



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 33

SECOND SESSION, FORTIETH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

By leave, it was agreed for the House to deal with Second Reading of Bill (No. 203).

By leave, it was agreed that debate on the following Bills currently standing in the name of the former Member for Morris remain Open.

(No. 2) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Respect for the Safety of Emergency and Enforcement Personnel)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (sécurité du personnel d'urgence et des agents d'exécution de la loi)

(No. 6) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Flexible Short-Term Regulation of Vehicle Weights and Dimensions)/Loi modifiant le Code de la route (réglementation provisoire des poids et des dimensions des véhicules)

Mr. GRAYDON moved:

THAT Bill (No. 203) – The Participation of Manitoba in the New West Partnership Act/Loi sur la participation du Manitoba au nouveau partenariat de l'Ouest, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. GRAYDON, Hon. Mr. BJORNSON and Messrs. MALOWAY, MAGUIRE and SMOOK having spoken,

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

During the debate, Mrs. MITCHELSON rose on a point of order regarding the comments by the Member for Elmwood referring to the absence of an Honourable Member.

And Hon. Ms. HOWARD having spoken to the point of order,

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker informed the House he would take the matter under advisement.

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In accordance with Rule 31(8), the Government House Leader announced that the 100th Anniversary of the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba's "Dome Building" Resolution will be considered next Tuesday, May 7, 2013.

By leave, it was agreed for the Leader of the Official Opposition and critics to have staff members join them during Estimates.

Mr. DEWAR moved:

Resolution No. 3: Rural CancerCare Hubs

WHEREAS when faced with a potential cancer diagnosis, families want the fastest possible access to testing and treatment; and

WHEREAS wait times for radiation therapy grew to be dangerously long at six weeks in 1999, with up to an 18 week wait for prostate cancers; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has worked hard with CancerCare Manitoba and other partners to dramatically reduce the wait time for radiation therapy to an average of one week or less, the lowest in Canada, and over the same period Manitoba has also seen dramatic improvements in cancer survival rates; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has introduced the most comprehensive plan in Canada to reduce wait times from the moment a patient's doctor first suspects cancer to when treatment begins, including the testing, referrals, diagnosis and treatment planning in between; and

WHEREAS this plan includes upgrading the 16 rural chemotherapy sites into CancerCare Hubs, like the one in Morden-Winkler, with Brandon, Selkirk, Steinbach and Thompson to follow over the next year; and

WHEREAS the new rural CancerCare Hubs will complement other elements of the Provincial Government's cancer fighting plan, which includes cancer prevention strategies, covering the costs of cancer treatment and drugs, more advanced testing, after hours care and other supports for cancer patients thereby helping to both prevent cancer and catch it earlier.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly commend those health care professionals who deliver cancer services across the province to ensure that Manitobans affected by cancer have the best possible chance of beating the disease; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Provincial Government to continue investing in strategies that support cancer patients and their families, including the Provincial Government's commitment to ensuring Manitoba families have the fastest access in the country to world class cancer testing, diagnostics and treatment.

And a debate arising,

And Messrs. DEWAR, FRIESEN, CALDWELL, HELWER, PETTERSEN and EWASKO having spoken,

And Mr. GOERTZEN speaking at 12:06 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

By leave it was agreed to extend the morning sitting of the House by 6 minutes due to time lost related to technical difficulties.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Prior to Routine Proceedings, Hon. Mr. ASHTON rose on a Matter of Privilege regarding a protest that occurred at the Portage Diversion allegedly supported by Members opposite and moved:

THAT the House direct the Member of Portage la Prairie and the Leader of Official Opposition to apologize for their role of this serious incident.

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

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker informed the House he would take the matter under advisement.

On motion of Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS, Bill (No. 32) – The Manitoba Institute of the Purchasing Management Association of Canada Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'Institut manitobain de l'Association canadienne de gestion des achats, was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mrs. ROWAT – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Local Government afford local governments the respect they deserve and reverse his decision to force municipalities with fewer than 1,000 constituents to amalgamate. (W. Ramsey, L. Neely-Carter, R. Peters and others)

Mr. GOERTZEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Local Government afford local governments the respect they deserve and reverse his decision to force municipalities with fewer than 1,000 constituents to amalgamate. (W. Wutzke, J. Scott, D. Wilson and others)

Mr. PEDERSEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Local Government afford local governments the respect they deserve and reverse his decision to force municipalities with fewer than 1,000 constituents to amalgamate. (T. Anderson, S. McKee, B. Milne and others)

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Local Government afford local governments the respect they deserve and reverse his decision to force municipalities with fewer than 1,000 constituents to amalgamate. (B. McCutchin, C. Morton, D. Wiebe and others)

Mrs. DRIEDGER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (A. Zwaagstra, E. Penner, N. Warkentin and others)

Mr. FRIESEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge that the Minister responsible for Manitoba Hydro create a complete and transparent "Needs For And Alternatives To" review of Manitoba Hydro's total capital development plan to ensure the financial viability of Manitoba Hydro. (B. Potter, S. Wiens, P. Hiebert and others)

Mrs. MITCHELSON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (D. McDonald, E. Plezia, L. Plezia and others)

Mr. SMOOK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (M. Shaughnessy, D. Catellier, R. Kapiec and others)

Mr. CULLEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (F. Jackson, A. Horner, M. Elliot and others)

Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2013-2014 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Employee Pensions and Other Costs.
(Sessional Paper No. 32)

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2013-2014 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Civil Service Commission.
(Sessional Paper No. 33)

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2013-2014 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Enabling and Other Appropriations.
(Sessional Paper No. 34)

Hon. Ms. HOWARD presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2013-2014 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Family Services and Labour.
(Sessional Paper No. 35)

Hon. Mr. ASHTON, the Minister responsible for Emergency Measures, made a statement regarding the status of flooding in Manitoba and the protest that occurred at the Portage Diversion.

Mr. EICHLER and, by leave, Hon. Mr. GERRARD commented on the statement.

During Oral Questions, Mrs. ROWAT rose on a point of order regarding comments from the Member for Brandon East.

And Hon. Ms. HOWARD having spoken to the point of order,

WHEREUPON Mr. Speaker informed the House he would take the matter under advisement.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. GOERTZEN rose on a point of order regarding the answers provided by the First Minister in question period.

And Hon. Ms. HOWARD having spoken to the point of order,

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

From his decision, Mr. GOERTZEN appealed to the House,

And the Question being put, "Shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained?" It was agreed to, on the following division:

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BJORNSON	MARCELINO (Tyndall Park)
BLADY	MELNICK
BRAUN	OSWALD
CALDWELL	PETTERSEN
CHIEF	ROBINSON
CHOMIAK	RONDEAU
CROTHERS	SARAN
DEWAR	SELBY
GAUDREAU	SELINGER
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DRIEDGER	PALLISTER
EICHLER	PEDERSEN
EWASKO	ROWAT
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Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Messrs. EWASKO and JHA, Mrs. ROWAT and Messrs. CALDWELL and GRAYDON made Members' Statements.

Following Members' Statements, Mr. GOERTZEN rose on a point of order regarding the answers provided by the First Minister in question period.

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The House then adjourned at 5:01 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, 2013.

Hon. Daryl REID,
Speaker.