



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 36

FOURTH SESSION, FORTIETH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Mr. FRIESEN moved:

THAT Bill (No. 200) – The Coat of Arms, Emblems and the Manitoba Tartan Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les armoiries, les emblèmes et le tartan du Manitoba, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. FRIESEN, Hon. Ms. MARCELINO (Logan), Messrs. PIWNIUK, GAUDREAU, MARTIN and PETERSEN and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

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

Mr. PETERSEN moved:

Resolution No. 5: Overcoming Barriers to Good Jobs

WHEREAS many Manitobans encounter different types of barriers when looking for a job, whether these are social, geographical or economic; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government believes in helping all Manitobans find good jobs and grow the province's skilled workforce; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government collaborates and partners with Manitoba employers and non-profits to deliver services and programming aimed at breaking down barriers to employment; and

WHEREAS Manitoba maintains one of the lowest unemployment rates across the nation; and

WHEREAS important partnerships with organizations like Red River College, the University College of the North, the Canadian Community Economic Development Network, the Manitoba Institute for Trades and Technology, the Northern Manitoba Mining Academy and many other organizations and employers across the province are crucial in developing innovative and creative programs to break down barriers, promote social inclusion and make the province stronger; and

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WHEREAS these initiatives help more women explore careers in the trades, help military personnel get their skilled trades credentials recognized and ease the transition to civilian employment, make it easier for northerners to access good jobs and provide opportunities to those with multiple barriers to employment, including Employment and Income Assistance participants; and

WHEREAS as a senior minister, the leader of the Official Opposition made cuts that hurt vulnerable people, like cutting social assistance, freezing the minimum wage and cutting funding to Manitoba organizations like Friendship Centres that help support the most vulnerable Manitobans.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba acknowledge the good work that partner organizations are doing to eliminate barriers to employment in Manitoba; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba be urged to call on the Provincial Government to continue partnering with these and other organizations to help Manitobans gain access to training and good jobs so they can raise a family and build a home right here in Manitoba.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. PETERSEN, Mrs. STEFANSON, Ms. LATHLIN and Messrs. MARTIN and GAUDREAU having spoken,

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

In accordance with Rule 31(8), the Government House Leader announced that the 2015 Year of Sport Resolution will be considered next Tuesday, June 2, 2015.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Mr. RONDEAU, Bill (No. 210) – The Residential Tenancies Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la location à usage d'habitation, was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. SCHULER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge that the Provincial Government improve the safety at the pedestrian corridor at the intersection of PTH# 206 and Cedar Avenue in Oak Bank by considering such steps as highlighting pavement markings to better indicate the location of the shoulders and crosswalk, as well as installing a lighted crosswalk structure. (D. Block, A. Kreutz, A. Every and others)

Mr. EWASKO – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government and the Minister of Health to ensure that the Beausejour District Hospital and Primary Care Centre have a primary care physician available on weekends and holidays to better provide area residents with this essential service. (F. Reis, C. Reis, P. Oneschuk and others)

Mr. CULLEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to honour the requirements found in the *Provincial Parks Act*, and to consider working with Manitoba cottagers to ensure transparency and accountability when it comes to their service fees and rents. (K. Taft, D. Coleman, D. Biles and others)

Mr. SMOOK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister responsible for Manitoba Hydro to immediately provide a written explanation to all Members of the Legislative Assembly regarding what criteria were used and the reasons for selecting the preferred routing for the Minnesota-Manitoba Transmission Line including whether or not this routing represented the least intrusive option to residents of Tache, Springfield, St. Anne, Stuartburn, Piney and La Broquerie. (M. Giesbrecht, G. Watson, T. Plett and others)

Mrs. DRIEDGER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to consider immediately enacting a province wide review of the long-term care needs of residents of Manitoba and to recognize the stresses placed upon the healthcare system by the current and continuous aging population and consider increasing the availability of long-term care spaces (PCH beds) in communities across the province. (E. Webb, M. Bird, A. Friesen and others)

Mr. GRAYDON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to consider immediately enacting a province wide review of the long-term care needs of residents of Manitoba and to recognize the stresses placed upon the healthcare system by the current and continuous aging population and consider increasing the availability of long-term care spaces (PCH beds) in communities across the province. (K. Walsh, K. Lylyk, S. Jersah and others)

Mr. WISHART – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to consider immediately enacting a province wide review of the long-term care needs of residents of Manitoba and to recognize the stresses placed upon the healthcare system by the current and continuous aging population and consider increasing the availability of long-term care spaces (PCH beds) in communities across the province. (W. Ross, L. Hart, G. Martin and others)

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to consider immediately enacting a province wide review of the long-term care needs of residents of Manitoba and to recognize the stresses placed upon the healthcare system by the current and continuous aging population and consider increasing the availability of long-term care spaces (PCH beds) in communities across the province. (D. Kereluik, G. Kereluik, T. Watts and others)

Hon. Mr. SARAN presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2015-2016 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Housing and Community Development.

(Sessional Paper No. 35)

During Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker interjected and requested that the word "lie" spoken by the Honourable Member for Lakeside be withdrawn.

WHEREUPON Mr. EICHLER withdrew his remarks.

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Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mrs. STEFANSON, Hon. Ms. BLADY, Mr. EICHLER, Hon. Mr. ASHTON and Mr. SMOOK made Members' Statements.

By unanimous consent, the sequence for consideration of estimates, as outlined in Sessional Paper No. 27 tabled on May 7, 2015, was amended in order that the estimates of Education and Advanced Learning be considered in the Chamber for Wednesday afternoon, May 27, 2015, only.

The House resolved into Committee of Supply.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 27, 2015.

Hon. Daryl REID,
Speaker.