



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 43

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. 207).

Mrs. DRIEDGER moved:

THAT Bill (No. 207) – The Regional Health Authorities Amendment Act (Accreditation and Disclosure)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les offices régionaux de la santé (agrément et publication de documents), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mrs. DRIEDGER, Hon. Ms. OSWALD, Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Ms. BRICK, Mrs. STEFANSON, and Hon. Ms. HOWARD having spoken,

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

Ms. BRAUN moved:

Resolution No. 9: Child Care

WHEREAS affordable and available child care has consistently been a priority for this Provincial Government since 1999; and

WHEREAS since 1999, the Provincial Government has increased funding by 135% and has funded over 8,000 spaces; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has remained on track with its five year *Family Choices* strategy which to date has funded 3,500 spaces and 29 new centres since it began in 2008; and

WHEREAS in Budget 2011 an historic investment in child care was announced by the commitment to fund an additional 25 child care sites and another 2,100 child care spaces; and

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WHEREAS Manitoba has launched an online child care registry beginning in the Westman and Parkland regions, as part of the Provincial Government's plan to create a province-wide system that will make it easier for families to find quality child care appropriate for their needs; and

WHEREAS Manitoba became the second province to institute a \$6.6-million pension plan for early childhood educators, increasing their wages by 49% as of 1999, which brings their starting salary up to \$32,000 per year; and

WHEREAS Manitoba is a leader in Canada in child care investment, spending the second most per child in Canada, which translates into the second-lowest child care fees of the country; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government, despite promising 125,000 new child care spaces to Canadian families in 2005, has so far failed to fulfill this commitment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba commend the Provincial Government for its many diverse approaches to supporting Early Childhood Educators and Manitoba families and that it also urge the Provincial Government to continue its commitment to funding affordable, quality child care; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Legislative Assembly further urge that the Provincial Government continue to lobby the Federal Government to recognize the importance of accessible child care to the health of the economy and to uphold its commitment of creating 125,000 child care spaces for Canadian families.

And a debate arising,

And Ms. BRAUN, Mrs. MITCHELSON, Ms. BLADY, Mrs. STEFANSON, Messrs. ALTEMEYER and BRIESE having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Hon. Mr. SWAN, Bill (No. 37) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Accident Reporting Requirements)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (exigences en matière de rapports d'accident), 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 appropriate ministers of the Provincial Government to consider outlining to Parks Canada the importance that a viable recreational facility in the Mount Agassiz area would play in the local and provincial economies and to consider working with all stakeholders, including Parks Canada, to help develop a plan for a viable, multi-season recreation facility in the Mount Agassiz area. (G. Bonin, D. Sawatsky, M. Thibert and others)

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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. (M. Olah, S. Power, H. Wancsyk and others)

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. (C. Lucier, J. Lucier, R. Dirks and others)

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. MITCHELSON, Mr. JENNISSEN and Mrs. ROWAT made Members' Statements.

In accordance with Rule 31(8), the Government House Leader announced that the Health in the North Resolution will be considered next Tuesday, May 17, 2011.

By unanimous consent, the sequence for consideration of estimates, as outlined in Sessional Paper No. 38 tabled on April 21, 2011, was further amended in order that the estimates of Sport be considered prior to Employee Pensions and Other Costs in Room 255 for Tuesday afternoon, May 10, 2011.

The House resolved into Committee of Supply.

The House then adjourned at 5:02 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, 2011.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.