



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 27

SECOND SESSION, FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

In accordance with Rule 33(8), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Protect Manitoba's Provincial Nominee Program Resolution will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

By leave, it was agreed for the House to deal with Second Reading of Bill (No. 217).

Mr. LINDSEY moved:

THAT Bill (No. 217) – The Labour Relations Amendment Act (Right to Collective Bargaining)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les relations du travail (droit à la négociation collective), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. LINDSEY having spoken,

And Messrs. ALLUM and SMOOK, Ms. LAMOUREUX, Mrs. MAYER, Mr. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park), Ms. KLASSEN and Mr. HELWER having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. CULLEN, Mr. SMOOK, Mrs. MAYER and Ms. LAMOUREUX having spoken,

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

During the debate, Mr. MALOWAY rose on a point of order regarding the relevancy of the comments spoken by the Honourable Member for St. Vital,

And Mr. MALOWAY and Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN having spoken to the point of order,

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker ruled that there was a point of order.

Mr. WIEBE moved:

Resolution No. 5: Protecting Health Care for Seniors and Families

WHEREAS protecting health care services for seniors and families is a number one priority for Manitobans and should be the priority of the Premier and the Provincial Government; and

WHEREAS this Provincial Government has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on health care reviews which they refuse to release to the public, despite the fact that the Premier explicitly promised to do so; and

WHEREAS after campaigning on a promise to protect frontline services, the first action taken by this Premier in regards to the health care system was to close the Quick Care Clinic in St. Boniface; and

WHEREAS this clinic provided crucial frontline care to families and seniors in the St. Boniface and St. Vital areas as well as offering essential, bilingual healthcare services to the largest and most concentrated Francophone community in Manitoba; and

WHEREAS after closing this clinic, the Premier ordered the Minister of Health to make over a billion dollars of capital cuts to the health care department; and

WHEREAS these cuts to health care services will mean that the Provincial Government will no longer build a new Cancer Care facility despite the millions of dollars raised by private groups and the thousands of hours of planning and effort that have been put in by volunteers to support this important project; and

WHEREAS these cuts to health care services will mean that the Provincial Government will no longer build a wellness centre for seniors in the Concordia region in order to support their unique and important health care needs; and

WHEREAS these cuts to health care services will mean that the Provincial Government will no longer proceed with shovel ready projects for personal care homes in south and northeast Winnipeg, as well as in Lac du Bonnet, thereby cutting hundreds of personal care beds; and

WHEREAS these cuts to health care services will mean that the Provincial Government will no longer build a community clinic in St. Vital and will no longer proceed with community clinics in The Pas and Thompson; and

WHEREAS these cuts to health care services are shortsighted as the need for these important projects across the province will not diminish and the cost will only increase.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba be urged to call upon the Provincial Government to immediately reverse the Premier's damaging cuts to the Manitoba health care system and to make meaningful investments in the public health care system in the upcoming provincial budget.

And a debate arising,

Thursday, March 16, 2017

And Mr. WIEBE having spoken,

And Mr. NESBITT, Ms. FONTAINE, Messrs. MICHALESKI and WOWCHUK, Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE, Ms. LAMOUREUX and Mr. JOHNSON having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. SMITH, MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) and TEITSMA and Ms. LAMOUREUX having spoken,

And Mr. LAGIMODIERE 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. FRIESEN, Bill (No. 24) – The Red Tape Reduction and Government Efficiency Act, 2017/Loi de 2017 sur la réduction du fardeau administratif et l'efficacité du gouvernement, was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

Madam Speaker presented:

Auditor General's Report – Follow-up of Recommendations, dated March, 2017.

(Sessional Paper No. 17)

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Messrs. LAGASSÉ, MARTIN and WIEBE, Ms. KLASSEN and Hon. Mr. WISHART made Members' Statements.

The following petition was presented and read:

Mr. SWAN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba be urged to support the Neighbourhoods Alive! program and the communities served by Neighbourhood Renewal Corporations, by continuing to provide consistent, core funding for existing Neighbourhood Renewal Corporations, and enhancing the public funding available for specific projects and initiatives.

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

THAT Bill (No. 8) – The Interim Appropriation Act, 2017/Loi de 2017 portant affectation anticipée de crédits, reported from Committee of the Whole, be concurred in and be now read for a Third Time and passed.

And the debate continuing,

Thursday, March 16, 2017

And Ms. KLASSEN, Messrs. LINDSEY, KINEW and WIEBE, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Ms. FONTAINE having spoken,

And Mr. ALTEMEYER 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, March 20, 2017.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.