



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 13

SECOND 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. 217).

Mr. DERKACH moved:

THAT Bill (No. 217) – The Ukrainian Famine and Genocide Memorial Day Act/Loi sur le Jour commémoratif de la famine et du génocide ukrainiens, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Messrs. DERKACH and MARTINDALE, Hon. Messrs. GERRARD and STRUTHERS, Messrs. SCHULER and SWAN, Mrs. ROWAT and Hon. Mr. ASHTON having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to, unanimously.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

Mrs. ROWAT moved:

Resolution No. 2: Spirited Energy

WHEREAS this Provincial Government has already wasted \$3 million of Manitoban's hard earned tax dollars on the failed Spirited Energy Campaign; and

WHEREAS the Minister of Competitiveness, Training and Trade has publicly stated that the Government is going to waste at least another \$1 million by quoting: "We'll move forward"; and

WHEREAS this same Government used some of that taxpayer money to purchase beer and wine for campaign organizers; and

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WHEREAS the Government hid from taxpayers untendered, unreported contracts on this campaign adding up to more than \$250,000; and

WHEREAS the Government fought tooth and nail to hide focus group data, and invoices, from Manitobans that were only released when the Ombudsman demanded their release from government; and

WHEREAS when this information was finally released after a seven month fight the focus group data proved that the campaign tested negatively from the start, and the Government proceeded to sink millions into it anyway; and

WHEREAS many of the invoices, when released, were still heavily censored, hiding information from taxpayers about how money was spent; and

WHEREAS despite the fact that Opposition MLAs were issued FIPPA responses that showed that no money was being spent on the campaign during the time the Auditor General was investigating the campaign, it was later revealed that they were spending approximately \$20,000 per month on the campaign; and

WHEREAS the Government claimed that there was \$1 million in private funding in the campaign, a statement that was later proven false when it was revealed that the Government was misrepresenting Crown Corporations as private donors; and

WHEREAS despite the \$3 million sunk into the campaign, only about 5% of that money has been spent promoting Manitoba to people living outside the Province, which should be the goal of any provincial image campaign; and

WHEREAS responses to the campaign by Manitobans have been nearly uniformly negative; and

WHEREAS Manitoba had a tried, tested and true slogan in “Friendly Manitoba” that is recognized both nationally and internationally.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to immediately stop all funding for the Spirited Energy Campaign; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider abandoning this campaign in favour of the tried and tested “Friendly Manitoba” slogan to promote Manitoba tourism and economic development.

And a debate arising,

And Mrs. ROWAT, Hon. Mr. RONDEAU, Mr. DERKACH, Hon. Mr. ASHTON, Messrs. LAMOUREUX and MALOWAY having spoken,

The debate was allowed to remain open.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bills were severally read a First Time and had their purposes outlined:

(No. 14) – The Criminal Property Forfeiture Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la confiscation de biens obtenus ou utilisés criminellement

(Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK)

(No. 215) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Property Development)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (mise en valeur d'un bien réel)

(Mr. SCHULER)

(No. 221) – The Liquor Control Amendment Act (Liquor Vendor Siting)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la réglementation des alcools (établissement des vendeurs d'alcools)

(Mrs. TAILLIEU)

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. MCFADYEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Education and the Premier to consider setting aside land and funds to construct new schools to accommodate the needs of the new provincial government development of Waverly West to allow kids attending schools in the southwest area of Winnipeg to remain in existing schools located closer to home. (J. Scott, C. Scott, S. Silver and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Premier and his Government to recognize and acknowledge how important immigration is to our province by improving and strengthening the Provincial Nominee Program. (L. Saul, M. Austria, T. Ter-Voert and others)

Mr. REID, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, presented its Second Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings:

Your Committee met on the following occasions:

- Monday, October 17, 2005 (3rd Session – 38th Legislature)
- Wednesday, December 5, 2007

All meetings were held in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- The Annual Report of the Manitoba Liquor Control Commission for the year ended March 31, 2004
- The Annual Report of the Manitoba Liquor Control Commission for the year ended March 31, 2005
- The Annual Report of the Manitoba Liquor Control Commission for the year ended March 31, 2006

