



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

FOURTH SESSION, THIRTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Mr. LAMOUREUX moved:

THAT Bill (No. 206) – The Liquor Control Amendment Act (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Prevention)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools (prévention de l'ensemble des troubles causés par l'alcoolisation fœtale), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. LAMOUREUX, Ms. IRVIN-ROSS, Hon. Messrs. GERRARD and RONDEAU and Ms. KORZENIOWSKI having spoken,

And Mrs. TAILLIEU speaking at 11:00 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in her name.

Mr. CULLEN moved:

Resolution No. 8: Rural Healthcare

WHEREAS the Brandon Regional Health Authority (BRHA) is experiencing physician vacancies in the areas of pediatrics, orthopedic surgery, emergency medicine, radiology, internal medicine and anaesthesia; and

WHEREAS communities throughout the Assiniboine Regional Health Authority (ARHA) are experiencing emergency room closures, doctor shortages and the downgrading of health care services; and

WHEREAS the recruitment efforts of the BRHA and ARHA over the last year have failed to fill many of the vacancies that exist; and

WHEREAS Manitoba taxpayers are footing the bill for locum physician coverage in the Westman region; and

WHEREAS as a result of the physician vacancies and emergency room closures throughout the BRHA and ARHA, many patients are being forced to travel by ambulance on Manitoba's highways to access health care services; and

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WHEREAS patients are being assessed ambulance bills totalling thousands of dollars; and

WHEREAS rural Manitobans are being treated as second class citizens; and

WHEREAS the Minister of Health has admitted that the existing ambulance transfer policy is inequitable and unfair to rural Manitobans.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba strongly urge the Premier and the Minister of Health to consider living up to their promises to retain and restore health care services to the City of Brandon and communities throughout rural Manitoba; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba strongly urge the Premier and the Minister of Health to consider ending Highway Medicine and ensure that rural Manitobans are able to access medical treatment in their local hospitals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba request the Premier and the Minister of Health to stop treating rural Manitobans like second class citizens and to consider covering the costs of all inter-facility ambulance transfers.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. CULLEN, Hon. Mr. SALE, Mr. PENNER, Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK and Mrs. ROWAT having spoken,

And Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS speaking at 12:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mrs. STEFANSON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Premier of Manitoba and the Minister of Health to consider providing CancerCare Manitoba with the appropriate funding necessary so that they may provide leading edge care for patients in the same manner as other provinces and to consider accelerating the process by which new cancer treatment drugs are approved so that more Manitobans are able to be treated in the most effective manner possible. (R. Sawatsky, R. Tocko, R. Cline and others)

Mrs. DRIEDGER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Premier of Manitoba and the Minister of Health to consider providing CancerCare Manitoba with the appropriate funding necessary so that they may provide leading edge care for patients in the same manner as other provinces and to consider accelerating the process by which new cancer treatment drugs are approved so that more Manitobans are able to be treated in the most effective manner possible. (E. Graeb, J. Slawik, A. Hempel and others)

Mrs. TAILLIEU – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to strongly urge the Provincial Government to consider apologizing to citizens of the former Morris-Macdonald School Division for firing the School Board, launching a criminal investigation, and tarnishing their reputation and to consider reimbursing blameless Morris-Macdonald citizens, who have paid the province \$1.4 million in additional school taxes over the last three years. (L. Dureault, J. Ell, B. Edwards and others)

Mr. MAGUIRE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives to consider holding consultations with Manitoba's cattle producers and representatives from agricultural groups before this levy is put in place. (G. Martin, S. Dodds, B. Morrice and others)

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. (H. Ferguson, S. Kirkness, L. Tuesday and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to consider the need to seek clarification on why the Government did not act on fixing the Crocus fund back in 2001 and to urge the Premier and his Government to cooperate in making public what really happened and call for a public inquiry. (R. Grandpre, P. Sarinas, P. Ian and others)

Hon. Mr. ROBINSON, the Minister of Culture, Heritage and Tourism made a statement regarding May 12, being Manitoba Day, the 136th Birthday of the Province of Manitoba,

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

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mr. JHA, Mrs. MITCHELSON, Ms. IRVIN-ROSS, Messrs. GOERTZEN and AGLUGUB made Members' Statements.

In accordance with Rule 27, Mr. LAMOUREUX rose on a Grievance.

By unanimous consent, the sequence for consideration of estimates, as outlined in Sessional Paper No. 58 tabled on May 9, 2006, was amended in order that the estimates of Family Services and Housing be considered in Room 255 prior to the estimates of Labour and Immigration.

By unanimous consent, the sequence for consideration of estimates, as outlined in Sessional Paper No. 58 tabled on May 9, 2006, was further amended in order that the estimates of Conservation be considered in the Chamber prior to the estimates of Advanced Education and Training.

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The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Ms. OSWALD:

THAT Bill (No. 36) – The Youth Drug Stabilization (Support for Parents) Act/Loi sur la stabilisation des mineurs toxicomanes (aide aux parents), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Messrs. CULLEN, DYCK and LAMOUREUX having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

In accordance with Rule 31(9), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Manitoba Roads Resolution will be considered next Thursday, May 18, 2006.

Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK for Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH moved:

THAT Bill (No. 23) – The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi visant à accroître la sécurité des collectivités et des quartiers, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK having spoken,

And Mr. GOERTZEN speaking at 4:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

The House resolving into Committee of Supply. The Proceedings were interrupted at 5:00 p.m. with the understanding that the Committee of Supply would resume Friday, May 12, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

The House then adjourned at 12:31 p.m. Friday, May 12, 2006 until 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 15, 2006.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.