



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 11

THIRD SESSION, THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

By leave, it was agreed for the House to deal with Second Reading of Bill (No. 228).

Ms. BRAUN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 228) – The Grandparents' Day Act/Loi sur la Fête des grands-parents, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Ms. BRAUN, Messrs. LAMOUREUX and JHA, Mrs. ROWAT, Mr. MARTINDALE, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Mr. REID having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to, unanimously.

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

Mr. BOROTSIK moved:

Resolution No. 1: Making Manitoba a “Have” Province

WHEREAS Manitoba is now the only “have not” province in Western Canada; and

WHEREAS Manitoba is not immune to the negative effects of a global financial crisis rooted in the mismanagement of financial resources; and

WHEREAS a strong indicator of a jurisdiction’s prudence and accountability is the Provincial Government’s ability to live within its means and balance its operating budget; and

WHEREAS this Provincial Government has passed legislation that allows it to run operating budget deficits without consequence; and

WHEREAS for Manitoba to move from “have not” to “have” status will require a positive business environment for entrepreneurs and business owners; and

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WHEREAS this Provincial Government, in a global economic crisis, has passed legislation that has created a climate of fear and uncertainty among many family farmers, investors, entrepreneurs and workers; and

WHEREAS many Manitobans are exercising financial restraint during this period of economic downturn; and

WHEREAS this Provincial Government passed legislation that directs taxpayer revenue to the New Democratic Party of Manitoba; and

WHEREAS a bold and innovative vision is needed to take Manitoba from “have not” to “have” status, and no such vision is evident in any of this government’s Throne Speeches or budgets; and

WHEREAS this Provincial Government has instilled neither spirit nor energy in developing a long term vision for Manitoba’s future as a “have” province; and

WHEREAS receiving money from external and fluctuating sources of revenue is neither prudent nor visionary; and

WHEREAS Manitoba has become significantly more dependent on equalization payments from the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS Manitoba is currently receiving an unprecedented amount of equalization payments from the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS Manitobans are weary from the dependence on our neighbors that has grown under this Provincial Government and want to see Manitoba become economic leader in Canada.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider acknowledging that being a “have not” province is not acceptable and that is not in the best interests of the Province of Manitoba; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider - after being in government for nine years - accepting the challenge to making Manitoba a “have province”.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. BOROTSIK, Hon. Mr. SELINGER, Mr. PEDERSEN, Hon. Mr. ASHTON and Mr. DERKACH having spoken,

And Hon. Mr. BJORNSON speaking at 11:59 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Hon. Mr. SELINGER, Bill (No. 9) – The Social Work Profession Act/Loi sur la profession de travailleur social, was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

The following petitions were presented and read:

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. (N. Janzen, B. Agnew, T. Stambuski and others)

Mr. GRAYDON – 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. (M. Potapoff, E. Kupchak, H. Moore 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. (R. Fajardo, C. De Leon, E. Fajardo and others)

Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS for Hon. Mr. ROBINSON presented:

Manitoba Centennial Centre Corporation, Quarterly Report, Three Months, April 1 to June 30, 2008. (Sessional Paper No. 13)

Manitoba Centennial Centre Corporation, Quarterly Report, Six Months, April 1 to September 30, 2008. (Sessional Paper No. 14)

Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX presented:

Annual Report of the Materials Distribution Agency for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008. (Sessional Paper No. 15)

Annual Report of the Fleet Vehicles Agency for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008. (Sessional Paper No. 16)

Annual Report of the Crown Lands and Property Agency for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008.

(Sessional Paper No. 17)

Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK presented:

Copy of Regulations filed under The Regulations Act, being Manitoba Regulations Nos. 149/2007 to 169/2008.

(Sessional Paper No. 18)

Evaluation of The Victims' Bill of Rights: Summary of the Final Report.

(Sessional Paper No. 19)

Annual Report of the Legal Aid Manitoba for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2008.

(Sessional Paper No. 20)

Hon. Ms. ALLAN, the Minister responsible for the Status of Women, made a statement regarding December 6, 2008, being National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women.

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

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mr. MARTINDALE, Mrs. ROWAT, Hon. Mr. SELINGER, Messrs. DERKACH, and CALDWELL made Members' Statements.

By leave, it was agreed, with respect to the Special Committee on Senate Reform, to waive the requirements as set out in Rule 4(6) regarding the ten days notice for an intersessional committee meeting.

Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS moved:

THAT Bill (No. 3) – The Forest Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les forêts, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mr. DYCK, adjourned.

Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS presented:

Message from His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 3).

(Sessional Paper No. 21)

Hon. Mr. ASHTON moved:

THAT Bill (No. 4) – The Community Revitalization Tax Increment Financing Act/Loi sur le financement fiscal de la revitalisation urbaine, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. ASHTON having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mr. DYCK, adjourned.

Hon. Mr. ASHTON presented:

Message from His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 4).

(Sessional Paper No. 22)

Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX moved:

THAT Bill (No. 5) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Promoting Safer and Healthier Conditions in Motor Vehicles)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (promotion de la santé et de la sécurité dans les véhicules automobiles), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mr. DYCK, adjourned.

Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS moved:

THAT Bill (No. 6) – The East Side Traditional Lands Planning and Special Protected Areas Act/Loi sur l'aménagement des terres traditionnelles situées du côté est et les zones protégées spéciales, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mr. DYCK, adjourned.

Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS presented:

Message from His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 6).

(Sessional Paper No. 23)

Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK moved:

THAT Bill (No. 7) – The Food Safety and Related Amendments Act/Loi sur la salubrité des aliments et modifications connexes, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mr. DYCK, adjourned.

Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK presented:

Message from His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 7).

(Sessional Paper No. 24)

Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK moved:

THAT Bill (No. 2) – The Animal Care Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le soin des animaux, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK, Messrs. PEDERSEN, BRIESE, LAMOUREUX and EICHLER 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.

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Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK presented:

Message from His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 2).

(Sessional Paper No. 25)

The House then adjourned at 3:49 p.m., Thursday, December 4, 2008.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.