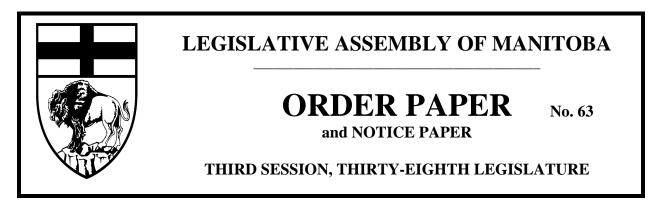
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SITTING AT 1:30 P.M.

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OPPOSITION DAY MOTION – Tuesday, June 14, 2005:

Mr. DERKACH-

Whereas the Doer-NDP Government has demonstrated its inability to manage provincial affairs including Health Care, Education, Finance, Agriculture, Family Services and Advanced Education; and

Whereas Manitobans are disillusioned, frustrated and disappointed with this NDP Government because of its duplicitous approach to issues of great importance; and

Whereas Manitobans are being misled by this NDP Government when announcements on programs are made but action plans are either not developed or not implemented; and

Whereas Manitobans are left in pain, and prolonged suffering, because of the ideology of this NDP Government which prohibits patient treatment in publicly funded, privately run health care facilities; and

Whereas the Premier continues to be duplicitous in his statements about issues of utmost importance to Manitobans, especially with Health Care and the use of public-private partnerships; and

Whereas hospitals in rural Manitoba have been and are closing despite the Premier's promises on many occasions that no rural hospital would be closed or converted; and

Whereas the South Beach Casino will soon be open, exposing workers and patrons to a smokefilled environment which compromises their health and well-being; and

Whereas the incompetence of the Minister of Education has allowed the gross misuse of tax payers dollars allocated for educational purposes, to be used instead for the unlawful purpose of a housing development and property development; and

Whereas the Minister of Education abdicates responsibility for the continued misuse of taxpayer dollars by refusing to put an immediate stop to the illegal development of land by a school division; and

Whereas the Minister of Education has failed to show leadership with respect to duties, programs, initiatives and funds within the purview of the Department of Education; and

Whereas the NDP Government has failed to oversee and monitor Labour Sponsored Capital Investment Funds (Crocus) resulting in the loss of millions of investor and taxpayer dollars; and

Whereas the Doer-NDP Government with its anti-business approach to investment in Manitoba has failed to grow, expand and diversify Manitoba's economy; and

Whereas in a year of unprecedented government revenues the NDP Government is forcing Manitobans to pay significantly higher fees for many services, including probate fees paid by surviving spouses and children, Pharmacare deductibles and family court fees; and

Whereas Manitoba's debt, under the watch of the NDP government continues to rise at \$1.5 million per day, and cumulatively has risen by two billion dollars during a time when Manitoba has seen unparalleled federal transfers and own source revenues; and

Whereas it has been more than two years since the outbreak of BSE, which has put Manitoba's cattle industry in great jeopardy and this NDP Government has failed to expand slaughter and processing capacities in Manitoba; and

Whereas the Minister of Family Services has shown disrespect for the Legislative process of accountability and members of this chamber by refusing to answer serious questions as they relate to the policies of the Department of Family Services and Housing; and

Whereas Manitoba Universities are being forced to raise student ancillary fees because of the insufficient operating funds transferred from this NDP Government to our post-secondary institutions; and

Whereas the NDP Government has now forced an anti-democratic Master Labour Agreement on Manitobans by forcing non-unionized workers on the Floodway Expansion Project to pay union dues, pension and benefit costs, when these costs are already covered under existing agreements with their respective employers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislature express its disgust and disappointment on behalf of Manitobans in the way in which this NDP Government has conducted the affairs of the Province of Manitoba; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly express its grave objection to the Premier and NDP Government for misleading Manitobans, mishandling major issues and government departments and for misusing and misspending Manitobans' hard earned tax dollars; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba respectfully request the Premier and NDP Government to apologize to Manitobans for the careless, insensitive and duplicitous manner in which it has carried out its duties on behalf of the citizens of Manitoba.