



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 35

FIFTH 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. 212).

Mrs. TAILLIEU moved:

THAT Bill (No. 212) – 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 Mrs. TAILLIEU, Hon. Mr. SWAN, Messrs. GOERTZEN, REID and GRAYDON and Hon. Mr. BJORNSEN having spoken,

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

Mr. ALTEMEYER moved:

Resolution No. 5: Provincial Parks

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is partnering with businesses and communities to fuel economic growth that capitalizes on the advantages of our natural environment; and

WHEREAS ecotourism is one of the fastest-growing segments of the global tourism market; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has created eight new provincial parks and has designated 1.87 million hectares as parks, provincial forests, wildlife-management zones or ecological reserves since 1999; and

WHEREAS in November 2010, the Provincial Government established two new wilderness parks, Nueltin Lake and Colvin Lake, which total nearly 610,000 hectares; and

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WHEREAS with the designation of the Nueltin Lake and Colvin Lake Provincial Parks, the percentage of Manitoba lands under permanent protection rises to 9.9 per cent; and

WHEREAS the Nueltin Lake and Colvin Lake parks store an estimated 126 million tonnes of carbon, the equivalent to the emissions of 2.5 million cars in 10 years; and

WHEREAS the parks include numerous freshwater lakes as well as diverse wildlife, including the barren ground caribou herds, moose, black bear, wolverine, wolf, lynx, fox, river otter, weasel and mink; and

WHEREAS the rights of Aboriginal people to access the areas for hunting, trapping, fishing and other traditional pursuits will continue to be respected, as part of Manitoba's ongoing commitment to work with the First Nations who benefit from the land; and

WHEREAS the protection of this pristine northern transition-forest habitat, with a total area 10 times larger than Winnipeg, preserves our wilderness heritage for future generations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Manitoba Legislative Assembly commend the Provincial Government for making the protection of our natural areas a priority, and for continuing to be a leader in the effort to protect the environment.

And a debate arising,

And Messrs. ALTEMEYER and MAGUIRE, Hon. Mr. BLAIKIE, Messrs. PEDERSEN and MARTINDALE having spoken,

And Mr. BRIESE 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. MCFADYEN, Bill (No. 218) – The Elections Finances Amendment Act (Abolishing the Vote Tax)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur le financement des campagnes électorales (abolition de la subvention sur les votes), was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation to consider the importance of reducing the speed limit on PTH 5 to 80 km/hour in the vicinity of the Town of Ste. Rose from the west side of the Turtle River bridge to the south side of the access to the Ste. Rose Auction Mart to help better protect motorist safety. (M. Denys, D. Wildeboer, J. Guillas and others)

Mr. GOERTZEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Justice to consider ensuring that all court orders for car thieves are vigorously monitored and enforced and to consider ensuring all breaches of court orders on car thieves are reported to police and vigorously prosecuted. (B. Wiltshire, S. Rybczuk, D. Czarnecki and others)

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Mr. PEDERSEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Justice deny all MPI benefits to a person for injuries received in an accident if he or she is convicted of stealing a motor vehicle involved in the accident. (L. Whitehead, K. Hodgson, C. Froese and others)

Mr. DYCK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to build the Bipole III transmission line on the shorter and more reliable east side of Lake Winnipeg, in order to save each Manitoba family of four \$11,748. (M. Grenier, M. Grenier, C. Froese and others)

Hon. Ms. HOWARD presented:

Report of the Office of the Manitoba Fairness Commissioner from December 2008 to December 2010.

(Sessional Paper No. 39)

Hon. Mr. ASHTON, the Minister responsible for Emergency Measures, made a statement regarding the status of flooding in Manitoba.

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

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mrs. DRIEDGER, Mr. WHITEHEAD, Mrs. STEFANSON, Ms. BLADY and Mr. GRAYDON made Members' Statements.

In accordance with Rule 31(8), the Government House Leader announced that the Water Quality Resolution will be considered next Tuesday, May 3, 2011.

Hon. Ms. HOWARD presented:

Revised Sequence for consideration of the Estimates by the Committee of Supply, both in the Chamber and outside the Chamber.

(Sessional Paper No. 40)

By unanimous consent, the Leader of the Official Opposition was allowed to have up to two staff members join him in the Chamber during Executive Council Estimates.

The House resolved into Committee of Supply.

The House then adjourned at 5:01 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 27, 2011.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.