



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

FOURTH SESSION, THIRTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYERS

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Hon. Mr. ROBINSON, Bill (No. 28) – The Manitoba Museum Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le Musée du Manitoba, was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

The following petitions were presented and read:

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. (J. Mendrikis, C. Mendrikis, C. Mashtoler 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 and to urge the Premier and his Government to cooperate in making public what really happened. (J. Maxwell, K. Maxwell, S. Luchuck 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. (J. Major, G. Fidler, H. Kuppe and others)

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a point of order and requested that the words "deliberately misleading" spoken by the Honourable Member for Russell be withdrawn.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.

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Ms. BRICK, Mrs. ROWAT, Hon. Mr. BJORNSON, Messrs. REIMER and JHA made a Members' Statement.

Monday, March 20, 2006

Prior to Orders of the Day, Hon. Mr. GERRARD 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 discuss a Matter of Urgent Public Importance – namely the safety of children in the care of Manitoba Child and Family Services and the fact that 31 children who were in care or recently released from care have been killed as a result of a homicide between the start of the year 2000 and the end of the year 2005.

And Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH and Mr. DERKACH 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 River Heights 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 Members, as issues relating to children and child welfare are issues that are of concern to all of us.

I have listened very carefully to the arguments put forward, however I was not persuaded that the ordinary business of the House should be set aside to deal with this issue today.

Additionally, I would like to note that there are other avenues for Members to raise this issue, including questions in Question Period, raising the item under Members' Statements, and raising the issue during the Budget Debate.

Therefore, with the greatest of respect, I rule the motion out of order as a Matter of Urgent Public Importance.

Pursuant to Rule 32(5), the debate on the Budget Address was interrupted by the Government House Leader in order to deal with the Interim Supply Procedure.

The House resolving into Committee of Supply.

The House then adjourned at 5:01 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, 2006.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.