

Monday, October 22, 2018



PRAYER

SITTING AT 1:30 P.M.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON –

(No. 2) – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act (Guardianship Support)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services à l'enfant et à la famille (aide aux tuteurs)

Hon. Mrs. COX –

(No. 13) – The Concussion in Youth Sport Act/Loi sur les commotions cérébrales chez les jeunes athlètes

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER –

(No. 202) – The Legislative Assembly Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Assemblée législative

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER –

(No. 205) – The Statutory Holidays Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur les jours fériés (modification de diverses dispositions législatives)

Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) –

(No. 217) – The Workplace Safety and Health Amendment and Legislative Assembly Management Commission Amendment Act (Workplace-Related Harassment and Violence)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la sécurité et l'hygiène du travail et Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Commission de régie de l'Assemblée législative (harcèlement et violence au travail)

Mr. WIEBE –

(No. 220) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Anaphylaxis Policy)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (politique sur l'anaphylaxie)

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

To consider and report the following Bill for Concurrence and Third Reading:

Hon. Mr. FIELDING –

(No. 34) – The Budget Implementation and Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2018/Loi d'exécution du budget de 2018 et modifiant diverses dispositions législatives en matière de fiscalité
(9 hours)

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

DEBATE ON SECOND READINGS:

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Ms. SQUIRES –

(No. 29) – The Wildlife Amendment Act (Safe Hunting and Shared Management)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la conservation de la faune (pratiques de chasse sécuritaires et gestion intégrée de la faune)

And the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. CULLEN as follows:

THAT this question be now put.

(Mr. ALLUM – 11 minutes)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. EICHLER –

(No. 35) – The Crown Lands Amendment Act (Improved Management of Community Pastures and Agricultural Crown Lands)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les terres domaniales (gestion améliorée des pâturages communautaires et des terres domaniales agricoles)

(Mr. ALLUM – 25 minutes)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. CULLEN –

(No. 36) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Impaired Driving Offences)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (conduite avec facultés affaiblies)

(Mr. LINDSEY – 28 minutes)

SECOND READINGS:

Hon. Mr. SCHULER –

(No. 28) – The Public Sector Construction Projects (Tendering) Act/Loi sur les projets de construction dans le secteur public (appels d'offres)

Hon. Mr. CULLEN –

(No. 30) – The Statutes Correction and Minor Amendments Act, 2018/Loi corrective de 2018

DEBATE ON GOVERNMENT MOTIONS:

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mrs. STEFANSON – Special Committee on Proactive Disclosure Requirements for Provincial Candidates

THAT a Special Committee on Proactive Disclosure Requirements for Provincial Candidates (the Special Committee) be established to study and make recommendations regarding the requirement of candidates seeking office in, but not limited to, the Manitoba Legislative Assembly to disclose matters including (but not limited to):

- a) past criminal background checks;
- b) adult and child abuse registry checks, and
- c) other matters which may be relevant for those who are seeking or holding office; and

THAT, except as otherwise provided in this motion, the Special Committee shall have the same status and follow the same practices and rules as a Standing Committee of the House, including:

- a) having the same membership composition as the current composition of the Standing Committees of the House; and
- b) having the power to establish a sub-committee for the purposes of carrying out any part of the Special Committee's work; and

THAT, within the parameters of the practices and Rules of the House and the instructions of this motion, the Special Committee be authorized to decide how it will conduct its business, including deciding to hold meetings at such times and places it considers advisable to receive briefs and hear presentations; and

THAT, despite Rule 4(12) the committee may meet in the months of June, July and August; and

THAT the Special Committee be able to call witnesses, including, but not limited to, the Chief Electoral Officer of Elections Manitoba, representatives from political parties, academia and other experts in ethics, political science or whatever field the Special Committee deems appropriate; and

THAT the Special Committee must report to the House by October 3, 2018.

(Hon. Mr. FLETCHER – 3 minutes)

On the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. CULLEN –

THAT the Standing Committee on Legislative Affairs (the Committee) study the report titled: *Modernizing Manitoba's Conflict of Interest Legislation – Recommendations of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner*, by Jeffrey Schnoor, Q.C., dated April 2018, and make recommendations regarding how best to proceed with changes to the rules governing Members of the Legislative Assembly in *The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Conflict of Interest Act* and *The Legislative Assembly Act*; and

THAT, within the parameters of the practices and Rules of the House and the instructions of this motion, the Committee be authorized to decide how it will conduct its business, including deciding to hold meetings at such times and places it considers advisable to receive briefs and hear presentations; and

THAT, despite Rule 4(12) the Committee may meet in the months of June, July and August; and

THAT the Committee be able to call witnesses, including, but not limited to, the Conflict of Interest Commissioner, and other experts in ethics, political science or whatever field the Committee deems appropriate; and

THAT the Committee must report to the House by November 8, 2018.

(Hon. Mr. FLETCHER – 4 minutes)

GOVERNMENT MOTIONS:

Hon. Mr. GOERTZEN –

That the First Report of The Standing Committee on The Rules of The House received on October 4, 2018, be concurred in.

Hon. Mr. CULLEN –

THAT despite Rules 3, 4 and 23 of our Rules, Orders and Forms of Proceeding, for any emergency sitting days during the remainder of the 3rd Session of the 41st Legislature, in addition to sitting on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, the House shall also meet from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Fridays, with Routine Proceedings to be held at 10:00 a.m. on Fridays; and

THAT despite rule 4(4) of our Rules, Orders and Forms of Proceeding, for any emergency sitting days during the remainder of the 3rd Session of the 41st Legislature, when any steps of the Main and Capital Supply procedure are considered, the House shall adjourn no later than 9:00 p.m.

