



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 32

FOURTH SESSION, FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Mr. MICKLEFIELD moved:

THAT Bill (No. 226) – The Presumption of Death and Declaration of Absence Act and Amendments to The Insurance Act/Loi sur la présomption de décès et la déclaration d'absence et modifiant la Loi sur les assurances, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. MICKLEFIELD having spoken,

And Ms. FONTAINE, Mr. EWASKO, Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas), Mr. MICHALESKI, Hon. Mrs. MAYER and Mr. GRAYDON having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Ms. FONTAINE, Ms. LAMOUREUX, Mr. WIEBE, Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN and Mr. SWAN having spoken,

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

Mr. SMOOK moved:

Resolution No. 3: FleetNet Replacement

WHEREAS the former NDP Provincial Government neglected the province's emergency communications system resulting in frequent failures; and

WHEREAS the former NDP Provincial Government was warned as far back as 2008 that FleetNet was obsolete and would soon need to be replaced, but took no action making Manitoba the last jurisdiction in North America to upgrade to a modern system; and

WHEREAS replacement parts for the FleetNet system have not been manufactured since 2003, and public safety organisations were forced to source replacement parts on online auction websites such as EBay; and

WHEREAS in October 2012, the previous NDP Provincial Government was notified that a decision to upgrade the communication system needed to be made and there was still no course of action taken; and

WHEREAS the health and safety of all Manitobans was threatened by the critical planning and failing of the previous NDP Provincial Government because it placed its own agenda above the constituents of Manitoba; and

WHEREAS FleetNet suffered a major outage at the peak of the 2012 fire season; and

WHEREAS under transition from the former NDP Provincial Government there was no mention about the outdated FleetNet communication system and the immediate need to replace it; and

WHEREAS after 17 years of the NDP tearing down Manitoba, the current Provincial Government indicated it was here to rebuild by announcing a contract for a new public safety communications system that will replace FleetNet, along with the VHF radio system used by conservation officers and wildland firefighters; and

WHEREAS the Premier cited the increased time to repair each incident from accumulative 700 hours in 2012 to more than 1,000 hours to date in 2016, threatened the ability of front line workers to interoperate when responding to emergencies; and

WHEREAS the new system will include radios with GPS, which can track the location of first responders to improve their safety, while incorporating advanced encryption to ensure police operations are secure and the system is compatible with those used by agencies outside of Manitoba; and

WHEREAS the current Provincial Government's tendering process led to costs coming in below forecast.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba congratulate the current Provincial Government on making an improvement to the provincial public safety communications technology system.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. SMOOK having spoken,

And Messrs. MALOWAY and MICHALESKI, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Messrs. LINDSEY and GRAYDON having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. MALOWAY and MICHALESKI and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Hon. Ms. CLARKE presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2019-2020 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Indigenous and Northern Relations.

(Sessional Paper No. 23)

Madam Speaker presented:

Auditor General – Follow-up of Recommendations dated March, 2019.

(Sessional Paper No. 24)

Hon. Ms. SQUIRES, the Minister responsible for Status of Women, made a statement regarding Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Ms. FONTAINE and Mr. LAMONT commented on the statement.

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Hon. Mr. FIELDING, Mr. SMITH (Southdale), Ms. LAMOUREUX and Messrs. ISLEIFSON and ALTEMEYER made Members' Statements.

By leave, the House reverted to "Tabling of Reports".

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2019-2020 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Health, Seniors and Active Living.

(Sessional Paper No. 25)

During Oral Questions, Madam Speaker interjected and requested that the words "stop spreading lies" spoken by the Honourable Minister of Crown Services be withdrawn.

WHEREUPON Hon. Mrs. MAYER apologized for her remarks.

Following Oral Questions, Hon. Mr. FLETCHER rose on a point of order regarding the Member for Radisson using an electronic device during Oral Questions.

And Mr. TEITSMA voluntarily apologized to the House.

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

Subsequently following Oral Questions, Ms. FONTAINE rose on a point of order regarding the Premier quoting from a private document and requested that he table it as per Rule 40(5).

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

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker informed the House she would take the matter under advisement.

In accordance with Rule 33(7), the Government House Leader announced that the Reducing the PST Resolution will be considered on the next Tuesday of Private Members' Business.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. GRAYDON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to amend *The Official Time Act* to abolish daylight saving time in Manitoba effective November 4, 2019, resulting in Manitoba remaining on Central Standard Time (CST) throughout the year and in perpetuity. (C. Sabourin, N. Leclair, C. Hofer and others)

Mr. LINDSEY – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to reinstate obstetric delivery services at Flin Flon General Hospital and work with the Government of Saskatchewan, and the Federal Government, to ensure obstetric services continue to be available on a regional basis. (P. Matchett, C. Murray, B. McLambie and others)

Ms. FONTAINE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to immediately commit to addressing the overpopulation of dogs in Manitoba, more specifically in northern communities, by humanely removing and rehoming unwanted dogs, and in partnership with animal welfare agencies; the Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA); frontline rescues; and the Federal Government to immediately develop a provincial strategy to spay and neuter dogs while providing access to veterinary services for owned dogs in northern communities ensuring the safety of communities and their citizens.

Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Provincial Government consider establishing a cross-departmental team to provide leadership on a culturally appropriate, coordinated response to the growing addictions crisis in our province that includes an aggressive, wide-spread education campaign on the dangers of using methamphetamine and opiates along with addictions education for front-line medical staff in health care facilities, to consider providing additional addictions services in Brandon and Western Manitoba across the continuum of care including acute response, detoxification, long-term rehabilitation, transitional housing, and support for managing co-occurring disorders, to request that the Minister of Health, Seniors and Active Living consider establishing a publicly available inventory of all addictions facilities in Manitoba and to consider providing supports for the families of people struggling with addiction including counseling, patient navigation and advocacy, and direct access to free naloxone. (H. L. Hildebrandt, G. Murray, P. Murray and others)

Hon. Mr. GERRARD moved the following Opposition Day Motion:

THAT the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba condemn the Provincial Government for initiating cuts to education that puts the quality of education of all Manitoba students at risk; for closing the Manitoba Curriculum Support Centre; and for making a charade of the education review by hiring Avis Glaze, who has been central to the elimination of school boards in Nova Scotia and also hiring Clayton Manness and Janice MacKinnon who were cabinet ministers who cut funding to education in order to balance budgets.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Messrs. GERRARD and GOERTZEN, Mr. WIEBE, Ms. KLASSEN, Hon. Mr. FLETCHER, Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas), Mr. LAMONT and Ms. LAMOUREUX having spoken,

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

YEA

ALLUM	LATHLIN
FONTAINE	LINDSEY
GERRARD	MALOWAY
KINEW	MARCELINO (Logan)
KLASSEN	MARCELINO (Tyndall Park)
LAMONT	SMITH (Point Douglas)
LAMOUREUX	SWAN 14

NAY

BINDLE	MAYER
CLARKE	MICHALESKI
COX	MICKLEFIELD
CULLEN	MORLEY-LECOMTE
CURRY	NESBITT
EICHLER	PEDERSEN
EWASKO	PIWNIUK
FIELDING	REYES
FRIESEN	SMITH (Southdale)
GOERTZEN	SMOOK
GUILLEMARD	SQUIRES
HELWER	STEFANSON
ISLEIFSON	TEITSMA
JOHNSON	WHARTON
JOHNSTON	WISHART
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Tuesday, April 2, 2019

The House then adjourned at 5:01 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 3, 2019.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.