



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 38

FOURTH SESSION, FORTIETH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

In accordance with Rule 31(9), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Recognizing Jordan's Principle Resolution will be considered next Thursday, June 4, 2015.

Mr. SMOOK moved:

THAT Bill (No. 206) – The Workers Compensation Amendment Act (Employer Advisers)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les accidents du travail (conseillers des employeurs), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. SMOOK, Hon. Ms. BRAUN, Messrs. GOERTZEN and GAUDREAU, Hon. Mr. DEWAR and Mr. BJORNSON and having spoken,

And Ms. HOWARD speaking at 11:00 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in her name.

Mr. GRAYDON moved:

Resolution No. 6: Improving Manitoba's Long-Term Personal Care Home Strategy

WHEREAS there are currently 125 licensed personal care homes (PCH) across Manitoba, consisting of less than 10,000 beds; and

WHEREAS all trends point to an increasingly aging population, who will require additional personal care home facilities; and

WHEREAS by some estimates, by 2036, Manitoba will require an increase of more than 5,100 personal care home beds – an annual increase of approximately 250; and

WHEREAS from 2009 to 2014, the Provincial Government has inadequately increased the supply of PCH beds by a mere 68 across the province, with a decline of 43 throughout the Prairie Mountain RHA since amalgamation; and

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WHEREAS the number of Manitobans with Alzheimer's disease or another dementia-related illness who will require personal care home services are steadily increasing and threatening to double within the current generation; and

WHEREAS the last personal care home review in many areas, including the Swan Valley area, currently under administration of the Prairie Mountain Regional Health Authority, was conducted in 2008; and

WHEREAS occupancy rates across the province are exceeding 95%, with some regions such as Swan Valley witnessing 100% occupancy rates; and

WHEREAS there are more than 1,750 Manitobans awaiting placement in a PCH; and

WHEREAS these high occupancy rates are creating conditions where many individuals requiring long-term care are being displaced far away from their families and home community.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government be censured for their lack of progress in increasing PCH beds, stripping many Manitobans of their right to age with dignity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Provincial Government be urged to immediately enact a province-wide review of the long-term care needs of residents of Manitoba; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Provincial Government recognize the stresses placed upon the healthcare system by the aging population and be urged to increase the availability of long-term care spaces (PCH beds) in communities across the province.

And a debate arising,

And Messrs. GRAYDON, GAUDREAU, FRIESEN and JHA, Mrs. STEFANSON, Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK and Mr. SMOOK having spoken,

And 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 petitions were presented and read:

Mr. SCHULER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge that the Provincial Government improve the safety at the pedestrian corridor at the intersection of PTH# 206 and Cedar Avenue in Oak Bank by considering such steps as highlighting pavement markings to better indicate the location of the shoulders and crosswalk, as well as installing a lighted crosswalk structure. (J. Warbeck, J. Warbeck, R. Forbes and others)

Mr. GRAYDON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to consider immediately enacting a province wide review of the long-term care needs of residents of Manitoba and to recognize the stresses placed upon the healthcare system by the current and continuous aging population and consider increasing the availability of long-term care spaces (PCH beds) in communities across the province. (A. Nahnybida, C. Svojanovski, C. Forbes and others)

Mr. SMOOK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister responsible for Manitoba Hydro to immediately provide a written explanation to all Members of the Legislative Assembly regarding what criteria were used and the reasons for selecting the preferred routing for the Minnesota-Manitoba Transmission Line including whether or not this routing represented the least intrusive option to residents of Tache, Springfield, St. Anne, Stuartburn, Piney and La Broquerie. (R. Ricard, D. Goertzen, N. Goertzen and others)

Mrs. DRIEDGER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to consider immediately enacting a province wide review of the long-term care needs of residents of Manitoba and to recognize the stresses placed upon the healthcare system by the current and continuous aging population and consider increasing the availability of long-term care spaces (PCH beds) in communities across the province. (T. Gatien, L. Barker, Z. Atkinson and others)

Mr. PEDERSEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge that the Provincial Government immediately direct Manitoba Hydro to engage with MBLC/CAEPLA in order to negotiate a fair business agreement that addresses the many legitimate concerns of farm families affected by the BiPole III transmission line. (D. Kunka, H. Kunka, L. Kunka and others)

Hon. Ms. BLADY presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2015-2016 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Health, Healthy Living and Seniors.

(Sessional Paper No. 37)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Ms. ALLAN, Mr. PIWNIUK, Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS, Mrs. DRIEDGER and Mr. RONDEAU made Members' Statements.

Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK moved:

THAT Bill (No. 69) – The Technical Safety Act/Loi sur la sécurité technique, reported from the Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development, be concurred in and be now read a Third Time and passed.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK, Hon. Mr. BRAUN, Mr. SMOOK, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Mr. GOERTZEN having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly concurred in, read a Third Time and passed.

The House resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. DEWAR:

THAT Bill (No. 9) – The Chartered Professional Accountants Act/Loi sur les comptables professionnels agréés, 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 Mr. GOERTZEN,

And Mr. FRIESEN and Hon. Mr. GERRARD 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. Ms. BLADY moved:

THAT Bill (No. 16) – The Terry Fox Legacy Act/Loi commémorative de Terry Fox, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Ms. BLADY, Mr. SCHULER, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Mr. GOERTZEN 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.

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

THAT Bill (No. 6) – The National Research Centre for Truth and Reconciliation Act/Loi sur le Centre national de recherche pour la vérité et la réconciliation, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Messrs. PIWNIUK and EWASKO, Ms. LATHLIN and Messrs. GOERTZEN, SCHULER and CULLEN 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.

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The House resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. ALLUM:

THAT Bill (No. 2) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Small Classes for K to 3)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (faible effectif des classes), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. GOERTZEN speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, June 1, 2015.

Hon. Daryl REID,
Speaker.