

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Immediately following the Prayer, Hon. Mr. GERRARD rose on a Matter of Privilege and moved:

THAT this Matter of Privilege be referred to a Standing Committee of the Legislature.

And Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH, Messrs. DERKACH and LAMOUREUX having spoken.

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker informed the House he would take the matter under advisement.

Prior to Routine Proceedings, Mr. FAURSCHOU rose on a Matter of Privilege regarding the Honourable Minister of Finance's decision to cancel publishing the un-audited fourth Quarterly Financial Reports.

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker informed the House he would take the matter under advisement.

On motion of Mr. LAMOUREUX, Bill (No. 213) – The Milk Prices Review Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le contrôle du prix du lait, was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Provincial Government to immediately cancel its plans to support the construction of the OlyWest Hog Plant and Rendering Factory near any urban residential area. (W. Gauthier, P. Bouchard, P. Kelch and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Legislative Assembly to consider the reviewing how much Manitoba's Auditor General Office budget is in comparison to the Office of the Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan. (Y. Spence, G. Spence, D. Lamont and others)

During Oral Questions, Hon. Mr. GERRARD rose on a Matter of Privilege and moved:

THAT this Matter of Privilege be referred to a Standing Committee of the Legislature.

And Mr. DERKACH and Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK having spoken.

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker ruled there was no Matter of Privilege.

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Ms. IRVIN-ROSS, Mr. CULLEN, Ms. BRICK, Mrs. STEFANSON and Mr. SCHELLENBERG made Members' Statements.

Following Members' Statements, Mr. LAMOUREUX rose on a Matter of Urgent Public Importance and moved:

THAT in accordance with Rule 36(1), the regular scheduled business of the House be set aside to discuss a Matter of Urgent Public Importance, mainly, the need to increase the budget on the "Office of the Auditor General".

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker ruled the motion out of order as it is the exact subject matter as a Matter of Privilege previously taken under advisement today.

Subsequently following Members' Statements, Hon. Mr. GERRARD rose on a Matter of Urgent Public Importance and moved:

THAT in accordance with Rule 36(1), the ordinary business of the House be set aside to discuss a Matter of Urgent Public Importance, namely, the inadequacy of the management and attention to cost efficiency and effectiveness of the Manitoba pharmacare program as described in the Auditor General's report released May 4, 2006 and the need for urgent improvements to the quality and cost-effectiveness of this program.

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker ruled that in accordance with Rule 36(5)(a), not more than one such motion will be made at the same sitting.

Subsequently following Members' Statements, Mr. LAMOUREUX rose on a Matter of Privilege regarding the need to make some changes to the Rules of the House.

And Mr. LAMOUREUX speaking at 12:30 p.m. The matter was allowed to remain in his name.

Mr. LAMOUREUX asked Written Questions (Nos. 21 and 22) for reply to the following:

- 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?

The House then adjourned at 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 8, 2006.

Hon. George HICKES, Speaker.