



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 37

THIRD SESSION, FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

By leave, it was agreed for the House to deal with Second Reading of Bill (No. 222).

Mr. ALTEMEYER moved:

THAT Bill (No. 222) – The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act (Protecting Tenants from Rising Utility Costs)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la location à usage d'habitation (protection des locataires contre l'augmentation des coûts des services publics), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. ALTEMEYER having spoken,

And Messrs. SMOOK and ALLUM, Hon. Messrs. GERRARD and FLETCHER and Messrs. REYES, SARAN and NESBITT having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. SMOOK, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Messrs. REYES and NESBITT having spoken,

And Mr. SMITH (Southdale) speaking at 11:00 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

Mr. LINDSEY moved:

Resolution No. 9: Workers Compensation Coverage for Work Related Stress

WHEREAS all workers deserve to be safe, healthy and happy in their workplaces; and

WHEREAS any worker experiencing a mental health issue due to a traumatic event in the workplace, abnormal stress arising in the course of employment, a change in working conditions or the nature of work performed, as well as discipline or termination should be protected and compensated; and

WHEREAS the Workers Compensation Act Legislative Review Committee (Committee) is undergoing a legislated review of the Workers Compensation Act and compiling legislation to improve coverage for Manitoba workers; and

WHEREAS as part of this review, the Committee should consider mental health and the impact of stress related mental illness on Manitoba workers and their families; and

WHEREAS the Committee should explore expanding Workers Compensation coverage to workers experiencing a stress induced mental disorder if it arises out of and in the course of a worker's employment; and

WHEREAS the coverage should recognize all stress induced mental disorders diagnosed by a physician or psychologist as described in the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*; and

WHEREAS to ensure this review is transparent and clear to all workers and employers, the Workers Compensation Board should publish the full report on the Committee's review on its website or by other public means after it has been laid before the Legislative Assembly.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to expand coverage for workers experiencing a stress induced mental disorder borne out of a worker's employment, and to publish the report on the Committee's review online.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. LINDSEY having spoken,

And Mr. MARTIN, Ms. FONTAINE, Mrs. GUILLEMARD, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Mr. SARAN having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. MARTIN and SWAN, Hon. Ms. SQUIRES and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

And Mrs. GUILLEMARD speaking at 11:55 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in her name.

In accordance with Rule 33(8), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Standing Up for Worker Safety Resolution will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

In accordance with sub-rule 24(2), the debate was interrupted to put the Second Reading Question on Selected Bill (No. 212).

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

THAT Bill (No. 212) – The Invasive Species Awareness Week Act/Loi sur la Semaine de sensibilisation aux espèces envahissantes, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Hon. Mr. FLETCHER, Bill (No. 215) – The Election Financing Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le financement des élections, was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

Hon. Ms. SQUIRES, the Minister of Sustainable Development, made a statement regarding Earth Day.

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

Hon. Mr. WISHART, the Minister of Education and Training, made a statement regarding Education Week.

Mr. WIEBE and, by leave, Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Mr. SARAN and Hon. Mr. FLETCHER commented on the statement.

By leave, the House reverted to "Ministerial Statements" to allow Mr. SARAN and Hon. Mr. FLETCHER to comment on the statement.

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Mr. BINDLE, Hon. Ms. CLARKE, Messrs. ALTEMEYER and GRAYDON and Hon. Mr. GERRARD and made Members' Statements.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. SARAN rose on a Matter of Privilege regarding the rotation of questions for Independent Members in Question Period.

And Hon. Mr. FLETCHER having spoken.

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker ruled there was no Matter of Privilege.

Subsequently following Oral Questions, Hon. Mr. FLETCHER rose on a point of order regarding the rotation of questions for Independent Members in Question Period.

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker ruled there was no point of order.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. SWAN – That the Provincial Government be urged to support a funding increase towards the safety and security of the University of Winnipeg students, faculty members, members of the community, and/or individuals with close ties to the university and to recognize that the University of Winnipeg is an institution located downtown, which needs additional support to be able to make sure that the doors remain open to the wider community. (A. Richert, K. Bennett, E. Seo and others)

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to request Dynacare to reopen the closed laboratories or allow Diagnostic Services of Manitoba to freely open labs in clinics which formerly housed labs that have been shut down by Dynacare and to ensure high quality lab services for patients, and a level playing field and competition in the provision of laboratory services to medical offices as well to address this matter immediately in the interest of better patient focused care and improved support for health professionals. (J. Smith, M. Korowski K. McNeil and others)

Mr. WIEBE – That the Provincial Government be urged to support a funding increase towards the safety and security of the University of Winnipeg students, faculty members, members of the community, and/or individuals with close ties to the university and to recognize that the University of Winnipeg is an institution located downtown, which needs additional support to be able to make sure that the doors remain open to the wider community.

