



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 35

THIRD SESSION, FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Following the Prayer, Madam Speaker made the following ruling:

Before we proceed with the next item of business, I must inform the House that Bill 214 – The Workplace Safety and Health Amendment Act, sponsored by the Honourable Member for Assiniboia has some similarities with Bill 219 - The Workplace Safety and Health Amendment Act (Inappropriate or Unsafe Footwear), sponsored by the Honourable Member for St. Johns. Bill 219 passed Second Reading on April 5, 2018.

Rule 42 of the Rules, Order and Forms of Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba states that “No Member shall revive a debate already concluded during the session or anticipate a matter appointed for consideration of which notice has been given”.

The House of Commons Procedure and Practice, Third Edition states at page 1129 that there is nothing preventing two similar items from being place on the Order Paper simultaneously. However, because the House cannot take more than one decision on any given matter during a session, a decision on any of these bills will prevent further proceedings on any other similar bill.

Both Bill 214 and Bill 219 propose to amend The Workplace Safety and Health Act. After consultation with the Clerk’s Office and with Legislative Counsel, I can verify that the content of both Bills is indeed very similar. I have concluded that legislatively and procedurally, they both achieve the same goal: prohibiting footwear requirements for the purpose of ensuring safety and health in the workplace.

As this House has already decided in this session to pass Bill 219 at Second Reading, and since both Bills contain substantially the same provisions, I must rule that Bill 214 cannot proceed any further in this House this session.

The Honourable Member for Assiniboia has two courses of action open to him. Bill 214 can remain on the Order Paper, and not be proceeded with further. Alternatively, he may seek the unanimous consent of the House to withdraw it.

By leave, Mr. LAGASSÉ moved:

THAT Bill (No. 221) – The Rail Safety Awareness Week Act/Loi sur la Semaine de sensibilisation à la sécurité ferroviaire, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. LAGASSÉ having spoken,

And Messrs. LINDSEY and YAKIMOSKI, Hon. Messrs. FLETCHER and GERRARD and Mr. SWAN having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. LINDSEY, YAKIMOSKI and SWAN and Hon. Messrs. GERRARD and FLETCHER 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.

Mr. EWASKO moved:

Resolution No. 8: Manitoba Curling Week

WHEREAS the sport of curling, an official Olympic sport that was originally introduced in the early 1800s by Scottish immigrants, has a long history in Canada with now more than 1000 curling clubs across the country; and

WHEREAS curling has physical health benefits, including cardiovascular activity, improved balance and hand-eye coordination; and

WHEREAS curling is an inclusive sport, open to people of all ages and abilities, and is even adaptable to those with physical disabilities with aids such as delivery sticks and wheelchairs; and

WHEREAS curling is also a social sport, designed to get families out of their homes in the cold of winter for physical and social activity; and

WHEREAS curling clubs in all regions of Manitoba promote community involvement and participation; and

WHEREAS Manitoba is the world leader in curling with nearly 100 clubs and more national wins than any other province.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to declare the third week of January every year as “Manitoba Curling Week” and encourage all Members of the Legislative Assembly to visit and promote their local curling clubs.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. EWASKO having spoken,

And Messrs. SWAN and MICHALESKI, Hon. Mr. FLETCHER and Messrs. LINDSEY and MICKLEFIELD having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. SWAN and MICHALESKI and Hon. Messrs. FLETCHER and GERRARD having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Mr. SMITH (Southdale), Ms. FONTAINE, Mr. NESBITT, Ms. KLASSEN and Mr. YAKIMOSKI made Members' Statements.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. KINEW – That the Provincial Government be urged to support a funding increase towards the safety and security of the University of Winnipeg students, faculty members, members of the community, and/or individuals with close ties to the university and to recognize that the University of Winnipeg is an institution located downtown, which needs additional support to be able to make sure that the doors remain open to the wider community.

Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Premier of Manitoba and the Minister of Justice to immediately call a Public Inquiry into the systems that had a role in the life and death of Tina Fontaine as well as the function of the administration of justice after her death and that the terms of reference of a Public Inquiry be developed jointly with the caregivers of Tina Fontaine and/or the agent appointed by them. (M. Castillo, M. Payne, T. Wiebe and others)

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to request Dynacare to reopen the closed laboratories or allow Diagnostic Services of Manitoba to freely open labs in clinics which formerly housed labs that have been shut down by Dynacare and to ensure high quality lab services for patients, and a level playing field and competition in the provision of laboratory services to medical offices as well to address this matter immediately in the interest of better patient focused care and improved support for health professionals. (L. Stuart, T. Mandel, C. Smit and others)

Mr. SWAN – That the Provincial Government be urged to support a funding increase towards the safety and security of the University of Winnipeg students, faculty members, members of the community, and/or individuals with close ties to the university and to recognize that the University of Winnipeg is an institution located downtown, which needs additional support to be able to make sure that the doors remain open to the wider community. (J. Cook, E. Diplock, E. Sinclair and others)

Mr. WIEBE – That the Provincial Government be urged to support a funding increase towards the safety and security of the University of Winnipeg students, faculty members, members of the community, and/or individuals with close ties to the university and to recognize that the University of Winnipeg is an institution located downtown, which needs additional support to be able to make sure that the doors remain open to the wider community.

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Ms. FONTAINE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Premier of Manitoba and the Minister of Justice to immediately call a Public Inquiry into the systems that had a role in the life and death of Tina Fontaine as well as the function of the administration of justice after her death and that the terms of reference of a Public Inquiry be developed jointly with the caregivers of Tina Fontaine and/or the agent appointed by them.

In accordance with Rule 33(7), the Government House Leader announced that the Celebrating a New School in Brandon Resolution will be considered on the next Tuesday of Private Members' Business.

Hon. Mr. FIELDING moved:

THAT Bill (No. 18) – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act (Taking Care of Our Children)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services à l'enfant et à la famille (soins conformes aux traditions), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

(Recommended by Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. FIELDING having spoken,

And Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas), Ms. KLASSEN and Hon. Messrs. FLETCHER and GERRARD having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas), Ms. KLASSEN and Hon. Mr. FLETCHER having spoken,

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

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

Hon. Mr. FIELDING presented:

Message from Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 18).

(Sessional Paper No. 41)

Hon. Mr. FIELDING moved:

THAT Bill (No. 9) – The Community Child Care Standards Amendment Act (Enhanced Powers Respecting Governance and Accountability)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la garde d'enfants (pouvoirs accrus en matière de gestion et d'obligation redditionnelle), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

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And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. FIELDING having spoken,

And Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas), Ms. KLASSEN and Hon. Mr. FLETCHER having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) and Ms. KLASSEN having spoken,

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

Hon. Mr. FIELDING presented:

Message from Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 9).

(Sessional Paper No. 42)

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, 2018.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.