



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS No. 28

THIRD SESSION, FORTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

PRAYER

10:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

By leave, Ms. FONTAINE moved:

THAT Bill (No. 219) – The Workplace Safety and Health Amendment Act (Inappropriate or Unsafe Footwear)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la sécurité et l'hygiène du travail (chaussures inappropriées ou non sécuritaires), 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 Hon. Ms. SQUIRES, Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas), Hon. Mr. FLETCHER, Ms. LAMOUREUX and Mrs. MAYER having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Ms. SQUIRES, Ms. LAMOUREUX and Hon. Mr. FLETCHER, 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, Mr. WIEBE for Mr. ALLUM moved:

Resolution No. 3: Restore Public Transit Funding for Municipalities

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has ended a decades long funding agreement with municipalities to pay for half of operating funds for public transit services; and

WHEREAS this cut to transit was buried in a massive omnibus bill which also included an across the board cancellation of growth funding formulas for municipalities; and

WHEREAS the in year transit cut has forced the City of Winnipeg to consider increasing fares by up to 25 cents, which would put an undue burden on transit users, especially low income families, seniors, students and newcomers; and

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has also been forced to consider service cuts to a transit system that users report as already overcrowded and infrequent because of this Province's cut; and

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has warned that reduction in service could mean laying off up to 120 transit drivers, and cancelling service on nearly 60 routes; and

WHEREAS cuts to transit presents barriers for Manitobans commuting to work or school, looking for jobs or trying to access health care; and

WHEREAS many Manitobans are concerned that the Provincial Government's cut will discourage commuters from choosing public transit over fossil-fuel burning cars; and

WHEREAS a commitment to transit would bolster Winnipeg's economic competitiveness and help attract new and vibrant business to the market; and

WHEREAS the Premier has failed on his election promise to protect the front line services that are relied upon by Manitobans.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government be urged to immediately reverse its decision to cancel the public transit funding agreement with the City of Winnipeg and commit to long term, predictable, growth oriented funding for municipalities.

And a debate arising,

And Mr. WIEBE having spoken,

And Hon. Mr. FIELDING, Mr. ALTEMEYER and Ms. KLASSEN having questioned the Member,

And the debate continuing,

And Hon. Mr. FIELDING, Mr. ALTEMEYER, Mrs. MAYER and Ms. KLASSEN having spoken,

And Mr. SMITH (Southdale) speaking at 11:44 a.m. The debate was allowed to remain in his name.

During the debate, the Deputy Speaker interjected and cautioned the Honourable Member for St. Vital regarding the use of the word "untruth".

WHEREUPON Mrs. MAYER voluntarily apologized and withdrew her remarks.

1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Hon. Mr. FLETCHER, Bill (No. 214) – The Workplace Safety and Health Amendment Act/Loi modifiant la Loi sur la sécurité et l'hygiène du travail, was read a First Time and had its purposes outlined.

Hon. Mrs. COX, the Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage, made a statement regarding the 2018 Women's World Curling Championship.

Ms. FONTAINE and, by leave, Ms. LAMOUREUX commented on the statement

Hon. Mrs. COX, the Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage, made a statement regarding Canadian Tartan Day.

Mr. SWAN and, by leave, Ms. LAMOUREUX commented on the statement

Pursuant to Rule 27(1), Mr. BINDLE, Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas), Hon. Mr. WISHART, Ms. KLASSEN and Mr. SMOOK made Members' Statements.

The following petitions were presented and read:

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to take the necessary steps to ensure that the Vimy Arena site is not used for an addiction treatment facility. (B. Garrett, A. Garrett and T. Canton and others).

Mrs. SMITH (Point Douglas) – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Premier of Manitoba and the Minister of Justice to immediately call a Public Inquiry into the systems that had a role in the life and death of Tina Fontaine as well as the function of the administration of justice after her death and that the terms of reference of a Public Inquiry be developed jointly with the caregivers of Tina Fontaine and/or the agent appointed by them. (R. Rickner, J. Smith, and C. Lakus and others).

Ms. FONTAINE – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Premier of Manitoba and the Minister of Justice to immediately call a Public Inquiry into the systems that had a role in the life and death of Tina Fontaine as well as the function of the administration of justice after her death and that the terms of reference of a Public Inquiry be developed jointly with the caregivers of Tina Fontaine and/or the agent appointed by them. (A. Mark, I. Cortes, and M. Fry and others).

Hon. Mr. GERRARD – Legislative Assembly of Manitoba to urge the Provincial Government to request Dynacare to reopen the closed laboratories or allow Diagnostic Services of Manitoba to freely open labs in clinics which formerly housed labs that have been shut down by Dynacare and to ensure high quality lab services for patients, and a level playing field and competition in the provision of laboratory services to medical offices as well to address this matter immediately in the interest of better patient focused care and improved support for health professionals. (B. Waschuk, S. Kotz, J. Murphy and others).

In accordance with Rule 33(8), the Opposition House Leader announced that the Provincial Government Cuts to Education Hurt Manitoba Students Resolution will be considered on the next Thursday of Private Members' Business.

Thursday, April 5, 2018

By unanimous consent, the sequence for consideration of estimates, as outlined in Sessional Paper No. 27 tabled on March 22, 2018, was amended in order that the estimates of Infrastructure be considered in Room 255 prior to the estimates of Executive Council for Thursday afternoon, April 5, 2018, only.

The House resolved into Committee of Supply.

Hon. Mr. FLETCHER asked Written Questions (Nos. 6 and 7) for reply to the following:

6. Since the provincial initiative to use the Housing and Renewal Corporation to develop a drug treatment facility at the parks and recreational site known as the Vimy Arena does not fall within the mandate of the corporation as described in The Manitoba Housing and Renewal Corporation Act, why does the Provincial Government continue to force yet another Crown Corporation to operate outside of its mandate while at the same time underfunding addiction and treatment services?

7. Can the Provincial Government provide justification as to why it claims that a carbon tax is necessary, and include in its response detailed revenue projections, spending forecasts, and scientific evidence to demonstrate the Provincial Government's assertion that a carbon tax reduces greenhouse gases?

The House then adjourned at 5:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 9, 2018.

Hon. Myrna DRIEDGER,
Speaker.