



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 32

THIRD SESSION, THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

In accordance with Rule 31(8), the Acting Government House Leader announced that the Affordable Seniors Housing Resolution sponsored by the Honourable Member for Rossmere will be considered next Tuesday, May 5, 2009.

By leave, it was agreed for the House to deal with Second Reading of Bill (No. 205).

Mr. LAMOUREUX moved:

THAT Bill (No. 205) – The Milk Prices Review Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le contrôle du prix du lait, 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, Mrs. ROWAT, Mr. NEVAKSHONOFF, Hon. Messrs. GERRARD and RONDEAU having spoken,

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

Ms. SELBY moved:

Resolution No. 4: Daycares – Early Childhood Family Support

WHEREAS Manitoba's child care program is held as one of the best in Canada; and

WHEREAS access to quality child care has a direct impact on the economic stability of many families; and

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has approved funding for over 9000 child care spaces, an increase of over 40% since 1999, and has introduced a capital program for the expansion and construction of child care facilities; and

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WHEREAS the Provincial Government has reduced the child care fees for low income families, leaving Manitoba with the second lowest child care fees in the country; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has trained and supported over 900 child care workers since 1999, including up to 180 who will graduate this year, and increased child care workers' wages by over 40% since 1999; and

WHEREAS in Budget 2008 the Provincial Government announced a new five-year, 12-point child care plan called Family Choices which includes funding to create 2, 500 child care spaces in the first two years, a new \$1 million training and recruitment fund for early childhood educators, and increased operating grants to allow for a 6% salary increase over 2008 and 2009; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government will not retract the Universal Child Care Benefit from families who are receiving employment and income assistance, which will provide an estimated \$10 million to families in need each year; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government continues to invest in child care funding and spaces as an economic stimulus, providing returns in job creation and social capacity building; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government has recently admitted difficulty in fulfilling its commitment to create 25,000 child care spaces across Canada each year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly support the Provincial Government in urging the Federal Government to, at minimum, create the promised childcare spaces, or to provide provinces with the necessary funding to create sufficient childcare spaces themselves.

And a debate arising,

And Ms. SELBY, Mrs. TAILLIEU, Messrs. MARTINDALE and LAMOUREUX and Hon. Ms. MELNICK having spoken,

And Mrs. MITCHELSON speaking at 12:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in her name.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petitions were presented and read:

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. Pritchard, B. Maxwell, A. Richards and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Premier and the NDP Government to call a meeting of a Standing Committee of the Legislature and invite representatives of the WRHA to appear before it. (N. Hanuschak, B. Hanuschak, L. Diane and others)

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Mr. SCHULER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Transportation consider the immediate twinning of the PTH #15 Floodway Bridge for the safety of the citizens of Manitoba. (E. Zieske, V. Anderson, L. Welling and others)

Hon. Mr. RONDEAU presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2009-2010 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Science, Technology, Energy and Mines.

(Sessional Paper No. 50)

Hon. Ms. MELNICK presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2009-2010 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Water Stewardship.

(Sessional Paper No. 51)

Hon. Ms. ALLAN, the Minister of Labour and Immigration made a statement recognizing April 28th as the National Day of Mourning for those who have died in the workplace,

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

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mr. GRAYDON, Ms. MARCELINO, Messrs. BOROTSIK, DEWAR and LAMOUREUX made Members' Statements.

The House resolving into Committee of Supply.

The House then adjourned at 5:01 p.m. until 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 29, 2009.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.