



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 41

THIRD 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. 202).

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

THAT Bill (No. 202) – The Participation of Manitoba in the New West Partnership Act/Loi sur la participation du Manitoba au nouveau partenariat de l'Ouest, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And, Messrs. GAUDREAU and PIWNIUK, Hon. Mr. ASHTON and Messrs. EWASKO, RONDEAU and PEDERSEN having spoken,

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

In accordance with Rule 31(9), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Increased Flexibility in Application of Nutrients to Soil Resolution will be considered next Thursday, April 17, 2014.

Mrs. STEFANSON moved:

Resolution No. 9: Reducing Red Tape in Manitoba

WHEREAS small businesses and entrepreneurs bring innovation to industries through new technology and new ways of doing things; and

WHEREAS entrepreneurs create jobs, produce goods and services and grow the economy; and

WHEREAS only 8% of businesses surveyed by the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) have confidence in the Provincial Government's ability to support businesses in the province of Manitoba; and

WHEREAS compared to other provinces in Canada, it is harder for small businesses to thrive in Manitoba because of the growing accumulation of red tape and regulations; and

WHEREAS Manitoba recently received a D- on the CFIB Red Tape Report Card; and

WHEREAS the President of the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce wrote to the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development that Manitoba “is establishing an uncompetitive tax framework when compared to other provinces;” and

WHEREAS Manitoba’s economic prosperity and health depends on entrepreneurial intensity, confidence and spirit; and

WHEREAS business growth in Manitoba has been negatively impacted by high inflation, low wage growth and high taxes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to reduce red tape to encourage a more favorable climate for small business and entrepreneurs in Manitoba; and

BE IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to take action to reduce the overbearing tax schemes for businesses to create an environment in which small enterprises and entrepreneurs can thrive.

And a debate arising,

And Mrs. STEFANSON, Hon. Ms. OSWALD, Messrs. MARTIN, GAUDREAU and FRIESEN and Ms. WIGHT having spoken,

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

1:30 O’CLOCK P.M.

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

(No. 49) – The Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société d’assurance publique du Manitoba

(Hon. Mr. SWAN)

(No. 206) – The Cyberbullying Prevention Act/Loi sur la prévention de la cyberintimidation

(Mr. EWASKO)

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. FRIESEN – 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. Friesen, S. Wiens, D. Harder and others)

Mr. GRAYDON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to reverse the PST increase and to restore the right of Manitobans to vote in a referendum on increases to the PST. (C. Kehler, M. Shellenberg, T. Nathren and others)

Mr. PEDERSEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to reverse the job-killing PST increase and to restore the right of Manitobans to reject or approve any increases to the PST through a referendum. (M. Foster, C. Westphal, G. Simpson and others)

Mr. EWASKO – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government and the Minister of Health to ensure that the Beausejour District Hospital and Primary Care Centre have a primary care physician available on weekends and holidays to better provide area residents with this essential service. (C. Holigroski, J. Lloyd, S. Fiola and others)

Mr. SMOOK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to reverse the PST increase and to restore the right of Manitobans to vote in a referendum on increases to the PST. (T. Ripcik, K. Yaschyshyn, K. Dubé and others)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Ms. CROTHERS, Messrs. FRIESEN, ALTEMEYER and WISHART and Hon. Mr. BJORNSON made Members' Statements.

Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX moved:

THAT Bill (No. 18) – The Business Practices Amendment Act (Improved Consumer Protection and Enforcement)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les pratiques commerciales (mesures de protection et d'exécution améliorées à l'intention du consommateur), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX and Hon. Ms. HOWARD having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mrs. STEFANSON, adjourned.

Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX moved:

THAT Bill (No. 34) – The Consumer Protection Amendment Act (High-Cost Credit Products)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection du consommateur (produits de crédit à coût élevé), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX, Messrs. SCHULER and WIEBE and Hon. Mr. SWAN having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

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

Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX presented:

Message from His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 34).

(Sessional Paper No. 38)

Hon. Mr. SWAN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 3) – The Witness Security Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la sécurité des témoins, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

And a debate arising,

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

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

Hon. Mr. SWAN presented:

Message from His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 3).

(Sessional Paper No. 39)

Hon. Mr. SWAN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 31) – The Police Services Amendment Act (Community Safety Officers)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services de police (agents de sécurité communautaire), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. SWAN, Mr. GOERTZEN, Hon. Messrs. ASHTON and GERRARD and Mr. MALOWAY having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

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

Hon. Mr. SWAN presented:

Message from His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 31).

(Sessional Paper No. 40)

Hon. Ms. BRAUN moved:

THAT (No. 10) – The Fires Prevention and Emergency Response Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la prévention des incendies et les interventions d'urgence, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Ms. BRAUN having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mrs. STEFANSON, adjourned.

Hon. Mr. ALLUM moved:

THAT (No. 37) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Connecting Schools to the Internet)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (branchement à Internet), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

Thursday, April 10, 2014

And Hon. Mr. ALLUM and Messrs. EWASKO and CALDWELL having spoken,

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

Hon. Ms. OSWALD moved:

THAT (No. 33) – The Apprenticeship Employment Opportunities Act (Public Works Contracts)/Loi sur les occasions d'apprentissage en milieu de travail (marchés de travaux publics), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Ms. OSWALD having spoken,

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

The House then adjourned at 4:57 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 14, 2014.

Hon. Daryl REID,
Speaker.