



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 42

THIRD SESSION, THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

The Deputy Clerk formally advised the Assembly that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent and called upon the Deputy Speaker to take the Chair pursuant to the Statutes. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair at 10:00 a.m.

By leave, it was agreed for the House to deal with Second Reading of Bill (No. 219).

Mrs. TAILLIEU moved:

THAT Bill (No. 219) – The Personal Information Protection and Identity Theft Prevention Act/Loi sur la protection des renseignements personnels et la prévention du vol d'identité, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mrs. TAILLIEU, Hon. Mr. BJORNSON, Mrs. ROWAT, Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX and Mr. GRAYDON having spoken,

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

In accordance with Rule 31(9), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Lack of a Policy for Manitoba Persons with Disabilities Resolution will be considered next Thursday, May 21, 2009.

Mr. REID moved:

Resolution No. 8: Public Housing

WHEREAS affordable housing is a basic human and social right of every individual; and

WHEREAS homelessness is a major social issue with reverberations on physical and mental health and well-being; and

WHEREAS the Winnipeg Housing and Homelessness Initiative (WHHI) is a joint effort between the Provincial Government, the federal Government and the City of Winnipeg to address homelessness, declining housing stock and the revitalization of Winnipeg's older neighbourhoods; and

WHEREAS since 2000, over \$113 million has been committed through partnerships like the WHHI to repair, rehabilitate, or construct over 6,600 housing units as well as assist those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless; and

WHEREAS since April 2007, our government has announced investments of more than \$200 million toward a new four-pillar multi-year low-income housing strategy which will enable community-driven construction or renovation of affordable homes for low-income Manitobans, while other new investments will enhance public housing, homeless shelters and basic home repairs; and

WHEREAS the first pillar of this new strategy, *HOMEWorks!*, provides a \$104.5 million, three-year fund targeting affordable homes for low-income Manitobans, including refugees and immigrants, off-reserve Aboriginal and northern Manitobans; and

WHEREAS *HOMEWorks!* allocates a minimum of \$42 million to Een Dah Aung (Our Home), a program for Aboriginal off-reserve housing, and \$6 million to extend neighbourhood housing assistance for three years to support community-driven revitalization efforts in the designated neighbourhoods under the Neighbourhoods Alive! program; and

WHEREAS in the 2008 Throne Speech a commitment was made under the *BUILDINGFoundations* pillar of the low-income housing strategy to invest \$160 million in new housing in Thompson, Brandon and The Pas, and to invest in upgrades to homes in Gilbert Park, Central Park, Lord Selkirk Park and Brandon Tenant Park, including water and energy efficiency upgrades that will be done in concert with community organizations; and

WHEREAS Provincial, Territorial and Federal Senior Housing Officials develop a long-term federal housing funding plan for existing public housing as a top priority; and

WHEREAS despite the efforts of the Provincial Government, there is still clearly a great need for more affordable housing for lower-income Manitobans; and

WHEREAS with Budget 2009, the Provincial Government recognizes the importance of infrastructure spending as an economic stimulus, with \$387 million to be spent on social and affordable housing.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba support the efforts of the Provincial Government in continuing to construct supportive and affordable housing across the province and in revitalizing the existing units in order to help meet the demand for affordable housing for low-income Manitobans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the Provincial Government to work with other provinces to strongly urge the Federal Government to increase funding levels to address the urgent need for new affordable housing throughout the country.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. DYCK, Mrs. ROWAT, Messrs. JENNISSEN, LAMOUREUX and DEWAR having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. LAMOUREUX – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Premier and his NDP Government to cooperate in uncovering the truth in why the Government did not act on what it knew and to consider calling a public inquiry on the Crocus Fund Fiasco. (S. Little, G. Qually, G. Andrews and others)

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Health to consider prioritizing the needs of these communities by ensuring they have access to a family doctor and to consider promptly increasing the use of nurse practitioners in these communities in order to improve access to quality health care. (C. Mulligan, I. Sellman, J. Butterfield and others)

