



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 62

SECOND SESSION, FORTIETH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Proposed Motion of Mr. CULLEN:

THAT Bill (No. 210) – The Seniors' Rights Act/Loi sur les droits des aînés, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. BJORNSON and Messrs. SMOOK, GAUDREAU, GRAYDON, SARAN and PEDERSEN having spoken,

And Ms. WIGHT speaking at 11:00 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in her name.

Mr. BRIESE moved:

Resolution No. 18: Forced Municipal Amalgamations

WHEREAS the Provincial Government, through *The Municipal Modernization Act*, will force Manitoba municipalities with fewer than 1,000 residents to amalgamate; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government did not consult with or notify the Association of Manitoba Municipalities or local governments of this decision prior to the Throne Speech announcement; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has imposed unrealistic deadlines within which municipalities must amalgamate; and

WHEREAS local governments are concerned that forced municipal amalgamations will fail to address the serious issues currently facing municipalities, such as deteriorating infrastructure; and

WHEREAS local governments are concerned that forced amalgamation will result in a loss of local democratic representation; and

WHEREAS local governments are concerned that forced municipal amalgamations will fail to provide any real improvements in cost savings; and

WHEREAS local governments deserve to be treated with respect; and

WHEREAS any municipal amalgamations should be voluntary in nature and led by the municipalities themselves.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to take no further action on the issue of amalgamation until it has properly consulted with the Association of Manitoba Municipalities and all municipalities in Manitoba.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. BRIESE, Hon. Mr. KOSTYSHYN, Mr. PEDERSEN, Hon. Mr. BJORNSON, Mrs. ROWAT and Messrs. MALOWAY and GRAYDON having spoken,

And Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX speaking at 12:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

During the debate, Mr. GRAYDON rose on a point of order regarding off the record comments made by another Member.

And Mr. GOERTZEN having spoken to the point of order,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mrs. STEFANSON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (J. Lowdon, D. Gonty, B. Kerneh and others)

Mr. GOERTZEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (N. Penner, M. Penner, S. Penner and others)

Mr. WISHART – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (E. Harder, B. Bobyk, C. Ireland and others)

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. (J. Woloski, T. Christie, M. Alex 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. (R. Kaastra, V. White, C. Palmer and others)

Mr. CULLEN – 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. (J. Kelley, L. Gelbanks, G. Campbell and others)

Mr. EICHLER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (J. Montgomery, S. Allan, M. Corbin and others)

Mr. MAGUIRE – 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. (J. Engbrecht, L. Olson, K. Olson and others)

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation to consider upgrading the Ring Dike Road at Ste. Rose du Lac into a Provincial Road and to request the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation to consider upgrading the Ring Dike Road at the same time that work is being done at the junction of PTH 68 and PTH 5. (H. Fortin, C. Lavasseur, V. Campbell and others)

Mrs. MITCHELSON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (G. Anderson, L. Semeniuk, L. Graham and others)

Mr. HELWER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (E. King, E. Pluchinsky, P. Ryan and others)

Mr. SCHULER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (M. Whyte, K. Valdez, C. St. George and others)

Mr. SMOOK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (G. H. Anderson, K. W. Wardle, L. Conan and others)

Mr. FRIESEN – 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. (A. Bloomer, S. Atech, F. Greengrass and others)

Mr. GRAYDON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to not raise the PST without holding a provincial referendum. (C. Pattman, G. Romijn, S. Tucker and others)

Hon. Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2013-2014 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Culture, Heritage and Tourism.

(Sessional Paper No. 68)

Hon. Mr. SWAN presented:

Annual Review of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (Fatalities Inquiries Act) for the year ending December 31, 2012.

(Sessional Paper No. 69)

Hon. Mr. ROBINSON, the Minister of Aboriginal and Northern Affairs, made a statement regarding June 21, 2013 being National Aboriginal Day.

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

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mrs. STEFANSON and Messrs. WHITEHEAD, EICHLER, ALLUM and WIEBE made Members' Statements.

The House resumed the Interrupted Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS:

THAT Bill (No. 20) – The Manitoba Building and Renewal Funding and Fiscal Management Act (Various Acts Amended)/Loi sur le financement du renouvellement des infrastructures et la gestion financière (modification de diverses dispositions législatives), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. GOERTZEN having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to, on the following division:

YEA

ALLAN	MACKINTOSH
ALLUM	MALOWAY
ALTEMEYER	MARCELINO (Logan)
BJORNSON	MARCELINO (Tyndall Park)
BLADY	MELNICK
BRAUN	NEVAKSHONOFF
CALDWELL	OSWALD
CHIEF	PETTERSEN
CHOMIAK	ROBINSON
CROTHERS	SARAN
DEWAR	SELBY
GAUDREAU	SELINGER
HOWARD	STRUTHERS
IRVIN-ROSS	SWAN
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BRIESE	MITCHELSON
CULLEN	PALLISTER
EICHLER	PEDERSEN
FRIESEN	ROWAT
GERRARD	SCHULER
GOERTZEN	SMOOK
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The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

During the debate, the following agreement received unanimous consent:

The Government will seek and receive leave on June 20th 2013 to not see the clock until second reading debate on Bill 20 has been completed and the bill has been referred to committee.

Committee hearings for Bills 18 and 20 will be structured such that every individual who has registered to present to the Standing Committee hearing considering this Bill, at the time of this agreement, will be told what evening they are scheduled for. Evening meetings called to hear from these presenters will not hear from more than 30 presenters unless agreed to by committee with unanimous consent.

These specified presenters will be offered the choice of either the appropriate evening meeting bearing in mind their place on the list or a Saturday meeting under the terms outlined below. They will also be asked to confirm their presence at the relevant committee hearing within 24 hours, or they will be offered the next available slot at a subsequent meeting. The Saturday committee hearing will begin at 10 am on July 6th to hear from 60 presenters. The committee will not sit past 10pm unless by unanimous consent. Presenters will be scheduled for the Saturday meeting on a first come first serve basis.

People who can't make it on their assigned night, or who are not present at that meeting, will be dropped to the bottom of the list. People who sign up after the time of this agreement will also be added to the bottom of the list. Committee hearings hearing from these presenters will sit as long as is determined by the committee.

As per the existing House rules, presenters will be able to sign up for committee until midnight on the third evening that the committee meets. The length of time for presentations and questions is unchanged from the existing rules. As per standard practice, individuals who are notified of the Bill's referral to Committee may have their names removed from the list by the Clerk's office if desired.

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Bill 20 will be referred to committee beginning on the evening of June 27th to hear from up to 30 presenters. There will be no meetings on the 28th, 29th, 30th, or 1st. The next meeting will be on the 2nd. There will be evening committees on each weeknight that week, also all to hear from 30 presenters.

The Committee may also by leave decide to hear from presenters in addition to those scheduled for that particular meeting.

There will be further meetings on the evenings of July 8th and 9th if necessary.

This is a one-time agreement that sets no precedent for further Standing Committee meetings called to consider legislation. The House Leaders will agree to put in place a process to examine the current rules of the House, and will report to the Speaker on this process.

When the Committee of Supply meets during the week of June 24th to consider Departmental estimates, the House shall sit until 6pm. No Committee of Supply meeting will be called for June 28th.

The House then adjourned at 7:34 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, June 24, 2013.

Hon. Daryl REID,
Speaker.