- The Annual Report of the Manitoba Liquor Control Commission for the year ended March 31, 2007

Committee Membership

Committee Membership for the October 17, 2005 meeting:

- Mr. AGLUGUB
- Ms. BRICK (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. CULLEN
- Mr. DEWAR
- Mr. FAURSCHOU
- Ms. IRVIN-ROSS (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. MAGUIRE
- Mr. MALOWAY
- Mr. SCHELLENBERG
- Mr. SCHULER
- Hon. Mr. SMITH

Committee Membership for the December 5, 2007 meeting:

- Mr. BOROTSIK
- Ms. BRICK
- Mr. DEWAR
- Mr. GRAYDON
- Ms. HOWARD
- Mr. MAGUIRE
- Ms. MARCELINO
- Mr. REID (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. SARAN
- Hon. Mr. SELINGER
- Mrs. TAILLIEU

Your Committee elected Ms. MARCELINO as the Vice-Chairperson.

Officials Speaking on Record at the October 17, 2005 meeting:

- Don Lussier, President & CEO
- Carmen Neufeld, Chair, MLCC Board of Commissioners

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Reports Considered and Passed

Your Committee considered and passed the following report as presented:

- The Annual Report of the Manitoba Liquor Control Commission for the year ended March 31, 2004

Reports Considered but not Passed

Your Committee considered the following reports but did not pass them:

- The Annual Report of the Manitoba Liquor Control Commission for the year ended March 31, 2005
- The Annual Report of the Manitoba Liquor Control Commission for the year ended March 31, 2006
- The Annual Report of the Manitoba Liquor Control Commission for the year ended March 31, 2007

On motion of Mr. REID, the Report of the Committee was received.

Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS presented:

Annual Report of the Manitoba Product Stewardship Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 7)

Hon. Ms. ALLAN, the Minister responsible for the Status of Women, made a statement regarding December 6, 2007, being National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women,

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

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mr. MALOWAY, Mrs. ROWAT, Messrs. JENNISSEN and FAURSCHOU and Ms. BLADY made Members' Statements.

Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX moved:

THAT Bill (No. 13) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Damage to Infrastructure)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (dommages causés à l'infrastructure), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX having spoken,

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

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

THAT Bill (No. 7) – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act (Child Pornography Reporting)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services à l'enfant et à la famille (obligation de signaler la pornographie juvénile), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. BOROTSIK, Mrs. DRIEDGER, Messrs. SWAN, FAURSCHOU, PEDERSEN and MAGUIRE having spoken,

The debate was allowed, by leave, to remain in the name of Mr. BRIESE.

By leave, during the debate, the House reverted to "Introduction of Bills".

On motion of Mr. FAURSCHOU, Bill (No. 222) – The Business Practices Amendment Act (Disclosure of U.S. Lemon Vehicles)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les pratiques commerciales (véhicules de piètre qualité en provenance des États-Unis), was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

By leave, during the debate, Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK moved:

THAT a Special Committee on Senate Elections be established under *An Act to Establish an All-Party Committee to Make Recommendations on Electing Senators* with the mandate, under the Act, to consider matters relating to the election of senators and report to the Assembly within six months or within any longer period allowed by the Assembly;

THAT the membership of the committee consist of

- (a) seven members designated by the Whip of the NDP caucus,
- (b) four members designated by the Whip of the PC caucus, and
- (c) one member designated by the independent members;

THAT, within the parameters of the Act, the committee be authorized to decide how it will conduct its business, including deciding to hold meetings at time and places it considers advisable to receive briefs and hear representations; and

THAT, except as otherwise provided in this motion or in the Act, the committee have the same status, powers, rules and procedures as a standing committee of the house, including the power to establish a sub-committee for the purposes of carrying out any part of the committee's work.

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And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

Pursuant to Rule 2(1), the House then adjourned at 4:47 p.m., Thursday, December 6, 2007.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.