



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 50

SECOND SESSION, FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

In accordance with Rule 33(8), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Recognizing Indigenous Peoples as Founding Nations of Canada Resolution will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

By leave, it was agreed for the House to deal with Second Reading of Bill (No. 221).

Ms. FONTAINE moved:

THAT Bill (No. 221) – The Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Awareness Day Act/Loi sur la Journée de sensibilisation aux femmes et aux filles autochtones disparues et assassinées, be now read a Second Time and be referred to a Committee of this House.

And a debate arising,

And Ms. FONTAINE having spoken,

And Messrs. EWASKO, ALTEMEYER and MARTIN and Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Ms. SQUIRES, Messrs. SWAN and EWASKO, Ms. LAMOUREUX and Messrs. MARTIN and SELINGER having spoken,

And the Question being put. It was agreed to, unanimously.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and referred to a Committee of this House.

Mr. SWAN moved:

Resolution No. 13: Extension of Care

WHEREAS young people under the protection of Child and Family Services who are ageing out of care require additional supports beyond the age of twenty-one to twenty-five years of age; and

WHEREAS extending the age of care to twenty-five years would provide important supports for young people as they pursue post-secondary education, find jobs, access mental-health services and seek affordable housing; and

WHEREAS many youth in care struggle to complete education programs, acquire work experience and achieve success in school, challenges which can create long term difficulties for youth as they age out of care at twenty-one years; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government already invests in some supports for young people who have aged out of care including covering post-secondary tuition fees; and

WHEREAS ending supports for children in care at twenty-one years can make it difficult for vulnerable youth, such as those living with mental illness, disabilities or addictions, to access secure housing and extra supports for themselves after they leave their foster home; and

WHEREAS other provinces, including British Columbia and Ontario extend care to youth until their mid-twenties and in a 2012 report the Provincial Advocate for Children & Youth in Ontario reasoned that for every extra dollar paid out the province would recoup \$1.36 over a child's lifetime through additional income tax revenue, less spending on social assistance and a reduction in criminal activity and incarceration rates.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba urge the Provincial Government to extend the age of care for children in care from twenty-one to twenty-five years.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. SWAN having spoken,

And Hon. Mr. WISHART, Messrs. KINEW, MARTIN and MALOWAY, Hon. Mr. GERRARD and Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Messrs. MARTIN and KINEW, Ms. MORLEY-LECOMTE and Hon. Mr. GERRARD having spoken,

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

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Mr. MARTIN, Bill (No. 222) – The Planning Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur l'aménagement du territoire, was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

Hon. Mrs. COX, the Minister of Sustainable Development, made a statement recognizing Compost Awareness Week.

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

Hon. Ms. SQUIRES, the Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage, made a statement regarding May 12, being Manitoba Day, the 147th Birthday of the Province of Manitoba.

Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) and, by leave, Ms. LAMOUREUX commented on the statement.

Hon. Mr. FRIESEN, the Minister of Finance, made a statement regarding Meetings with Credit Rating Agencies.

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

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Messrs. JOHNSTON and KINEW and Hon. Messrs. GERRARD, FLETCHER and WISHART made Members' Statements.

Following Oral Questions, Madam Speaker made the following ruling:

At the start of Routine Proceedings on April 27, 2017, the Official Opposition House Leader raised a point of order regarding documents referred to by the Premier during Question Period on April 26, 2017. The Government House Leader spoke to the Point of Order before I took the matter under advisement.

I thank Members for their comments on this matter, as I believe the rules and practices relating to the tabling of documents in this House are important and worthy of a moment of consideration.

Before addressing the point of order, I would like to provide a little context on this matter, as a point of reference for all Members.

First, our Rule 40(5) states:

“Where in a debate a Member directly quotes from private documents, including digital representation or correspondence, any other Member may require the Member who is speaking to table a printed copy of the document quoted.”

This rule forms the basis of our approach to the tabling of documents in our debates.

