



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 39

SECOND SESSION, FORTIETH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Mrs. ROWAT moved:

THAT Bill (No. 208) – The Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Act/Loi sur le dépistage systématique des déficiences auditives chez les nouveau-nés, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mrs. ROWAT, Hon. Ms. OSWALD, Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Messrs. WIEBE and EWASKO and Hon. Mr. CHIEF having spoken,

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

Mr. SCHULER moved:

Resolution No. 6: Manitoba Hydro Rate Hikes

WHEREAS Manitoba Hydro's electricity rates increased by 8% over the last twelve months; and

WHEREAS electricity rates are expected to double over the next 20 years due to annual increases of 4%; and

WHEREAS the Public Utilities Board has expressed concerns about potentially larger than anticipated costs at Manitoba Hydro which could result in the possibility of more rate increases in the future.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba acknowledge that these rate hikes compound the financial hardship on Manitoba families imposed by the Provincial Government through tax and fee increases.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. SCHULER, Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK, Messrs. CULLEN, MALOWAY and BRIESE and Hon. Mr. RONDEAU having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

(No. 42) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Enhancing Passenger Safety)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (sécurité accrue des passagers)

(Hon. Mr. ASHTON)

(No. 207) – The Family Maintenance Amendment and Garnishment Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'obligation alimentaire et la Loi sur la saisie-arrêt

(Mr. PEDERSEN)

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mrs. MITCHELSON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (J. Russell, J. Dyck, R. Campbell and others)

Mr. WISHART – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (D. Comeau, J. Hopkins, K. Hamm and others)

Mr. EWASKO – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (J. Thiessen, G. Hird, B. Arksey and others)

Mr. SMOOK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (A. Reimer, E. Fosty, B. Smook and others)

During Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker interjected and requested that the words "another lie by this Minister and this Government" spoken by the Honourable Member for Brandon West be withdrawn.

WHEREUPON Mr. HELWER withdrew his remarks.

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Ms. CROTHERS and Messrs. BRIESE, SARAN, CULLEN, and WHITEHEAD made Members' Statements.

In accordance with Rule 31(9), the acting Opposition House Leader announced that the Integrity of the Finance Minister Resolution will be considered next Thursday, May 16, 2013.

Mrs. STEFANSON moved the following Opposition Day Motion:

THAT the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to follow the law and seek the approval of Manitobans through holding a referendum before raising the Retail Sales Tax (known as the Provincial Sales Tax).

And a debate arising,

And Mrs. STEFANSON, Hon. Mr. ASHTON, Mr. SMOOK, Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS and Messrs. GRAYDON, WISHART, PEDERSEN, EICHLER, EWASKO, CULLEN, BRIESE and HELWER having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was negatived, on the following division:

YEA

BRIESE	HELWER
CULLEN	MAGUIRE
DRIEDGER	PEDERSEN
EICHLER	ROWAT
EWASKO	SCHULER
FRIESEN	SMOOK
GERRARD	STEFANSON
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NAY

ALLAN	LEMIEUX
ALLUM	MACKINTOSH
ALTEMEYER	MALOWAY
ASHTON	MARCELINO (Logan)
BJORNSON	MARCELINO (Tyndall Park)
BLADY	MELNICK
BRAUN	OSWALD
CHIEF	ROBINSON
CHOMIAK	RONDEAU
CROTHERS	SARAN
DEWAR	SELBY
GAUDREAU	STRUTHERS
HOWARD	SWAN
IRVIN-ROSS	WIEBE
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During the debate, Mr. Speaker interjected and requested that the words "the member for Agassiz is just being dishonest" spoken by the Honourable Minister of Finance be withdrawn.

WHEREUPON Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS withdrew his remarks.

Subsequently, during the debate, Mr. Acting Speaker interjected and requested that Honourable Members should be referred to by their portfolio and asked the Honourable Member for Lac du Bonnet to withdraw his remark.

WHEREUPON Mr. EWASKO withdrew his remark.

The House then adjourned at 5:05 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 13, 2013.

Hon. Daryl REID,
Speaker.