



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 23

FIFTH SESSION, FORTIETH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

By leave, it was agreed for the House to deal with Second Readings of Bills (No. 202) and (No. 205).

Mr. GAUDREAU moved:

THAT Bill (No. 202) – The Employment Standards Code Amendment Act (Sick Notes)/Loi modifiant le Code des normes d'emploi (attestations médicales), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. GAUDREAU having spoken,

And Messrs. SMOOK and GOERTZEN having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. SMOOK having spoken,

And Mr. GOERTZEN speaking at 10:30 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

Mr. GRAYDON moved:

THAT Bill (No. 205) – The Seniors' Rights and Elder Abuse Protection Act/Loi sur les droits et la protection des aînés, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. GRAYDON having spoken,

And Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS, Hon. Mr. ALLUM and Hon. Ms. BLADY having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. ALLUM and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

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

Mr. EICHLER moved:

Resolution No. 4: Broken Trust Means Higher Hydro Rates

WHEREAS since the First Minister took office in 2009, hydro rates in Manitoba have increased more than double the rate of inflation or almost 30% and are expected to at least double over the next 20 years; and

WHEREAS in practical terms this means a Manitoba family that is currently charged one hundred and fifty four dollars on their monthly hydro bill will pay more than three hundred and twenty dollars for the same amount of power by 2032; and

WHEREAS Manitobans are trusting people that expect their trust to be respected through honest and open government that keeps its promises; and

WHEREAS in 2011 the Premier broke the trust of Manitobans when he told them the Bipole III transmission line would not cost Manitobans a single cent, which directly contradicted the testimony of the former Manitoba Hydro CEO who told a Committee of the Legislative Assembly that Manitobans would pay for the full \$4.65 billion dollar cost of the transmission line; and

WHEREAS the trust of Manitobans has been broken by the Provincial Government when it comes to the handling of Manitoba Hydro; and

WHEREAS Manitobans value common sense and a government that does things the right way such as letting experts for Manitoba Hydro make operational decisions; and

WHEREAS in 2007 the Premier refused to employ common sense when he wrote to the Board of Manitoba Hydro directing the corporation where to construct a transmission line.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba condemn the Provincial Government for breaking the trust of Manitobans and not using common sense in making decisions, resulting in at least the doubling of hydro rates for all Manitobans.

And a debate arising,

And Messrs. EICHLER, WIEBE, PEDERSEN, GAUDREAU and EWASKO and Hon. Ms. WIGHT having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Hon. Mr. ALLUM, Messrs. GOERTZEN, MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) and PIWNIUK and Hon. Ms. BRAUN made Members' Statements.

During Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker interjected and requested an apology for the use of the words "arrogance, pomposity and phoniness" spoken by the Honourable Minister of Mineral Resources.

WHEREUPON Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK apologized for his remarks.

In accordance with Rule 31(9), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Attempted Transgression for Tiger Dams Purchase Resolution will be considered next Thursday, March 10, 2016.

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. (P. Adams, G. White, G. Sveinson and others)

Mr. PEDERSEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge that the Provincial Government repair and reopen the Provincial Roads 415 and 416 to allow adequate east-west travel in the Interlake. (G. Sigfusson, C. Bjarnsson, P. McCauley and others)

Mr. EWASKO – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to develop and evolve community based brain injury services that include but are not limited to: case management services known also as service navigation; safe and accessible housing in the community; proctor or coach type assistance for community re-integration programs; improved access to community based rehabilitation services; and improved transportation especially for people living in rural Manitoba and to encompass financial and emotional supports for families and other caregivers in the model that is developed. (A. Pyatt, M. Halliday, B. Donley 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. (J. Virkutis, J. Sheldon, S. Brémaud and others)

Mrs. DRIEDGER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government keep its promise to the people to Manitoba and immediately bring forward the completed budget they are withholding from public scrutiny. (H. Schmidt, A. Price, T. Sonnichsen and others)

Mrs. MITCHELSON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to develop and evolve community based brain injury services that include but are not limited to: case management services known also as service navigation; safe and accessible housing in the community; proctor or coach type assistance for community re-integration programs; improved access to community based rehabilitation services; and improved transportation especially for people living in rural Manitoba and to encompass financial and emotional supports for families and other caregivers in the model that is developed. (J. Sarrasin-Arteager, R. Blakely, S. Falkevitch and others)

By leave, Hon. Ms. BRAUN withdrew her Proposed Report Stage Amendment to Bill (No. 8), Clause 14.

Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK moved:

THAT Bill (No. 8) – The Employment Standards Code Amendment Act (Leave for Victims of Domestic Violence, Leave for Serious Injury or Illness and Extension of Compassionate Care Leave)/Loi modifiant le Code des normes d'emploi (congé pour les victimes de violence familiale, congé en cas de blessure ou de maladie grave et prolongation du congé de soignant), reported from the Standing Committee on Justice, be concurred in and be now read a Third Time and passed.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK, Hon. Ms. BRAUN, Mr. SMOOK, Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Ms. HOWARD, Messrs. HELWER and EICHLER, Mrs. MITCHELSON and Messrs. WISHART and MARTIN having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly concurred in, read a Third Time and passed.

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

THAT Bill (No. 5) – The Surface Water Management Act (Amendments to Various Acts to Protect Lakes and Wetlands)/Loi sur la gestion des eaux de surface (modification de diverses lois visant la protection des lacs et des terres humides), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And leave having been denied to have the matter remain in the name of Mr. PIWNIUK,

And Messrs. PEDERSEN, EICHLER, GRAYDON and CULLEN 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.

Thursday, March 3, 2016

By leave, during the debate, it was agreed to allow Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK to question the Honourable Member for Emerson.

The House then adjourned at 4:58 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 7, 2016.

Hon. Daryl REID,
Speaker.