Hon. Mr. CULLEN –

1. THAT effective immediately and until prorogation of the 3rd Session of the 41st Legislature, the Rules, Orders and Forms of Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba be amended as follows:

(a) *by deleting Sub-rule 23(4) and substituting the following:*

Private Members' Business

23(4) Subject to sub-rule 4(3), Private Members' Business shall be considered as follows when the House sits on Tuesdays and Thursdays:

Tuesday:

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (Private Members' Hour)

Private Bills
Public Bills
Motions

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon (Private Members' Hour)

Private Members' Resolutions
Motions

Thursday:

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (Private Members' Hour)

Public Bills
Private Bills
Motions

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon (Private Members' Hour)

Private Members' Resolutions
Motions
Deferred votes from previous Tuesday Private Members' Business at 11:55 a.m.

Sequence of Private Members' Bills

23(4.1) Private Members' Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills shall be called in the following sequence as listed on the *Order Paper*:

- (a) Report Stage;
- (b) Debate on Report Stage;
- (c) Concurrence and Third Readings;
- (d) Debate on Concurrence and Third Readings;
- (e) Second Readings;
- (f) Debate on Second Readings.

When a Private Member's Public Bill or Private Bill is called for debate and is not disposed of within that hour, it shall be placed on the bottom of the list of bills of that type on the *Order Paper*.

House Leaders

23(4.2) House Leaders of Recognized Parties have the authority to call Private Members' Bills for debate in the first Hour of Private Members' Business.

- (a) On Tuesday mornings the Government House Leader or designate shall call Private Members' Bills for debate.
- (b) On Thursday mornings the Official Opposition House Leader or designate, or the House Leaders or designates of other Recognized Opposition Parties, shall call Private Members' Bills for debate.
- (c) If there is more than one Recognized Opposition Party:
 - i. The House Leaders or designates of all Recognized Opposition Parties must submit to the Speaker an agreement on dividing time on Thursday mornings.
 - ii. In the event of an impasse the Speaker shall make a determination as to this division of time.

(b) *by deleting Rule 24 and substituting the following:*

Selected Bills

24(1) Each recognized party may select up to three Private Members' Bills per session to proceed to a Second Reading debate and vote.

Bills to proceed to a Second Reading vote

24(2) Each Independent Member may select one Private Members' Bill per session to proceed to a Second Reading debate and vote, and despite Rule 69(1), an Independent Member will not require a seconder to move each Reading motion for their selected Private Members' Bill.

Written notice

24(3) Written notice of each selected Bill, indicating the sitting day and time when the debate and vote will occur, must be provided to the Speaker by the Government House Leader (or designate) and the Independent Member no later than two weeks prior to the scheduled end of the Fall Sitings.

Scheduling Independent Members' Selected Bills

24(4) As part of the written notice required in 24(3), an Independent Member and the Government House Leader or designate must agree on a date and time for the debate and vote on the selected Bill, and notify the Speaker in writing of the details.

- (a) In the event of an impasse, the Speaker shall make a determination as to the scheduling of these debates.
- (b) The Government House Leader or designate will call Independent Members' Private Members' Bills for debate on Tuesdays.

2. THAT the Clerk may re-number the Rules, Orders and Forms of Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly and make other minor corrections that in no way alter the intended meaning of these Amendments.

3. THAT the Clerk prepare revised rule books incorporating all amendments, additions and deletions.

NOTICE PAPER

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR THE NEXT THURSDAY OF PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

Mr. LAMONT – Immediate Action Needed on Climate Change

21. WHEREAS the Provincial Government has abruptly cancelled plans to implement a fee on pollution to reduce Manitoba's greenhouse gas emissions even though carbon emissions have been recognized as causing climate change for more than a century; and

WHEREAS over a trillion tons of carbon dioxide have been released due to human activity since the industrial revolution and in 2016, Manitoba's emissions were 17.2% above the Kyoto Protocol target level for 2012; and

WHEREAS William Nordhaus of Yale University is considered the father of climate-change economics and the most recent winner of the Nobel prize on economics has stated that a global carbon tax is the most efficient way to contain climate change; and

WHEREAS the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has warned that governments must take rapid, far reaching and unprecedented changes to prevent global warming above the 1.5 degree Celsius threshold; and

WHEREAS global net emissions of carbon dioxide need to fall by 45% from 2010 levels by 2030 and reach "net zero" around 2050 in order to keep the warming around 1.5 degrees Celsius; and

WHEREAS even if warming is kept at or just below 1.5 degrees Celsius, the impacts will be widespread and significant including extreme weather, rising sea levels and diminishing Arctic sea ice, more frequent or intense droughts, frequent extreme rainfall events as well as the death of approximately 80% of coral reefs; and

WHEREAS the economic objections to pricing pollution are based on outdated and discredited economic theories that ignore the real costs of degrading the environment; and

WHEREAS revenues from pricing pollution provide governments and communities resources to reinvest in reducing atmospheric greenhouse gasses including carbon, methane and nitrous oxide; and

WHEREAS pricing pollution is the most effective and efficient way to cut carbon emissions and the cost to Manitobans of reducing emissions with other programs such as regulations and subsidies will be significantly higher and more cumbersome; and

WHEREAS a report by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives states that a comparison of greenhouse gas (GHG) emission trends to 2030 shows that cumulative reductions will be greater and actual emissions lower under the federal plan as compared to Manitoba's plan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to take immediate action to reduce Manitoba's GHG emissions, including the implementation of a price on pollution to be reinvested to grow Manitoba's economy and make Manitoba a world leader in GHG storage and in fighting climate change.
