



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 73

SECOND SESSION, FORTIETH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Mr. GOERTZEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 214) – The Cyberbullying Prevention Act/Loi sur la prévention de la cyberintimidation, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. GOERTZEN, Hon. Ms. HOWARD and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

And Mr. DEWAR moved:

THAT the debate be now adjourned.

And the Question being put. It was agreed to, on the following division:

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ASHTON
BJORNSON
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BRAUN
CALDWELL
CHIEF
CHOMIAK
DEWAR
GAUDREAU
HOWARD
IRVIN-ROSS
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KOSTYSHYN

LEMIEUX
MACKINTOSH
MALOWAY
MARCELINO (Logan)
MARCELINO (Tyndall Park)
MELNICK
NEVAKSHONOFF
PETTERSEN
RONDEAU
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EWASKO
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GERRARD
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Mr. EWASKO moved:

Resolution No. 23: Equal Access to Services for all Manitobans

WHEREAS Provincial Government offices, including Manitoba Agriculture, Food, and Rural Initiatives (MAFRI), Education, Infrastructure and Transportation and Conservation and Water Stewardship serve a vital role in communities across Manitoba; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government intends to close, merge or consolidate at least 20 Provincial Government offices by the end of this year; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government's plan to consolidate offices hinders access to government services in a timely manner and requires Manitoba families to commute outside their local area to access services; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government did not consult the public before closing, merging or consolidating Provincial Government offices.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba acknowledge Manitobans have a right to access provincial programs and services in a timely manner within a reasonable distance from their community regardless of their location; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to conduct public consultations on office location changes and share with the public a "Needs For And Alternatives To" analysis of services before opening, closing, merging or consolidating Provincial Government offices.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. EWASKO, Hon. Mr. BJORNSON and Mr. BRIESE having spoken,

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

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. GOERTZEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (A. Barkman, E. Friesen, S. Fehr and others)

Mr. WISHART – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (L. Orchard, E. Giffin, J. Gretsinger and others)

Mr. EWASKO – To urge the Provincial Government to re-open Beausejour's Employment Manitoba. (T. Renaud, J. Lloyd, R. Crognali and others)

Mrs. ROWAT – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (K. Hill, B. Rose, N. Jack and others)

Mr. PEDERSEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Education consider making funding available to eliminate the current waiting list for ABA school age services and fund ABA Services for individuals diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. (F. Rempel, L. Lucier, P. Wolf and others)

Mrs. DRIEDGER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (L. Whitehead, S. Monchamp, S. Sulz and others)

Mr. CULLEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Local Government afford local governments the respect they deserve and reverse his decision to force municipalities with fewer than 1,000 constituents to amalgamate. (B. Gillis, C. Stevens, R. Leureault and others)

Mr. EICHLER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (D. Maclean, V. Bennett, L. Brondot and others)

Mrs. STEFANSON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Education consider making funding available to eliminate the current waiting list for ABA school age services and fund ABA Services for individuals diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. (R. Lavallee, C. Gabriel, H. Hunter and others)

Mr. MAGUIRE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (L. Hall, K. James, N. Aurarayar and others)

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Family Services and Labour consider making funding available to address the current waiting list for ABA Services. (R. Dauphinais, M. Baker, D. Kawaler and others)

Mrs. MITCHELSON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (M. Adam, C. Derksen, J. Derksen and others)

Mr. HELWER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Education consider making funding available to eliminate the current waiting list for ABA school age services and fund ABA Services for individuals diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. (D. Mulal, K. Cochrane, G. Whital and others)

Mr. SCHULER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Family Services and Labour consider making funding available to address the current waiting list for ABA Services. (G. Stone, R. Kehler, K. Giese and others)

Mr. SMOOK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (S. Korotash, A. Rousseau, D. Hrynyk and others)

Mr. FRIESEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge that the Minister responsible for Manitoba Hydro create a complete and transparent "Needs For And Alternatives To" review of Manitoba Hydro's total capital development plan to ensure the financial viability of Manitoba Hydro. (J. Wiebe, D. Douglas, J. P. McLeod and others)

Mr. GRAYDON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Family Services and Labour consider making funding available to address the current waiting list for ABA Services. (V. Martens, J. Toews, S. Froese and others)

Ms. WIGHT, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs, presented its Fourth Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings:

Your Committee met on July 10, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- Recommendation for Appointment of the Chief Electoral Officer
- Process for hiring a new Auditor General and a new Ombudsman

Committee Membership

Committee Membership for the July 10, 2013 meeting:

- Ms. BRAUN
- Mr. CULLEN
- Mr. DEWAR
- Mr. EICHLER
- Mr. GOERTZEN
- Hon. Ms. HOWARD
- Hon. Ms. MARCELINO (Logan)
- Mr. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park)
- Mr. PEDERSEN

- Hon. Mr. SWAN
- Ms. WIGHT

Your Committee elected Ms. WIGHT as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected Mr. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) as the Vice-Chairperson.

Motions:

Your Committee agreed to the following motions:

- *THAT the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs recommend to the Lieutenant Governor in Council that Ms. Shipra Verma be appointed as the Chief Electoral Officer for the Province of Manitoba effective immediately.*
- *THAT a sub-committee of the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs be struck to manage the process of hiring a new Auditor General and a new Ombudsman for the Province of Manitoba, under the terms and conditions as follows:*
 - (a) the subcommittee may only report back to the committee with a recommendation that has received a general level of acceptance by all members;*
 - (b) the subcommittee consist of four government members, two official opposition members and one independent member;*
 - (c) the subcommittee have the authority to call their own meetings, the ability to meet in camera, and be able to undertake duties it deems necessary in order to fulfil its responsibilities in the hiring process;*
 - (d) the subcommittee appoint an expert advisory panel of three members to assist in the hiring process and ultimately provide the subcommittee with a prioritized list of candidates;*
 - (e) the subcommittee establish the terms of reference for the expert advisory panel, and that Legislative Assembly staff may be authorized by the Chair to attend all meetings of the subcommittee and the expert advisory panel.*

On motion of Ms. WIGHT, the Report of the Committee was received.

During Oral Questions, Mr. GOERTZEN rose on a point of order stating that the Minister for Family Services and Labour was posing a question to the Leader of the Official Opposition.

And Hon. Ms. HOWARD having spoken to the point of order,

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker ruled that there was no point of order.

Thursday, July 11, 2013

From his decision, Mr. GOERTZEN appealed to the House,

And the Question being put, "Shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained?" It was agreed to, on division.

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Ms. CROTHERS, Messrs GRAYDON, JHA and BRIESE and Hon. Ms. SELBY made Members' Statements.

In accordance with Rule 31(9), the Opposition House Leader announced that The Need for Safe, Healthy and Sustainable Housing Resolution will be considered next Thursday, July 18, 2013.

The House resolved into Committee of Supply.

The House then adjourned at 6:20 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, July 15, 2013.

Hon. Daryl REID,
Speaker.