



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 15

FIRST SESSION, THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

In accordance with Rule 31(9), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Beverage Container Deposit System Resolution will be considered next Thursday, October 11, 2007.

Mrs. TAILLIEU moved:

THAT Bill (No. 206) – The Personal Information Protection and Identity Theft Prevention Act/Loi sur la protection des renseignements personnels et la prévention du vol d'identité, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mrs. TAILLIEU, Hon. Mr. RONDEAU, Messrs. FAURSCHOU, MALOWAY, BOROTSIK and LAMOUREUX having spoken,

And Mr. MARTINDALE speaking at 11:00 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

Mr. EICHLER moved:

Resolution No. 4: Manitoba Drainage Management Program

WHEREAS Manitoba agricultural producers and property owners have continually faced hardships created by flooding and high water levels throughout our province. The Provincial Government has a responsibility to properly maintain and enhance Manitoba's drainage infrastructure; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has to date failed to develop a long term drainage management plan within the Province; and

WHEREAS shifting drainage management to Conservation Districts offloads provincial responsibility onto municipalities, while providing no additional funding for the tools necessary to put an effective program in place; and

WHEREAS an appropriate drainage management program in Manitoba would prevent additional damage to property; and

WHEREAS it would be a commitment to conserve valuable farmland and prevent further soil erosion; and

WHEREAS a provincial drainage management program would foster the success and growth of agri-business and rural communities; and

WHEREAS the former Minister of Water Stewardship stated in *The Manitoba Water Strategy* that, “The objective of Manitoba’s water drainage policies is to enhance the economic viability of Manitoba’s agricultural community through the provision of comprehensively planned drainage infrastructure.” A provincial drainage management program would help the Provincial Government meet this objective; and

WHEREAS Manitobans deserve a safeguard and a viable plan for the future.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider developing a provincial drainage management program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider lobbying the Federal Government to join with them in a cooperative effort to create a sustainable and effective drainage management program in Manitoba.

And a debate arising,

By leave, it was agreed to amend the resolution by deleting the 2nd and 3rd WHEREAS clauses and to replace the last two paragraphs with the following:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to continue to develop a provincial drainage management program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to continue to lobby the Federal Government to join with them in a cooperative effort to create a sustainable and effective drainage management program in Manitoba.

And Mr. EICHLER, Hon. Ms. MELNICK, Messrs. PEDERSEN, NEVAKSHONOFF, GRAYDON and MALOWAY, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Mr. DEWAR having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to, unanimously.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

(No. 4) – The Real Property Amendment Act (Wind Turbines)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les biens réels (éoliennes)

(Hon. Mr. RONDEAU)

(No. 15) – The Biofuels Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les biocarburants

(Hon. Mr. RONDEAU)

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. CULLEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister for Infrastructure and Transportation to consider implementing a speed zone on Provincial Trunk Highway #2 adjacent to the Village of Glenboro. (S. Hagyard, M. Hagyard, A. Wallis and others)

Mrs. ROWAT – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation to act on this situation by considering the construction of a 4-lane highway that would bypass around the Village of Forrest. (L. Hiebert, J. Burton, C. Meadows and others)

Mrs. TAILLIEU – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister charged with the administration of The Liquor Control Act to consider allowing the owners of Headingley Foods to sell alcohol at their store, thereby supporting small business and the prosperity of rural communities in Manitoba. (I. James, D. James, R. Cameron and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to consider supporting the slogan "Friendly Manitoba" over "Spirited Energy" and to urge the Premier and his NDP caucus to make public the total cost in creating and promoting the new slogan "Spirited Energy". (E. Crippen, C. Crippen, C. Crippen and others)

Hon. Mr. RONDEAU presented:

Annual Report of Green Manitoba Eco Solutions for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 59)

Annual Report of the Department of Science, Technology, Energy and Mines for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 60)

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2007-2008 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Science, Technology, Energy and Mines.

(Sessional Paper No. 61)

Thursday, October 4, 2007

Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK presented:

Annual Report of the Department of Justice including Justice Initiatives Fund for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 62)

Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH presented:

Annual Report of the Department of Family Services and Housing for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 63)

Annual Report of the Disabilities Issues Office for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007.

(Sessional Paper No. 64)

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2007-2008 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Family Services and Housing.

(Sessional Paper No. 65)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mr. ALTEMEYER, Mrs. DRIEDGER, Ms. BRICK, Messrs. CULLEN and SARAN made Members' Statements.

By unanimous consent, the sequence for consideration of estimates, as outlined in Sessional Paper No. 27 tabled on September 25, 2007, was further amended in order that the estimates of Labour and Immigration be considered in the Chamber prior to Competitiveness, Training and Trade on Friday, October 5, 2007, only.

By unanimous consent, the sequence for consideration of estimates, as outlined in Sessional Paper No. 27 tabled on September 25, 2007, was further amended in order that the estimates of Science, Technology, Energy and Mines be considered in Room 255 prior to Finance for Friday, October 5, 2007, only.

The House resolving into Committee of Supply. The Proceedings were interrupted at 5:00 p.m. with the understanding that the Committee of Supply would resume Friday, October 5, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

The House then adjourned at 12:31 p.m. Friday, October 5, 2007 until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 9, 2007.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.