



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 100

SECOND 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. 210).

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

THAT Bill (No. 210) – The Seniors' Rights Act/Loi sur les droits 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 Ms. WIGHT,

And Mr. BRIESE, Ms. BLADY, Mr. HELWER, Hon. Ms. ALLAN and Mr. WISHART having spoken,

And Mr. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) speaking at 11:00 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

Mr. GOERTZEN moved:

Resolution No. 35: Enhancing Respect for Manitobans

WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba provides any Manitoban the opportunity to make a presentation at committee regarding proposed legislation; and

WHEREAS this input from Manitobans often results in improvements to legislation and is an important democratic right; and

WHEREAS some Provincial Government Ministers continue to disrespect Manitobans by paying more attention to their electronic devices during committee hearings than the presenting public at these committees; and

WHEREAS some Provincial Government Ministers have disrespected Manitobans presenting at committee by labeling those opposed to their legislation as “howling coyotes”; and

WHEREAS some Provincial Government Ministers have disrespected Manitobans by publicly stating, even before committee hearings on legislation, that they are unwilling to listen to presenters who disagree with their legislation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly commend those Manitobans who exercise their democratic right by making presentations to committee on proposed legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge Provincial Cabinet Ministers to refrain from insulting, ignoring and disrespecting Manitobans who make presentations to committee in opposition to their proposed legislation.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. GOERTZEN, Hon. Mr. ASHTON, Messrs. SCHULER, ALLUM, EICHLER and MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) and Mrs. STEFANSON having spoken,

And Hon. Ms. HOWARD speaking at 12:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in her name.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. WISHART – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (R. Childerhose, D. Hobson, K. Vivier and others)

Mr. EWASKO – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation to recognize the serious safety concerns of Provincial Road 520 and to address its poor condition by prioritizing its renewal. (L. Johnston, B. Young, D. Beigrel and others)

Mr. PEDERSEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to re-open Beausejour's Employment Manitoba. (N. Sprott, D. Scott, T. Wilton and others)

Mr. EICHLER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (R. MacDougall, M. Martinez, J. Papro and others)

Mrs. STEFANSON – 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. (S. Martiny, M. Maranz, S. Margrat and others)

Mr. SMOOK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (L. Fournier, E. Klassen, A. Dreger and others)

Mr. GRAYDON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to acknowledge that the increase in the PST will significantly encourage cross border shopping and put additional strain on the retail sector, especially for those businesses located close to Manitoba's provincial borders and to urge the Provincial Government to reverse its PST increase to ensure Manitoba consumers can shop affordably in Manitoba and support local businesses. (M. Wiebe, S. Courcelles, R. Arnold and others)

Mr. FRIESEN – 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. (J. Meglt, D. Bilodeau, B. McCallister and others)

Mr. HELWER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (E. Fowler, R. Fowler, L. Fowler and others)

Mrs. ROWAT – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (M. Stone, E. Zimmerman, W. Shwaluk and others)

By leave, Mr. SCHULER for Mr. MAGUIRE – 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. (M. Santos, R. Swiegers, M. Shoemaker and others)

Hon. Mr. ASHTON presented:

Manitoba Lotteries Corporation, Quarterly Report, Three Months, April 1 to June 30, 2013.
(Sessional Paper No. 97)

Mr. Speaker presented:

Auditor General's Report – Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet dated August 2013.
(Sessional Paper No. 98)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Messrs. JHA, EWASKO, WIEBE and WISHART and Ms. CROTHERS made Members' Statements.

Prior to Grievances, Mr. EWASKO rose on a Matter of Urgent Public Importance and moved:

THAT in accordance with Rule 36(1), the regularly scheduled business of the House be set aside to discuss a Matter of Urgent Public Importance, namely, the Provincial Government's violation of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Protection Act's Section 23.1(a) redaction powers to protect itself from Ministers who utter remarks that are inappropriate and the need for the Ombudsman to investigate the violation.

And Hon. Ms. HOWARD having spoken to the urgency of the motion,

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker ruled as follows:

I thank the Honourable members for their advice to the chair on whether the motion proposed by the Honourable Member for Lac du Bonnet should be debated today. The notice required by Rule 36(1) was provided. Under our rules and practices, the subject matter requiring urgent consideration must be so pressing that the public interest will suffer if the matter is not given immediate attention. There must also be no other reasonable opportunities to raise the matter.

I have listened very carefully to the arguments put forward by Honourable Members, however I was not persuaded that the ordinary business of the House should be set aside to deal with this issue today. Although this is an issue that some Members may have concerns about, I do not believe that the public interest will be harmed if the business of the House is not set aside to debate the motion today.

Additionally, I would like to note that other avenues exist for Members to raise this issue, including Question Period and Members' Statements, and in fact this issue has been raised in Oral Questions over the past several days.

Therefore, with the greatest of respect, I must rule that this matter does not meet the criteria set by our Rules and Precedents and I rule the motion out of order as a Matter of Urgent Public Importance.

The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Ms. STRUTHERS:

THAT Bill (No. 20) – The Manitoba Building and Renewal Funding and Fiscal Management Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur le financement du renouvellement des infrastructures et la gestion financière (modification de diverses dispositions législatives), reported from the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development, be concurred in and be now read a Third Time and passed.

And on the Proposed Amendment of Mr. GOERTZEN:

THAT the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word "THAT" and substituting the following:

Bill (No. 20) – The Manitoba Building and Renewal Funding and Fiscal Management Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur le financement du renouvellement des infrastructures et la gestion financière (modification de diverses dispositions législatives), reported from the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development, be not concurred in and read a Third Time but that it be concurred in and read a Third Time this day six months hence.

And the debate continuing on the amendment,

And Mr. PEDERSEN, Mrs. STEFANSON and Mr. HELWER having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Hon. Ms. HOWARD, adjourned.

During the debate, Mr. GOERTZEN rose on a point of order regarding the lack of Government Members debating Bill (No. 20).

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

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

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 the following division:

YEA

ALLAN	MACKINTOSH
ALLUM	MALOWAY
ALTEMEYER	MARCELINO (Logan)
ASHTON	MARCELINO (Tyndall Park)
BLADY	MELNICK
BRAUN	NEVAKSHONOFF
BRIESE	OSWALD
CALDWELL	PALLISTER
CHIEF	PEDERSEN
CROTHERS	PETTERSEN
DEWAR	ROBINSON
EICHLER	RONDEAU
EWASKO	ROWAT
FRIESEN	SARAN
GAUDREAU	SCHULER
GERRARD	SELBY
GOERTZEN	SELINGER
GRAYDON	SMOOK
HELWER	STEFANSON
HOWARD	SWAN
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The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Ms. ALLAN:

THAT Bill (No. 18) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Safe and Inclusive Schools)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (milieux scolaires favorisant la sécurité et l'inclusivité), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

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

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

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ASHTON	MARCELINO (Logan)
BLADY	MARCELINO (Tyndall Park)
BRAUN	MELNICK
CALDWELL	NEVAKSHONOFF
CHIEF	OSWALD
CROTHERS	PETTERSEN
DEWAR	RONDEAU
GAUDREAU	SARAN
GERRARD	SELBY
HOWARD	SELINGER
IRVIN-ROSS	SWAN
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GOERTZEN	SMOOK
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The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

The House then adjourned at 5:38 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 3, 2013.

Hon. Daryl REID,
Speaker.