



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 42

SECOND SESSION, THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

By leave, it was agreed for the House to deal with Second Reading of Bills (No. 300) and (No. 229).

Mrs. STEFANSON moved:

THAT Bill (No. 300) – The Royal Lake of the Woods Yacht Club Incorporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi constituant en corporation « The Royal Lake of the Woods Yacht Club », be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mrs. STEFANSON having spoken,

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

Mr. HAWRANIK moved:

THAT Bill (No. 229) – The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Amendment Act (Elimination of Benefits for Auto Thieves)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société d'assurance publique du Manitoba (non-admissibilité aux prestations — voleurs d'automobiles), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Messrs. HAWRANIK, REID and EICHLER, Hon. Mr. RONDEAU, Messrs. LAMOUREUX and FAURSCHOU having spoken,

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

In accordance with Rule 31(9), the Opposition House Leader announced that the VLT Revenue Sharing with Legions Resolution will be considered next Thursday, May 22, 2008.

Mr. MAGUIRE moved:

Resolution No. 10: Interprovincial Trade Agreements and Decreased Barriers to Trade

WHEREAS Manitoba has benefited immensely from trade as a result of the Province's entry into the Canada–United States Free Trade Agreement (CUSFTA) and the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA); and

WHEREAS the value of Manitoba's bilateral trade with the United States is now valued at more than \$14 billion; and

WHEREAS Manitoba's entry into CUSFTA and NAFTA was met with skepticism by critics; and

WHEREAS the current Provincial Government has shown reluctance to even enter into interprovincial trade agreements; and

WHEREAS the governments of British Columbia and Alberta have entered into the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA) to reduce barriers to trade; and

WHEREAS the barriers to trade facing companies in Manitoba are often greater across provincial boundaries than they are with our international trading partners; and

WHEREAS barriers to trade are hindering the ability of individuals and firms in Manitoba to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba needs to exhibit the same leadership that was illustrated when the Province entered into the CUSFTA and NAFTA; and

WHEREAS our exporters and manufacturers have reaped tremendous benefits from international trade; and

WHEREAS further benefits will be enjoyed by Manitoba firms if the Province enters into trade agreements with other provinces in Canada, and if progress is made on eliminating barriers to trade.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to exhibit leadership and to consider moving forward on interprovincial trade agreements and reducing barriers to trade.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. MAGUIRE, Hon. Mr. SWAN, Mr. EICHLER, Hon. Mr. RONDEAU, Messrs. BOROTSIK, JHA and PEDERSEN having spoken,

And Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK speaking at 12:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in her name.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Mrs. DRIEDGER, Bill (No. 234) – The Ending Government Spending on Partisan Advertising Act/Loi visant à mettre fin aux dépenses du gouvernement en matière de publicité à caractère politique, was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mrs. TAILLIEU – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister charged with the administration of The Liquor Control Act to consider allowing the owners of Headingley Foods to sell alcohol at their store, thereby supporting small business and the prosperity of rural communities in Manitoba. (T. Niven, S. Atamanchuk, D. Atamanchuk and others)

Mrs. DRIEDGER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Family Services and Housing to consider addressing the shortage of Early Childhood Educators by enabling child care centres to provide competitive wages and benefits; and to consider adequately planning for the future child care needs of growing communities, and to consider making the development of a sustainable and accessible child care system a priority; and to consider the development of a governance body that would provide direction and support to the volunteer boards of child care centres and to consider the development of regionalized central wait lists for child care; and to encourage all Members of the Legislative Assembly to consider becoming more closely involved with the operations of the licensed daycare facilities in their constituencies. (C. Laxson, C. Maynard, P. Ndiadia and others)

Mr. DYCK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Health to strongly consider giving priority for funding to develop and staff a new 100 bed long-term-care facility so that clients are not exposed to unsafe conditions and so that Boundary Trails Health Centre beds remain available for acute care patients instead of waiting placement clients. (A. Penner, N. Berg, C. Berg and others)

Mrs. STEFANSON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Water Stewardship to consider placing a moratorium on the harvesting of any species of fish on Lake Dauphin and its tributaries for the period April 1st to May 15th annually and to consider doing regular studies of fish stocks on Lake Dauphin to help gauge the health of the fishery and to consider determining any steps needed to protect or to enhance those stocks. (N. Stratuliak, E. Palanyk, C. Pachkowski and others)

Mr. MALOWAY, Vice-Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented its Fourth Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings:

Your Committee met on the following occasions:

- December 10, 2007
- May 7, 2008
- May 14, 2008

All meetings were held in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- Public Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2006 (Volume 1)
- Public Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2006 (Volume 2)
- Public Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2006 (Volume 3)
- Public Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2006 (Volume 4)
- Auditor General's Report – Audit of the Public Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2006
- Public Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2007 (Volume 1)
- Public Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2007 (Volume 2)
- Public Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2007 (Volume 3)
- Auditor General's Report – Audit of the Public Accounts for the year ending March 31, 2007

Committee Membership

Committee Membership for the December 10, 2007 meeting:

