



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 13

FIFTH SESSION, FORTIETH LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

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

THAT Bill (No. 215) – The Prevention of Interpersonal and Family Violence Through Education Act (Public Schools Act and Education Administration Act Amended)/Loi sur la prévention de la violence familiale et interpersonnelle grâce à l'éducation (modification de la Loi sur les écoles publiques et de la Loi sur l'administration scolaire), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. GAUDREAU, GOERTZEN and PETTERSEN, Hon. Ms. WIGHT, Hon. Ms. BRAUN and Ms. HOWARD having spoken,

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

Mr. SMOOK moved:

Resolution No. 1: Transparency Lacking in Routing of Manitoba-Minnesota Transmission Line

WHEREAS the Manitoba-Minnesota transmission line is a 213 kilometer transmission line that will run from northwest Winnipeg to the Manitoba Minnesota border and will run through or come close to many communities in southeastern Manitoba including Anola, Ste. Genevieve, Richer, La Broquerie, Sundown and Piney; and

WHEREAS the Manitoba-Minnesota transmission line is expected to be built between 2017 and 2020 at a total cost of approximately \$850 million dollars; and

WHEREAS Manitoba ratepayers will pay \$596 million dollars for the construction of this line, including \$294 million dollars for the portion of the line on the U.S. side of the border but Manitobans will retain only 49% ownership of the line; and

WHEREAS the preferred routing for the Manitoba-Minnesota transmission line will go through many densely populated areas which is intrusive to the residents of southeast Manitoba; and

WHEREAS the Official Opposition has repeatedly asked Manitoba Hydro for the analysis that led to the selection of the preferred route and that has not been provided; and

WHEREAS Manitobans know that the Provincial Government has a history of interfering in operational decisions at Manitoba Hydro, including the routing of the Bipole III transmission line; and

WHEREAS the residents of southeastern Manitoba and indeed all Manitobans deserve a Provincial Government that is open and transparent about the decisions that led to the preferred route of the Manitoba-Minnesota transmission line.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba request that the Minister responsible for the administration of The Manitoba Hydro Act immediately release the reasons for the selection of the preferred route of the Manitoba-Minnesota transmission line.

And a debate arising,

And Messrs. SMOOK, RONDEAU, EICHLER, ALTEMEYER and PEDERSEN, Hon. Mr. ROBINSON and Mr. PETERSEN having spoken,

And Mr. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) 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. 16) – The Children's Advocate Act/Loi sur le protecteur des enfants
(Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS)

(No. 17) – The Manitoba Teachers' Society Act/Loi sur l'Association des enseignants du Manitoba
(Hon. Mr. ALLUM)

(No. 201) – The New Motor Vehicle Buyers' Rights Act/Loi sur la protection des droits des acheteurs de véhicules automobiles neufs
(Mr. MALOWAY)

Hon. Mr. ALLUM presented:

Annual Report of the Red River College for the year ending June 30, 2015.
(Sessional Paper No. 6)

Annual Report of the Assiniboine Community College for the year ending June 30, 2015.
(Sessional Paper No. 7)

Annual Report of the Manitoba Text Book Bureau for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015.
(Sessional Paper No. 8)

Hon. Ms. BRAUN presented:

Annual Report of the Office of the Fire Commissioner for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015.
(Sessional Paper No. 9)

Hon. Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) for Hon. Mr. LEMIEUX presented:

Manitoba Centennial Centre Corporation, Quarterly Report, Six Months, April 1 to September 30, 2015.
(Sessional Paper No. 10)

Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries, Quarterly Report, Six Months, April 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015.
(Sessional Paper No. 11)

Hon. Ms. IRVIN-ROSS, the Minister responsible for the Status of Women, made a statement regarding December 6, 2015, being National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women.

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

Pursuant to Rule 26(1), Messrs. GAUDREAU, FRIESEN and JHA, Mrs. MITCHELSON and Hon. Ms. BRAUN made Members' Statements.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mrs. MITCHELSON – 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. (C. Auch, S. Martens, T. Dumesnil and others)

Mr. GRAYDON – 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. (C. Legal, J. Legal, W. Sartoris and others)

Mr. PIWNIUK – 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. (N. Widner, S. Chabot, R. Ouellet and others)

Mr. WISHART – 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. (M. Vern, P. Desorcy, J. Barkman and others)

Mr. CULLEN – 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. (R. Fournier, S. Hamm, J. Doerksen 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. (T. Clincke, R. Miller, M. Verrier and others)

Mr. SCHULER – 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. (T. Yelinek, P. Yelinek, P. Knelsen and others)

Mr. EICHLER – 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. (G. Therrien, J. Wiebe, T. Gareau and others)

Mr. PEDERSEN – 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. (P. Courcelles, D. Courcelles, M. Rozitis and others)

Mr. EWASKO – 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. Hiebert, A. Rodriguez, L. Moors and others)

Mr. MARTIN – 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. Gigolyk, R. Bremond, V. Verrier and others)

Mrs. ROWAT – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to request that the Ministers of Family Services, Education and Advanced Learning, and Health consider making funding available to address the current waiting list for ABA Services. (J. Brown, J. Klassen, Y. Neustaeter and others)

Mr. BRIESE – 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. (D. Grabowski, B. Grabowski, S. Wastle and others)

Mr. FRIESEN – 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. (M. Dornez, E. Plourde, C. Watts and others)

Mr. GOERTZEN – 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. (L. Kanellis, M. Kanellis, K. Peters and others)

Mr. HELWER – 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. (A. Todd, B. Cleave, G. Keyes and others)

Thursday, December 3, 2015

In accordance with Rule 31(9), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Manitoba Needs a Social License for Agriculture Resolution will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

In accordance with Rule 27, Mr. PIWNIUK rose on a Grievance.

Hon. Ms. BRAUN 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), be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Hon. Ms. BRAUN having spoken,

And Messrs. SMOOK and GOERTZEN and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having questioned the Minister,

And the debate continuing,

And Mr. SMOOK, Mrs. MITCHELSON Hon. Mr. GERRARD, Mrs. ROWAT and Messrs. PIWNIUK and WISHART 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.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, December 3, 2015.

Hon. Daryl REID,
Speaker.