

## PRAYER

## 1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The Clerk formally advised the Assembly that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent and called upon the Deputy Speaker to take the Chair pursuant to the Statutes. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 1:30 p.m.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. SCHULER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Transportation consider the immediate twinning of the PTH #15 Floodway Bridge for the safety of the citizens of Manitoba. (K. MacDonald, D. Amos, A. Chornoby and others)

Mrs. DRIEDGER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Provincial Government consider immediately providing Revlimid as a choice to patients with Multiple Myeloma and their health care providers in Manitoba through public funding. (B. Sais, D. Sais, V. Spence and others)

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation to consider making the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of PTH 16 and PTH 5 North a priority project in order to help protect the safety of the motorists and pedestrians who use it. (H. Jones, C. Speiss, B. McMinn and others)

Mr. GOERTZEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Family Services to consider working with the Blumenort Christian Preschool to ensure that affordable nursery school options remain in the Blumenort community. (G. Penner, C. Kehler, C. Kellett and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to consider establishing a 90 day guarantee for processing an application for a minimum of 90% of applicants that have family living in Manitoba. (D. Arends, D. Arends, J. Castro and others)

During Oral Questions, Madam Deputy Speaker interjected during a point of order and requested that the words "hide behind the Speaker's chair" spoken by the Honourable Member for Inkster be withdrawn.

WHEREUPON Mr. LAMOUREUX withdrew his remarks.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. LAMOUREUX rose on a Matter of Privilege regarding Question Period arrangements as agreed to by the House Leaders and moved:

THAT this matter be referred to the Legislative Committee.

And Hon. Mr. BLAIKIE having spoken.

WHEREUPON Madam Deputy Speaker ruled there was no Matter of Privilege.

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mr. DERKACH, Ms. KORZENIOWSKI, Mrs. ROWAT, Mr. MARTINDALE and Hon. Mr. GERRARD made Members' Statements.

Prior to Grievances, Mrs. MITCHELSON rose on a Matter of Urgent Public Importance and moved:

THAT in accordance with Rule 36(1), the regularly scheduled business of the House be set aside to discuss a Matter of Urgent Public Importance, namely, issues with regard to the Department of Family Services and, in particular, the crisis in child welfare.

And Mrs. MITCHELSON, Hon. Mr. BLAIKIE and Mr. LAMOUREUX (by leave) having spoken to the urgency of the motion,

WHEREUPON Madam Deputy 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 East 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.

There are procedural shortcomings with this MUPI motion and it is technically out of order, but despite these shortcomings, there appears to be a willingness to debate the matter. Therefore I will put the Question to the House.

Madam Deputy Speaker then put the Question, "Shall the debate proceed?" It was agreed to.

And a debate arising,

And Mrs. MITCHELSON, Hon. Messrs. MACKINTOSH and GERRARD, Mr. MCFADYEN, Hon. Ms. HOWARD, Mrs. TAILLIEU, Hon. Mr. RONDEAU, Messrs. BRIESE and GRAYDON, Mrs. STEFANSON, Hon. Mr. BJORNSON and Mrs. DRIEDGER having spoken.

The debate was terminated in accordance with Rule 36(6).

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, June 10, 2010.

Marilyn BRICK, Deputy Speaker.