- Mr. ALTEMEYER
- Mr. BOROTSIK
- Ms. BRAUN
- Mr. DERKACH (*Chairperson*)
- Ms. HOWARD
- Mr. LAMOUREUX
- Mr. MAGUIRE
- Mr. MALOWAY (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Hon. Mr. SELINGER
- Mrs. STEFANSON
- Mr. SWAN

Committee Membership for the May 7, 2008 meeting:

- Mr. BOROTSIK
- Ms. BRAUN
- Mr. DERKACH (*Chairperson*)
- Ms. HOWARD
- Mr. JHA
- Mr. LAMOUREUX
- Mr. MAGUIRE
- Mr. MALOWAY (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. MARTINDALE
- Hon. Mr. SELINGER
- Mrs. STEFANSON

Committee Membership for the May 14, 2008 meeting:

- Mr. BOROTSIK
- Ms. BRAUN
- Mr. DERKACH (*Chairperson*)

- Ms. HOWARD
- Mr. JHA
- Mr. LAMOUREUX
- Mr. MAGUIRE
- Mr. MALOWAY (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. MARTINDALE
- Mr. PEDERSEN
- Hon. Mr. SELINGER

Officials Speaking on Record

Officials speaking on the record at the December 10, 2007 meeting:

- Carol Bellringer, Auditor General

Officials speaking on the record at the May 7, 2008 meeting:

- Carol Bellringer, Auditor General
- Diane Gray, Deputy Minister of Finance

Officials speaking on the record at the May 14, 2008 meeting:

- Carol Bellringer, Auditor General

Reports Considered and Passed

Your Committee considered and passed the following reports as presented:

- Public Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2006 (Volume 1)
- Public Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2006 (Volume 2)
- Public Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2006 (Volume 3)
- Public Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2006 (Volume 4)
- Auditor General's Report – Audit of the Public Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2006

Reports Considered but not Passed

Your Committee considered the following reports but did not pass them:

- Public Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2007 (Volume 1)
- Public Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2007 (Volume 2)
- Public Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2007 (Volume 3)
- Auditor General's Report – Audit of the Public Accounts for the year ending March 31, 2007

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

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Ms. KORZENIOWSKI, Mrs. MITCHELSON, Messrs. MARTINDALE and GRAYDON and Ms. SELBY made Members' Statements.

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

THAT Bill (No. 29) – The Business Practices Amendment Act (Disclosing Motor Vehicle Information)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les pratiques commerciales (communication de renseignements concernant les véhicules automobiles), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. FAURSCHOU and LAMOUREUX having spoken,

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

Hon. Mr. ASHTON moved:

THAT Bill (No. 36) – The Municipal Assessment Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'évaluation municipale, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. ASHTON, Messrs. PEDERSEN and LAMOUREUX having spoken,

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

Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS moved:

THAT Bill (No. 30) – The Crown Lands Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les terres domaniales, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS, Messrs. EICHLER, LAMOUREUX and BRIESE having spoken,

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

Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS for Hon. Mr. ROBINSON moved:

THAT Bill (No. 31) – The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'accès à l'information et la protection de la vie privée, 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. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS, Mrs. TAILLIEU and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

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

Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS for Hon. Mr. ROBINSON presented:

Message from His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 31).

(Sessional Paper No. 52)

Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS for Hon. Ms. OSWALD moved:

THAT Bill (No. 32) – The Personal Health Information Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les renseignements médicaux personnels, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

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

Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS for Hon. Ms. OSWALD moved:

THAT Bill (No. 33) – The Salvation Army Grace General Hospital Incorporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi constituant en corporation « The Salvation Army Grace General Hospital », be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS and Mr. LAMOUREUX having spoken,

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

Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH moved:

THAT Bill (No. 34) – The Child and Family Services Amendment and Child and Family Services Authorities Amendment Act (Safety of Children)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services à l'enfant et à la famille et la Loi sur les régies de services à l'enfant et à la famille (sécurité des enfants), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH, Messrs. BRIESE and LAMOUREUX having spoken,

And Mrs. TAILLIEU speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in her name.

In accordance with the Sessional Order agreed to by the House on June 14, 2007, the Speaker advised that every Minister responsible for any remaining specified Bills not moved for Second Reading at 5:00 p.m. will be given the opportunity to move the motion with the understanding that following his or her speech, the debate will stand adjourned in the name of the Whip of the Official Opposition.

Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH for Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK moved:

THAT Bill (No. 35) – The Statutes Correction and Minor Amendments Act, 2008/Loi corrective de 2008, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH having spoken,

The debate was allowed to remain in the name of Mr. SCHULER.

Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH for Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK moved:

THAT Bill (No. 39) – The Court of Appeal Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Cour d'appel, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH having spoken,

The debate was allowed to remain in the name of Mr. SCHULER.

Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH for Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK moved:

THAT Bill (No. 40) – The Drivers and Vehicles Amendment, Highway Traffic Amendment and Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les conducteurs et les véhicules, le Code de la route et 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 Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH having spoken,

The debate was allowed to remain in the name of Mr. SCHULER.

Thursday, May 15, 2008

The House then adjourned at 5:13 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 20, 2008.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.