



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 11

FIFTH SESSION, THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

By leave, it was agreed for the House to deal with Second Reading of Bill (No. 204).

Ms. SELBY moved:

THAT Bill (No. 204) – The Consumer Rights Day Act/Loi sur la journée des Droits du consommateur, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Ms. SELBY, Mr. FAURSCHOU, Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH, Messrs. GRAYDON, WIEBE and PEDERSEN having spoken,

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

During the debate, Mr. Speaker interjected and cautioned the Honourable Member for Springfield that no reference should be made of Members who are absent from the House.

And Mr. SCHULER voluntarily withdrew his remarks.

Mr. SARAN moved:

Resolution No. 1: Federal Cap on Manitoba's Provincial Nominee Program

WHEREAS Manitoba has one of the most successful Provincial Nominee Programs in Canada supported by a broad consensus of business, labour and community leaders; and

WHEREAS provincial nominees to Manitoba are helping to keep our province growing, filling our skilled labour shortage and enriching our social and cultural fabric; and

WHEREAS immigrants settling in Manitoba are more likely to earn more money than federal economic class immigrants upon first arriving and are more likely to stay in the province long-term; and

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WHEREAS the retention rate for provincial nominees in Manitoba between 2000 and 2006 was 80% higher than the retention rate for both federal skilled workers and refugees; and

WHEREAS 31% of 2009 provincial nominee arrivals benefited communities outside of Winnipeg and contributed to the vitality of our increasingly diverse regions; and

WHEREAS Manitoba is a leader in improving credential recognition for immigrants as funding for settlement services and language training has increased six-fold since 2000; and

WHEREAS Manitoba has established a nationally-recognized model for the ethical recruitment and retention of Temporary Foreign Workers (TFWs) through the new Worker Recruitment and Protection Act (WRAPA), which protects foreign workers from unregulated recruiters, illegal recruitment fees and exploitive workplace situations and helps connect employers to potential workers; and

WHEREAS Manitoba's Provincial Nominee Program is recognized as a national leader and a model program by other provinces;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Federal Government to recognize the Provincial Nominee Program's excellence and consider allowing Manitoba to accept, in 2010, the 5,600 applicants our province is fully capable of absorbing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Federal Government to consider lifting the cap on our provincial program nominees, allowing Manitoba to reach its goal of settling 20,000 new immigrants annually, which is vital to our long-term economic growth.

And a debate arising,

And Messrs. SARAN and DYCK, Hon. Ms. HOWARD, Messrs. SCHULER and WIEBE and Mrs. TAILLIEU having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX, Bill (No. 11) – The Planning Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'aménagement du territoire, was read a First Time.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. BOROTSIK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Health to consider making the Province of Manitoba a leader in CCSVI research and to move forward with clinical trials as soon as possible. (K. Andrews, B. McGregor, S. Brink and others)

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Mrs. ROWAT – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Conservation to consider dredging the Rapid City reservoir as soon as possible and to request the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation to consider replacing the Rapid City catwalk structure as soon as possible. (M. Mitchell, A. Mitchell, B. Mager and others)

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Justice to consider working with the RCMP, the federal government and communities to develop strategies to address service challenges in rural Manitoba, such as the possibility of having response units that could be dispatched to regions affected by crime waves and to consider working with stakeholders to determine if the current RCMP detachment boundaries are designed to ensure the swiftest and most effective service delivery. (K. Houle, J. Kuszak, L. Brandson and others)

Mr. GOERTZEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Justice to consider ensuring that all court orders for car thieves are vigorously monitored and enforced and to consider ensuring all breaches of court orders on car thieves are reported to police and vigorously prosecuted. (S. Ward, R. Peters, D. Dupras and others)

Mr. PEDERSEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to allow Manitoba Hydro to proceed with the shorter, cheaper and greener east side route, subject to necessary regulatory approvals, enabling the utility to keep our Hydro bills lower, and to ensure a more reliable electricity system. (M. Lapka, G. Burton, H. Bruneau and others)

Mrs. TAILLIEU – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to allow Manitoba Hydro to proceed with the shorter, cheaper and greener east side route, subject to necessary regulatory approvals, enabling the utility to keep our Hydro bills lower, and to ensure a more reliable electricity system. (B. Blais, J. Blais, S. Maende and others)

Mr. FAURSCHOU – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to allow Manitoba Hydro to proceed with the shorter, cheaper and greener east side route, subject to necessary regulatory approvals, enabling the utility to keep our Hydro bills lower, and to ensure a more reliable electricity system. (M. G. Thurston, L. Sponarski, A. McCartney and others)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Messrs. GRAYDON, JENNISSON, DYCK and WHITEHEAD and Mrs. DRIEDGER made Members' Statements.

In accordance with Rule 31(8), the Government House Leader announced that the Youth Opportunities Resolution will be considered next Tuesday, December 7, 2010.

Hon. Mr. SWAN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 2) – The City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment Act (Winnipeg Police Service Auxiliary Cadets)/Loi modifiant la Charte de la ville de Winnipeg (cadets auxiliaires du Service de police de Winnipeg), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

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And Hon. Messrs. SWAN and GERRARD having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mr. HAWRANIK, adjourned.

Hon. Ms. HOWARD moved:

THAT Bill (No. 4) – The Retail Businesses Holiday Closing Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les jours fériés dans le commerce de détail, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Ms. HOWARD and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mr. DYCK, adjourned.

Hon. Mr. SWAN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 3) – The Victims’ Bill of Rights Amendment Act (Denying Compensation to Offenders and Other Amendments)/Loi modifiant la Déclaration des droits des victimes (refus de versement d’indemnités aux auteurs d’infractions et autres modifications), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Messrs. SWAN and GERRARD having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mr. HAWRANIK, adjourned.

Hon. Mr. SWAN presented:

Message from His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 3).

(Sessional Paper No. 8)

Hon. Mr. SWAN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 8) – The Legal Aid Manitoba Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la Société d’aide juridique du Manitoba, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. SWAN having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mr. HAWRANIK, adjourned.

Hon. Mr. SWAN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 9) – The Summary Convictions Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les poursuites sommaires, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.
(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. SWAN having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mr. EICHLER, adjourned.

Hon. Mr. SWAN presented:

Message from His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 9).
(Sessional Paper No. 9)

Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX moved:

THAT Bill (No. 5) – The City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment Act (Historic Property Designations)/Loi modifiant la Charte de la ville de Winnipeg (désignations de biens historiques), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mr. BRIESE, adjourned.

Hon. Mr. BLAIKIE moved:

THAT Bill (No. 7) – The Polar Bear Protection Amendment Act (International Polar Bear Conservation Centre)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection des ours polaires (Centre international de conservation des ours polaires), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

(Recommended by His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor)

And a debate arising,

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And Hon. Messrs. BLAIKIE and GERRARD having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mr. HAWRANIK, adjourned.

Hon. Mr. BLAIKIE presented:

Message from His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 7).

(Sessional Paper No. 10)

Hon. Ms. HOWARD moved:

THAT Bill (No. 10) – The Employment Standards Code Amendment Act (Leave for Citizenship Ceremonies)/Loi modifiant le Code des normes d'emploi (congés relatifs aux cérémonies de citoyenneté), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Ms. HOWARD, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Mr. HAWRANIK having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

The House then adjourned at 4:10 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 1, 2010.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.