Second, we are further guided in this area by one of our main procedural authorities, *House of Commons Procedure and Practice* (Second Edition), where on pages 609 and 610 O'Brien & Bosc offer the following insights on tabling of documents referred to in debate.

“A public document referred to but not quoted by a Minister need not be tabled. If a Minister quotes a private letter in debate, the letter becomes a public document and must be tabled on request. However, a Minister is not obliged to table personal notes referred to during debate or Question Period.”

Third, rulings from previous Manitoba Speakers reinforce these sentiments. Speakers Hickes, Dacquay, Rocan, and Walding all ruled in similar circumstances that if a Member quotes a private document in debate, the Member is then obligated to table that document in the House. There are also numerous rulings from these Speakers indicating that if a Member is referring to a private document but not quoting from it, or quoting from a public document, then they are not required to table the document.

Based on this collection of references and precedents I offer the following guidelines for Members regarding the tabling of documents in debate:

1. If a Member directly quotes from a private document in debate they are obligated to table it if requested to do so.
2. A Member is not obligated to table a public document, even if they quote from it in debate, though they may table it if they choose to do so.
3. A Member is not obligated to table documents referred to in debate but not directly quoted.
4. A Member is not obligated to table briefing notes or speaking notes.

I would like Members to understand that the principle underlying these guidelines is that if a Member quotes from a private document, all Members should have access to that entire document, in addition to excerpts quoted in debate.

For future reference, the germane point for all Members of this House would be: do not quote from a private document in debate unless you are prepared to table that document.

Turning to the matter at hand, I will review for Members the events of that exchange in Question Period on April 26, 2017, and the content of the subsequent point of order.

On April 26, 2017 I had asked the Premier to table a document he appeared to be quoting from during one of his answers. Following Question Period the Premier did in fact table a letter he had received from a Manitoban, and a copy of that letter was provided to the Official Opposition House Leader.

During his subsequent point of order, the Official Opposition House Leader stated that:

“...the Premier appeared to quote from two letters received from Manitobans. When asked to table the letters, he tabled the second letter from which he had quoted. Pursuant to rule 40(5), I request that the Premier table the first letter from which he quoted during the exchange with the Member for Fort Garry-Riverview in yesterday's question period.”

I would note that, in reviewing Hansard from April 26, 2017, it was not completely clear whether the Premier was directly quoting the first document mentioned, or paraphrasing comments from that document. Without that knowledge it is difficult for me as your Speaker to make a determination on whether or not the Official Opposition House Leader had raised a valid point of order.

I would, however, encourage all Members to be mindful of the guidelines I referenced earlier, to be aware of them when they are referring to documents in the House, to clearly indicate on the record whether they are referencing a private or public document, and also to indicate whether they are quoting or paraphrasing a document in debate.

I would like to thank all Members for their attention to this ruling, and I look forward to your ongoing cooperation in the House.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Mr. MALOWAY – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plans to deregulate the taxi industry including withdrawing Bill 30.

Mr. SELINGER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to both recognize the importance of bilingual health care services in Manitoba and reverse their decision to close the St. Boniface Quick Care Clinic.

Mr. ALTEMEYER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba be urged to support the Neighbourhoods Alive! program and the communities served by Neighbourhood Renewal Corporations, by continuing to provide consistent, core funding for existing Neighbourhood Renewal Corporations, and enhancing the public funding available for specific projects and initiatives. (C. O'Brien, C. Collins, K. Krahn and others)

Mr. SWAN – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to recognize the need for excellent recreation facilities in all Manitoba schools, to reverse this regressive cut and to provide Kelvin High School with the funding necessary to complete a new gymnasium and wellness centre.

Mr. MARCELINO (Tyndall Park) – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plans to deregulate the taxi industry including withdrawing Bill 30.

Ms. MARCELINO (Logan) – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plans to deregulate the taxi industry including withdrawing Bill 30.

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The House resolved into Committee of Supply.

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 15, 2017.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.