Ms. FONTAINE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Premier of Manitoba and the Minister of Justice to immediately call a Public Inquiry into the systems that had a role in the life and death of Tina Fontaine as well as the function of the administration of justice after her death and that the terms of reference of a Public Inquiry be developed jointly with the caregivers of Tina Fontaine and/or the agent appointed by them.

Following Petitions, Hon. Mr. FLETCHER rose on a Matter of Privilege stating that the House should not be considering Bill (No. 4) as the matter it addresses is currently before the courts.

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker ruled there was no Matter of Privilege.

Subsequently following Petitions, Hon. Mr. FLETCHER rose on a point of order stating that the House should not be considering Bill (No. 4) as the matter it addresses is currently before the courts.

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker ruled there was no point of order.

Subsequently following Petitions, Hon. Mr. FLETCHER rose on a further point of order stating that the House should not be considering Bill (No. 4) as the matter it addresses is currently before the courts.

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker ruled there was no point of order.

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 5) – The Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les divulgations faites dans l'intérêt public (protection des divulgateurs d'actes répréhensibles), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

(Recommended by Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. FRIESEN, Mr. WIEBE and Hon. Messrs. GERRARD and FLETCHER having spoken,

And Mr. WIEBE and Hon. Messrs. GERRARD and FLETCHER having questioned the Minister,

The debate was allowed to remain open.

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN presented:

Message from Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 5).

(Sessional Paper No. 47)

During the Debate, Hon. Mr. FLETCHER rose on a point of order regarding the timing of Question Periods on Government Bills, suggesting that the Minister kept talking even after the 15 minute clock had run out.

WHEREUPON the Deputy Speaker ruled there was no point of order.

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 6) – The Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la divulgation de la rémunération dans le secteur public, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

(Recommended by Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. FRIESEN, Mr. WIEBE and Hon. Messrs. GERRARD and FLETCHER having spoken,

And Mr. WIEBE and Hon. Messrs. GERRARD and FLETCHER having questioned the Minister,

The debate was allowed to remain open.

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN presented:

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

(Sessional Paper No. 48)

Hon. Mr. SCHULER moved:

THAT Bill (No. 14) – The Traffic and Transportation Modernization Act/Loi sur la modernisation des lois relatives à la circulation et au transport, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

(Recommended by His Honour, the Administrator)

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. SCHULER, Mr. MALOWAY and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

And Mr. MALOWAY and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having questioned the Minister,

The debate was allowed to remain open.

Hon. Mr. SCHULER presented:

Message from His Honour, the Administrator recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 14).

(Sessional Paper No. 49)

Hon. Mr. WHARTON moved:

THAT Bill (No. 19) – The Planning Amendment Act (Improving Efficiency in Planning)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'aménagement du territoire (efficacité accrue), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. WHARTON, Mr. ALLUM, Hon. Messrs. GERRARD and FLETCHER and Mr. SARAN having spoken,

And Mr. ALLUM and Messrs. GERRARD and FLETCHER having questioned the Minister,

The debate was allowed to remain open.

Hon. Mr. PEDERSEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 20) – The Employment Standards Code Amendment Act (2)/Loi n° 2 modifiant le Code des normes d'emploi, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. PEDERSEN, Mr. LINDSEY and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

And Mr. LINDSEY and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having questioned the Minister,

The debate was allowed to remain open.

Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON moved:

THAT Bill (No. 22) – The Queen's Counsel Act/Loi sur les conseillers de la Reine, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON, Ms. FONTAINE and Hon. Messrs. GERRARD and FLETCHER having spoken,

And Ms. FONTAINE and Hon. Messrs. GERRARD and FLETCHER having questioned the Minister,

The debate was allowed to remain open.

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 23) – The Commodity Futures Amendment and Securities Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les contrats à terme de marchandises et la Loi sur les valeurs mobilières, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

(Recommended by Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. FRIESEN, Mr. WIEBE and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

And Mr. WIEBE and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having questioned the Minister,

The debate was allowed to remain open.

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN presented:

Message from Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 23).

(Sessional Paper No. 50)

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 25) – The Non-Smokers Health Protection and Vapour Products Amendment Act (Prohibiting Cannabis Consumption in Outdoor Public Places)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection de la santé des non-fumeurs et les produits servant à vapoter (interdiction de consommer du cannabis dans les endroits publics extérieurs), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN, Mr. SWAN and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

And Mr. SWAN and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having questioned the Minister,

The debate was allowed to remain open.

Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON moved:

THAT Bill (No. 26) – The Impaired Driving Offences Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi modifiant diverses lois en matière de conduite avec facultés affaiblies, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

(Recommended by Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON, Ms. FONTAINE and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

And Ms. FONTAINE, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Mr. SARAN having questioned the Minister,

The debate was allowed to remain open.

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN presented:

Message from Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 26).

(Sessional Paper No. 51)

Thursday, April 19, 2018

The House then adjourned at 8:17 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 23, 2018.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.