



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 53

FOURTH SESSION, FORTIETH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

In accordance with Rule 31(9), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Prioritizing the Health and Safety of Manitoba Stroke Victims Resolution will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

By leave, it was agreed for the House to deal with Report Stage Amendment on Bill (No. 200) followed by Second Reading of Bill (No. 208).

The Order of the Day having been read for consideration of Report Stage Amendment of Bill (No. 200) – 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, reported from the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development:

Mr. FRIESEN moved:

THAT Bill 200 be amended in Clause 2 in the proposed subsection 5(6):

(a) by replacing the section heading with "Fossil emblem"; and

(b) by striking out "marine reptile".

And a debate arising,

And Mr. FRIESEN and Hon. Mr. NEVAKSHONOFF having spoken,

And the Question being put on the amendment. It was agreed to.

Mrs. STEFANSON moved:

THAT Bill (No. 208) – The Regulatory Accountability and Transparency Act/Loi sur la responsabilité et la transparence en matière réglementaire, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mrs. STEFANSON, Hon. Mr. DEWAR and Messrs. HELWER, JHA and EWASKO having spoken,

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

Mr. FRIESEN moved:

Resolution No. 13: Chronic Deficits Mean Less For Essential Services

WHEREAS the Premier vowed to “bring the provincial budget to balance by 2014” in the 2011 election; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government Members promised to continue to stick to that plan in the 2011 election; and

WHEREAS the former Minister of Finance last year stated that the province was “on track to return to balance in 2016”; and

WHEREAS the current Minister of Finance reiterated in December of last year that “it is the goal of our Government to return to a surplus in 2016/17”; and

WHEREAS the 2015 budget, as proposed, contains no plan to ever return to surplus; and

WHEREAS interest rates are projected to rise; and

WHEREAS the international bond rating agencies have warned that a downgraded credit rating will come unless the Provincial Government is able to start exercising more fiscal discipline; and

WHEREAS a one percent rise in the interest rates the province pays on the debt would cost the Provincial Government \$50 million extra in this year alone; and

WHEREAS funds dedicated to servicing higher debt costs cannot be spent on delivery of essential services; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is withholding any information about a forecast timeline for a return to a balanced budget.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to admit that it has failed Manitobans by having no plan to balance the budget; and

BE IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to immediately release an achievable plan to end the province’s chronic deficits before a credit downgrade dramatically increases the cost of borrowing and handicaps the province’s ability to continue to deliver essential services.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. FRIESEN, Hon. Mr. DEWAR, Mr. PEDERSEN, Hon. Mr. CHIEF, Mr. HELWER and Hon. Ms. WIGHT having spoken,

And Hon. Mr. SARAN 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 Independent Officers of the Assembly Appointment Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur la nomination des hauts fonctionnaires de l'Assemblée (modification de diverses dispositions législatives)

(Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK)

(No. 43) – The Legislative Assembly Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Assemblée législative

(Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK)

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. SCHULER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge that the Provincial Government improve the safety at the pedestrian corridor at the intersection of PTH# 206 and Cedar Avenue in Oak Bank by considering such steps as highlighting pavement markings to better indicate the location of the shoulders and crosswalk, as well as installing a lighted crosswalk structure. (H. Fieldsted, S. Vines, J. Schiveder 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. (R. Fehr, K. Fitkowski, L. Wityshyn and others)

Mr. GRAYDON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to consider immediately enacting a province wide review of the long-term care needs of residents of Manitoba and to recognize the stresses placed upon the healthcare system by the current and continuous aging population and consider increasing the availability of long-term care spaces (PCH beds) in communities across the province. (H. Carmichael, B. Chascoeck, C. Martin and others)

Mr. JHA, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development, presented its Fourth Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings:

Your Committee met on June 24, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- **Bill (No. 5)** – The Police Services Amendment Act (First Nation Safety Officers)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services de police (agents de sécurité des Premières nations)
- **Bill (No. 14)** – The Consumer Protection Amendment Act (Home Improvement Contracts)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection du consommateur (contrats d'améliorations domiciliaires)
- **Bill (No. 18)** – The Certified Occupations Act/Loi sur les professions reconnues
- **Bill (No. 26)** – The Adult Abuse Registry Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le registre des mauvais traitements infligés aux adultes
- **Bill (No. 206)** – The Workers Compensation Amendment Act (Employer Advisers)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les accidents du travail (conseillers des employeurs)

Committee Membership

- Hon. Mr. ALLUM
- Mr. BRIESE
- Hon. Mr. CHIEF
- Ms. HOWARD
- Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS
- Mr. JHA (*Chairperson*)
- Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX
- Mr. SCHULER
- Ms. STEFANSON
- Mr. SWAN
- Mr. WISHART

Your Committee elected Mr. SWAN as the Vice-Chairperson

Public Presentations

Your Committee heard the following presentation on **Bill (No. 18)** – The Certified Occupations Act/Loi sur les professions reconnues:

Terry Shaw

Manitoba Trucking Association

Your Committee heard the following presentation on **Bill (No. 206)** – The Workers Compensation Amendment Act (Employer Advisers)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les accidents du travail (conseillers des employeurs):

Elliot Sims

Canadian Federation of Independent Business

Bills Considered and Reported

- **Bill (No. 5)** – The Police Services Amendment Act (First Nation Safety Officers)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services de police (agents de sécurité des Premières nations)

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 14)** – The Consumer Protection Amendment Act (Home Improvement Contracts)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection du consommateur (contrats d'améliorations domiciliaires)

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 18)** – The Certified Occupations Act/Loi sur les professions reconnues

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 26)** – The Adult Abuse Registry Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le registre des mauvais traitements infligés aux adultes

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 206)** – The Workers Compensation Amendment Act (Employer Advisers)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les accidents du travail (conseillers des employeurs)

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

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

Hon. Ms. MARCELINO (Logan), the Minister of Multiculturalism and Literacy, made a statement recognizing, June 27, 2015 as Canadian Multiculturalism day.

Mr. PIWNIUK commented on the statement.

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Messrs. EWASKO, ALTEMEYER, GRAYDON and JHA and Hon. Ms. CROTHERS made Members' Statements.

By leave, Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK moved:

THAT Bill (No. 42) – The Independent Officers of the Assembly Appointment Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur la nomination des hauts fonctionnaires de l'Assemblée (modification de diverses dispositions législatives), be now read a Second Time and be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK, 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 the Committee of the Whole.

Thursday, June 25, 2015

By leave, Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK moved:

THAT Bill (No. 43) – The Legislative Assembly Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Assemblée législative, be now read a Second Time and be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK, Mr. GOERTZEN, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Ms. HOWARD having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The House resolved into Committee of the Whole.

Bill (No. 42) – The Independent Officers of the Assembly Appointment Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur la nomination des hauts fonctionnaires de l'Assemblée (modification de diverses dispositions législatives), was considered in Committee of the Whole and reported without amendment.

Bill (No. 43) – The Legislative Assembly Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Assemblée législative, was considered in Committee of the Whole and reported without amendment.

By leave, Bill (No. 42) – The Independent Officers of the Assembly Appointment Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur la nomination des hauts fonctionnaires de l'Assemblée (modification de diverses dispositions législatives), reported from the Committee of the Whole, was concurred in, read a Third Time and passed.

By leave, Bill (No. 43) – The Legislative Assembly Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Assemblée législative, reported from the Committee of the Whole, was concurred in, read a Third Time and passed.

The House then adjourned at 3:17 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, June 29, 2015.

Hon. Daryl REID,
Speaker.