



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 29

THIRD SESSION, FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs, presented its First Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on December 7, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- Annual Report of Elections Manitoba for the year ending December 31, 2019
- Proposal to Modify the Voting Process titled “Vote Anywhere in your Electoral Division on Election Day” dated November 2020.

Committee Membership

- Mr. ALTOMARE
- Hon. Mr. CULLEN
- Ms. FONTAINE
- Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN
- Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE
- Mr. TEITSMA

Your Committee elected Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE as the Chairperson

Your Committee elected Mr. TEITSMA as the Vice-Chairperson

As per the Sessional Order passed by the House on October 7, 2020, Rule 83(2) was waived for the December 7, 2020 meeting, reducing the membership to six Members (4 Government and 2 Official Opposition).

Officials speaking on the record:

- Ms. Shipra Verma, Chief Electoral Officer

Reports Considered and Passed

Your Committee considered and passed the following report as presented:

- Annual Report of Elections Manitoba for the year ending December 31, 2019

Proposal Considered but not Concluded

Your Committee considered the following proposal but did not conclude consideration of:

- Proposal to Modify the Voting Process titled “Vote Anywhere in your Electoral Division on Election Day” dated November 2020.

On motion of Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE, the Report of the Committee was received.

Mr. SMITH (Lagimodière), Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs, presented its Second Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on January 11, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- Annual Report of the Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020

Committee Membership

- Mr. JOHNSTON (Assiniboia)
- Mr. LAGASSÉ
- Ms. LATHLIN
- Mr. SMITH (Lagimodière)
- Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas)
- Hon. Ms. SQUIRES

Your Committee elected Mr. SMITH (Lagimodière) as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected Mr. JOHNSTON (Assiniboia) as the Vice-Chairperson

As per the Sessional Order passed by the House on October 7, 2020 and further amended on December 3, 2020, Rule 83(2) was waived for the January 11, 2021 meeting, reducing the membership to six Members (4 Government and 2 Official Opposition).

Non-Committee Members Speaking on Record:

- Hon. Mr. GERRARD

Officials Speaking on Record:

- Ms. Ainsley Krone, Deputy Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth

Reports Considered and Passed

Your Committee considered and passed the following report as presented:

- Annual Report of the Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020

On motion of Mr. SMITH (Lagimodière), the Report of the Committee was received.

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Messrs. WOWCHUK, KINEW and JOHNSTON, Ms. NAYLOR and Hon. Ms. SQUIRES made Members' Statements.

The following petitions were presented and read to the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba:

Mr. WIEBE – To urge the Minister of Justice to immediately reverse the decision to close the DCC and proceed with the previous plan to build a new correctional and healing centre with an expanded courthouse in Dauphin.

Mr. BRAR – To urge the Minister of Justice to immediately reverse the decision to close the DCC and proceed with the previous plan to build a new correctional and healing centre with an expanded courthouse in Dauphin.

Mr. BUSHIE – To urge the Provincial Government reverse cuts and closures that negatively impact patients' ability to access timely, quality health care; and to make real investments in Manitoba's public health care system that will improve the timeliness and quality of care for patients by increasing the number of beds across the system, and recruiting and retaining an adequate number of nurses and other health professionals to meet Manitoba's needs.

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – To urge the Provincial Government to undertake a combined review of the Vivian Sand Facility processing plant and the mining/extraction portion of the operation as a Class 3 development with a review by Manitoba's Clean Environment Commission to include the public hearings and participant funding; and to halt all activity at the mine and plant until the Clean Environment Commission's review is completed and the project proposal has been thoroughly evaluated.

Ms. LAMOUREUX – To urge the Provincial Government to provide financing for upgrades to the cochlear implant covered under Medicare, or provide funding assistance through the Cochlear Implant Speech Processor Replacement Program, to assist with the replacement costs associated with a device upgrade.

Mr. LINDSEY – To urge the Minister of Justice to immediately reverse the decision to close the DCC and proceed with the previous plan to build a new correctional and healing centre with an expanded courthouse in Dauphin.

Mr. MALOWAY – To urge the Provincial Government to immediately demand Dynacare maintain all the phlebotomy (blood sample) sites existing prior to the Covid-19 public health emergency, and allow all Manitobans to get their blood and urine tests done when visiting their doctor, thereby facilitating local access to blood testing services.

Mr. MOSES – To urge the Minister of Justice to immediately reverse the decision to close the DCC and proceed with the previous plan to build a new correctional and healing centre with an expanded courthouse in Dauphin.

Ms. NAYLOR – 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. SANDHU – To urge the Minister of Justice to immediately reverse the decision to close the DCC and proceed with the previous plan to build a new correctional and healing centre with an expanded courthouse in Dauphin.

Mr. WASYLIW – To urge the Minister of Justice to immediately reverse the decision to close the DCC and proceed with the previous plan to build a new correctional and healing centre with an expanded courthouse in Dauphin.

Ms. MARCELINO – 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.

Prior to Grievances, Hon. Mr. GERRARD rose on a Matter of Urgent Public Importance and moved:

THAT under rule 38(1), the ordinary business of the House be set aside to discuss a Matter of Urgent Public Importance, namely the poor management by the Government of supports for those who were homeless during the coldest part of this winter with the result that there were insufficient apartments and hotel spaces available for those who were homeless with the result that far too many were living in bus shelters.

