



PRAYERS

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petition was read and received:

Mrs. DRIEDGER – Minister of Justice encourage the Government of Manitoba to continue partnering with schools and law enforcement to ensure Winnipeg Police Athletic Clubs provide recreational and athletic activities. (M. L. Hockley, P. White, S. MacDonald and others)

Hon. Ms. MIHYCHUK, the Minister of Industry, Trade and Mines made a statement regarding Provincial Mining Week, May 12 to 19, 2000,

Mr. TWEED and, by leave, Hon. Mr. GERRARD commented on the statement.

Hon. Ms. BARRETT, the Minister of Labour made a statement regarding the participation in a citizenship court, presided over by Judge Art Miki,

Mrs. DACQUAY commented on the statement.

Hon. Mr. ROBINSON presented:

Communities Economic Development Fund, Quarterly Report, Nine Months, April 1 – December 31, 1999.

(Sessional Paper No. 128)

Pursuant to Rule 23(1), Ms. ALLAN, Mr. SCHULER, Ms. CERILLI, Mrs. SMITH (Fort Garry) and Mr. DEWAR made Members' Statements.

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

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

And on the Proposed Amendment of Mr. STEFANSON:

THAT the Motion be amended by deleting all the words after "House" and substituting the following:

therefore regrets this budget ignores the present and future needs of Manitobans by:

(a) failing to provide a vision or plan for Manitoba's economy;

(b) failing to protect the strong economic climate established in Manitoba during the last decade;

(c) failing to provide substantial tax cuts to Manitobans;

(d) failing to recognize the importance of tax competitiveness so Manitoba can continue to prosper;

(e) failing to provide any incentive for our young people to stake their futures in Manitoba;

(f) failing to provide adequate support to Manitoba's universities;

(g) failing to provide a process for public consultation on the establishment of five new casinos;

(h) failing to provide assistance to agriculture producers affected by severe flooding in southwestern Manitoba;

(i) failing to meet the highways and infrastructure needs of rural Manitoba;

(j) failing to end hallway medicine as promised;

(k) failing to open 138 new, permanent hospital beds as promised; and

(1) failing to deal with the needs and concerns of the City of Winnipeg.

As a consequence, the government has thereby lost the confidence of this House and the people of Manitoba.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Mr. LOEWEN concluding his remarks,

And Hon. Ms. FRIESEN, Messrs. SCHULER, SANTOS and PENNER (Steinbach) having spoken,

And Mr. MARTINDALE 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 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, 2000.

Hon. George HICKES, Speaker.