



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 11

SECOND SESSION, THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

Hon. Mr. GERRARD moved:

THAT Bill (No. 201) – The Phosphorus-Free Dishwashing Detergent Act/Loi sur les détergents à vaisselle sans phosphore, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Messrs. NEVAKSHONOFF and CULLEN, Hon. Mr. ASHTON, Messrs. MARTINDALE and LAMOUREUX having spoken,

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

Ms. BLADY moved:

Resolution No. 1: Women Minorities and Aboriginal People in the Legislature

WHEREAS in 2001 there were 585,125 women in Manitoba making up 51% of the provincial population; and

WHEREAS in 2001 there were over 150,000 Aboriginal people living in the Province of Manitoba, making up in excess of 14% of the total population; and

WHEREAS as a result of the 2007 election there are now 13 women in the Government Caucus, and 5 women in the Official Opposition Caucus; and

WHEREAS the Manitoba Legislative Assembly of Manitoba has more women elected as a proportion than any other Legislature in Canada; and

WHEREAS having women in politics is important to ensure that young women have role models who serve as living testimonials that they too can be elected officials; and

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WHEREAS 2007 was the first time a woman from an ethnic minority was elected to the Manitoba Legislature; and

WHEREAS there are three Aboriginal Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) in the Government caucus;

WHEREAS the Speaker of the Manitoba Legislative Assembly is the first Inuit Speaker in any province in Canada; and

WHEREAS electing women, visible minorities and Aboriginal people is critical to ensuring that the makeup of our elected assembly is reflective of the electorate; and

WHEREAS the legislative process is aided greatly by having citizens from all cross-sections of society with their diversity of experiences involved in the decision making process.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba continue to promote women, ethnic minorities and Aboriginal people's involvement in the political and electoral process.

And a debate arising,

And Ms. BLADY, Mrs. DRIEDGER, Ms. MARCELINO, Mrs. ROWAT, Ms. HOWARD and Mr. LAMOUREUX having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bills were respectively read a First Time and had their purposes outlined:

(No. 12) – The Securities Transfer Act/Loi sur le transfert des valeurs mobilières
(Hon. Mr. SELINGER)

(No. 220) – The Right to Timely Access to Quality Health Care Act/Loi sur le droit à l'accès à des soins de santé de qualité dans des délais raisonnables
(Hon. Mr. GERRARD)

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. MCFADYEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Education and the Premier to consider setting aside land and funds to construct new schools to accommodate the needs of the new provincial government development of Waverly West to allow kids attending schools in the southwest area of Winnipeg to remain in existing schools located closer to home. (D. Koss, P. Eekhoudt, C. Rheault and others)

Mrs. TAILLIEU – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation to consider making the completion of the dividing of the Trans Canada Highway in Headingley in 2008 an urgent Provincial Government priority and to consider evaluating whether any other steps can be taken to improve motorist safety while the dividing of the Trans Canada Highway in Headingley is being completed. (K. Anderson, M. Mackay-Chiddenton, J. Fodey and others)

Mr. SCHULER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to consider adequate funding for the PAA on a long-term basis to ensure that the current retired teachers, as well as all future retirees, receive a fair COLA. (L. McKenzie, J. Lafreniere, J. Budz and others)

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Premier and his Government to recognize and acknowledge how important immigration is to our province by improving and strengthening the Provincial Nominee Program. (M. Valdez, H. Perez, E. Balaquit and others)

Mr. MAGUIRE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Health to consider taking serious action to fill the nursing vacancies at personal care homes in the Town of Virden and to consider reopening the beds that have been closed as a result of this nursing shortage and to consider prioritizing the needs of those seniors that have been moved out of their community by committing to move those individuals back into Virden as soon as beds become available. (J. Duncan, R. Sebree, V. Duncan and others)

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Health to consider the feasibility of a joint health centre, including an emergency room, to service Neepawa, Minnedosa and the surrounding area and to consider sustaining health care services in this area by working with local physicians and the Assiniboine Regional Health Authority on this initiative. (H. Single, D. Onischuk, M. Marciski and others)

Hon. Ms. ALLAN presented:

Annual Report of the Office of the Fire Commissioner for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2007.
(Sessional Paper No. 3)

Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK presented:

Copy of Regulations filed under The Regulations Act, being Manitoba Regulations Nos. 218/2006 to 148/2007.
(Sessional Paper No. 4)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Messrs. MAGUIRE and SWAN, Mrs. TAILLIEU, Ms. BRAUN and Mr. CULLEN made Members' Statements.

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

THAT Bill (No. 2) – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Trans Fats and Nutrition)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (gras trans et nutrition), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. BJORNSON having spoken,

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

Hon. Ms. OSWALD moved:

THAT Bill (No. 9) – The Protection for Persons in Care Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la protection des personnes recevant des soins, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Ms. OSWALD having spoken,

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

Hon. Mr. ROBINSON moved:

THAT Bill (No. 10) – The Legislative Library Act/Loi sur la Bibliothèque de l'Assemblée législative, 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. ROBINSON having spoken,

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

Hon. Mr. ROBINSON presented:

Message from His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 10).

(Sessional Paper No. 5)

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Hon. Ms. OSWALD moved:

THAT Bill (No. 11) – The Optometry Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'optométrie, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Ms. OSWALD having spoken,

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

The House resumed the Adjourned Debate on the Proposed Motion of Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK:

THAT Bill (No. 3) – The Highway Traffic Amendment Act/Loi modifiant le Code de la route, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. HAWRANIK, SWAN, BOROTSIK, BRIESE, PEDERSEN and GRAYDON having spoken,

And Mr. FAURSCHOU speaking at 5:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 5, 2007.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.