



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 30

SECOND SESSION, THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Mr. SCHULER moved:

THAT Bill (No. 212) – The Teachers' Pensions Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la pension de retraite des enseignants, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. SCHULER, Hon. Mr. BJORNSON, Mr. BOROTSIK, Hon. Mr. RONDEAU, Mr. DERKACH, Ms. BRAUN, Mr. FAURSCHOU and Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS having spoken,

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

Mrs. DRIEDGER moved:

Resolution No. 4: Midwifery Training

WHEREAS the NDP Government has broken its 2007 provincial election promise to enhance midwifery training in Manitoba even though midwives throughout history have been community experts in providing knowledge, skill, guidance and support to women through pregnancy, labour and birth; and

WHEREAS the World Health Organization recognizes midwives internationally as specialists in normal childbirth; and

WHEREAS the Progressive Conservative Government passed *The Midwifery Act* in 1997 thereby enshrining the right to practice midwifery in Manitoba in law and establishing midwifery as a regulated profession through creation of the Manitoba College of Midwives; and

WHEREAS the demand for midwives in Manitoba far outstrips the services which the current supply of midwives is able to provide; and

WHEREAS according to the Manitoba Midwifery Action Group in the regional health authorities that offer midwifery care more than 50% of the women are turned away due to the shortage of midwives; and

WHEREAS there are less than three dozen practicing midwives in Manitoba and only six of Manitoba's eleven regional health authorities offer midwifery services; and

WHEREAS the only institutional based midwifery training program available in Manitoba is the Aboriginal Midwifery Education Program through the University College of the North; and

WHEREAS our province needs a university or college based midwifery training program in southern Manitoba; and

WHEREAS this NDP Government cancelled a midwifery program developed for the University of Manitoba in 1999; and

WHEREAS this NDP Government has done little to increase the supply of midwives in Manitoba even though the Society of Gynecologists and Obstetricians foresees 34% of its members retiring within the next five years.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider creating a university or college based midwifery program in Winnipeg; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider acknowledging the need to do more to meet the growing demand for midwifery and to consider providing women with greater choice in the type of care they would like throughout their pregnancy, labour and birth.

And a debate arising,

And Mrs. DRIEDGER and Hon. Ms. OSWALD having spoken,

By leave, it was agreed to amend the Resolution as follows:

THAT the following changes and adaptations be made to the resolution:

(a) to change the first WHEREAS so that it now reads:

WHEREAS midwives throughout history have been community experts in providing knowledge, skill, guidance and support to women through pregnancy, labour and birth; and

(b) to amendment the third WHEREAS so that it now reads:

WHEREAS *The Midwifery Act* was passed in 1997 and proclaimed in 2000, thereby enshrining the right to practice midwifery in Manitoba in law and establishing midwifery as a regulated profession through the creation of the Manitoba College of Midwives; and
Changes:

(c) to replace the ninth WHEREAS so that it now reads:

WHEREAS a midwifery program was proposed for 1999; and

(d) to replace the tenth WHEREAS with the following:

WHEREAS the number of funded midwife positions has grown from zero in 2000 to thirty-four today in urban, rural and northern Manitoba.

And the debate continuing on the main motion (as amended),

And Hon. Ms. OSWALD, Mrs. MITCHELSON, Ms. HOWARD, Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Mr. EICHLER and Ms. MARCELINO having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, the sequence for consideration of estimates, as outlined in Sessional Paper No. 15 tabled on April 18, 2008, was amended in order that the estimates of Justice be considered in Room 254 instead of Infrastructure and Transportation for Thursday, April 24, 2008, Friday April 25, 2008 and Monday, April 28, 2008 only.

By unanimous consent, the sequence for consideration of estimates, as outlined in Sessional Paper No. 15 tabled on April 18, 2008, was further amended in order that the estimates of Finance be considered in Room 255 instead of Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives for Thursday, April 24, 2008, Friday April 25, 2008 and Monday, April 28, 2008 only.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bills were severally read a First Time and had their purposes outlined:

(No. 29) – The Business Practices Amendment Act (Disclosing Motor Vehicle Information)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les pratiques commerciales (communication de renseignements concernant les véhicules automobiles)

(Hon. Mr. SELINGER)

(No. 30) – The Crown Lands Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les terres domaniales

(Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS)

(No. 210) – The Winter Spreading of Manure and Biosolids Prohibition Act/Loi interdisant l'épandage hivernal de déjections et de biosolides

(Hon. Mr. GERRARD)