And Hon. Messrs. GERRARD and GOERTZEN and Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) having spoken to the urgency of the motion,

WHEREUPON Madam Speaker ruled as follows:

I thank the Honourable Members for their advice to the Chair on the motion proposed by the Honourable Member for River Heights. The 90 minute notice required prior to the start of Routine Proceedings under Rule 38(1) was provided, and I thank the Honourable Member for that. Under our rules and practices, the subject matter requiring urgent consideration must be so pressing that the public interest will suffer if the matter is not given immediate attention. There must also be no other reasonable opportunities to raise the matter.

I have listened very carefully to the arguments put forward, and although this is indeed a very serious matter, this motion does not fit the criteria as a Matter of Urgent Public Importance as there are other opportunities that can be used to raise this issue, including Oral Questions, Members' Statements, Petitions and Grievances.

Therefore, with the greatest of respect I have to rule that the motion is out of order as a Matter of Urgent Public Importance.

By leave, the following provisions were agreed to by the House for Wednesday, March 3, 2021:

1. Condolence motions for deceased former Members of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba shall be called as part of Routine Proceedings, prior to Petitions or Matters of Urgent Public Importance, if the Speaker has received written notice from any Member 90 minutes prior to the start of the sitting day.
2. Written notice to the Speaker should include the name(s) of the Member(s) to be commemorated that day, and should be copied to the two House Leaders, the Member for River Heights, the Clerk and the Deputy Clerk.
3. The category of Condolences will not appear on the daily Order Paper.
4. For each Motion:
 - a. Ten minutes of speaking time will be allocated to Members from the deceased Member's political party.
 - b. Five minutes of speaking time will be allocated to Members from another political party.
 - c. Five minutes of speaking time will be allocated to Independent Members.
 - d. Within those speaking time allocations the parties or Independent Members may assign as many Members as they wish to speak.
5. At the conclusion of the speeches, the Speaker shall put the question and ask Members to signify their approval of the motion by rising in their places to observe a moment of silence.
6. Following the passage of any Condolence motion the Speaker's Office shall send to the deceased Member's family the Hansard transcript from that sitting day, along with a personal letter of Condolence from the Speaker, as well as letters of Condolence from any other Members who were unable to speak during the Tribute. These letters must be received by the Speaker's Office within five days of the passage of the motion in the House.

This agreement expires on June 1, 2021.

Hon. Mr. FIELDING delivered to Madam Speaker a message from Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Manitoba as follows:

Janice FILMON
Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor transmits to the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, estimates of additional sums required for the services of the province for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March 2021 and recommends these Supplementary Estimates to the Legislative Assembly.

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA
March 3, 2021

(Sessional Paper No. 36)

The House resolving into Committee of Supply.

Mr. PIWNIUK, Chairperson of the Committee of Supply, presented the Report of the Proceedings of the Committee of March 3, 2021 as follows:

IN THE COMMITTEE

The following Resolutions were adopted:

SUPPLEMENTARY SUPPLY

21.6A RESOLVED that there be granted to HER MAJESTY a sum not exceeding \$100,000,000 for HEALTH AND SENIORS CARE: HEALTH SERVICES INSURANCE FUND for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021.

26.2A RESOLVED that there be granted to HER MAJESTY a sum not exceeding \$300,000,000 for ENABLING APPROPRIATIONS: INTERNAL SERVICE ADJUSTMENTS – COVID-19 for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021.

16.6A RESOLVED that there be granted to HER MAJESTY a sum not exceeding \$50,000,000 for EDUCATION: OTHER REPORTING ENTITIES CAPITAL INVESTMENT for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021.

The Resolutions were reported and the Report was received.

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN moved:

THAT this House concur in the report of the Committee of Supply respecting the resolutions relating to the Supplementary Appropriation Bill for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021.

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. FIELDING moved:

THAT there be granted to Her Majesty on account of Certain Expenditures of the Public Service for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2021 out of the Consolidated Fund, sums not exceeding \$450,000,000, as set out in Part A and Part D of the Supplementary Estimates.

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. FIELDING moved:

THAT Bill (No. 69) – The Supplementary Appropriation Act, 2020-2021/Loi portant affectation supplémentaire de crédits pour l'exercice 2020-2021, be now read a First Time and ordered for Second Reading immediately.

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. FIELDING moved:

THAT Bill (No. 69) – The Supplementary Appropriation Act, 2020-2021/Loi portant affectation supplémentaire de crédits pour l'exercice 2020-2021, be now read a Second Time and be referred to Committee of the Whole.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. FIELDING having spoken,

And Mr. WASYLIW and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. WASYLIW, MLA ASAGWARA 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 the Committee of the Whole.

The House resolving into Committee of the Whole.

Bill (No. 69) – The Supplementary Appropriation Act, 2020-2021/Loi portant affectation supplémentaire de crédits pour l'exercice 2020-2021, was considered in Committee of the Whole and reported without amendment.

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

THAT Bill (No. 69) – The Supplementary Appropriation Act, 2020-2021/Loi portant affectation supplémentaire de crédits pour l'exercice 2020-2021, as reported from the Committee of the Whole, be concurred in and be now read for a Third Time and passed.

Her Honour, Janice FILMON, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Manitoba, having entered the House at 4:53 p.m., and being seated on the Throne:

Madam Speaker addressed Her Honour in the following words:

Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of Manitoba asks Your Honour to accept the following Bill:

(No. 69) – The Supplementary Appropriation Act, 2020-2021/Loi portant affectation supplémentaire de crédits pour l'exercice 2020-2021

To this Bill the Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:

"In Her Majesty's name, the Lieutenant Governor thanks the Legislative Assembly, and assents to this Bill".

At 4:55 p.m., Her Honour was then pleased to retire.

The House then adjourned at 4:57 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 4, 2021.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.