



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 69

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 Bill (No. 225).

Mr. LAMOUREUX moved:

THAT Bill (No. 225) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Bicycle Helmets)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (casques de bicyclettes), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. LAMOUREUX, Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS, Messrs. MAGUIRE and JHA, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Mr. CALDWELL having spoken,

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

Ms. BRAUN moved:

Resolution No. 20: Affordable Seniors Housing

WHEREAS seniors and elders deserve quality affordable housing; and

WHEREAS it is important that seniors and elders have access to housing in locations that keep them connected to their community and their families and close to places where they receive the services vital to their health and wellbeing; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has invested \$98 million in the first phase of its long-term care and housing strategy for seniors, Aging in Place; and

WHEREAS the Aging in Place strategy includes: expanded capacity for long-term care options such as supportive housing, specialized supports and supports for seniors in group living, replacement of three- and four-bed rooms with one- and two-bed rooms to help improve quality of life in personal-care homes; and

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WHEREAS Assisted Living programs have been expanded with an additional 5 units expected to be completed in 2006/2007 with the goal of providing different types of living accommodations for seniors and elders with different needs; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government recognizes that one housing method does not work for all seniors and elders which has led to alternatives to personal care home placements that are affordable and linked to the community; and

WHEREAS Provincial Government is committed to making sure that seniors and elders have a range of services that fit their particular life and social needs; and

WHEREAS seniors and elders are often more vulnerable when in care and making sure that they are not exploited is essential to protecting the integrity of older persons; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has mandated the Manitoba Housing Renewal Corporation (MHRC) to monitor private seniors homes to make sure that operating agreements are fair and equitable for all seniors and elders; and

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba must continue to support seniors' and elders to ensure that they continue to be well cared for and have a range of services that continue to meet their personal needs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba support the efforts of the Provincial Government in continuing to support the development of seniors and elders affordable housing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba support the efforts of the Provincial Government in continuing to support seniors' and elders' ability to live close to their communities, families and support services.

And a debate arising,

And Ms. BRAUN, Mr. DYCK, Ms. MARCELINO, Mrs. TAILLIEU, Messrs. MARTINDALE and FAURSCHOU having spoken,

The debate was allowed to remain open.

In accordance with Rule 31(8), the Government House Leader announced that the Northern Transportation Resolution will be considered next Tuesday, September 23, 2008.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mrs. TAILLIEU – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Premier to consider reversing his decision to increase Pharmacare deductibles by 5 percent in Budget 2008 and to consider reducing health care bureaucracy, as previously promised, and to consider directing those savings into sustaining Pharmacare and improving patient care. (L. Bachynski, R. Hall, P. Lee 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. (V. Scharf, T. Wiebe, B. Penner and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to consider establishing a 90 day guarantee for processing an application for a minimum of 80% of applicants that have family living in Manitoba and to consider removing the use of the restrictive job list when dealing with the family sponsor stream. (M. de Leon, E. de Leon, M. de Leon and others)

Mr. MAGUIRE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation to consider making the completion of the paving of the shoulders on the Trans Canada Highway an urgent Provincial Government priority and to clearly articulate a timeframe for paving the shoulders on the Trans Canada Highway in Manitoba. (E. Page, M. Vincent, R. Jackson and others)

Mr. EICHLER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to consider developing a comprehensive recovery strategy aimed at addressing both the immediate and the long-term effects of this year's excess moisture conditions and flooding; and to consider examining all types of programming to help producers recover from this disaster, including emergency, one-time programs, as well as improvements to the crop insurance program to address its shortfalls; and to consider addressing shortcomings with drainage and the processing of drainage permits. (C. Thibeau, P. Bray, N. Bray and others)

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to consider developing a comprehensive recovery strategy aimed at addressing both the immediate and the long-term effects of this year's excess moisture conditions and flooding; and to consider examining all types of programming to help producers recover from this disaster, including emergency, one-time programs, as well as improvements to the crop insurance program to address its shortfalls; and to consider addressing shortcomings with drainage and the processing of drainage permits. (P. Taylor, R. Jantt, E. Hill and others)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mrs. DRIEDGER, Mr. JENNISSEN, Mrs. TAILLIEU, Ms. HOWARD and Mr. PEDERSEN made Members' Statements.

Hon. Mr. DOER moved:

THAT this House convey to the family of the late Robert Gordon SMELLIE who served as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, its sincere sympathy in their bereavement and its appreciation of his devotion to duty in a useful life of active community and public service; and that Mr. Speaker be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the family.

And Hon. Mr. DOER, Messrs. MCFADYEN and DERKACH and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

The motion was agreed to, the House standing.

Hon. Mr. DOER moved:

THAT this House convey to the family of the late Harry Edward GRAHAM who served as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, its sincere sympathy in their bereavement and its appreciation of his devotion to duty in a useful life of active community and public service; and that Mr. Speaker be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the family.

And Hon. Mr. DOER, Messrs. MCFADYEN and DERKACH and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

The motion was agreed to, the House standing.

Hon. Mr. DOER moved:

THAT this House convey to the family of the late Clarence BAKER who served as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, its sincere sympathy in their bereavement and its appreciation of his devotion to duty in a useful life of active community and public service; and that Mr. Speaker be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the family.

And Hon. Mr. DOER, Messrs. MCFADYEN and HAWRANIK, Hon. Messrs. ASHTON and GERRARD and Mr. DERKACH having spoken,

The motion was agreed to, the House standing.

Hon. Mr. DOER moved:

THAT this House convey to the family of the late Gabriel GIRARD who served as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, its sincere sympathy in their bereavement and its appreciation of his devotion to duty in a useful life of active community and public service; and that Mr. Speaker be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the family.

And Hon. Mr. DOER, Messrs. MCFADYEN and GRAYDON and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

The motion was agreed to, the House standing.

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Hon. Mr. DOER moved:

THAT this House convey to the family of the late Charles Lemington SHUTTLEWORTH who served as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, its sincere sympathy in their bereavement and its appreciation of his devotion to duty in a useful life of active community and public service; and that Mr. Speaker be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the family.

And Hon. Messrs. DOER and GERRARD and Mr. MCFADYEN having spoken,

The motion was agreed to, the House standing.

Hon. Mr. DOER moved:

THAT this House convey to the family of the late Jackson A. HARDY who served as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, its sincere sympathy in their bereavement and its appreciation of his devotion to duty in a useful life of active community and public service; and that Mr. Speaker be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the family.

And Hon. Mr. DOER, Mr. MCFADYEN, Ms. HOWARD and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

The motion was agreed to, the House standing.

The House then adjourned at 4:37 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 17, 2008.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.