWAN
MACKINTOSH	WOWCHUK
MALOWAY	

NAY

CUMMINGS	HAWRANIK
Cullen	LAMOUREUX
DERKACH	MAGUIRE
Driedger	MCFADYEN
Dyck	MITCHELSON
Eichler	MURRAY
FAURSCHOU	Reimer
GERRARD	STEFANSON
GOERTZEN	TAILLIEU18

The debate was allowed to remain open.

The House then adjourned at 5:07 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Friday, March 10, 2006.

Hon. George HICKES, Speaker.