



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 54

THIRD SESSION, FORTIETH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Ms. CROTHERS moved:

THAT Bill (No. 203) – The Nurse Practitioner Day Act/Loi sur la Journée des infirmières praticiennes, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And, Ms. CROTHERS, Mrs. DRIEDGER, Ms. WIGHT and Messrs. EWASKO, WIEBE and PIWNIUK 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.

Ms. WIGHT moved:

Resolution No. 16: Inclusion in Schools

WHEREAS Manitobans value different cultures, languages, ethnicities, gender identities, sexual orientations and persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS Manitobans recognize that diversity enriches the lives of everyone in this province; and

WHEREAS Manitobans want to see the diversity of communities reflected and promoted in schools; and

WHEREAS inclusive education means that all students are welcomed by their schools and supported to learn, participate and enjoy all aspects of school life; and

WHEREAS inclusion in schools benefits all students by fostering a culture of diversity, belonging and respect; and

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WHEREAS providing supports and opportunities to all students empowers them to become participating members of their school community; and

WHEREAS schools across Manitoba are working to improve inclusion by designing programs, activities and classrooms that allow all students to learn and participate together.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba recognize that inclusion creates a positive and healthy learning environment for all students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba encourage School Divisions to continue developing innovative and creative ways to promote inclusion for all students in schools.

And a debate arising,

And Ms. WIGHT, Messrs. EWASKO, PETTERSEN and FRIESEN, Hon. Mr. BJORNSON and Messrs. PEDERSEN, GOERTZEN and SCHULER having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

In accordance with Rule 31(8), the Government House Leader announced that the Filipino Nursing Resolution will be considered next Tuesday, May 20, 2014.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Hon. Mr. KOSTYSHYN, Bill (No. 71) – The Animal Diseases Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les maladies des animaux, was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. CULLEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to reverse the PST increase and to restore the right of Manitobans to vote in a referendum on increases to the PST. (C. Ramage, P. Wollman, R. Book and others)

Mr. EWASKO – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government and the Minister of Health to ensure that the Beausejour District Hospital and Primary Care Centre have a primary care physician available on weekends and holidays to better provide area residents with this essential service. (C. Bender, A. Berry, J. Mellors and others)

Mrs. ROWAT – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to acknowledge that the increase in the PST will significantly encourage cross border shopping and put additional strain on the retail sector, especially for those businesses located close to Manitoba's provincial borders and to urge the Provincial Government to reverse its PST increase to ensure Manitoba consumers can shop affordably in Manitoba and support local businesses. (S. Bauereiss, E. Koss, A. Ramsden and others)

Mr. Speaker presented:

Annual Report of the Ombudsman (Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and Personal Health Information Act) for the year ending December 31, 2013.

(Sessional Paper No. 57)

Annual Report of the Ombudsman (Public Interest Disclosure Act – Whistleblower Protection) for the year ending December 31, 2013.

(Sessional Paper No. 58)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Messrs. MARTIN, JHA, PIWNIUK, PETERSEN and SMOOK made Members' Statements.

Prior to Grievances, Mr. GOERTZEN rose on a Matter of Urgent Public Importance and moved:

THAT in accordance with Rule 36(1), the regularly scheduled business of the House be set aside to discuss a Matter of Urgent Public Importance, namely, the abduction of Nigerian school girls.

And Mr. GOERTZEN having spoken to the urgency of the motion,

By leave, the motion was withdrawn.

By leave, Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS moved:

WHEREAS in the middle of the night on April 15, 2014 approximately 300 girls were taken from their school in Chibok, Nigeria by the militant group Boko Haram; and

WHEREAS people from around the world have been speaking out to draw attention to this horrific crime; and

WHEREAS individual acts of violence and abuse against women are acts that are connected to create a world in which women's participation in society is limited, their rights can be violated and ignored, and their physical and mental health is damaged; and

WHEREAS the education of girls and women is fundamental to their full participation in society and essential to the achievement of genuine equality.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba condemn in the strongest terms the acts of violence that have occurred in Chibok, Nigeria and all acts of violence and subjugation against women around the world; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Federal Government to take all diplomatic and humanitarian measures deemed necessary to ensure the abducted girls are returned safely home and are able to continue and complete their education without fear.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS, Mr. GOERTZEN, Hon. Ms. MARCELINO (Logan), Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Mrs. ROWAT, Ms. MELNICK, Mrs. DRIEDGER, Mr. GAUDREAU, Mrs. MITCHELSON, Ms. WIGHT and Mr. MARTIN having spoken,

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

It was agreed that the Speaker send a copy of the Resolution to the Speaker of the House of Commons and the Speaker of the Senate and that it be distributed to all Members of both Houses.

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

THAT Bill (No. 33) – The Apprenticeship Employment Opportunities Act (Public Works Contracts)/Loi sur les occasions d'apprentissage en milieu de travail (marchés de travaux publics), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

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

The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. ALLUM:

THAT Bill (No. 37) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Connecting Schools to the Internet)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (branchement à Internet), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And leave having been denied to have the matter remain in the name of Mr. PEDERSEN,

And Mr. MALOWAY, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Mr. GOERTZEN 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.

Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS moved:

THAT Bill (No. 59) – The Adoption Amendment and Vital Statistics Amendment Act (Opening Birth and Adoption Records)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'adoption et la Loi sur les statistiques de l'état civil (accès aux documents de naissance et d'adoption), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

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And a debate arising,

And Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS, Mr. WISHART, Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Ms. WIGHT and Mr. GOERTZEN 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.

Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS presented:

Message from His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 59).

(Sessional Paper No. 59)

Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX moved:

THAT Bill (No. 56) – The Vital Statistics Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les statistiques de l'état civil, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Messrs. LEMIEUX and GERRARD and Hon. Ms. HOWARD having spoken,

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

The House then adjourned at 4:55 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 14, 2014.

Hon. Daryl REID,
Speaker.