



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 48

FOURTH SESSION, FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

(No. 236) – The Celebrating Manitoba 150 Act/Loi sur l'Année de la célébration du 150^e anniversaire du Manitoba

(Mr. SWAN)

(No. 237) – The Technology Advisory Council Act/Loi sur le Conseil consultatif de la technologie

(Mr. KINEW)

Hon. Mr. PALLISTER, the First Minister, made a statement commemorating the 74th anniversary of Victory in Europe (V.E.) Day.

Mr. KINEW and Hon. Mr. GERRARD commented on the statement.

Hon. Ms. SQUIRES, the Minister responsible for the Status of Women, made a statement on World Ovarian Cancer Day.

Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) and Ms. KLASSEN commented on the statement.

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Messrs. REYES, LINDSEY, ISLEIFSON, NESBITT and ALTEMEYER made Members' Statements.

Following Oral Questions, Madam Speaker made the following ruling:

On April 3, 2019 the Honourable Official Opposition House Leader raised a Point of Order regarding the authenticity of a document that had just been tabled by the Honourable First Minister. The Official Opposition House Leader suggested that the document in question was not from the Public Accounts as the First Minister had indicated. I took the matter under advisement for further consideration.

Regarding this matter I feel it is important to begin by reminding Members of two important principles of general application in the House. The first is that all Members are Honourable Members and as your Speaker, I accept the word of Honourable Members. This principle is supported by Beauchesne citation 494 which notes that statements by members respecting themselves and particularly within their own knowledge must be accepted. The second principle is that it is not up to the Speaker to adjudicate matters of fact.

Similar instances to the matter in question have arisen in this House in the past.

In 1996, a government minister raised a matter of privilege accusing an opposition member of misleading the House by tabling an allegedly false document in the House. In that instance, Speaker Dacquay ruled against the matter of privilege on the basis that the word of honourable members must be accepted and that statements by members respecting themselves and within their own knowledge must also be accepted.

Also, in a situation regarding an audio cassette which a Member tabled in the House in 2002, Speaker Hickes ruled that it was not the function of the Speaker to identify the authenticity of the tape or the information on the tape, as the authentication of material is not the responsibility of the Speaker.

In another similar matter in November 2005 related to a letter that had been tabled by the Minister of Health which a Member claimed did not look like it was an original, Speaker Hickes ruled that it is not the role of the Speaker to verify the authenticity of material and that the word of honourable members must be accepted.

Based on the principles described above I am ruling that the Official Opposition House Leader did not have a point of order. I will reiterate the words of my predecessors in this Chair that it is not the role of the Speaker to determine the authenticity of materials tabled by Members, and I will continue to accept the word of all honourable members in such matters.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Ms. KLASSEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce.

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce. (A. Odiaz, J. Narvatt, A. Koop and others)

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. (S. Graydon, D. Schmidt, B. Heppner and others)

Ms. FONTAINE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce.

Mr. ALTEMEYER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce. (T. Cunningham, M. Barton, S. Gardner and others)

Ms. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce.

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. (A. Hughes, C. Hynes, C. Best and others)

Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce.

Mr. ALLUM – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce. (A. Harbun-Ewing, D. McCorrison, N. Trudeau and others)

Ms. LATHLIN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce.

Mr. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce. (N Cornish, J. Lopez, R. Cornish and others)

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. (A. Pottinger, M. Pottinger, B. Kirby and others)

Mr. SWAN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to increase funding for licensed not for profit child care programs in recognition of the importance of early learning and child care in Manitoba which will also improve quality and stability in the workforce. (D. Wishart, P. Orsak, S. Sabourin and others)

Following Petitions, Hon. Mr. FLETCHER rose on a point of order regarding the validity of considering Interim Supply 2020 this year.

And Hon. Messrs. GOERTZEN and GERRARD and Mr. WIEBE having spoken to the point of order,

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker ruled that there was no point of order.

The House resumed the debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. FIELDING:

THAT Bill (No. 30) – The Interim Appropriation Act, 2020/Loi de 2020 portant affectation anticipée de crédits, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the Question Period continuing,

And Messrs. SWAN and LAMONT having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. SWAN moved:

THAT the debate be now adjourned.

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

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ALLUM
ALTEMEYER
FONTAINE
KINEW

MALOWAY
SMITH (Point Douglas)
SWAN
WIEBE 8

NAY

BINDLE
CLARKE
CULLEN
EICHLER
EWASKO
FIELDING
FRIESEN
GERRARD
GOERTZEN
GUILLEMARD
ISLEIFSON
JOHNSON
JOHNSTON
LAGASSÉ
LAGIMODIERE
LAMONT
LAMOUREUX

MAYER
MICHALESKI
MICKLEFIELD
MORLEY-LECOMTE
NESBITT
PEDERSEN
PIWNIUK
REYES
SCHULER
SMITH (Southdale)
SMOOK
SQUIRES
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And Mr. SWAN 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 10:00 a.m. Thursday, May 9, 2019.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.