

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 22

FIFTH SESSION, THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYERS 1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Hon. Mr. CUMMINGS, the Minister of Natural Resources made a statement concerning the improvement in the fire situation in Manitoba.

Mr. ROBINSON commented on the statement.	

Hon. Mr. CUMMINGS, the Minister of Natural Resources made a statement regarding National Forest Week, May 2 to 8, 1999.

 $Mr.\ STRUTHERS$ and, by leave, $Mr.\ KOWALSKI$ commented on the statement.

During Oral Questions, Mr. ASHTON rose on a point of order stating that in accordance with Beauchesne citation 417, "Answers to questions should be as brief as possible, deal with the matter raised and should not provoke debate,"

And Hon. Mrs. MITCHELSON having spoken to the point of order,

WHEREUPON, Madam Speaker informed the House she would take the matter under advisement.

Pursuant to Rule 20 (1), Mrs. DRIEDGER (Charleswood), Messrs. STRUTHERS, KOWALSKI, SVEINSON and JENNISSEN made Members' Statements.

The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. GILLESHAMMER:

THAT this House approve in general the budgetary policy of the government.

And the Proposed Motion of Mr. LAMOUREUX moved in amendment thereto:

THAT the motion be amended by adding thereto the following words:

BUT that this House regrets;

THAT this government, by neglecting to incorporate in their budgets the full financial activity of crown corporations and their complete pension liabilities, by failing to report the cost of the purchase of Centra Gas, by draining the fiscal stabilization fund for partisan political reasons, and by failing to respond to the demand for clearer accounting practices, as recommended by the provincial auditor, has tabled a budget that does not reflect the transparency, openness and accountability that Manitobans expect from their provincial government and has turned the provincial budget into an election platform and therefore this House has lost confidence in the government and has thereby lost the confidence of this legislature and the people of Manitoba.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Mr. JENNISSEN concluding his remarks,

And Hon. Mrs. VODREY, Ms. FRIESEN, Hon. Mr. NEWMAN and Mr. MALOWAY having spoken,

And Mr. PENNER speaking at 6:00 p.m.,

The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

The House then adjourned at 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

Hon. Louise Dacquay, Speaker.