



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 13

FIFTH SESSION, THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

By leave, it was agreed for the House to deal with Second Reading of Bill (No. 200).

Mrs. MITCHELSON moved:

THAT Bill (No. 200) – The Child and Family Services Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les services à l'enfant et à la famille, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mrs. MITCHELSON, Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH, Mrs. TAILLIEU, Messrs. MARTINDALE and BRIESE, Hon. Mr. RONDEAU and Mrs. ROWAT having spoken,

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

In accordance with Rule 31(9), the Deputy Opposition House Leader announced that the Child Welfare in Chaos Resolution will be considered next Thursday, December 9, 2010.

Mrs. DRIEDGER moved:

Resolution No. 2: Multiple Sclerosis and Chronic Cerebro-Spinal Venous Insufficiency

WHEREAS an estimated 3,000 Manitobans suffer from Multiple Sclerosis (MS), with the result that Manitoba has one of the highest rates of MS in the world; and

WHEREAS in 2009 Dr. Paolo Zamboni of Italy published a research study linking a blocked vein condition called Chronic Cerebro-Spinal Venous Insufficiency (CCSVI) to MS; and

WHEREAS preliminary studies indicate that many MS symptoms can be relieved with angioplasty, a common procedure that has come to be known as the “liberation procedure”; and

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WHEREAS many Manitobans who have travelled to other countries to undergo the “liberation procedure” have reported success, which gives MS patients great hope; and

WHEREAS the recent, tragic death of an MS patient who travelled abroad for this procedure underscores the need for research and clinical trials to test this procedure for safety and effectiveness; and

WHEREAS the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has set aside funding for an observational study of MS patients who have undergone the “liberation procedure”; and

WHEREAS the Government of Saskatchewan has invested five million dollars for clinical trials of the “liberation procedure” and has begun the process of developing a clinical trial in the province of Saskatchewan; and

WHEREAS the Government of Saskatchewan has invited other provinces to join with them in developing a clinical trial, and the Government of Manitoba has, to date, refused; and

WHEREAS the Minister of Health has announced her intention to wait for a pan-Canadian clinical trial rather than forge ahead with research here in the province of Manitoba, despite the fact that many Manitobans would be willing to participate in a clinical trial; and

WHEREAS given the prevalence of Multiple Sclerosis in this province, Manitoba should be a leader in researching CCSVI and the liberation procedure, but instead is lagging behind other provinces.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to consider making Manitoba a leader in CCSVI research and to move forward with clinical trials as soon as possible.

And a debate arising,

And Mrs. DRIEDGER, Hon. Ms. OSWALD, Mr. BOROTSIK, Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK, Mrs. MITCHELSON, Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS and Mrs. STEFANSON having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Hon. Ms. OSWALD, Bill (No. 14) – The Prescription Drugs Cost Assistance Amendment Act (Prescription Drug Monitoring and Miscellaneous Amendments)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'aide à l'achat de médicaments sur ordonnance (contrôle de certains médicaments couverts et modifications diverses), was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mrs. DRIEDGER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Minister of Health to consider making the Province of Manitoba a leader in CCSVI research and to move forward with clinical trials as soon as possible. (C. Walker, J. Gerbasi, I. Kuziw and others)

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Justice to consider working with the RCMP, the federal government and communities to develop strategies to address service challenges in rural Manitoba, such as the possibility of having response units that could be dispatched to regions affected by crime waves and to consider working with stakeholders to determine if the current RCMP detachment boundaries are designed to ensure the swiftest and most effective service delivery. (D. Turko, C. Marr, A. Moar and others)

Mr. GOERTZEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the Minister of Justice to consider ensuring that all court orders for car thieves are vigorously monitored and enforced and to consider ensuring all breaches of court orders on car thieves are reported to police and vigorously prosecuted. (B. Woods, O. Shadlock, L. McGimpsey and others)

Mr. PEDERSEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to allow Manitoba Hydro to proceed with the shorter, cheaper and greener east side route, subject to necessary regulatory approvals, enabling the utility to keep our Hydro bills lower, and to ensure a more reliable electricity system. (A. Morrison, M. Morrison, M. Detimmerman and others)

Mr. FAURSCHOU – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to allow Manitoba Hydro to proceed with the shorter, cheaper and greener east side route, subject to necessary regulatory approvals, enabling the utility to keep our Hydro bills lower, and to ensure a more reliable electricity system. (C. Morris, W. MacDonald, B. Dawson and others)

Mr. SCHULER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Transportation consider holding a public consultation process with Springfield residents to present design options and rationale for the planned changes to PTH#15 and Hwy#206 intersection, and also in regards to the planned hard median at a public open house in Dugald and to recognize the value of the businesses affected by the proposed changes, as well as the lives and well-being of the students, seniors and citizens of Manitoba. (E. Yakubicka, D. Ethier, E. Prokopchuk and others)

Hon Mr. SWAN presented:

Copy of Regulations filed under The Regulations Act, being Manitoba Regulations Nos. 185/2009 to 152/2010.

(Sessional Paper No. 11)

Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK presented:

Report on Fidelity Bonds according to section 20 of The Public Officers Act dated December 2, 2010.

(Sessional Paper No. 12)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mr. PEDERSEN, Ms. SELBY, Mr. EICHLER, Hon. Ms. ALLAN and Mr. DEWAR made Members' Statements.

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

THAT Bill (No. 12) – The Highway Traffic Amendment and Drivers and Vehicles Amendment Act/Loi modifiant le Code de la route et la Loi sur les conducteurs et les véhicules, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. GOERTZEN, Hon. Mr. STRUTHERS, Ms. SELBY, Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK and Ms. BLADY 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.

By leave, it was agreed that if Bills 2, 7 and 12 are reported back to the House on Wednesday, December 8 from the Standing Committee on Justice, they will be considered for Concurrence and Third reading on the afternoon of December 9.

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

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

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. BRIESE and Hon. Ms. HOWARD having spoken,

And Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK speaking at 4:00 p.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

Hon. Mr. SELINGER moved:

THAT this House convey to the family of the late Edward Charles MANDRAKE, who served as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, its sincere sympathy in their bereavement and its appreciation of his devotion to duty in a useful life of active community and public service; and that Mr. Speaker be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the family.

And Hon. Messrs. SELINGER and GERRARD, Mr. MCFADYEN, Hon. Messrs. RONDEAU and ASHTON and Mrs. DRIEDGER having spoken,

The motion was agreed to, the House standing.

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Mrs. DRIEDGER asked Written Question (No. 25) for reply to the following:

25. Can the Minister of Health tell us how many surgeries were cancelled or not scheduled in the last four months because of the recent lack of acute care beds and lack of personal care home beds?

The House then adjourned at 4:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, December 6, 2010.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.