



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 51

FOURTH SESSION, FORTIETH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

By leave, it was agreed for the House to deal with Debate on Second Reading of Bill (No. 213).

The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Proposed Motion of Mr. GRAYDON:

THAT Bill (No. 213) – The Seniors' Rights and Elder Abuse Protection Act/Loi sur les droits et la protection des aînés, 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 name of Mr. BJORNSON,

And Messrs. FRIESEN, PETTERSEN, BRIESE, WIEBE and CULLEN and Hon. Mr. SARAN having spoken,

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

Ms. HOWARD moved:

Resolution No. 12: Support for a Strong Public Child Care System

WHEREAS quality, affordable child care is crucial to ensuring parents can choose to work, attend classes or upgrade their skills, all of which contributes to Manitoba's economy; and

WHEREAS the Official Opposition recently revealed a hidden agenda to cut affordable child care spaces in favour of privatized, for-profit daycares, a move that would jeopardize the 29,000 affordable child care spaces that the Provincial Government has helped grow over the last decade for families; and

WHEREAS the Leader of the Official Opposition has a history of attacking universal, affordable child care as a Filmon cabinet minister when Manitoba was the only province to veto the Federal Government's national child care plan, and again in 2006 when he helped push the Harper Government's decision to cancel the \$176 million agreement with Manitoba for a national child care program; and

WHEREAS the last Provincial Conservative Government cut \$8 million from child care centres and reduced operating grants for nursery schools by 50%; and

WHEREAS a privatized, for-profit child care system would more than double the fees families pay and would hit low income families the hardest; and

WHEREAS since 1999, the Provincial Government has provided funding to almost double the number of public child care spaces available in Manitoba and has a long term plan that will help fund affordable child care for all families that need it; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government recently announced the continuation of a plan to invest in another 5,000 child care spaces and build or expand day care centres across Manitoba.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba affirm its support for a strong public child care system that supports Manitoba families, allows parents to work or further their education and invests in the futures of the province's children; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Provincial Government to continue to grow the public child care system in Manitoba rather than aggressively cut child care spaces in favour of a privatized system.

And a debate arising,

And Ms. HOWARD, Messrs. WISHART, WIEBE and MARTIN, Hon. Ms. WIGHT and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mrs. ROWAT – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to install a Pedestrian Corridor at the intersection of Highway 10 and Victor Avenue in Onanole to replace the existing crosswalk. (L. Bryson, T. Bryson, D. Wiebe and others)

Mr. SCHULER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge that the Provincial Government improve the safety at the pedestrian corridor at the intersection of PTH# 206 and Cedar Avenue in Oak Bank by considering such steps as highlighting pavement markings to better indicate the location of the shoulders and crosswalk, as well as installing a lighted crosswalk structure. (D. Bates, C. Gavran, A. DePaulo and others)

Mr. EWASKO – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government and the Minister of Health to ensure that the Beausejour District Hospital and Primary Care Centre have a primary care physician available on weekends and holidays to better provide area residents with this essential service. (H. Hastman, C. Nordstrom, R. Loudon and others)

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Mr. GRAYDON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to consider immediately enacting a province wide review of the long-term care needs of residents of Manitoba and to recognize the stresses placed upon the healthcare system by the current and continuous aging population and consider increasing the availability of long-term care spaces (PCH beds) in communities across the province. (R. Minish, A. Harris, D. Brown and others)

Mr. PEDERSEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge that the Provincial Government immediately direct Manitoba Hydro to engage with MBLC/CAEPLA in order to negotiate a fair business agreement that addresses the many legitimate concerns of farm families affected by the BiPole III transmission line. (D. Donald, A. J. Mason, G. Jobin and others)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mr. PIWNIUK, Ms. HOWARD, Mrs. DRIEDGER, Hon. Ms. BLADY and Mr. EICHLER made Members' Statements.

In accordance with Rule 31(8), the Government House Leader announced that the Government Action on Parks and Protected Spaces Resolution will be considered next Tuesday, June 30, 2015.

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

THAT Bill (No. 22) – The Red River College Act/Loi sur le Collège Red River, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. EWASKO having spoken,

By leave, it was agreed to allow Mr. EWASKO to question the Minister of Education and Advanced Learning,

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 then adjourned at 2:52 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, 2015.

Hon. Daryl REID,
Speaker.