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Water Stewardship to consider placing a moratorium on the harvesting of any species of fish on Lake Dauphin and its tributaries for the period April 1st to May 15th annually and to consider doing regular studies of fish stocks on Lake Dauphin to help gauge the health of the fishery and to consider determining any steps needed to protect or to enhance those stocks. (D. Adelis, B. Edel, J. Edel and others)

Mrs. TAILLIEU – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation to consider making the completion of the dividing of the Trans Canada Highway in Headingley in 2008 an urgent Provincial Government priority and to consider evaluating whether any other steps can be taken to improve motorist safety while the dividing of the Trans Canada Highway in Headingley is being completed. (S. Bruce, C. Mendres, C. Wald and others)

Mrs. STEFANSON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Water Stewardship to consider placing a moratorium on the harvesting of any species of fish on Lake Dauphin and its tributaries for the period April 1st to May 15th annually and to consider doing regular studies of fish stocks on Lake Dauphin to help gauge the health of the fishery and to consider determining any steps needed to protect or to enhance those stocks. (P. Brunen, R. Eastoe, Z. Zurba and others)

Mr. DYCK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Health to strongly consider giving priority for funding to develop and staff a new 100 bed long-term-care facility so that clients are not exposed to unsafe conditions and so that Boundary Trails Health Centre beds remain available for acute care patients instead of waiting placement clients. (S. Teigrob, H. Klassen, G. Froese and others)

Mrs. DRIEDGER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Family Services and Housing to consider addressing the shortage of Early Childhood Educators by enabling child care centres to provide competitive wages and benefits; and to consider adequately planning for the future child care needs of growing communities, and to consider making the development of a sustainable and accessible child care system a priority; and to consider the development of a governance body that would provide direction and support to the volunteer boards of child care centres and to consider the development of regionalized central wait lists for child care; and to encourage all Members of the Legislative Assembly to consider becoming more closely involved with the operations of the licensed daycare facilities in their constituencies. (D. Draho, D. Massinon, R. Peech and others)

Mr. CULLEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister responsible for the administration of the Liquor Control Act to consider working with MLCC to find alternate means of addressing rising administrative costs; and to consider working with MLCC to revise the decision to implement a significant annual license fee increase; and to consider ensuring that the unique challenges faced by small businesses are better taken into account in the future. (C. A. Skanderberg, L. M. Johnson, C. Bette and others)

Mr. MALOWAY, Vice-Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented its Second Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings:

Your Committee met on the following occasions:

- November 28, 2005
- April 23, 2008

All meetings were held in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- Auditor General's Report – A Review of Crown Corporations Council and Compliance Audits dated March 2004

Committee Membership

Committee membership for the November 28, 2005 meeting:

- Mr. CALDWELL
- Mr. CUMMINGS
- Mr. HAWRANIK
- Mr. MAGUIRE
- Mr. MALOWAY (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. MARTINDALE
- Mr. NEVAKSHONOFF
- Mr. REIMER (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. SANTOS
- Hon. Mr. SELINGER

Committee membership for the April 23, 2008 meeting:

- Mr. BOROTSIK
- Ms. BRAUN
- Mr. DERKACH (*Chairperson*)
- Ms. HOWARD
- Mr. JHA
- Mr. LAMOUREUX
- Mr. MAGUIRE
- Mr. MALOWAY (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. MARTINDALE
- Hon. Mr. SELINGER
- Mrs. STEFANSON

Officials Speaking on Record

Officials speaking on the record at the April 23, 2008 meeting:

- Carol Bellringer, Auditor General

Reports Considered and Passed

Your Committee considered and passed the following reports as presented:

- Auditor General's Report – A Review of Crown Corporations Council and Compliance Audits dated March 2004

On motion of Mr. MALOWAY, the Report of the Committee was received.

Hon. Mr. BJORNSON presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2008-2009 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Education, Citizenship and Youth.

(Sessional Paper No. 21)

During Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker interjected and cautioned the Honourable Member for Minnedosa with regards to the use of the words "Premier's falsehoods".

And Mrs. ROWAT voluntarily withdrew her remarks.

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Ms. SELBY, Mr. CULLEN, Mr. JHA, Mrs. DRIEDGER and Ms. HOWARD made Members' Statements.

In accordance with Rule 31(9), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Specialty Wine Store in the City of Brandon Resolution will be considered next Thursday, May 1, 2008.

The House resolving into Committee of Supply. The Proceedings were interrupted at 6:00 p.m. with the understanding that the Committee of Supply would resume Friday, April 25, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

The House then adjourned at 12:31 p.m. Friday, April 25, 2008 until 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 28, 2008.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.