



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 59

THIRD SESSION, FORTIETH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

In accordance with Rule 31(9), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Community Based Home Support for Seniors Resolution will be considered next Thursday, May 29, 2014.

By leave, it was agreed for the House to deal with Debate on Second Reading of Bill (No. 200).

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

THAT Bill (No. 200) – The Legislative Assembly Amendment Act (Democracy for Voters)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Assemblée législative (démocratie pour les électeurs), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And, Messrs. DEWAR and MARTIN, Hon. Mr. BJORNSON and Messrs. PIWNIUK, MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) and HELWER having spoken,

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

Mr. FRIESEN moved:

Resolution No. 19: Balanced Budget Promise Broken

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has overspent its core budget by a cumulative \$3.4 billion since 2000; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government's actual core expenditures exceeded budgeted core expenditures in 13 out of 14 budgets since 2000; and

WHEREAS in the last provincial general election, the Premier promised to balance the budget of the province by 2014; and

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WHEREAS the Minister of Finance reiterated the promise that the budget of the province would be balanced by 2014 when he announced his annual budget just two years ago saying “We are on track to return to balance by 2014”; and

WHEREAS the 2014 budget shows that the Provincial Government has failed to balance the budget this year as promised; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has failed to balance its budget even while revenues have skyrocketed through the tax and fee hikes of 2012 and the illegal 8% PST hike of 2013, which together now generate more than \$500 million per year for the Provincial Government.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to acknowledge that it broke its promise to Manitobans by failing to balance the budget by this year; and

BE IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to immediately enforce the sections of the *Balanced Budget, Fiscal Management and Taxpayer Accountability Act* which require that the salaries of all Ministers be reduced by 40 per cent when the Provincial Government fails to balance the budget.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. FRIESEN, Hon. Ms. HOWARD, Mr. HELWER, Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS and Messrs. BRIESE and DEWAR having spoken,

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

During the debate, Mr. Speaker interjected and requested that the word "hypocritical" spoken by the Honourable Member for Selkirk be withdrawn.

WHEREUPON Mr. DEWAR withdrew his remarks.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX, Bill (No. 72) – The Coat of Arms, Emblems and the Manitoba Tartan Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les armoiries, les emblèmes et le tartan du Manitoba, was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. EICHLER – 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. (E. Werzak, M. Becker, T. Walde and others)

Mr. CULLEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to reverse the job-killing PST increase and to restore the right of Manitobans to reject or approve any increases to the PST through a referendum. (A. Martens, H. Steward, E. Gudnason 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. (H. Hamende, J. Nicholson, E. Magnusson and others)

Mr. FRIESEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to stop breaking their promises, stop the delays and keep their commitment to proceed with the construction of Tabor Home in 2014. (J. Wiebe, H. Boscitman, R. Rempel and others)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Ms. CROTHERS and Messrs. FRIESEN, MARCELINO (Tyndall Park), PIWNIUK and WIEBE made Members' Statements.

Hon. Mr. SWAN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 49) – The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société d'assurance publique du Manitoba, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. SWAN, Mr. GOERTZEN and Hon. Mr. GERRARD 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. BLADY moved:

THAT Bill (No. 52) – The Non-Smokers Health Protection Amendment Act (Prohibitions on Flavoured Tobacco and Other Amendments)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection de la santé des non-fumeurs (interdiction visant le tabac aromatisé et autres modifications), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Ms. BLADY, Mr. GRAYDON, 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. Mr. SWAN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 57) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Countermeasures Against Drug-Impaired Driving)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (conduite avec facultés affaiblies par la drogue), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. SWAN, Mr. GOERTZEN and Hon. Mr. GERRARD 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. Mr. SWAN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 60) – The Restorative Justice Act/Loi sur la justice réparatrice, 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. SWAN, Mr. GOERTZEN and Hon. Mr. GERRARD 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. Mr. SWAN presented:

Message from His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 60).

(Sessional Paper No. 65)

Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH moved:

THAT Bill (No. 61) – The Peatlands Stewardship and Related Amendments Act/Loi sur la protection des tourbières 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. Messrs. MACKINTOSH and GERRARD 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. Mr. MACKINTOSH presented:

Message from His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 61).

(Sessional Paper No. 66)

Hon. Mr. ALLUM moved:

THAT Bill (No. 63) – The Advanced Education Administration Amendment and Council on Post-Secondary Education Repeal Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'administration de l'enseignement postsecondaire et abolissant le Conseil de l'enseignement postsecondaire, 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. ALLUM having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to, on division.

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

Hon. Mr. ALLUM presented:

Message from His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 63).

(Sessional Paper No. 67)

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

THAT Bill (No. 10) – The Fires Prevention and Emergency Response Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la prévention des incendies et les interventions d'urgence, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

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.

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

THAT Bill (No. 21) – The Churchill Arctic Port Canada Act/Loi sur la Société canadienne du Port arctique de Churchill, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

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.

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 Question being put. It was agreed to, on division.

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

The House resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH:

THAT Bill (No. 53) – The Fisheries and Wildlife Amendment Act (Restitution)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la pêche et la Loi sur la conservation de la faune (dédommagement), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

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.

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

THAT Bill (No. 54) – The Labour Relations Amendment Act (Time Lines for Labour Board Decisions and Hearings)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les relations du travail (délais relatifs aux décisions et aux audiences de la Commission du travail), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

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.

The House resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX:

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 the Question being put. It was agreed to.

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

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

THAT Bill (No. 58) – The Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology Act/Loi sur le Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

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.

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

THAT Bill (No. 65) – The Workers Compensation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les accidents du travail, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

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.

The House resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. SWAN:

THAT Bill (No. 66) – The Statutes Correction and Minor Amendments Act, 2014/Loi corrective de 2014, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

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.

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

THAT Bill (No. 68) – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act (Critical Incident Reporting)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services à l'enfant et à la famille (signalement des incidents critiques), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

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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The House then adjourned at 4:14 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 26, 2014.

Hon. Daryl REID,
Speaker.