



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

FOURTH SESSION, THIRTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Hon. Mr. GERRARD moved:

THAT Bill (No. 210) – The Workplace Safety and Health Amendment Act (Harassment in the Workplace)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la sécurité et l'hygiène du travail (harcèlement dans le lieu de travail), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Hon. Ms. ALLAN, Mr. LAMOUREUX, Ms. BRICK, Mr. GOERTZEN and Ms. KORZENIOWSKI having spoken,

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

Mr. ALTEMEYER moved:

Resolution No. 12: The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act

WHEREAS The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act was proclaimed in February of 2002 and has seen great success to date; and

WHEREAS the Act targets properties that adversely affect the safety and security of neighbourhoods by their habitual use for prostitution and related activities; the possession, sale and/or use of drugs; sale of liquor without a license; the use or sale of intoxicating substances; and the possession, use or sale of non-potable intoxicants; and

WHEREAS the Act represents a new tool for Manitobans to combat criminal organizations by having an experienced team investigate complaints received by concerned citizens; and

WHEREAS the Act empowers law-abiding citizens to take an active role in their community's well being in a safe and effective manner; and

WHEREAS the Act establishes a national precedent in reclaiming the safety and security of neighbourhoods; and

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WHEREAS the Act places responsibility on property owners to stop these activities from occurring on their properties; and

WHEREAS virtually all landlords have co-operated with investigators in all cases resolved to this date; and

WHEREAS 121 operations involving 167 complaints have been shut down; and

WHEREAS one inspection revealed a marijuana grow operation valued at \$1.4 million in a fortified home; and

WHEREAS these illegal operations are economic lifelines for organized criminal activity; and

WHEREAS charges have been laid as a result of criminal investigations; and

WHEREAS the Public Safety Investigations Unit, which enforces The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act and The Fortified Buildings Act, received the 2005 Manitoba Service Excellence Award for Innovation; and

WHEREAS the Manitoba Government has recently announced a second increase in staffing levels for the Public Safety Investigations Unit to three full investigative teams

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider continuing to develop innovative tools, such as The Safer Neighbourhoods and Communities Act, to help ensure the safety and security of Manitoba communities.

And a debate arising,

And Messrs. ALTEMEYER, GOERTZEN, SWAN, DERKACH, MARTINDALE and FAURSCHOU having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Mr. LAMOUREUX, Bill (No. 215) – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act (Drug-Endangered Children)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services à l'enfant et à la famille (enfants mis en danger par la drogue), was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mrs. ROWAT – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Provincial Government to consider stopping the removal of these positions from our community (Minnedosa), and to consider utilizing current technology in order to maintain these positions in their existing location. (K. A. Parenteau, B. Nylén, K. Burton and others)

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Mr. DERKACH – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Provincial Government to consider stopping the removal of these positions from our community (Minnedosa), and to consider utilizing current technology in order to maintain these positions in their existing location. (G. Bradco, W. Steinhilber, G. Marchischuk and others)

Mrs. TAILLIEU – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Provincial Government to consider calling a public inquiry into all aspects of the delivery of child welfare services throughout Manitoba. (J. Roy, G. Dayton, B. Preusentanz and others)

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Provincial Government to immediately cancel its plans to support the construction of the OlyWest Hog Plant and Rendering Factory near any urban residential area. (D. Guspodarchuk, K. Ouchas, M. Abraham and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Premier and his NDP Government to cooperate in uncovering the truth in why the Government did not act on what it knew and to consider calling a public inquiry on the Crocus Fund Fiasco. (L. Kirton, H. Braun, J. Erickson and others)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mr. GOERTZEN, Ms. BRICK, Messrs. MAGUIRE, AGLUGUB and LAMOUREUX made Members' Statements.

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

THAT Bill (No. 22) – The Elections Reform Act/Loi sur la réforme électorale, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And leave having been denied to have the matter remain in the names of Messrs. DYCK and GOERTZEN,

And Messrs. MCFADYEN and ROCAN 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.

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

THAT Bill (No. 14) – The Water Rights Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les droits d'utilisation de l'eau, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

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And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. GOERTZEN, DERKACH, CULLEN, PENNER, LAMOUREUX and FAURSCOU having spoken,

And Mr. MAGUIRE speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name and, by leave, in the name of Mr. DYCK.

In accordance with Rule 31(8), the Government House Leader announced that the Improving Democratic Accountability through All-Party Legislative Screening of Provincial Appointments Resolution will be considered next Tuesday, June 6, 2006.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 31, 2006.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.