



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 31

FIFTH SESSION, THIRTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Mr. LAMOUREUX moved:

THAT Bill (No. 203) – 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 Messrs. LAMOUREUX and MARTINDALE, Mrs. TAILLIEU, Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS, Mr. CULLEN, Ms. BRICK and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

And Mr. REID speaking at 11:00 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

Mrs. ROWAT moved:

Resolution No. 4: Rural Job Loss/Centralization of Jobs

WHEREAS many of Manitoba's rural communities are facing great economic hardships; and

WHEREAS many agriculture producers are being forced to find income sources off of the farm to supplement their operations; and

WHEREAS developing and maintaining economic development and employment is one of the primary difficulties facing rural communities; and

WHEREAS the current government has shown an inclination to support the centralization of rural jobs and the removal of these jobs from rural settings; and

WHEREAS the centralization of rural jobs away from rural communities increases hardships and pulls much needed economic supports out of rural communities; and

WHEREAS the practice of centralization has negatively impacted a large number of rural families who are unsure of how they can continue to support themselves as employment options are removed from their communities; and

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WHEREAS often families are forced to leave their home communities and family behind in order to seek employment opportunities in urban centres as jobs in their communities are removed or relocated; and

WHEREAS it is essential to ensure the continued sustainability of rural economies for the good of all Manitobans.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to strongly consider reversing its policy of centralization of rural government jobs, such as the crown lands jobs threatened in the communities of Minnedosa and Neepawa; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider keeping current government employment opportunities in the communities where they currently provide much needed economic investment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider providing greater support for the protection of rural employment in Manitoba.

And a debate arising,

And Mrs. ROWAT, Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK, Messrs. CUMMINGS, NEVAKSHONOFF and CULLEN and Hon. Mr. BJORNSON having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Hon. Mr. ASHTON, Bill (No. 30) – The Planning Amendment Act (Deemed Single Operations)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'aménagement du territoire (exploitations réputées uniques), was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mrs. ROWAT – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Provincial Government to consider stopping the removal of these positions from our community (Minnedosa), and to consider utilizing current technology in order to maintain these positions in their existing location. (R. McNabb, D. Blake, B. Ross and others)

Mrs. DRIEDGER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Health to consider developing a clear, immediate plan to address the ER doctor shortage and to consider taking all necessary steps to ensure the Grace Hospital emergency room does not close. (F. Altvater, E. Deacon, M. Diacos and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Premier and his Government to consider improving and strengthening the Provincial Nominee Program in order to recognize and acknowledge how important immigration is to our province. (R. Gonzales, R. Sumala, F. Purificacion and others)

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Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS, Mrs. STEFANSON, Mr. SWAN, Mrs. ROWAT and Mr. ALTEMEYER made Members' Statements.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed that the Standing Committee on Human Resources would reschedule to meet at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 19, 2007, concurrently with the House.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed to waive the quorum requirement and any recorded votes arising in the House from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 19, 2007.

Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX moved:

THAT Bill (No. 22) – The Firefighters, Peace Officers and Workers Memorial Foundations Act/Loi sur les fondations à la mémoire des pompiers, des agents de la paix et des travailleurs, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX, Mr. GOERTZEN, Hon. Mr. SMITH, Messrs. DERKACH, CULLEN, LAMOUREUX, MAGUIRE, MARTINDALE, SWAN and JENNISSON, Ms. BRICK, Mr. PENNER, Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS, Messrs. JHA and REID, Hon. Mr. RONDEAU, Hon. Ms. MELNICK, Hon. Mr. BJORNSON, Mr. SANTOS and Ms. KORZENIOWSKI 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 Drainage Management Program Resolution will be considered next Thursday, April 26, 2007.

The House resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS:

THAT Bill (No. 3) – The Healthy Child Manitoba Act/Loi sur la stratégie « Enfants en santé Manitoba », be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. CULLEN and Ms. BRICK having spoken,

The debate was allowed, by leave, to remain in the name of Mr. GOERTZEN.

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Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK presented:

Sequence for consideration of the Estimates by the Committee of Supply, both in the Chamber and outside the Chamber.

(Sessional Paper No. 29)

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 23, 2007.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.