Mr. DYCK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Health to strongly consider giving priority for funding to develop and staff a new 100 bed long-term-care facility so that clients are not exposed to unsafe conditions and so that Boundary Trails Health Centre beds remain available for acute care patients instead of waiting placement clients. (J. Fehr, S. Seymour, M. Seymour and others)

Mr. SCHULER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Transportation consider the immediate installation of traffic signals at the intersection of PTH #15 and Highway #206 in Dugald and to recognize the value of the lives and well-being of the students and citizens of Manitoba. (C. Buley, H. Thelinissen, A. Emery and others)

Mr. GRAYDON – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Attorney General consider refunding all monies collected from photo radar tickets given to motorists driving the regular posted speed limit in construction zones where no workers were present. (M. Germain, C. Dixon, D. Carlson and others)

Mr. DERKACH, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented its Third Report, which was read as follows:

Meetings

Your Committee met on May 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in room 255 of the Legislative Building.

Matters under Consideration

- Auditor General's Report – Audit of the Department of Conservation's Management of the Environmental Livestock Program dated October 2007
- Auditor General's Report – Audit of the Province's Management of Contaminated Sites and Landfills dated October 2007

Committee Membership

- Mr. BOROTSIK
- Ms. BRAUN
- Mr. DERKACH (*Chairperson*)
- Mr. DEWAR
- Ms. HOWARD (*Vice-Chairperson*)
- Mr. JHA
- Mr. LAMOUREUX
- Mr. MAGUIRE
- Ms. SELBY
- Hon. Mr. SELINGER
- Mrs. STEFANSON

Officials Speaking on Record

- Carol Bellringer, Auditor General
- Mr. Donald Cook, Deputy Minister of Conservation
- Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS

Reports Considered and Passed

Your Committee considered and passed the following reports as presented:

- Auditor General's Report – Audit of the Department of Conservation's Management of the Environmental Livestock Program dated October 2007

Reports Considered but not Passed

Your Committee considered the following reports but did not pass them:

- Auditor General's Report – Audit of the Province's Management of Contaminated Sites and Landfills dated October 2007

On motion of Mr. DERKACH, the Report of the Committee was received.

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Ms. BLADY, Mrs. DRIEDGER, Messrs. JHA, FAURSCHOU and SARAN made Members' Statements.

Thursday, May 14, 2009

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

THAT Bill (No. 30) – The Budget Implementation and Tax Statutes Amendment Act, 2009/Loi d'exécution du budget de 2009 et modifiant diverses dispositions législatives en matière de fiscalité, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Mrs. TAILLIEU having spoken,

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

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

THAT Bill (No. 26) – The Apprenticeship and Certification Act/Loi sur l'apprentissage et la reconnaissance professionnelle, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

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

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

Hon. Ms. OSWALD moved:

THAT Bill (No. 18) – The Regulated Health Professions Act/Loi sur les professions de la santé réglementées, 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. Ms. OSWALD and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mrs. DRIEDGER, adjourned.

Hon. Ms. OSWALD presented:

Message from His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 18).

(Sessional Paper No. 73)

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Hon. Ms. OSWALD moved:

THAT Bill (No. 13) – The Medical Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi médicale, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Ms. OSWALD, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Mr. LAMOUREUX having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mrs. DRIEDGER, adjourned.

Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK moved:

THAT Bill (No. 28) – The Private Investigators and Security Guards Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les détectives privés et les gardiens de sécurité, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Messrs. CHOMIAK and GERRARD and Mr. LAMOUREUX having spoken,

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

Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS for Hon. Mr. ROBINSON moved:

THAT Bill (No. 32) – The Centre culturel franco-manitobain Act/Loi sur le Centre culturel franco-manitobain, 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. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Mr. LAMOUREUX having spoken,

The debate was, on motion of Mrs. ROWAT, adjourned.

Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS for Hon. Mr. ROBINSON presented:

Message from His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor recommending the disposition of public revenue for Bill (No. 32).

(Sessional Paper No. 74)

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 19, 2009.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.