



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 37

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. 202).

Mrs. TAILLIEU moved:

THAT Bill (No. 202) – The Crown Corporations Public Review and Accountability Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'examen public des activités des corporations de la Couronne et l'obligation redditionnelle de celles-ci, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Mrs. TAILLIEU, Hon. Mr. SWAN, Messrs. GRAYDON and REID, Mrs. STEFANSON and Hon. Mr. CHOMIAK having spoken,

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

In accordance with Rule 31(9), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Purged Warrants Resolution will be considered next Thursday, May 5, 2011.

Mrs. STEFANSON moved:

Resolution No. 6: Taxpayer Fairness for Manitobans

WHEREAS a fair, transparent and accountable tax structure is one of the pillars of our democratic setup; and

WHEREAS taxpayers should have a right to access and understand their rights and duties and hold public bodies accountable on how taxpayer funds are managed; and

WHEREAS the Federal Government of Canada introduced a Taxpayer Bill of Rights that outlines the rights of taxpayers and makes the process of dealing with taxes or taxation issues more transparent and accessible; and

WHEREAS establishing a taxpayer bill of rights would enable taxpayers to understand their entitlements and right to appeal when they disagree; and

WHEREAS British Columbia also introduced a Taxpayer Fairness and Service code; and

WHEREAS the code ensures that taxpayers are aware of their rights in their interactions with the Ministry of Finance and its staff, outlines the standards and behavior they can expect from ministry staff and provides information on how to have concerns addressed; and

WHEREAS as the British Columbia model illustrates, the advantages of a taxpayer bill of rights far outweigh the minor cost and administrative burden to the government; and

WHEREAS Manitobans would benefit from a similar taxpayer bill of rights due to the reasons outlined above and would consequently be more likely to pay taxes and obey the rules.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba consider implementing a taxpayer bill of rights or taxpayer fairness code to the benefit of all Manitobans.

And a debate arising,

And Mrs. STEFANSON, Hon. Ms. WOWCHUK, Messrs. PEDERSEN and DEWAR, Mrs. ROWAT and Mr. MARTINDALE having spoken,

And Hon. Mr. RONDEAU 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 severally read a First Time and had their purposes outlined:

(No. 26) – The Université de Saint-Boniface Act/Loi sur l'Université de Saint-Boniface
(Hon. Ms. SELBY)

(No. 214) – The Ukrainian Heritage Day Act/Loi sur le Jour du patrimoine ukrainien
(Mr. DERKACH)

(No. 215) – The Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Act/Loi sur le dépistage systématique des déficiences auditives chez les nouveau-nés
(Mrs. ROWAT)

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. BRIESE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request the appropriate ministers of the Provincial Government to consider outlining to Parks Canada the importance that a viable recreational facility in the Mount Agassiz area would play in the local and provincial economies and to consider working with all stakeholders, including Parks Canada, to help develop a plan for a viable, multi-season recreation facility in the Mount Agassiz area. (G. Gurke, L. Gurke, G. Gingras 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. (L. Lebitt, B. Carter-Squire, K. Sivananthan and others)

Mr. PEDERSEN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Minister of Justice deny all MPI benefits to a person for injuries received in an accident if he or she is convicted of stealing a motor vehicle involved in the accident. (K. Blanco, A. North, G. North and others)

Mr. DYCK – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to build the Bipole III transmission line on the shorter and more reliable east side of Lake Winnipeg, in order to save each Manitoba family of four \$11,748. (A. Neufeld, E. Ferris, M. Ferris and others)

Hon. Ms. OSWALD presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2011-2012 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Health
(Sessional Paper No. 45)

Hon. Mr. ASHTON, the Minister responsible for Emergency Measures, made a statement regarding the status of flooding in Manitoba.

Mr. BRIESE and, by leave, Hon. Mr. GERRARD commented on the statement.

Hon. Ms. HOWARD, the Minister of Labour and Immigration, made a statement recognizing April 28th as the National Day of Mourning for those who have died in the workplace.

Mr. DYCK and, by leave, Hon. Mr. GERRARD commented on the statement.

By leave, the House reverted to "Tabling of Reports".

Hon. Mr. MACKINTOSH presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2011-2012 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Family Services and Consumer Affairs.
(Sessional Paper No. 46)

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Hon. Mr. SWAN presented:

Supplementary Information for Legislative Review 2011-2012 – Departmental Expenditure Estimates – Justice.

(Sessional Paper No. 47)

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Mr. MARTINDALE, Mrs. TAILLIEU, Mr. CALDWELL, Mrs. ROWAT and Mr. REID made Members' Statements.

The House resolved into Committee of Supply. The Proceedings were interrupted at 5:00 p.m. with the understanding that the Committee of Supply would resume Friday, April 29, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

The House then adjourned at 12:30 p.m. Friday, April 29, 2011 until 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 2, 2011.

Hon. George HICKES,
Speaker.