



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 38

SECOND SESSION, THIRTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYERS

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

By leave, Mr. SCHULER moved:

THAT Bill (No. 212) – The Pension Freedom Act (Pension Benefits Act Amended)/Loi sur la liberté de choix en matière de pension (modification de la Loi sur les prestations de pension), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Messrs. SCHULER, MURRAY, FAURSCHOU, GOERTZEN, MALOWAY, PENNER, REIMER and LAMOUREUX having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mr. REID, adjourned.

By leave, Ms. BRICK moved:

THAT Bill (No. 300) – The Winnipeg Foundation Act/Loi sur la Fondation dénommée « The Winnipeg Foundation », be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Ms. BRICK having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mr. DERKACH, adjourned.

Mr. DEWAR moved:

Resolution No. 2: Aboriginal Veteran Thomas George Prince

WHEREAS aboriginal soldiers have served in the military since the Battle of the Plains of Abraham, seldom receiving the recognition for their years of service; and

WHEREAS this service often resulted in the loss of Treaty and Aboriginal rights and alienation from the aboriginal community; and

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WHEREAS Thomas George Prince was one such individual who voluntarily went beyond the required duties of soldiers to receive ten medals, including the Military Medal and U.S. Silver Star for his efforts in the Second World War and the Korean War; and

WHEREAS Mr. Prince was the most decorated Aboriginal soldier in Canadian history; and

WHEREAS Mr. Prince went on to fulfill roles as a lobbyist, leader, and advocate for Treaty and Aboriginal rights in his life, becoming actively involved in the struggle for increased opportunities for Aboriginal people. He also fought for improved access to public schools and for the integrated education of Aboriginal children; and

WHEREAS sadly, like many aboriginal soldiers, upon returning from action Sgt. Prince found many doors closed to him and had a difficult life; and

WHEREAS the family of Thomas George Prince raised funds from various sources to purchase his medals at an auction so that they might be placed in The Manitoba Museum as part of a permanent display which opened in September 2003; and

WHEREAS through the efforts of private citizens, the memory of Sgt. Prince has been commemorated by a bronze plaque, three murals, and a stone memorial at the corner of Selkirk Avenue and Sgt. Tommy Prince Street in Winnipeg; and

WHEREAS plans are underway for the creation of a Thomas Prince memorial park on Flora Avenue in Winnipeg.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba congratulate the people of the Brokenhead First Nation, home community of Sgt. Prince, and Sgt. Prince's family on their successful acquisition of his medals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Assembly thank the Aboriginal groups, private residents, veterans groups, and corporations involved with the establishment of the Sgt. Prince memorials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Assembly Manitoba honour and recognize Thomas George Prince for his contribution and sacrifice to both Canada and the Province of Manitoba; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Assembly direct the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly to send a copy of this resolution to the Prime Minister of Canada.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. DEWAR, Hon. Mr. LATHLIN, Messrs. MURRAY, MARTINDALE, HAWRANIK and JENNISSEN, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Ms. KORZENIOWSKI having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The following petitions were presented:

Mr. EICHLER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Transportation and Government Services to consider having Highway 227 paved from the junction of Highway 248 and 227 all the way to Highway 16 the Yellow Head route and to request the Premier of Manitoba to consider supporting said initiatives to ensure for the safety of our Manitobans and all Canadians who travel along Manitoba Highways. (C. Fleury, S. Fleury, S. Sorenson and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to consider recognizing the need to sit for a minimum of 80 days in any given calendar year. (J. Cannon, D. Normand, B. Richard and others)

Mrs. DRIEDGER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Health to ensure that his attempts to balance his department's finances are not at the expense of the health and well-being of seniors and other vulnerable Manitobans suffering from this debilitating disease; to consider reversing his decision to deny Alzheimer's patients in personal care homes access to certain medications; and to consider implementing a provincial Alzheimer's strategy. (B. Goertz, R. Broten, D.R. Cavanaugh and others)

Mr. MURRAY – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Premier of Manitoba to consider ending his government's forced unionization plan of companies involved with the Red River Floodway expansion and to consider entering into discussions with business, construction and labour groups to ensure any qualified company and worker, regardless of their union status, is afforded the opportunity to bid and work on the floodway expansion project. (R.W. Powell, R. Gosling, R. Fraser and others)

Mr. GOERTZEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Premier of Manitoba to consider ending his government's forced unionization plan of companies involved with the Red River Floodway expansion and to consider entering into discussions with business, construction and labour groups to ensure any qualified company and worker, regardless of their union status, is afforded the opportunity to bid and work on the floodway expansion project. (R. Olfert, R. Giesbrecht, O. Braun and others)

Mrs. TAILLIEU – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Premier of Manitoba to consider reversing his decision to increase Pharmacare deductibles by 5 percent in Budget 2004; to consider reducing health care bureaucracy, as previously promised, and direct those savings into sustaining Pharmacare; and to consider re-evaluating his government's priorities and to consider suspending his government's plans to spend \$100 million on new VLTs at a time when seniors and fixed income Manitobans cannot afford medication. (E. Pourier, E.S. Piper, M. Dessureault and others)

Hon. Ms. MCGIFFORD presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2004-2005 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Advanced Education and Training.

(Sessional Paper No. 59)

Hon. Mr. RONDEAU presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2004-2005 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Healthy Child Manitoba.

(Sessional Paper No. 60)

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2004-2005 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Seniors Directorate.

(Sessional Paper No. 61)

Hon. Mr. ROBINSON presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2004-2005 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Culture, Heritage and Tourism.

(Sessional Paper No. 62)

Hon. Mr. SALE presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2004-2005 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Energy, Science and Technology.

(Sessional Paper No. 63)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Ms. KORZENIOWSKI, Mrs. TAILLIEU, Messrs. AGLUGUB, DYCK and SCHELLENBERG made Members' Statements.

By unanimous consent, the sequence for consideration of estimates, as outlined in Sessional Paper No. 38 tabled on April 27, 2004, was further amended in order that the estimates of Transportation and Government Services be considered in Room 255 for Thursday, May 13, 2004, only.

By unanimous consent, the sequence for consideration of estimates, as outlined in Sessional Paper No. 38 tabled on April 27, 2004, was further amended in order that the estimates of Advanced Education and Training be considered in Room 255 for Friday, May 14, 2004, only.

By unanimous consent, the sequence for consideration of estimates, as outlined in Sessional Paper No. 38 tabled on April 27, 2004, was further amended in order that the estimates of Healthy Child Manitoba and Seniors Directorate be considered in Room 254 for Friday, May 14, 2004, only.

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The House resolving into the Committee of Supply. The Proceedings were interrupted at 5:30 p.m. with the understanding that the Committee of Supply would resume Friday, May 14, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.

The House then adjourned at 12:31 p.m. Friday, May 14, 2004 until 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 17, 2004.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.